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Thread: [Microsoft Word vs. Pages\(Apple\)](#)

Allelujah - November 29, 2021, 12:53 pm

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Thanks, I'll check it when I get on my mac.

(Nov 29, 2021 03:30 PM)Beau Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm accustomed to using Microsoft Office for personal / school use. If you need collaborative documents for a group project, Google Workspace is the best option.

I have no opinion on Apple's iWork. If you're already invested into the Apple ecosystem, it's probably worthwhile learning Apple's productivity applications since they come at no additional cost.

I've also heard good things about ONLYOFFICE, if you want a Microsoft Office-esque experience without the 365 subscription.

The only issue with just using apple's ecosystem are the extra steps to get it sent out to people without apple. Pages, for example is saved as .pages and you'll have to convert to a .doc or .docx I believe it is. A lot of people won't be able to convert them successfully or will struggle. Instead of having to remember each time I use pages, because I know I'll forget at least once or twice, I'm looking into alternatives. iWork though, I've worked for apple for almost 3 years and not once used it Imao!

[update]: I looked up iWork in Apple's dictionary.. man. It's just a fancy way of grouping numbers, keynote, and pages together and referencing them. Imao. I thought it was an actual application. Shows how much we actually use it. Kind of like Microsoft Suite or Microsoft 365 smh I should have known this.

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You can do some really cool things with a Mac to be honest. They're really designed with productivity in mind. Pages works great if everyone on your team/client base uses Mac as well.

I just think Word has a steep price associated with it. GDocs, I'm not a big fan of.

LOUD - November 29, 2021, 4:02 pm

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Agreed. I switched over to G Docs and it has helped me a ton using cloud storage. Haven't even tried our OpenOffice, would you highly recommend?

7777777 - November 29, 2021, 4:30 pm

Open office is king in this league 100% I can say nothing but good things about it

Orb - November 29, 2021, 6:50 pm

I usually use google docs. I used to have a macbook pro and never once touched pages.

Nate - November 29, 2021, 6:56 pm

I'm particularly a fan of using google docs/ google drive

I've only used that for the past like 6-7 years now

Monero-chan - November 29, 2021, 8:03 pm

Neither, I wanted to use FOSS so I switched to LibreOffice, now I use OnlyOffice so I can sync documents to my Nextcloud server.

Allelujah - November 30, 2021, 8:02 pm

I tried open office on my mac, and I'm being asked to lower my security. Probably nothing to worry about, however, I'll just go with word or gdocs. Probably word tho

Crippy - December 17, 2021, 2:04 am

Microsoft because its used everywhere, and professionally.

bevc - December 17, 2021, 2:19 am

Pages is ok, but 'Numbers' is annoying, Excel and Google Sheets are much better for spreadsheet software. For word processing (god, how fucking ancient do I sound?) I prefer google docs, I have MS Office for work but I use a mac and it keeps nagging me about changing shit in order to download office onto my machine, which I can't be bothered with, and if you use it online you don't get all the features. Which is a shame, because I used to rock on Excel, creating applications and all that.

iPepper - December 17, 2021, 2:25 am

Word since I can still somewhat use my school license (or I'll activate it with KMS). I really need the outlining feature, and OpenOffice doesn't have anything close on top of having a shit, outdated interface and circa 2000 bugs like duplicate/stuck cursors in some builds.

Say what you will about MS products, they keep shuckin' along...even OneNote is a good EverNote competitor.

Irritable - December 17, 2021, 2:45 am

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I haven't used Microsoft Word since the 1990s and I wasn't terribly impressed by it back then either.

I most commonly use Notepad++.

Crippy - January 5, 2022, 3:42 am

Word; used it all my life and never used apple.

mk_0 - January 5, 2022, 10:29 am

Is this even a debate. Word is objectively better.