

Microsoft Office



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After Apple publicized that its iWork suite would be offered for free with the new Mac and iOS devices, it outwardly closed the door on Microsoft's plan to give office for iPhones and iPads. Was it really possible for Microsoft to bring its premium office suite into a platform filled with virtually free applications?

Well, Apple alleges that its products, such as the Pages is the best Office application for iPhone and other iOS devices. However, with Office for iPad, Microsoft has certainly dethroned the Apple Pages. Basically, Microsoft Office for iOS is typically a collection of three popular apps: Word, Excel and PowerPoint. With these apps, you can easily view apps on your device that have been created elsewhere. Additionally, this office comes with a subscription to OneDrive.

The features of these applications allow you to create templates, scan tables and use the three apps on the go. Microsoft also much more mobile-focused features. Word dictation seems to be one of the best things. What this means is that you'll have the ability to use Word within this Office application to dictate your voice into text. Indeed, it comes with a command bar that lets you add punctuation, such as question marks, commas and exclamation # Key Features

Great Spreadsheet Tools

The excel that comes with this Office version is way above compared to what the iPhone version offers. The best thing about this excel is that it has incredible tools for displaying your data as well as many formulas to tabulate your data. For instance, if you need a visual representation of your data, this excel allows you to choose the data. It offers you multiple recommended graph and chart types that represent the data in the best way possible.

When it comes to the formulas, this unique excel has you covered. Although the formulas aren't as many as you'll find in the desktop-based version, you can easily select from the long list of the common formulas by category. In such a case, you might prefer to use Apple's version.

Ease of Sharing

One of the leading selling points for the current Microsoft office for mobiles and desktop is the capability to work together regardless of the device that you're using. The office for iPad makes it easy to share your documents and easily connect with others. When you tap on the share button, you have the option to share your document via email, send it as an email attachment or even copy the document's link on OneDrive so you can share it with another user.

Notes Creation

The present office application allows you to create a note. After creating a note, the software lists it amongst your recent documents. However, it's worth noting that the office's notes lack most of the incredible features included on Apple's inbuilt Notes app.

OCR

The Office utilizes the iPhone's camera by using the Microsoft Office Lens App to enable you to take a picture of a file and then carry out an OCR that read the text. Afterward, you can transfer this content to another application, such as word. Additionally, with this office application, you can opt to create a word file by first taking a good picture of the paper document.

Conclusion

It's not yet proven whether Microsoft plans to continue offering Word, Excel PowerPoint and Lens App as stand-alone while also giving adequate support to the new Office app. If that is the case, then the invention of this application is nothing but great news.

On the other hand, if Microsoft eventually abolishes the stand-alone applications and emphasizes on the new Office application, it would still be fine as long as they retain the features. All in all, Microsoft Office for iOS is presently the best tablet-based word processor. With iOS's smart keyboard, this application is the best software for full-scale word processing on a PC.

Advantages / Disadvantages

It integrates with business and personal cloud solutions
It preserves various productivity features, such as track changes
It utilizes Apple's smart keyboard
Very powerful

No access to iCloud Drive
The keyboard shortcuts aren't consistent with those of OS X