

OpenOffice

www.openoffice.org

A free alternative to Microsoft Office

what is it?

OpenOffice is an open source application suite of tools. It has full-featured set of office applications for creating word processing documents, spreadsheets, and presentations. It is available for free and serves as a good alternative to popular applications like Microsoft's Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

educational use?

For faculty and students that do not have access to Microsoft Office, OpenOffice is a free alternative and can easily read documents created in Microsoft's suite.

pros & cons?

The best part of OpenOffice is that it is free. Another benefit of OpenOffice is that an average user would barely be able to tell the difference between many of OpenOffice applications and Microsoft's counterparts.

what's it cost?

Free to use.

alternatives?

There are several web-based alternatives to Open Office including Google Docs (<http://docs.google.com>) and Zoho (<http://www.zoho.com>).

resources?

Open Office Support
<http://support.openoffice.org>