

# Seven Reasons for Choosing LibreOffice over Microsoft Office

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OK, LibreOffice is free for the download, and you can install it on as many different machines as you choose. But a free price and a free license aren't much good if the software doesn't have the features you want.

Happily, that's usually not a concern with LibreOffice or its predecessor, OpenOffice. Although many people assume that a free application must be inferior to one that they pay for, a comparison of LibreOffice with Microsoft Office (MSO) proves that the opposite is often true. Sometimes, MSO has features that LibreOffice lacks, but, just as often, it's LibreOffice that has more tools than MSO.

However, unless you're concerned about a must-have feature, there's usually no need for a point by point comparison. Focusing on performance and high-level interface choices alone, I can think of at least seven reasons to choose LibreOffice over MS Office:

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