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Education drive: SoftMaker equips schools, universities and teachers with SoftMaker Office 2018 free of charge

September 5, 2018 – From now on, schools, universities and teachers worldwide can use the current SoftMaker Office 2018 for Windows and Linux at no cost. The German software developer SoftMaker is making this offer as part of its current education drive. Pupils and students receive the package for their own use for a small administration fee.

In brief:

- SoftMaker Office 2018 for Linux and Windows is now available free of charge for schools, universities and teachers.
- The package includes the word processor TextMaker 2018, the spreadsheet application PlanMaker 2018 and the presentation application Presentations 2018.
- Using the Microsoft file formats DOCX, XLSX and PPTX natively, SoftMaker Office 2018 offers seamless compatibility with Microsoft Office.
- When placing multi-copy orders, students receive the package for a small processing fee of only US\$/EUR 9.95 per license instead of the regular price of US\$/EUR 69.95.

Software developer SoftMaker has been supporting various projects at schools and universities with its educational drive for nearly twenty years. Now the campaign is entering the next round: From now on, schools, universities and their teachers can get the current Office package SoftMaker Office 2018 for Windows and Linux for free.

Educational institutions can use the campus license not only in class, but also in administration. Teachers are also entitled to obtain a free license of the powerful Office package for private use.

Pupils and students benefit from the campaign as well: With collective orders from at least 10 students, they receive the package for private use for an administrative fee of only US\$/EUR 9.95 per license.

SoftMaker Office 2018: easy changeover thanks to the ribbon interface and Microsoft file formats

SoftMaker Office 2018 consists of the word processor TextMaker 2018, the spreadsheet application PlanMaker 2018, the presentation application Presentations 2018 and an improved version of Thunderbird for e-mail and tasks. It thus covers the complete range of functions of a professional Office suite. In schools and universities it has been used for years not only in teaching valuable software competence in the classroom, but also in administrative activities or in the creation of teaching materials and homework.

The version for 2018 makes it particularly easy for students and teachers to switch from other office packages: it offers either a classic menu interface or a modern interface with ribbons. Users familiar with LibreOffice as well as Microsoft Office will therefore find their way around quickly.

Thanks to the native use of Microsoft formats DOCX, XLSX and PPTX, existing files can also be reused seamlessly. No prior conversion is required.

Further information on SoftMaker's educational drive can be found at www.softmaker.com/en/education

About SoftMaker

SoftMaker has been developing Office software since its inception in 1987: word processing (TextMaker), spreadsheet (PlanMaker) and presentation software (Presentations). The flagship SoftMaker Office is available for Windows, Linux, Android and now macOS. The outstanding features of software from SoftMaker are ease-of-use, extremely high compatibility with Microsoft Office and speed. Coupled with competitive pricing, these features offer an unbeatable combination. SoftMaker's second core strength is high-quality computer fonts. With the two product lines MegaFont NEXT and infiniType, home users as well as professional designers, printers and publishers receive font libraries of the highest quality.

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