

# LibreOffice: Meet the New Office, (Almost) Same as the Old Office

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For some Linux adopters, exchanging Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) Office in Windows for the OpenOffice suite is a radical change in computing behavior. Swapping out OpenOffice for the LibreOffice suite may be a lot less traumatic.

LibreOffice is a near clone of the OpenOffice modules. Yet it provides the potential for more bells and whistles and needs no learning curve to maintain productivity.

So why make the change if the look and feel is nearly identical? In a word: progress. And in a few more words: The developers of Ubuntu Linux are making that initial decision for you.

I am already hearing rumblings among other distro makers that LibreOffice will be a better choice. It is not yet available in distro repositories. But you can download LibreOffice in many Linux varieties if you want to do a manual installation.

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