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Manjaro 18.1 Juhraya released: Now with SoftMaker's no-cost Office suite FreeOffice

NUREMBERG, September 12, 2019 – Starting today, the stable version 18.1 of the Linux distribution Manjaro is officially available. For the first time ever, Manjaro includes the no-cost Office suite FreeOffice 2018 by SoftMaker, which is known for its seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office. In addition, the new version of the free operating system offers numerous improvements, such as built-in support for Snap and Flatpak packages.

In brief:

- Manjaro version 18.1 Juhraya is available starting today.
- In addition to LibreOffice, the installation also offers SoftMaker's no-cost Office suite FreeOffice 2018, which is known for its seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office.
- The new version of the free operating system supports Snap and Flatpak packages by default using the package manager "bauh" which offers a graphical user interface.

After several release candidates, version 18.1 of the Arch-based Linux distribution Manjaro is now available. Juhraya offers numerous improvements, especially with regard to Office productivity applications and package management.

LibreOffice or SoftMaker FreeOffice: the choice is yours

Until now, LibreOffice, the de facto Office standard on Linux, has been preinstalled. The latest version of Manjaro now gives users a choice during installation. With the latest stable version 18.1 of the operating system, users can opt for the no-cost Office suite SoftMaker FreeOffice 2018 from the German software developer SoftMaker.

The FreeOffice suite targets users who value seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office. It uses the current Microsoft file formats DOCX, XLSX and PPTX natively. Due to demand from the user community, FreeOffice has been extended to support the earlier Microsoft formats DOC, XLS and PPT as well as the standardized document format OpenDocument Text. Newcomers to Microsoft Office will quickly find their way around the professionally designed ribbon interface. For users who prefer to work with a classic user interface, SoftMaker FreeOffice can be changed on-the-fly to offer menus and toolbars.

FreeOffice can be used both at home and commercially without restrictions. SoftMaker released its first version of FreeOffice for Linux in 2012 and has been supporting it ever since with regular updates and feature improvements that will benefit all Manjaro users as well.

Standard FlatPak and Snap support through bauh

Another significant innovation in Manjaro 18.1 is the integrated support for FlatPak and Snap packages. For this purpose, the graphical package management tool "bauh" (formerly known as "fpakman") is now available to users.

Improved desktop integration

All three of Manjaro's main desktop editions—Xfce, KDE, and Gnome—have been significantly enhanced with new features designed to bring the desktop and operating system into perfect harmony. This includes the new “Matcha” theme of the Xfce Edition, KDE's completely redesigned messaging system variant and new buttons for the Gnome version. It uses Xfce 4.14, KDE Plasma 5.16 and Gnome 3.32.

Download Manjaro and FreeOffice

Manjaro 18.1 Juhraya can now be downloaded from manjaro.org. SoftMaker FreeOffice can be easily installed during setup.

For users of Windows, macOS and Linux, FreeOffice is also available for download at www.freeoffice.com. The free suite can be used permanently, both personally and professionally.

About SoftMaker

Since its foundation in 1987, SoftMaker has been developing Office applications: word processing (TextMaker), spreadsheets (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 intuitiveness 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, makes for 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 high 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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About Manjaro

Manjaro Linux is a professional operating system designed as an alternative to Windows or macOS. It is an Archlinux-based rolling-release system that keeps software packages up-to-date without re-installation. It is very easy and quick to install and is known for its versatile and straightforward hardware detection and high user-friendliness. Manjaro has developed a very large community and excellent documentation in recent years and has become one of the most popular and widely installed Linux distributions in the world. A variety of desktop interfaces are available on various installation media, with Xfce, KDE Plasma and Gnome being the main editions officially supported.

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