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Free anniversary update for SoftMaker Office: Numerous new functions and improvements to celebrate SoftMaker's 30th anniversary

April 10, 2019 – To mark its 30th anniversary, the German software developer SoftMaker is releasing a free anniversary update of its popular Office suite SoftMaker Office. In addition to bug fixes, it includes many new features and improvements.

SoftMaker Office 2018 already offered numerous enhancements over its predecessor. The user interface was completely redesigned, giving users the choice of working with the new ribbons interface or classic menus.

Celebrating its 30 years in business, the software developer is revisiting SoftMaker Office 2018 and delivering an anniversary update for it with numerous new features and enhancements.

Better scanner support

Scanning documents and images is no longer possible in Microsoft Word (and was never possible with PowerPoint). SoftMaker Office's scanner support, however, has been further enhanced with the anniversary update. While scanning via TWAIN was already supported before, SoftMaker Office 2018 now adds WIA support with the update. Thus, all commercially available scanners can be used with SoftMaker Office.

Compatible with Microsoft Office 2019

For years, SoftMaker Office has been able to seamlessly open, view and save Microsoft Office documents. With the anniversary update, SoftMaker adds compatibility with Microsoft Office 2019.

Improved user-friendliness

Usability has been further improved with the update. Users of the classic menus get a completely revamped, ergonomic interface with newly designed toolbars that make accessing numerous functions much easier. New keyboard shortcuts for copying and applying formatting and simplified insertion of special characters ensure fast, intuitive working.

New functions for spreadsheets

PlanMaker 2018, the suite's spreadsheet application, has been given some new features: in addition to an improved AutoFilter, the program offers new cell insertion functions, more than 50 new computational functions and rounding options ("precision as displayed") that improve compatibility with Microsoft Excel.

New features in the word processor

Likewise, the word processing application TextMaker 2018 offers numerous improvements. The integrated database module has been completely revamped and offers new functions, such as convenient working with CSV files. Numerous other new features, such as the printing of selected text, improved typographic quotes and easier working with text frames and AutoShapes complete the package of improvements.

Direct line to the customer support

SoftMaker Office now offers users the option of contacting technical support directly from within the programs, which makes answering customer inquiries even faster.

Available as purchase or subscription

SoftMaker Office comes in Windows, Mac and Linux versions, available from retailers or directly from the developer. In order to be able to offer each customer the right licensing model, SoftMaker makes the Office suite available as either a purchase or a subscription.

The purchase versions of SoftMaker Office Professional 2018 and SoftMaker Office Standard 2018 are available for €/US\$ 99.95 and €/US\$ 69.95 respectively. The subscription versions are available for an annual fee of €/US\$ 59.90 (SoftMaker Office NX Universal) or €/US\$ 29.90 (SoftMaker Office NX Home).

Users who already own SoftMaker Office 2018 will receive the anniversary update for free.

Detailed information about all the new features of the anniversary update can be found here:

<https://www.softmaker.com/en/blog/softmaker-office-2018-anniversary-update>

A **free 30-day trial** of the Office suite can be downloaded from SoftMaker's web site:

www.softmaker.com

About SoftMaker

Since its foundation (1987 as a sole proprietorship, since 1989 as a limited liability company), SoftMaker has been developing office software: word processing (TextMaker), spreadsheet (PlanMaker), presentation graphics (SoftMaker Presentations) and database software (DataMaker). The "flagship" product SoftMaker Office is available for Windows, Mac, Linux and Google Android. The outstanding features of software from SoftMaker are ease-of-use, extremely high compatibility with Microsoft Office and speed. Coupled with competitive pricing, these features offer an unbeatable combination. SoftMaker's second core strength is high-quality computer fonts. With the two product lines MegaFont NEXT and infiniType, home users as well as professional designers, printers and publishers receive font libraries of the highest quality.

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