



# **STAROFFICE™ 8 SOFTWARE AND MICROSOFT OFFICE 2003 FEATURE COMPARISON**

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## Introduction

At the request of many users, Sun is providing this document which compares key and detailed features of StarOffice™ 8 Software and Microsoft Office 2003.

The comparison focuses on the following areas:

- Product Offerings–this compares the various configurations of MS Office 2003 to StarOffice 8
- Ease of Learning and Use features – including the different types of Help
- Word processing - including spelling, styles, versioning, HTML publishing
- Spreadsheet – including formulas, charting, PivotTables
- Presentations – including layouts, animation effects, styles , drawing features
- Database capabilities – this covers database types/interfaces, forms, queries, reports
- Additional areas - this covers extras (clipart, sample files etc.), localization and language support, Accessibility features
- File formats and standards supported by both products
- Graphic formats supported by both products
- System requirements - this summarizes the operating systems supported, memory, hard drive and other hardware requirements

This information is intended only for the use as an overview comparison. It should not replace a direct comparison where both products are used and tested on a computer. For more information, consult the online help that accompanies each of the products.

## Product Offerings

Here's an overview of the product configurations and applications that are included in each configuration.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003			StarOffice 8 software
	Standard	Professional (+ Publisher)	Small Business Edition (+ Publisher)	
Word Processing	X	X (+ Publisher)	X (+ Publisher)	X
Spreadsheet	X	X	X	X
Presentation	X	X	X	X
Database		X		X
Email Client	X	X	X	
Drawing				X
Imaging				X (combined in Draw, Impress, Writer & Calc)
XML		X		X
Calendar Client/Server	X	X	X	
HTML Editing	X	X	X	X
Developer Tools	X	X	X	X (with StarOffice SDK)
Math				X
Presentation Player	Available over the web	Available over the web	Available over the web	
Other				60 days free support after acquisition <sup>1</sup>
Price <sup>2</sup> (upgrade/full)	\$239/\$399	\$329/\$499	\$279/449	\$99.95 (\$69.95 for download product)

1 Not in every country available. Please check [www.sun.com/star/support](http://www.sun.com/star/support)

2 Source: Sun, Microsoft

## Ease of Learning Features

Here's a comparison of key ease of learning features. StarOffice 8 software provides comprehensive, informative and useful printed user documentation in addition to easy-to-use online help and valuable how-to information. StarOffice software online help provides thorough background information on the product and functionality. MS Office 2003's online help is reference based, providing concise how-to information to users' questions.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
On-line Help	Office Assistant (not default) Keyword & Full text search Type a question for help Step by step how-to info Search on Web	Online Help program includes Keyword & Full text search Bookmarks  Conceptual description of functionality How to information
Users Manual	General introductory info including features overview & user benefits	90 pages "Getting Started Guide" introduce the product capabilities in general manner.
Web-based Help	Assistance Center organizes hundreds of articles/ faqs/ how-tos organized by task and product	FAQs do not have direct link to support forum or knowledge db <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAQs (general pdt info + how-to)</li> <li>• Support forum includes 7 how to viewlets, support forums, info about support &amp; training resources,</li> <li>• Knowledge db. Difficult to find db &amp; then find info looking for.</li> </ul>
Tips/What's this?	Yes + show shortcut keys	Yes + Extended Tips
Migration Help	WordPerfect from the Help pull down menu, WP navigation keys. Also available are white papers from website.	Microsoft Import Autopilot for Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel documents & templates. Also available are white papers from website.

## Ease of Use

StarOffice 8 software provides excellent context menus (accessible by clicking the right mouse) , giving users quick access to functionality relevant to the task at hand. StarOffice software utilizes the concept "everything in one place" so all tools needed to perform a related task are grouped together, making them easier to find.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Access to Features	Multiple Task Panes for using styles, inserting images, word translation, opening files, etc.	Stylist, Gallery and Navigator offer easy and intuitive access to files, images, and styles. Multiple Task Panes for using transition and animation effects.
Toolbars	52 default toolbars (7 new including Japanese Greetings)	67 default tool bars.
Customizable Toolbars	Yes	Yes
Multiple Toolbars	Yes	Yes
Most Recently Used Menus	Yes	No
Pull-down menus	Yes. Flexible pull-down menus adapt to work habits: most commonly used functions are displayed, then upon pause or moving mouse over arrows, access hidden items.	Fixed and customizable
Context menus	Yes	Yes
Shortcut keys	Yes	Yes
Drag & Drop	Yes	Yes
Migration Aids	Word Perfect Help from pull-down menu	Migration Document, Batch converter, autopilots
Large Document Navigation	Document Map based on styles	Navigator helps locate and jump to sections, different files when merging together, hyperlinked references, objects, change page up and down buttons, etc.
XForms Capabilities	No	Yes, with the OpenDocument file format

## General Formatting

StarOffice 8 software offers comparable general formatting features to Microsoft Office 2003. StarOffice software provides comprehensive mathematical calculations in word processing tables and many customizable formatting options using the Style and Formatting dialog.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Font Styles/Effects	11 + 6 Text effects + 15 (Underlines Bold, Italic, Bold Italic, Strike through, Double Strikethrough, Super/Subscript, Shadow, Outline, Emboss, Engrave, Small/All Caps, Hidden)	New metrically equivalent fonts to Microsoft top three fonts. 11 + 5 text effect + 15 underlines. Bold, Italic, Bold Italic, Shadow, Outline, Emboss, Engrave, 5 Strike throughs, Super/Subscript, Small/All Caps, Hidden
Drop Caps	Yes	Yes
Bullets/Numbering	Yes	Yes
Borders/Shading	Yes	Yes
Tables		
Table in Table	Yes	Yes
Table Toolbar	Yes	Yes
Calculate in Tables	Yes	Yes
Create Chart from Table	Yes	Yes
AutoFormat	Yes	Yes
Repeat Table Heading	Yes	Yes
Change Text Direction	Yes	Yes
Distribute Cells Evenly	Yes	Yes
Sort	Yes	Yes
Find & Replace	Yes	Yes
Multiple Undo/Redo	Yes	Yes
Fields	Yes	Yes
Format Paintbrush	Yes	Yes
Show/Hide non printing char	Yes	Yes
Autoshapes	Yes	Yes
3D Styles	Yes, 20	Yes, 12
3D Effects	Yes, Tilt up/down/left/right, depth, direction, lighting, surface, color	Yes, illumination, shading shadow/camera, geometry: normals, rounded edges, scaled depth, rotation angle, segments, textures, material properties
Diagrams	Yes	Yes

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Word Art	Yes, 30, not customizable	Yes, fully customizable
Import from Camera / Scanner	Yes	Yes

## Word Processing

Microsoft Word 2003 and StarOffice 8 software offer similar word processing functionality. StarOffice software strength is in handling long documents.

Description	Microsoft Word 2003	StarOffice Writer 8 application
Formatting	Task Pane WYSIWYG formats Smart Tags allow users to chose formatting options.	Style and Formatting dialog
Views		
Screen	Yes	Yes
Print Preview	Yes	Yes
Web	Yes	Yes
Outline	Yes	Yes (with the Navigator)
Reading	Yes	No
Document Navigator	Yes	Yes
Spelling		
Auto spellcheck	Yes	Yes
Context menu spelling	Yes	Yes
Backup/Undo	Yes	Yes
Grammar tool	Yes	No
Thesaurus	Yes	Yes
Research	Yes	No
Autotext		
Correct	Yes	Yes
Format	Yes	Yes
Format as you type	Yes	Yes
Complete	Yes, programmable	Yes, programmable and automatic after second typing of word
Versions		
TrackChanges/Redlines	Yes	Yes
Authors in diff colors	Yes. Comments in margin	Yes & popups indicate who said what & when.
Notes	Yes	Yes
Document Compare	Yes	Yes
Version Compare	Yes	Yes
Document Properties	General, summary, statistics, custom & contents of doc.	General, description, user defined, internet, statistics
Header/Footer	Yes	Yes
Table of Contents	Yes	Yes
Index	Yes	Yes
Footnotes/End Notes	Yes	Yes

Description	Microsoft Word 2003	StarOffice Writer 8 application
Forms	Yes	Yes
Click -n-Type	Yes	Yes
Collect & paste	24 item multiple clipboard with options for formatting	No
Comments/Notes	Yes	Yes
Bookmarks	Yes	Yes
References	Yes	Yes
Auto summarize/abstract	Yes	Yes,
Email from document	Yes	Yes, Integrated with system eMail program like Mozilla, Thunderbird, Evolution, Outlook etc.
Sound Support	Yes	Yes
Movie Support	Yes	Yes
Drawing Tools	Yes	Yes
Macro Recorder	Yes	Yes
Fill color, line color, font color	Yes	Yes
File Recovery	Yes	Yes
XML	Yes, (Professional version only)	Standardized, complete and fully documented -> OpenDocument format
Build In PDF Export	No	Yes

## HTML / Web Publishing

StarOffice 8 software provides advanced HTML creation, easy HTML code handling and URL links built into StarOffice software . Microsoft relies on Front Page, a separate application not included in the Microsoft Office 2003 Professional Suite, for more complex web page creation.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice Writer 8 application
HTML native file format	Yes.	Yes
Web publishing	Yes, for Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access. Greater control with Front Page. Also can post Microsoft Excel files including pivot tables, charts & worksheets. Online Collaboration and Web Discussion	Yes Export files to HTML XHTML Export
Web editing	Yes, load, edit & save documents by FTP protocol. ActiveX control to display and edit documents in an IE Browser	Yes, load, edit & save documents by FTP and WebDav protocol. ActiveX control to display documents in a IE Browser. (Windows only) and Plug-In for Mozilla/Firefox Browsers
Saving to Server	Yes	Yes
Save Presentation as self-running web page	Yes	Yes
Insert hyperlink	Yes, Automatic	Yes, Automatic
View as HTML	Yes	Yes
WebDAV	Yes	Yes
Build In PDF Export	No	Yes
Running XSLT scripts	Yes (Professional version only)	Yes

## Spreadsheet

StarOffice software offers spreadsheet functionality very similar to Microsoft Excel. Both are highly programmable applications, with hundreds of built-in functions. StarOffice software's language independent APIs make adding more functionality very easy.

Description	Microsoft Excel 2003	StarOffice Calc 8 application
Pivot Table/Data Pilot	Yes	Yes
Statistical Analysis	Yes	Increased statistical functions available SO Calc Help lists 77 statistical functions
Web integration for Stock Quotes	Yes with Smart Tag	Yes with Stock template
XML	Yes, (Professional version only)	Standardized, open, complete and fully documented OpenDocument file format
Running XSLT scripts	Yes (Professional version only)	Yes
Error checking	Yes	Yes
Formula Evaluator	Yes	Yes
Watch Window	Yes	No
Function Tips	Yes	Yes
Number of Sheets	256	256
Number of Columns	256	256
Number of Rows	65536	65536
Text effects	5 underlines, strike through, superscript, subscript	Outline, shadow, underline, strike through 15 underlines, 5 strikethroughs, Embossed, Engraved
Alignment horizontal	Default, left, center, right, filled, justify, center across selection, distributed	Default, left, center, right, , filled, justify
Alignment vertical	Bottom, top, middle, distributed, justify	Default, top, bottom, middle
Text orientation	Yes	Yes
Number formats	10	10
Border / Patterns	Yes	Yes
Cell protection	Yes	Yes

Description	Microsoft Excel 2003	StarOffice Calc 8 application
Number of functions	>250	>275
Date and time	14	30
Financial	16	61
Information	15	17
Logical	6	6
Mathematical	51	64
Statistics	83	77
Database	12	11
Text	24	28
Array	18	13
Spreadsheet		20
Addin	1 (Standard installation)	40
Sorting options	Yes	Yes
Conditional Formatting	Yes	Yes
Chart Wizard	Yes	Yes
Find & Replace	Yes	Yes
Custom Lists	Yes	Yes
Spelling, Auto correct	Yes	Yes
Research	Yes	No
Cell styles, style catalog	Yes	Yes
Change tracking	Yes.	Yes
Preview	Yes	Yes
Formula AutoPilot	Yes	Yes
Cell notes	Yes	Yes
AutoFormat	Yes	Yes
Conditional formatting	Yes	Yes
Goal Seek	Yes	Yes
Scenarios	Yes	Yes
Subtotals	Yes	Yes
Programming	Yes	Yes
Macro Recorder	Yes	Yes
Drawing Tools	Yes	Yes

## Charting

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Chart Gallery/ Wizard	Yes. Includes 14 chart types + 20 custom types/wizards	Yes. 13 chart types
Graph colors update with presentation	Yes	No
Working directly in cells	Yes	Yes
Tab through selected cell range	Yes	Yes
Drag legends	Yes	Yes
Live links to data file	Yes	Yes
Bar charts	10	16
Column Charts	14	16
Pie Charts 2D 3D proportional pies pie of pies bar of pie	6 Yes Yes and 3DExploded Yes (custom with %) Yes Yes	5 Yes Yes Yes Yes No
Line Charts Projected 3D	7 Yes	10 Yes
Scatter Charts	Yes	Yes
Area Charts: Stacked Shadowed 3D	6 Yes Yes	4 Yes Yes
Create Chart from Table	Yes	Yes
Create Chart without Table	Yes	Yes

## Presentation

StarOffice 8 software offers similar features as Microsoft PowerPoint 2003. In addition StarOffice software offers advanced drawing functionality allowing users substantial control and flexibility for creating custom images. With the OpenDocument file format, file sizes are compressed, saving considerable space.

Description	Microsoft PowerPoint 2003	StarOffice Impress 8 application
Presentation to web	Yes	Yes
Presentations as movies	Yes	No
Macromedia Flash export	No	Yes
Preview	Yes	Yes
Multiple Slide Designs	Yes	Yes
Image Rotation	Yes	Yes
Password Protected	Yes	Yes
Import outline from Writer	Yes	Yes
Styles	Yes	Yes
Layouts	27	20
Views		
Outline	Yes	Yes
Slide sorter	Yes	Yes
Notes	Yes	Yes
Slide show	Yes	Yes
Handout	Yes	Yes
Transition effects	59	59
Animation effects	158	158
Effect preview	Yes	Yes
Pack and Go	Yes	No
Email from presentation	Yes	Yes
Grid	Yes	Yes

Description	Microsoft PowerPoint 2003	StarOffice Impress 8 application
Header / Footer	Yes	Yes
Comments	Yes	No
Sound Support	Yes	Yes
Movie support	Yes	Yes
Drawing Tools	Yes	Yes
Canned Shapes	Yes, 124	Yes, over 200
Fill color, Line color, Font color	Yes	Yes
Edit Points	Yes	Yes
3D Styles	Yes, 20	Yes, 12
3D Effects	Yes, but not full 3D engine, limiting the appearance of 3D effects. Tilt, depth, direction, lighting, surface color	Yes, full 3D engine, with full rotation and light sources. Illumination, shading, rounded edges, scaled depth, rotation angle, textures, etc.
Canned Diagrams	Yes, 6	No
Word Art	Yes, 30 defaults, not customizable	Yes, fully customizable
Macro Recorder	Yes	Yes
XML	No	Standardized, complete and fully documented OpenDocument file format
Build In PDF Export	No	Yes

## Database

StarOffice 8 software provides a powerful database front end. Autopilots helping you at the creation of database tables, forms, reports and queries. Use the powerful HSQL XML file format to save your forms, reports and queries with the data in a single file. Microsoft Office provides the Access database with the Professional version of the Office suite only.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003 Professional only	StarOffice Base 8 application
Database Table Design View Wizard	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Queries SQL View Wizard	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Forms Design View Wizard	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Reports Design View Wizard	Yes Yes	No Yes
Database types/interfaces		
JDBC	No	Yes
ODBC	Yes	Yes
ADO	Yes	Yes (Windows only)
Access	Yes (default)	Yes (Windows only)
Microsoft SQL Server	Yes	Yes (via JDBC/ODBC)
Microsoft Excel	Yes	Yes
OpenDoc. Spreadsheet	No	Yes
dBase		
Paradox	Yes	Yes (via ODBC)
Adabas D	Yes	Yes
HSQLDB	Yes (via ODBC)	Yes (default)
MySQL	No	Yes
Oracle	Yes (via ODBC)	Yes (via JDBC/ODBC)
Address Books		
Mozilla	No	Yes
Windows	Yes	Yes
Number of controls for the database form	16	18
Number of form templates	10	10
PivotTable/Chart as form	Yes	No
Number of styles for reports	6	6

## Extras

StarOffice 8 software offers a large selection of templates and samples with the product, and Microsoft provides good additional information and resources over the web. The StarOffice software gallery makes it easy to view, select and insert images and animations into users' documents and create custom images to insert back into the gallery.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Templates	Microsoft Word: 45, Excel: 6 PowerPoint 60. More templates in the web	Writer: 44, Calc: 12, Impress 77 and Draw 2
Clip Art	400 + images	New clipart, over 700 images
Clip Art Insertion Module	Task Pane	Gallery, easy drag and drop includes bi directional import and export to and from the Gallery.
Sounds .wav files	2	35
Animations	4	47
Clipart /Sounds/Animation Grouping	Grouped together	Grouped separately, but in same folder.
Wizards	Yes. Word: Fax, Letter, Mailing Labels, Envelope, Memo, Agenda, Calendar, Resume, Web page, Database connection. PowerPoint: AutoContent Wizard Excel: Chart wizard.	Yes, Document Converter, Agenda, Euro Converter, Fax, List Box, Letter, Presentation, Print Forms, DB Connection, DB Forms, DB Report, DB Query, DB Tables, HTML WebPage, System Address Book, Chart
Seamless Integration of clipart preview and insertion	No	Yes
Easy to store and reuse custom graphics and diagrams	No	Yes

## Desktop View

StarOffice 8 software integrates into the system seamlessly. Each module can be launched separately but these individual modules can also exchange documents types from each other.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
General Appearance	Right panel changes with tasks at hand.	All modules launched separately, but share the same code base, making launching the consecutive applications efficient for system resources
Buttons Normal Large Flat	Yes Yes Fixed flat	Yes Yes Yes
Single Document Interface	Single	Single
Views Page layout Screen Web layout Outline Full screen Reading layout	Yes Yes (not WYSIWYG) Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes No Yes Yes (with Navigator) Yes No

## Accessibility

StarOffice 8 software uses the Accessibility bridge from the Java™ platform. This interface is supported by a number of Accessibility tools.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Handwriting Recognition	Yes. In Writing Pad or Anywhere	No
On Screen Keyboards	Yes text and symbol	Windows: Using third party tools. Linux: GNOME On Screen Keyboard (GOK).
Speech Recognition	Yes	No
Screen Reader Support	Yes all Windows third party tools on the market.	Yes, following third party tools are working : On Solaris™ OE and Linux: Gnopernicus Screen Reader and Magnifier. On Windows JAWs Screen Reader ( 4.5 or higher) ZoomText Screen Magnifier (7.11 or higher)
Full Keyboard Navigation and Control	Yes	Yes
Use of System Color Schemes	Yes	Yes
System Font & Color settings	Yes	Yes
Optional Suppression of graphics	Yes	Yes
Support for Assistive Technologies	Yes	Yes
Non-Blinking Text Selection Cursor	Yes	Yes

## Localization

Here is a comparison of available languages and localization features of StarOffice 8 and Microsoft Office 2003. Note that through OpenOffice.org, Sun provides the ability to localize the code for many more countries and regions.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Translation	Translate functions translates word by word, English, French & Spanish	No
# Localizations	30	15 (more expected in the future)
Identifies language & switches dictionary	Automatically identifies what language you are typing in and switches the spell checker, autocorrect and proofing tools accordingly.	Can check all languages at once
Localized versions come with other languages	Yes. Each localized version comes with a Proofing Pak with 1-4 other languages. Also can add language proofing tools with \$80 Proofing Tools CD.	Yes, localized versions come with proofing tools in several languages
Localized Office websites	Yes	Some
Arabic	Yes	No
Brazilian Portuguese	Yes	Yes
Chinese (Simplified)	Yes	Yes (with StarSuite™ software)
Chinese (Traditional)	Yes	Yes (with StarSuite software)
Czech	Yes	No
Danish	Yes	No
Dutch	Yes	Yes
English	Yes	Yes
Finnish	Yes	No
French	Yes	Yes
German	Yes	Yes
Greek	Yes	No
Hebrew	Yes	No
Hungarian	Yes	Yes
Italian	Yes	Yes

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Japanese	Yes	Yes (with StarSuite software)
Korean	Yes	Yes (with StarSuite software)
Polish	Yes	Yes (JFM 2006)
Romanian	Yes	No
Russian	Yes	Yes (JFM 2006)
Spanish	Yes	Yes
Swedish	Yes	Yes
Thai	Yes	No
Turkish	Yes	Yes (later)

## Interoperability and Standards

This is a comparison of standards and file formats supported by StarOffice 8 and Microsoft Office 2003. StarOffice 8 has powerful Microsoft Office document filters and can read file formats that go as far back as 13 years.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Build In PDF Export	No	Yes
StarOffice 5.x	No	Yes
OpenDocument XML file format	No	Yes (default)
Word Processing Filters		
MS Word Windows(*.doc)		
XP	Yes	Yes
2000	Yes	Yes
97	Yes	Yes
95	Yes	Yes
6.0	Yes	Yes
MS Word XML	Yes	Yes
MS Word Mac (*.mcw)		
3.0	No	Yes
4.0-5.1	Yes	Yes
6.0	Yes	Yes
95	Yes	Yes
WordPerfect (*.wpd) <sup>1</sup>		
4.x	No	Yes <sup>1</sup>
5.x-6.x	Yes	Yes
7.0	Yes	Yes
MS Works <sup>1</sup>		
2.0 DOS	No	Yes
3.0 Windows	No	Yes
4.0 Mac	No	Yes
4.0 Windows (*.wps)	Yes	No
ClarisWorks <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
WordPerfect Mac 1-3 <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
WordStar <sup>1</sup>		
1.x-2.0	No	Yes
3.3-7.0	No	Yes
2000 (3.0m 3.5)	No	Yes
Mac Write <sup>1</sup>		
II	No	Yes
Pro	No	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Filters not supported on Linux x86 platform.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
HTML (*.htm, *.html)	Yes	Yes
XHTML	No	Yes
Flat XML	Yes (Professional Edition only)	Yes
Text (*.rtf, *.txt, *.asc, *.ans)	Yes	Yes
PDA AportisDoc (Palm) DocBook (simplified) Pocket Word (WinCE)	No No Yes	Yes Yes Yes
MASS 11 8.0-9.0 <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
CTSO DEF <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
Office Writer 4.0 - 6.x <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
XyWrite III+, Sig, Sig (Win), IV, 1.0 (Win) <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
Xerox XIF 5.0-6.0 <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
Write Now 3.0 Mac <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
Writing Assistant <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
VollksWriter Delux <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
MultiMate 3.3, 4 <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
NAVY DIF <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
PFS Write, First Choice, Pro <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
Peach Text <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes
Spreadsheet Filters		
MS Excel	Yes	Yes
Pocket Excel	Yes	Yes
XML	Yes	Yes
dBase	Yes	Yes
Text	Yes	Yes
SYLK	Yes	Yes
DIF	Yes	Yes
HTML	Yes	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Filters not supported on Linux x86 platform.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Lotus 1-2-3 <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes
Presentation Filters		
MS PowerPoint	Yes	Yes
Macromedia Flash export	No	Yes
CGM - Computer Graphics Metafile	No	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Filters not supported on Linux x86 platform.

## Graphic Support

Both Microsoft Office 2003 and StarOffice support most of the standard graphics file formats.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Total	22	25
BMP - MS Windows	Yes	Yes
CDR - CorelDraw	Yes	No
CGM - Computer Graphics Meta	Yes	Yes
DRW - Microgrfx Designer	Yes	No
DXF - AutoCAD	Yes	Yes
EMF - MS Win. Metafile	Yes	Yes
EMZ - Compressed Win. Enhanced Metafile	Yes	No
EPS - Encapsulated PostScript(TM) software	Yes	Yes
FPX - FPX Format	Yes	No
GIF - Graphics Interchange	Yes	Yes
JPG - JPEG	Yes	Yes
MET - OS/2 Metafile	No	Yes
MIX - Picture IT Forma	Yes	No
PBM - Portable Bitmap	No	Yes
PCD - Photo CD	Yes	Yes
PCT - Mac Pict	Yes	Yes
PCX - Zsoft Paintbrush	Yes	Yes
PCZ - Compressed Mac PICT	Yes	No
PGM - Portable Graymap	No	Yes
PNG - Portable Network Graphic	Yes	Yes
PPM - Portable Pixelmap	No	Yes
PSD – Adobe ® Photoshop software	No	Yes
RAS - Sun Rasterfile	No	Yes
SBM	No	Yes

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
SGG	No	Yes
SVG	No	Yes
TGA - Truevision TARGA	Yes	Yes
TIF - Tag Image File	Yes	Yes
WMF - MS Windows Metafile	Yes	Yes
WMZ - Compressed Windows Metafile	Yes	No
WPG - WordPerfect Graphic	Yes	No
XBM - X-Consortium	No	Yes
XPM	No	Yes

## System Requirements

Microsoft Office 2003 Professional installation on Microsoft Windows requires 410 MB free disk space. Also note the significant extra memory required to run each additional Microsoft application. With StarOffice, all modules run using only a slight increase in incremental system resources for each additional module launched.

Description	Microsoft Office 2003	StarOffice 8 software
Hardware architecture IBM PC Sun SPARC <sup>(R)</sup>	PC	PC Sun SPARC
Processor	Pentium 233 MHz or higher	Pentium CPU or higher UltraSparc II / III / IV / IV+
Memory / RAM	Windows 2000 SP3, XP, 2003: 128 MB	Win 98, Me: 128 MB 2000,XP: 128 MB Solaris Sparc:, x86 128 MB Linux x86 : 128 MB
Hard Disk Space	Standard: 250 MB + 200 MB optimal components. Professional: 410 MB + 200 MB optional components	350 MB+130 MB optional languages
Video	Super VGA (800x600) or higher, 256+ colors	800x600 or higher-resolution graphic device with 256 colors
Other Requirements	CD-ROM	CD-ROM or internet connection
OS supported	Windows 2000 SP3, XP , 2003  OS X	Windows 98, ME Windows 2000, XP, 2003  Solaris OE  Linux x86  OS X (via OpenOffice.org)