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Free, powerful and now even better: SoftMaker FreeOffice now includes Anniversary Update

NUREMBERG, July 10, 2019 – The German software developer SoftMaker celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. After SoftMaker Office already received a free update in April, it's now time for FreeOffice: the Anniversary Update with many new features is now also available for SoftMaker's free Office suite.

In brief:

- FreeOffice 2018 for Windows, Mac and Linux now available in updated form
- The Anniversary Update adds numerous new features.
- Complete Office suite, free for home and business use
- Included are the word processor TextMaker 2018, the spreadsheet PlanMaker 2018 and the presentation software Presentations 2018.
- SoftMaker FreeOffice opens and saves the Microsoft formats DOCX, XLSX and PPTX without compromise – this ensures seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office 2007 to 2019.

In April, SoftMaker released the Anniversary Update of its commercial Office solution SoftMaker Office 2018; now the update for the free version is on the way. Comprising the word processor TextMaker, the spreadsheet application PlanMaker and the presentation application Presentations, this update to the full-fledged Office suite includes numerous improvements.

Compatibility with Microsoft Office 2019

FreeOffice has had an excellent reputation for compatibility with Microsoft Office for years. The Anniversary Update makes FreeOffice compatible with the current Microsoft Office 2019 and enables it to seamlessly open, edit and save DOCX, XLSX and PPTX files from Microsoft Office 2007 to 2019.

Improved user-friendliness

FreeOffice 2018 already offered many improvements over the previous version in terms of ease of use, making it possible to work with ribbons or menus. With the Anniversary Update, user-friendliness has been improved again: menu users get a redesigned ergonomic interface with newly designed toolbars that make accessing numerous functions much easier. New keyboard shortcuts for copying and applying formatting and the simplified insertion of special characters make common tasks even more efficient.

New word processing features

The word processor TextMaker offers many new features: the integrated database module has been completely overhauled and provides new features such as convenient working with CSV files. New features such as printing selected text, improved typographic quotation marks and easier use of text frames and AutoShapes complete the package of improvements.

New features for spreadsheets

The suite's spreadsheet, PlanMaker, has also been given a batch of new features: in addition to an improved AutoFilter, the updated program adds new cell insertion functions, more than 50 new computation

functions and rounding options (“precision as displayed”), which make PlanMaker even more flexible to use.

Free download at www.freeoffice.com

The no-cost FreeOffice, which can be used both at home and for business, is available for download at www.freeoffice.com. The software can be used permanently.

Commercial versions available either for purchase or as a subscription

For all those who need even more features, there is the commercial version of the Office package, SoftMaker Office. It is available for Windows, Mac and Linux directly from the developer or from retailers. SoftMaker offers the suite on either a purchase or a subscription basis to suit each customer’s licensing preference.

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).

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 prominent features of SoftMaker’s applications are: intuitivity and ease of use, extremely high compatibility with the Microsoft Office file formats and the sheer speed of the programs – this, together with attractive pricing, is an unbeatable combination. SoftMaker’s second office-productivity application is FlexiPDF, a PDF editor that makes modifying PDF files as easy as working with a word processor. FlexiPDF offers the full functional range of a high-end PDF editing solution, without the price tag. High-quality computer typefaces are the third pillar of SoftMaker’s business. With the product lines MegaFont NEXT and infiniType, home users and professional designers alike have affordable access to first-class typeface libraries.

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