StarOffice™ 7 Office Suite vs. OpenOffice.org Comparison

Overview
With the StarOffice™ 7 office suite, Sun Microsystems, Inc. provides a full-featured, multi-platform office productivity suite compatible with Microsoft Office. Accompanied by a full range of global support options, StarOffice software meets the requirements of office productivity users at enterprises, governments, small-medium businesses and educational institutions.

In 2000 Sun released the source code of StarOffice software publicly through OpenOffice.org, thus initiating the world's largest open source project. The OpenOffice.org community includes over 14,000 developers and 100,000 registered members, working on more than 45 projects and responsible for the ongoing development of OpenOffice.org. More than 40 million copies of OpenOffice.org and StarOffice software have been distributed to date. StarOffice software is based on the OpenOffice.org suite and includes value-added enterprise capabilities and features. Visit the OpenOffice.org Project at www.openoffice.org.

The StarOffice and OpenOffice.org Relationship
The StarOffice and OpenOffice.org product family provide the benefits of an open software development approach while offering full-featured products that meet enterprise requirements. A detailed comparison of both products is provided below.

Description	StarOffice 7 Office Suite	OpenOffice.org 1.1
Product	Complete enterprise-level product with value-added features, support and services backed by Sun Microsystems.	Customizable, open source product designed to enable users to modify the product. Supported by Sun Microsystems.
Product		
Writer, Calc, Impress, Draw, Database Access	X	X
Software Development Kit (SDK)	X	X
Languages	10 languages	26+ languages (in various stages of completion) - see http://l10n.openoffice.org/
Platforms	Windows, Linux, Solaris[tm] Operating System	Windows, Linux, Linux PowerPC, Solaris Operating System, Mac OS X, FreeBSD, IRIX, Linux/390/HP-Unix

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Add-ons	• Integrated Adabas D database • Licensed, commercial quality spellchecker and thesaurus • Nearly 2000 clipart images • About 300 completely localized sample documents and templates • Document filters (e.g. WordPerfect) • Twelve western fonts in several styles incl. Microsoft Office compatible core fonts • Seven Asian fonts • Fresh look and feel (new icons)	Community developed and third party products
Central Configuration Tools	StarOffice Configuration Manager	None
Services and Support		
Documentation	Broad set of documentation, mostly localized - see http://docs.sun.com for details	Community developed
Training	Instructor-led and Web-based training classes - see http://www.support-central.de/office	Community organized; third-party support
Support Services	End user, enterprise and education support services from Sun - see http://www.support-central.de/office	• OpenOffice.org enterprise support by Sun • Community newsgroups and mailing lists (self help support); third-party support