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Sticking together in the crisis: SoftMaker Office free for students during the coronavirus crisis

Microsoft Office-compatible office software for all students

Nuremberg, March 25, 2020 – The German software manufacturer SoftMaker is providing its office software SoftMaker Office free of charge to all students who are currently being taught at home during the coronavirus crisis. Due to its compatibility with Microsoft Office, the software can be used to edit and create educational materials such as texts, spreadsheets and presentations.

In summary:

- The SoftMaker Office NX Home office package is available to all students for free download as of today.
- It includes the word processing program TextMaker, the spreadsheet program PlanMaker and Presentations for creating presentations.
- The software uses the same file formats as Microsoft Office, thus ensuring a seamless exchange of digital educational materials.
- The initiative will initially run for six months, but will continue if the coronavirus crisis persists beyond this period.

The current situation with closed schools poses enormous challenges for many families. In order to master teaching at home, modern office software is often required – to create presentations, produce texts or edit digital spreadsheets – in addition to parental patience. The German software manufacturer SoftMaker has thus decided to release its commercial office package SoftMaker Office NX Home free of charge to all students for the duration of the current crisis. The software can be used initially for six months. If the crisis persists beyond this period, the expiration date will be extended according to SoftMaker.

The Office package consists of the word processing program TextMaker, the spreadsheet program PlanMaker and the presentation program Presentations. Since all programs use the same file formats as Microsoft Office, you can edit spreadsheets, texts and presentations that were previously created by teachers who used Word, Excel or PowerPoint.

Even Martin Kotulla, the Managing Director of SoftMaker, now shares the responsibility with his wife for teaching their children at home: “My wife and I are facing the same challenges as countless other parents who are currently teaching their children at home. We have discovered that many teachers simply assume that families have compatible office software at home. We simply want to help all families who are in a similar situation to us.”

The registration and free download of the package are available at:

<https://www.softmaker.com/en/sticking-together>

Teachers and schools have already had the option of obtaining SoftMaker Office permanently free of charge as part of a long-standing support package and then of using it for both class preparation as well as actual teaching. SoftMaker is continuing this support.

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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