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### Microsoft Office, rent or buy?

These days, there are two ways to get *Microsoft Office* apps (*Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc.*) on to your computer. You can buy the latest 2019 versions or you can rent them monthly or yearly (subscription) now called [Microsoft 365](#). If you purchase, you stay with the current version, if you subscribe you will always get the latest versions and will also get 1TB (1000GB) of online storage space called [OneDrive](#) for your documents and photos (5GB is free). If you are new to the idea of renting rather than buying *Microsoft Office*, the main idea is that you will always get the latest features of *Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook* (the email program) and be able to store all your documents and photos in the cloud for safe keeping and easy access on multiple devices like a second computer, cell phone or tablet (it also acts as a backup of your important documents and photos).

Best value: up to 6 people on PC or Mac

Microsoft 365 Family	Microsoft 365 Personal	Office Home & Student 2019
per year	per year	one-time purchase
\$99.99 / year	\$69.99 / year	\$149.99
<a href="#">Buy now</a>	<a href="#">Buy now</a>	<a href="#">Buy now</a>
Or buy at \$9.99 per month	Or buy at \$6.99 per month	One-time purchase
<a href="#">Try free for 1 month &gt;</a>		
One convenient subscription for up to 6 people. Includes AI-powered apps, up to 6 TB of cloud storage (1 TB per person), and advanced security for all your devices.	One convenient subscription that includes AI-powered apps, 1 TB of cloud storage, and advanced security for all your devices.	The essentials for individuals to get it all done. Classic versions of the Office apps installed on 1 PC or Mac.
<b>Premium apps included</b>	<b>Premium apps included</b>	<b>Classic apps included</b>
<b>Services included</b>	<b>Services included</b>	<b>Services included</b>
 <b>1TB</b>	 <b>1TB</b>	(not included)

If you are just one person in your household, [Amazon currently has the 12 monthly subscription of Microsoft 365 Personal on sale for \\$59](#) (normally \$70). If you already have an active subscription you will simply add another 12 months to the end of your

## Get more from your subscription



### Share your subscription

Share with 5 other people. You have 4 invites left. [Manage sharing](#)



### Install Office on all your devices

Stay signed in on 5 devices at one time. [Get the PC or Mac apps](#)



### Back up your files and photos to the cloud

You get 1 TB of OneDrive cloud storage. You are using 210 GB. [Go to OneDrive.com](#)

If you have multiple people in your household who need the *Office* apps, then the [Family subscription](#) is for you. For \$100/year you can add up to 5 other people on your subscription (6 total). Everyone would always get the latest versions of *Word*, *Excel*, *PowerPoint* and *Outlook* and get 1TB of storage (*OneDrive*) space for their documents and photos.

If you need *Word*, *Excel*, and *PowerPoint* on your cell phone or tablet then you will need to be a subscriber. On the family plan, each person will also get the mobile versions of these apps.

Choose the best productivity suite for your business

Compare and choose from a variety of plans designed for businesses like yours.

Office Home & Business 2019	Microsoft 365 Business Basic	Microsoft 365 Business Standard
\$249.99 (one-time purchase)	\$5.00 /user/month (annual commitment)	\$12.50 /user/month (annual commitment)
<a href="#">Buy now</a>	<a href="#">Buy now</a>	<a href="#">Buy now</a>
✓ Partly included ✓ Included		Try free for 1 month > *
+ Desktop versions of Office applications	✓	✓

To purchase Outlook you need Home & Business

If you want to purchase only *Word*, *Excel* and *PowerPoint*, [Amazon sells it for \\$125](#) (normally \$150). For *Windows* users who need *Outlook*, if you subscribe to *Microsoft Office*, *Outlook* (the email program) comes with your subscription (*Mac* users generally use the *Mail* program on their *Mac* and don't need *Outlook*). But *Windows* users who want to purchase *Office* and need *Outlook*, will want to purchase the [Office Home & Business 2019](#) version (normally \$250, on sale for \$220).

### Microsoft Office Free Online

Another option is to use the free online versions of *Word*, *Excel* and *PowerPoint* at [www.office.com](#). You will not have as many features and you will always need to be connected to the Internet, but if your needs are simple and money is tight, it is an option.

### Microsoft Office Alternative Programs

There are also some great free Office alternative programs out there.

you are working alone with these apps then you will have no problems. But if you need to send documents created in these apps to someone who is not using a Mac then you will need to send them a *Microsoft* compatible document.

- "Using any apps other than *Microsoft Office* always comes with the worry of compatibility issues. Everyone else is likely to still use *Office*, so how will your app deal with .doc and .docx files? This used to be a big count against *Apple's iWork* suite. But not anymore. *iWork* apps have come a long way in their compatibility. These days, they can open, edit, and save files in standard *Office* formats. By default, they still use *iWork* file extensions (.pages, .key, .numbers), but you can also save files as .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .ppt, and .pptx, as well as a few others like .pdf, .csv, and .html."

[Apache OpenOffice](#): *Apache OpenOffice* is the leading open-source office software suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics, databases and more. It is available in many languages and works on all common computers. It stores all your data in an international open standard format and can also read and write files from other common office software packages. It can be downloaded and used completely free of charge for any purpose.

[LibreOffice](#): *LibreOffice* is a free and powerful office suite, and a successor to OpenOffice.org (commonly known as *OpenOffice*). Its clean interface and feature-rich tools help you unleash your creativity and enhance your productivity.

[WPS Office](#): Your dream solution for a low-budget, no-commitment, free productivity office suite. The smallest size office suite consisting of Writer, Presentation, and Spreadsheets.

Finally, if you see a once per year charge of \$100 or \$70 on your credit card from *Microsoft*, that is for your annual subscription to *Microsoft Office*. If you would like to switch from subscription to purchase or purchase to subscription, let me know and we will work through the change.

### More Info:

[cNet- Get a year of Microsoft 365 Personal for \\$59, Regularly \\$70, you get Microsoft Office and an entire terabyte of OneDrive storage](#)

[Microsoft-OneDrive, personal cloud storage](#)

[Make Use Of-5 Reasons You Should Use iWork Instead of Microsoft Office](#)

[Lifewire-Microsoft Office vs. iWork - Let the battle for productivity on the iPad begin](#)

### Subscription:

[Microsoft 365 Personal](#) | 12-Month Subscription, 1 person | Premium Office apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, Access) | 1TB OneDrive cloud storage | PC/Mac Download for \$59

[Microsoft 365 Family](#) | 12-Month Subscription, up to 6 people | Premium Office apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, Access) | 1TB OneDrive cloud storage | PC/Mac Download for \$100

### Purchase:

[Microsoft Office Home and Student 2019](#) Download for 1 Person (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) on Windows 10 and Apple macOS for \$125


[Microsoft Office Home and Business 2019](#) Download for 1 Person (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) Windows 10 and Apple macOS for \$220



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