

OpenOffice.org 1.1

What's in the box?

WRITER

WRITE all possible documents -- from letters, reports, brochures and faxes to complete books loaded with equations, figure and table captions, dynamic indexing, and more. You can do all this the way YOU want it. And, you'll be confident you will be able to open your files next year too, the same way you can still open HTML files that are several years old.

Some of WRITER's main features include: templates and style sheets; paragraphs, tables, figures, equations, etc. can be numbered in all imaginative ways; spell checkers are available for a wide range of languages; results can be exported automatically to HTML for publishing on the web or to industry-standard PDF format; traditional commonly used file formats can be read and written directly; macros can be built interactively; data can be imported directly from various databases; and much more.

CALC

CALCulate efficiently and produce the graphs you need, quickly and easily. Import data in your favourite file formats or from external database servers. Use the advanced analytical and statistical spreadsheet functions or create your own sophisticated analysis tool via the interactive macro builder.

Create professional-looking reports and improve them with our impressive 2D & 3D charting tools. Finally, translate your knowledge and experience into easy to use interactive dynamic spreadsheets to share your expertise with others.

IMPRESS

IMPRESS your boss, colleagues, clients and other friends with your work. Take advantage of the built-in special effects and high end 2D & 3D drawing tools to maximize communication efficiency. Integrate other OpenOffice.org objects seamlessly within your presentation or import previous presentations in other common file formats.

Make your presentation available on the web via the HTML, PDF or Macromedia Flash export filters.

DRAW

DRAW your ideas with this flexible and efficient tool. Two or three dimensional, it's all just a few mouse clicks away.

Illustrate your text documents, spreadsheets and presentations with intelligent diagrams and artistic vector artwork and say more than a thousand words with just one picture. Import and export to most of today's common file formats -- the only limit is your imagination!

SDK

An **SDK** (Software Development Kit) is offered that allows you to create your own extensions within the robust framework of OpenOffice.org. If you wish, you can use the various APIs available and use standard C/C++ or Java.

It's even possible to create your own version of OpenOffice.org, optimized for your specific business, without any license hassles.

Where do I find it?

The Project: <http://www.openoffice.org>

The Download: http://download.services.openoffice.org/ooo/dev_docs/source/download.html

The Documentation: <http://oodocs.sourceforge.net>

The Forum: <http://www.ooforum.org/>

The Extras: <http://ooextras.sourceforge.net>



Free! How free?

- Free to use, copy and redistribute: FREE - just download it via the internet

<http://www.openoffice.org>

- Free from licence fees - you will never need to buy a licence or pay for an upgrade again
- Free to use where you like: organisations can give the software free to employees for use at home; schools can give it free to pupils; companies can install it free on new PCs ...
- Free for developers to enhance with open-source code, published APIs and file formats
- And YES, future proof FREE = FREE FOREVER!

FAQ

- *My friend Mel who works with computers told me never to use version 1 software because it's always full of bugs.*

OpenOffice.org has chosen to use a 'Version 1' label because it is the first time that this software has been released under open licensing. However, the program has its origins in StarOffice, a product which has had fifteen years' development and has been used by thousands of people. So you can tell Mel it's perfectly safe to use!

- *I'd love to try the Suite but my internet connection is very slow and I can't afford the phone bill.*

There are companies who sell the software on CD-ROM for just enough to cover costs - see the OpenOffice.org website.

- *Is OpenOffice.org 1.1 100% Microsoft Office file compatible?*

As Microsoft rarely publish their file specifications, no-one can answer that question. However, there are plenty of users who regularly edit and exchange documents, spreadsheets, etc with Microsoft Office users without any problems. Indeed, some users claim they've seen bigger compatibility problems moving between versions of Microsoft's own products.

- *I've just saved a file from Microsoft Office in OpenOffice.org format, and it's much smaller - yet it hasn't lost anything?*

Good, isn't it?

- *My company's policy forbids the use of free software.*

StarOffice is a commercial product produced by Sun Microsystems using the same underlying software as OpenOffice.org 1.0.

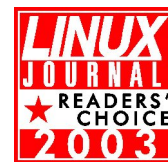
- *How can software this good be completely free?*

After acquiring the rights to StarOffice, Sun Microsystems, one of the world's biggest computer companies, decided to release it under an open-source licence. It also decided to help kick-start the creation of an open-source community to maintain and develop the package - the OpenOffice.org Source Project.

- *What's so special about open-source software?*

Open-source means that the the code behind the computer program is available for all to see. In the words of the Open-Source Initiative: "When programmers can read, redistribute, and modify the source code for a piece of software, the software evolves. People improve it, people adapt it, people fix bugs. And this can happen at a speed that, if one is used to the slow pace of conventional software development, seems astonishing."

What do people think about OpenOffice.org?



System requirements

Microsoft Windows 98, NT, ME, 2000 and XP
Mac OS X 10.2.x (X11) or Darwin PPC
Linux (kernel \geq 2.2.13, glibc \geq 2.1.3)
SUN Solaris™ 8

- Pentium-compatible PC (or higher); SUN; Mac
- 64 MBytes RAM recommended
- 250 MBytes hard disk space
- Minimum display 800x600, 256 colours