

# Desktop Publishing Software With OpenOffice

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Recently I was asked by a family member to set them up with a copy of Publisher. Apparently, they weren't aware of the cost involved in purchasing this software, so I suggested we look into some free alternatives that might better meet their needs. After some thought, I remembered that Microsoft Publisher is just Word with a few additional bells and whistles at the user's disposal. And remembering that most desktop publishing software is a bit overwhelming for most folks, I instead chose to make due with OpenOffice Writer. Why not simply choose Serif PagePlus Starter Edition? Honestly, as great as the software is, there is just too much going on. At this point, I might as well have suggested Scribus. No, keeping things limited to drawing tables and inserting images was where it's at. But this leaves us with the need to get some decent clip art inserted into Writer so that it's ready to go.

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