

# COMPARING FREE ALTERNATIVES TO "MICROSOFT OFFICE"

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# SUMMARY

Compatibility between the free alternatives to "Microsoft Office" and "Microsoft Office" is important if you have to exchange/share/revise files between your free alternative and others using the actual "Microsoft Office..".

# TOPICS

- Sample files for determining compatibility of a free alternative to "Microsoft Office"
  - Methodology for determining the amount of compatibility of a free alternative to "Microsoft Office"
  - Using "FreeOffice" to view files created by "Microsoft Office"
  - Using "LibreOffice" to view files created by "Microsoft Office"
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# SAMPLE FILES FOR COMPATIBILITY COMPARISONS

- You can download my sample "Microsoft Office 365" files from

[http://aztcs.apcug.org/meeting\\_notes/  
winhardsig/software/office/sample-  
Office-files/sampleMSOfficeFiles.zip](http://aztcs.apcug.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/software/office/sample-Office-files/sampleMSOfficeFiles.zip)

# BASIC COMPATIBILITY COMPARISONS

- Free document app displays the same number of pages as shown by Microsoft Word DOCX file
- Free slide presentation app displays the same number of slides as shown by Microsoft Powerpoint PPTX file

# SIDE-BY-SIDE DETAILED COMPATIBILITY COMPARISONS

- Side-by-side comparison of a free document app compared to Microsoft Word
- Side-by-side comparison of a free slide presentation app compared to Microsoft PowerPoint

# SIDE-BY-SIDE DETAILED COMPATIBILITY COMPARISONS

- For our test 108 page DOCX file created by Microsoft Word 365: using "FreeOffice Textmaker", text diverged at the bottom of page 46 and "FreeOffice Textmaker" displayed 108 pages



# SIDE-BY-SIDE DETAILED COMPATIBILITY COMPARISONS

- For our test 108 page DOCX file created by Microsoft Word 365: using "LibreOffice Writer", text diverged at the bottom of page 3 and "LibreOffice Writer" displayed 110 pages

# APPENDIX

- <https://itigic.com/differences-between-libreoffice-and-freeoffice/>