

Apache OpenOffice

www.libreoffice.org

OpenOffice is a free, open-source personal productivity software suite for Windows, Mac and Linux. LibreOffice is a project of the not-for-profit organization, The Document Foundation. It has six applications; Writer (word processing), Calc (spreadsheets), Impress (presentations), Draw (graphics), and Math (databases).

My personal evaluation of the software suite is over all good. Using the LibreOffice Writer, I can save my text document in a variety of file types, from html to Windows .doc, .docx, and just a simple .txt. It appears to have all of the same kind of toolbar buttons, such as alignment type, bullets, text color, bold, spell check, save, print, email, etc. I can do a great number of things that are also possible on Windows Office, such as inserting footnotes, page numbers, do a word count, save as a PDF, insert pictures or create columns. Taking a quick look at Impress (presentations, similar to Microsoft Powerpoint) I see a number of similarities there too. Overall, I think this open-source software suite is a great free product.