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SoftMaker Office 2021 enters public beta testing today

Nuremberg, May 6, 2020 – The German software manufacturer SoftMaker is releasing the beta version of SoftMaker Office 2021 for Windows, Mac and Linux today. The Office suite, known for its seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office, offers numerous new features, including sophisticated language and research tools, professional features for working with complex documents as well as a generous licensing model. SoftMaker is inviting all interested persons to download and test the beta version free of charge.

In summary:

- SoftMaker Office 2021 is available within a public beta test as of now.
- Anyone who is interested can download the beta version free of charge at www.softmaker.com.
- The Office suite includes the word processing program TextMaker 2021, the spreadsheet program PlanMaker 2021 and the presentation software Presentations 2021.
- SoftMaker Office Professional and SoftMaker Office NX Universal include a powerful new online research function and the EPUB export function for creating e-books. Additionally, Zotero support simplifies scientific citation.
- SoftMaker Office 2021 offers seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office through the native use of the file formats DOCX, XLSX and PPTX.
- The Office suite may now be used on up to five computers of your choice, regardless of whether they are Windows, macOS or Linux devices.

SoftMaker Office 2021 is starting its public beta test: As of now, anyone who is interested can download the beta version free of charge at www.softmaker.com and test it. The Office suite includes the latest versions of the word processing program TextMaker, the spreadsheet program PlanMaker and the presentation program Presentations.

SoftMaker Office 2021: A powerful package for three operating systems

Previously, SoftMaker Office could be purchased for either Windows, macOS or Linux. With the 2021 version, the manufacturer SoftMaker has now made its licensing policy significantly more flexible: The package now includes licenses for all three operating systems. It can thus be used on any combination of up to five Windows, Mac or Linux computers.

Leading in terms of compatibility: The applications included in the Office suite natively use the Microsoft file formats DOCX, XLSX and PPTX. This ensures the smooth exchange of documents with Microsoft Office users. Numerous export formats are also available, and the standard PDF/A has been added to the PDF export of SoftMaker Office 2021 for long-term archiving of documents.

Powerful language and research tools

The **word processing program TextMaker 2021** comes with numerous new features: The Professional version and the SoftMaker Office NX Universal subscription version now support the literature management program Zotero – a highly useful tool for citing extensive scientific work. SoftMaker Office's research functions have also been significantly expanded elsewhere: It is now possible to search through countless online reference books in hundreds of languages with just one click – not only in the word processing program, but in all programs of the Office suite.

Easy document creation for beginners and professionals

Many new document templates are available to users who want to swiftly achieve attractive results. These templates combined with new convenience functions, such as the automatic fold marks for letters as well as new desktop-publishing and drawing functions, enable beginners to create attractive documents quickly. For mail merge, there is a completely revised database module which now also manages SQLite databases in addition to dBASE databases. If address data is available as Excel or PlanMaker files, these files can now be used directly as a source for mail merges.

The new version also offers significant improvements for professionals who create complex documents: Footnotes and endnotes are now more flexible than ever, cross-references have been improved and the features of tables of contents have been enhanced.

Improved search and navigation functions

TextMaker 2021 now offers two customizable sidebars that can be individually equipped with various search and navigation functions, including the "Navigator" which is already known from previous versions and the new thumbnail view with miniature displays of the document pages for effective navigation, especially in documents with lots of pictures, charts and drawings. The new search function in the sidebar also enables you to navigate conveniently between search results.

However, SoftMaker Office 2021 not only improves navigation within individual documents, but also between different versions of a document: The integrated version control now allows users to retain a freely selectable number of automatic backups and to return to them if necessary.

With its new page break preview, the **spreadsheet program PlanMaker 2021** offers a user-friendly solution to the often tricky task of printing spreadsheets correctly. By means of drag and drop, users can intuitively define how their tables are to be distributed on the individual pages of the printout. New functions for pivot tables, an improved real-time calculation function in the status bar and numerous new calculation functions complete the program's new features.

One highlight of the **presentation software Presentations 2021** is the creation of portable slide shows: Such presentations, including all animations, slide transitions, media objects, etc., can be stored on a portable storage device such as a flash drive and can then be played on any Windows PC, even if no presentation program is installed on it.

Everyone is invited to the test!

Managing Director Martin Kotulla: "We are proud to present the public beta of the new SoftMaker Office 2021 to our customers and all those who are considering to become one. We are inviting all users to download it free of charge from our website and to test our Office thoroughly. We are looking forward to receiving your feedback."

The beta version of SoftMaker Office 2021 can be downloaded free of charge from the SoftMaker website at www.softmaker.com.

About SoftMaker

Since its foundation in 1987, 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 and infiniType, home users and professional designers alike have affordable access to first-class typeface libraries.

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