

# How LibreOffice Writer Tops MS Word: 12 Features

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When reviewers look at LibreOffice and its ancestor OpenOffice.org, they inevitably assume that it's inferior to Microsoft Office. At the very most, they may grudgingly find it acceptable for undemanding users.

However, when you examine LibreOffice and MS Office without assumptions, the comparison changes dramatically. That's especially true when looking at the word processors, LibreOffice's Writer and MS Office's Word.

For one thing, features frequently have different names in Writer and Word. Although LibreOffice and OpenOffice.org have a history of conforming to MS Office's name-choices -- for example, in the spreadsheets, data pilots were recently renamed pivot tables to match Excel's usage -- holdouts remain. For example, the equivalent of Word's AutoSummary in Writer remains AutoAbstract.

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