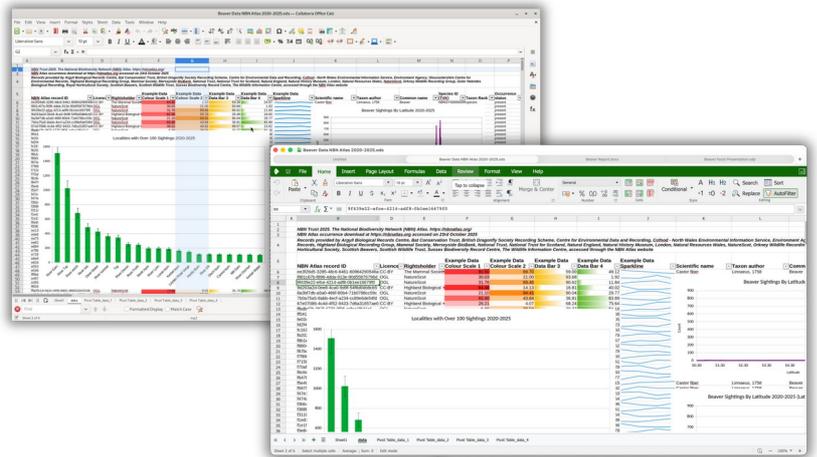# Differences between Collabora Office and Collabora Office Classic

Collabora Productivity

Collabora Office vs. Collabora Office Classic

We love LibreOffice. We are privileged to be the largest code contributors to the codebase, Collabora Productivity employs several founders of The Document Foundation, and many of the top committers. We offer a Long Term supported product based on LibreOffice, branded as Collabora Office Classic, and are deeply grateful for and acknowledge many skilled community contributors we work alongside, as well as the incredible range of features that LibreOffice code enables.
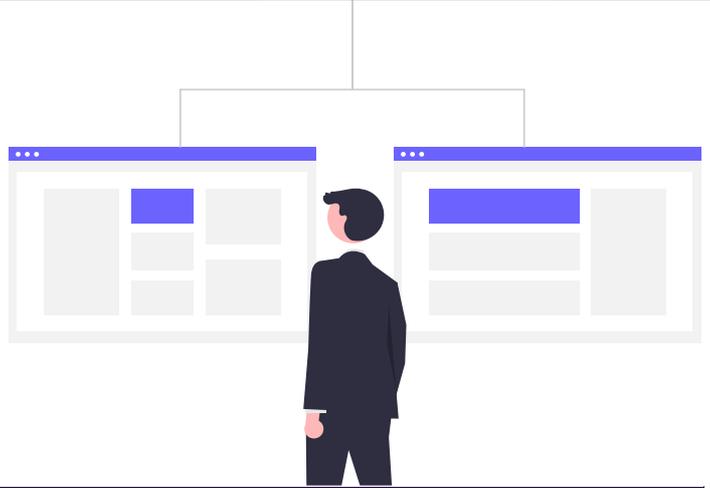
The new Collabora Office's initial release is not (yet) enterprise supported, but we encourage our customers and partners to evaluate it for deployment in 2026 and to provide feedback.

If you need tools like the Base database module (including Java-based components) or the full Math module, Collabora Office Classic remains the right choice - Collabora Office isn't trying to replicate those. Collabora Office will run macros, but for advanced macro authoring and debugging you should use Classic. For extreme Calc workloads (think complex Solver models or analysis across hundreds of thousands of rows) Classic is likely the better fit.

Where Collabora Office differs, it does so deliberately: no Java dependency, which means a smaller, cleaner install, less baggage on startup, and a single, self-contained download. Collabora Office also focuses on a streamlined, modern UI that highlights the tools most people use every day, while Collabora Office Classic offers an extraordinary level of power, extensibility and configurability.

In summary - the aim with Collabora Office and Collabora Online is simple: intuitive, fast, and focused - a beautiful desktop office suite offering the workflows most professionals use every day to create, edit, and collaborate, online and offline.

Comparison Chart

Collabora Office	Collabora Office Classic
Fresh, modern UX	Classic, established UX
Javascript & CSS UI to match Collabora Online	VCL-based classic UI
Simpler settings / streamlined defaults	Very extensive options, menus & dialogs
No Java	Java used for some features/wizards/DB drivers
No built-in Base app	Includes Base UI
Runs macros	Full macro editor & advanced BASIC/Python/UNO
Modern web tech (Canvas, WebGL, CSS)	Custom toolkit (VCL)
Fast to iterate (edit JS, fewer recompiles)	Core/C++ changes typically require recompiles
Initial release – Enterprise Support is coming	Long term Enterprise Supported
Quick Start Guides and video tutorials	Extensive manuals & books

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