Open-Source Office Products
Microsoft Office Free Alternatives

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This is an Overview of some of the top candidates that can be used as an alternative to Microsoft Office Products.

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LebreOffice

Apache - Open Office

Fee Office

Only Office

- *ON-Line products:*
- *Only Office*
- *Google Office Suite*
- *Microsoft Office on-line*

Open-Source Office Products

WHAT IS OPEN-SOURCE OFFICE?

Open-Source Office or just Open Source means the Source Code of a product is freely to use, modify and distribute.

Open-Source office software products are compatible with all major operating systems including Microsoft Windows, Apple macOS, and Linux.

Open-Source Office products are a great alternative to Microsoft Office.

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HISTORY

▶ **OpenOffice.org** commonly known as **OpenOffice**, is an open-sourced version of an earlier product called *StarOffice,* which **Sun Microsystems** acquired in 1999 for internal use.

▶ The OpenOffice Suite was released in July 2000 by Sun Microsystems as a competitor to Microsoft Office.

▶ In 2011, *Oracle Corporation*, the then-owner of Sun Microsystems, announced that it would no longer offer a commercial version of the suite and *donated* the project to the *Apache Foundation*.

▶ Apache renamed the software **Apache OpenOffice**.

▶ Another active successor project is **LibreOffice** *(the most actively developed).*

▶ OpenOffice was primarily developed for **Linux, Microsoft Windows** and **Solaris**, and later for **OS X,** with ports to other operating systems.

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VERSIONS

- **Apache OpenOffice – Version 4.1.8 Released November 2020.   Release 4.2.0 expected in 2021.**

- **LibreOffice – Version 7.0.4 Released December 2020**

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WHAT IS IN A OPEN-SOURCE OFFICE SUITE

▶ **6 Programs included with Open-Source Office**

▶ **Writer** - **Word Processor / Text editor.**

▶ **Calc** – **Spreadsheet**

▶ **Impress** - **Presentation program**

• **Base** - **Database**

• **Draw** - **Drawing program used to create logos and flow charts.**

• **Math** - **Allows a user to create scientific formulas and equations.**

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WHAT'S THE COST

▶ **Open-Source Office** is **free** software. That means you are **free** to download it, **free** to install it on as many PCs as you like, **free** to pass copies to as many people as you like.

▶ You may use **Open-Source Office** products for any purpose without restriction: private, educational, public administration, commercial...

▶ You CANNOT Sell it!!!!!!

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CAN I USE OPEN-SOURCE OFFICE ON ALL MY DEVICES

▶ **The following platforms are supported for the most current release:**

- Windows (XP, Vista, 7, 8 and 10)

- Linux (x86 and x86-64, RPM and DEB based Linux distributions)

- Mac **OS** X

- **LibreOffice** is **available** on the **iPad** and **Chromebooks**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56Y_aCUeNqw

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▸ Video of Top 5 Open Office Products as an alternative to Microsoft