

A spiral-bound notebook with a light brown, textured cover. The spiral binding is on the left side. The text is centered on the cover.

Open Office version 3.0

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What is Open Office?

- ✓ OpenOffice.org is a free cross-platform (Linux, OS X, Win) office suite similar to Microsoft Office.
- ✓ StarOffice code acquired by Sun in 1999; released under a LGPL/Sun licence in 2000. In 2005, Open Office licence LGPL only.

What is in Open Office?

- ✓ Writer: word processor and HTML editor;
- ✓ Calc: spreadsheet;
- ✓ Impress: presentations program;
- ✓ Draw: graphics editor;
- ✓ Math: equation editor; and
- ✓ Base: database application.

What's new?

- ✓ Support for MS Office 2007 .docx files.
- ✓ Improved Write zoom and multi page view.
- ✓ Canadian dictionary.
- ✓ Calc does 1024 columns vs. 512; has solver.
- ✓ Opens to icons vs. blank screen.
- ✓ Improved performance.

What's new?

- ✓ Write notes to text.
- ✓ ODF 1.2, latest version of Open Document Format
- ✓ PDF export.

How good? PC Mag review:

“For the first time, I'm ready to recommend this new version as a viable alternative to Microsoft's offering. It still has rough edges, but it has an impressive feature set, a generally lucid interface, pure open-source credentials, and—in the current economic climate—the decisive advantage of being absolutely free.”

Conclusions

- ✓ Download at www.openoffice.org (145 MB; for anyone w/o high speed, I have a few CD's)
- ✓ Open Source SIG will discuss software from this meeting, then continue at Liam Maguire's (St Laurent & Innes).
- ✓ Questions?