Desktop Application Introduction

OnlyOffice Desktop Editors provides a native desktop application for working with documents stored in OfficeDocs. It lets you edit files on your computer while staying connected to your cloud storage.

What is Desktop Editors?

Desktop Editors is a free office suite that runs directly on your computer. When connected to OfficeDocs, it allows you to:

- Edit documents directly from your OfficeDocs account
- Work offline when an internet connection is unavailable
- Access cloud files alongside local documents
- Use full editing tools in a native desktop application

Key Benefits

Native Performance

Desktop applications often feel faster and more responsive than browser-based editing.

Offline Access

You can continue working when you do not have an internet connection. Changes sync when you reconnect.

Familiar Interface

The desktop application uses an interface similar to the web editor, so it feels familiar if you already use OfficeDocs in your browser.

Local File Support

You can work with local files on your computer alongside cloud documents from OfficeDocs.

System Requirements

- **Windows** — Windows 7 or later
- **macOS** — macOS 10.12 or later
- **Linux** — Various distributions are supported

Included Editors

- **Document Editor** — Word processing for **.docx** and other text document formats

- **Spreadsheet Editor** — Spreadsheets such as **.xlsx**
- **Presentation Editor** — Presentations such as **.pptx**
- **PDF Viewer** — View and fill PDF forms

Getting Started

1. Download and install Desktop Editors.
2. Connect your OfficeDocs account.
3. Browse and open your cloud files.
4. Edit and save — changes sync automatically when connected.

Desktop vs Web

Both desktop and web editors provide access to the main editing tools. The best choice depends on how you prefer to work.

- **Desktop** — Better for offline work, local file access, and native app performance
- **Web** — No installation required and accessible from any supported browser

When Desktop Editors is Useful

- When you want to work without a browser open
- When you need access to local and cloud files in one place
- When you need to keep working during an internet interruption
- When you prefer a traditional desktop application experience

Things to Keep in Mind

- You may need to sign in and connect your OfficeDocs account before accessing cloud files
- Offline changes sync after the application reconnects
- Some collaboration features work best while connected to the internet
- Available options can vary slightly depending on your operating system and application version

Tips

- Use the desktop app if you often work with large files
- Reconnect to the internet regularly so changes can sync
- Confirm that you are editing the correct cloud file before saving
- Keep the desktop application updated for the best compatibility

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