

Office Suites Seminar

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 - Start Internet_Explorer
 - go to <http://home.comcast.net/~bscclub/training.htm>
 - right-click Office_Suites_Seminar.pdf
 - Save-Target-As

Main Applications

Office Suites have several “applications” - separate programs, suitable for business (and home) use, that can share data.

- ✓ Word Processor
- ✓ Presentation Package
- Photo Editor
- ✓ Spreadsheet (a “flat file” database)
- “Relational” Database
- Equation Editor

I’ll briefly cover the ✓ applications.

The Two Office Suites

	<u>Microsoft Office</u>	<u>Open Office</u>
• Word Processor	Word	Writer
• Presentation	PowerPoint	Impress
• Spreadsheet	Excel	Calc
• Photo Editor	Photo Editor	Draw
• Database	Access	Base
• Equation Editor	Equation Editor	Math

MS Office is the industry standard but is expensive. Best Buy's prices:

- MS Office Professional 2003 = \$499, Upgrade = \$329.

Open Office's (Writer, Impress & Calc) are format compatible, and **free**.




Menu Bars

- Each application in both suites has a “top-level menu bar”. PowerPoint’s is:

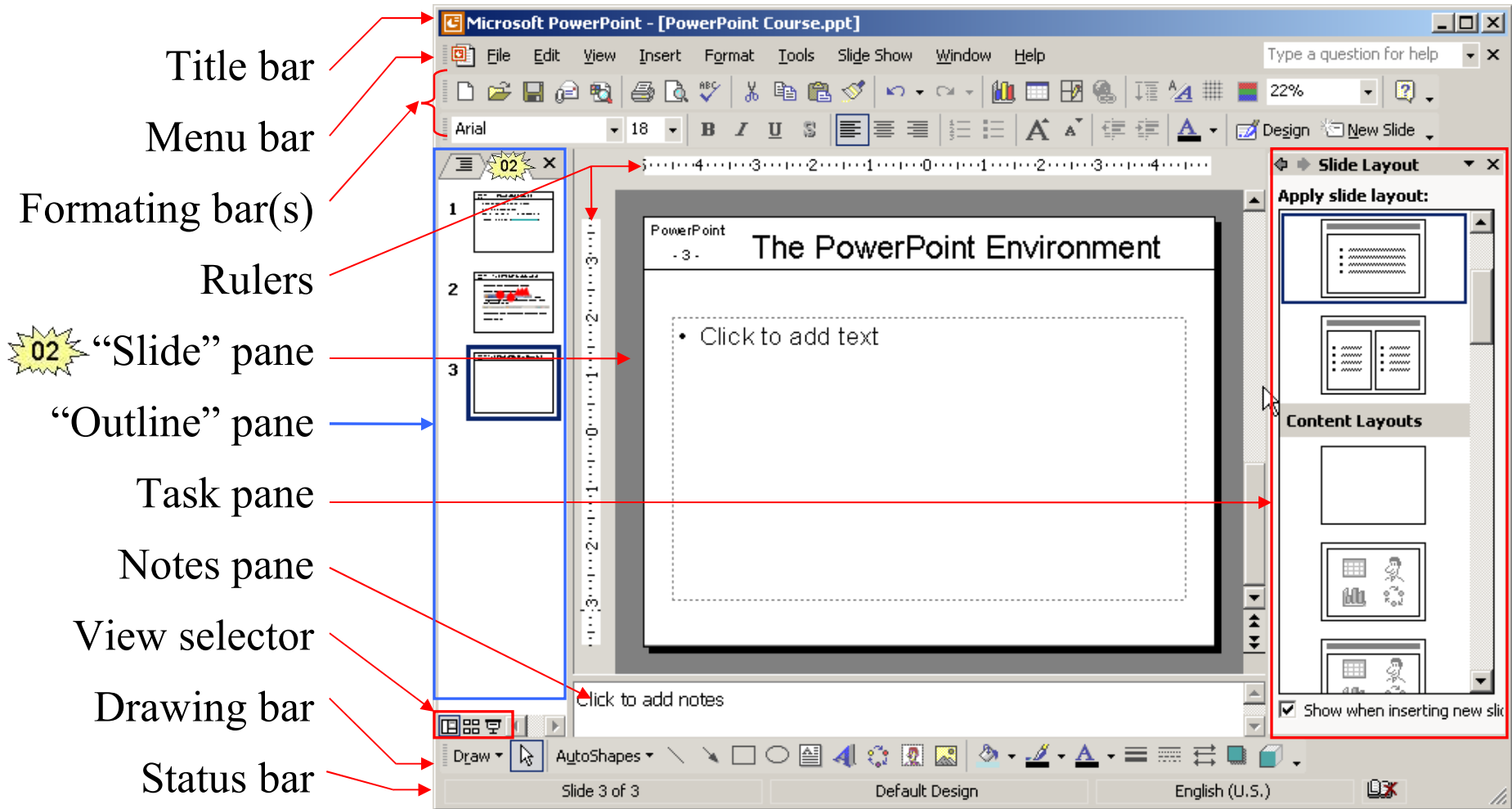


- Select a “top-level” menu item by clicking on it, or by pressing Alt+ (underlined letter) – e.g. Alt+O enters the Format menu. This will open a “pull-down menu”.
- On the pull-downs, some items may be greyed-out. The grey out tells you that you are in the right place to invoke that function, but because of some system condition that function is currently not available. For example, if no item is “selected”, the Cut and Copy functions are unavailable. If no item is in the Clipboard, then the Paste function is unavailable.
- Pull-down menu items with a ► have another level of pull-down menu which will be shown offset to the right or left.

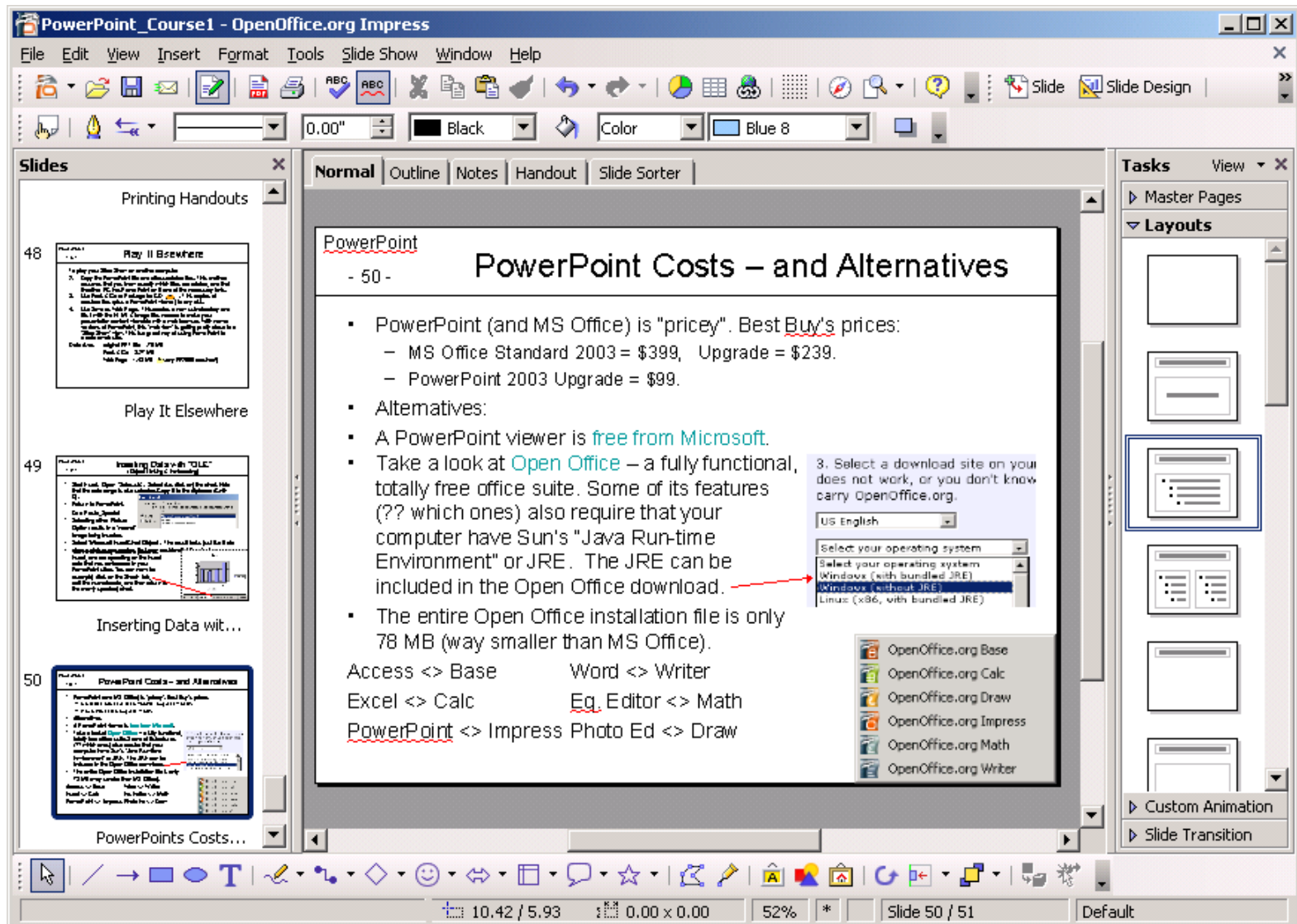
Presentations

- Presentations are sets of pages (slides) that contain text, figures / pictures, and various drawing & multimedia tools.
- To create one, click the **New** icon (). A new presentation is started with one blank slide. This slide has two empty text boxes.
- Click in the box that says **Click to add title**, and then type the title for your presentation (for example, *Welcome to Your Online College*).
- Click the box that says **Click to add subtitle**, and then type the subtitle of your presentation (for example, *A Global Educational Experience for Students*).
- Click the **Save** icon ( / ), and then enter a file name for your presentation (for example *welcome1*). Click **Save** again to save your file.

The PowerPoint Environment






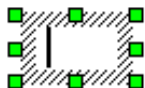




The Impress Environment





If you know how to use PowerPoint, you know how to use Impress.

TEXT Boxes

- The “Add Title” and “Add Subtitle” in the previous slide were examples of Text Boxes. You can add a text box anywhere with **Insert > Text Box** ( / ). At that point, the cursor becomes a ( / ). Place it where you want a corner of the box to be positioned, then drag to the opposite corner.
- Now you have something that looks like  /  . Note the diagonal cross-hatch of the border. This means that you're editing the text of the box – and not its other properties. The box has a blinking “text insertion” cursor (). Insert text by typing.
- Select text within the box (a subset, or all of it) by clicking & dragging. The selected text is highlighted.  Font “type”, “size”, “color” & “effects” tools now apply only to the highlighted text. Click-and-drag to move highlighted text within the box.
- Right-click within the box to bring up the “Format Text Box” window. Here you can set properties such as background color, border, size / scaling, rotation, word-wrap, etc.

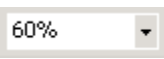


Inserting a Picture

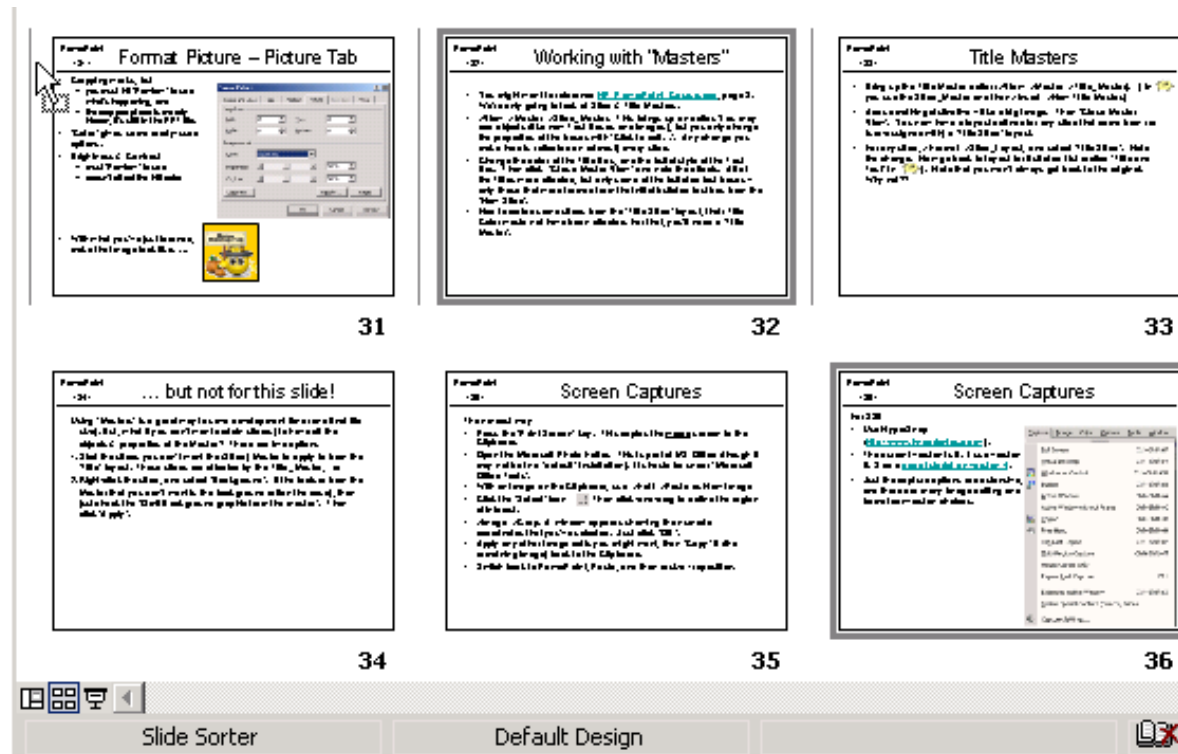
- >Insert >Picture >From File [ / ].
Use “Thanksgiving.gif”



- Resize handles work; but to *keep the aspect ratio constant* only use the corners [this works for pictures but not for Text Boxes].
- Right-click, then “Format Picture” to bring up the Format Window. “Arrows” don’t apply, so they are greyed out. “Lines” work as with Text Boxes.
- The “Size” and “Position” tabs are the same as with Text Boxes, but the “Picture” tab is no longer greyed out.

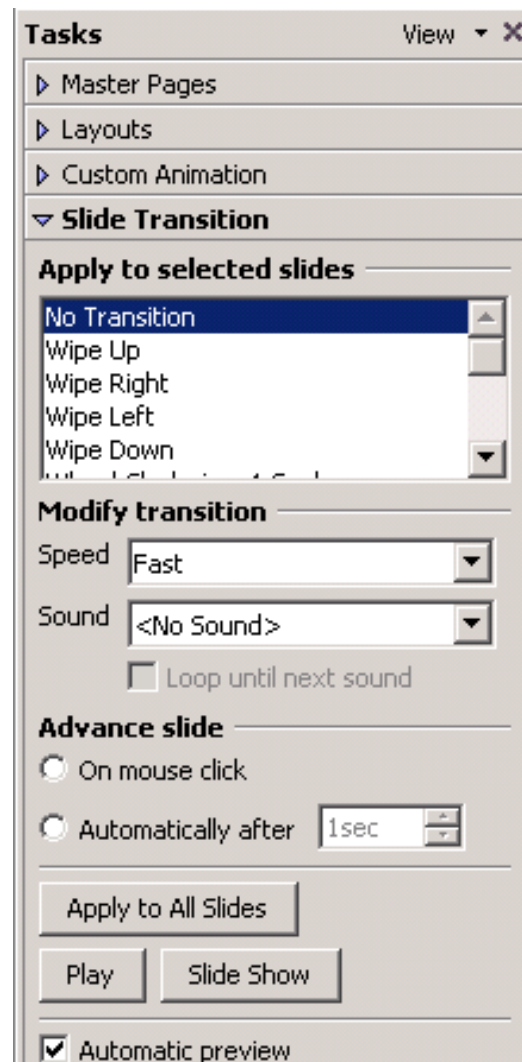
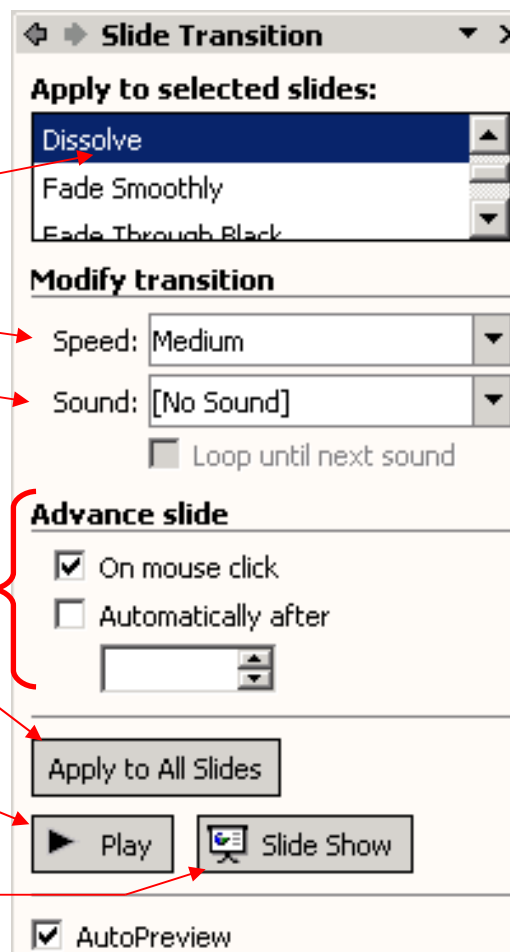
Slide Sorter (/)

- >View >Slide_Sorter. Select the slide (*or slides*) to be moved using any of the Window techniques [e.g. click a single slide, Shift-click, Cntl-click, click & drag a region]. Selected slides need not be contiguous.
- Click & drag the selected region (highlighted) to its new destination. In this example, the new order will be ...30, 32, 36, 31, 33, ...
- You can use the Zoom control  to determine how many slides are shown.
- You can right-click a slide, and then “Hide”.
- Return to the “Normal” view by double-clicking a slide, use >View >Normal or the icon ( / ).



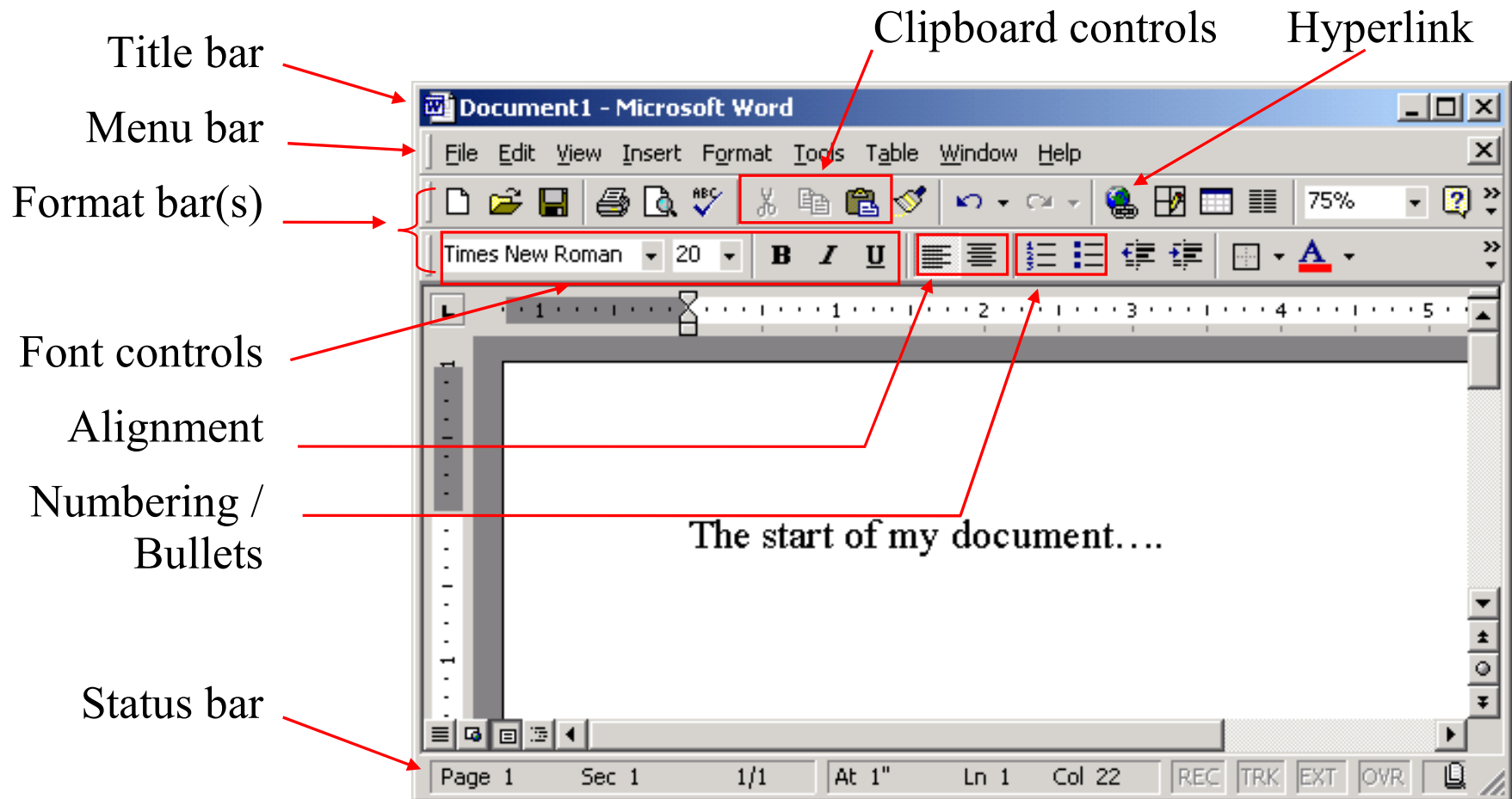
Slide “Transitions”

- >Slide_Show >Slide_Transition. “Transitions” set the way a slide is replaced on the screen with the next slide. The default is “No Transition”.
- The MS Office 2002 and Open Office user interfaces are nearly identical (and very different from the MS Office 2000 interface).
- Select the type of transition
- ... and its speed
- Optionally add sound
- Control when the transition occurs
- Apply to All (or just to current)
- Hear the sound
- See the video



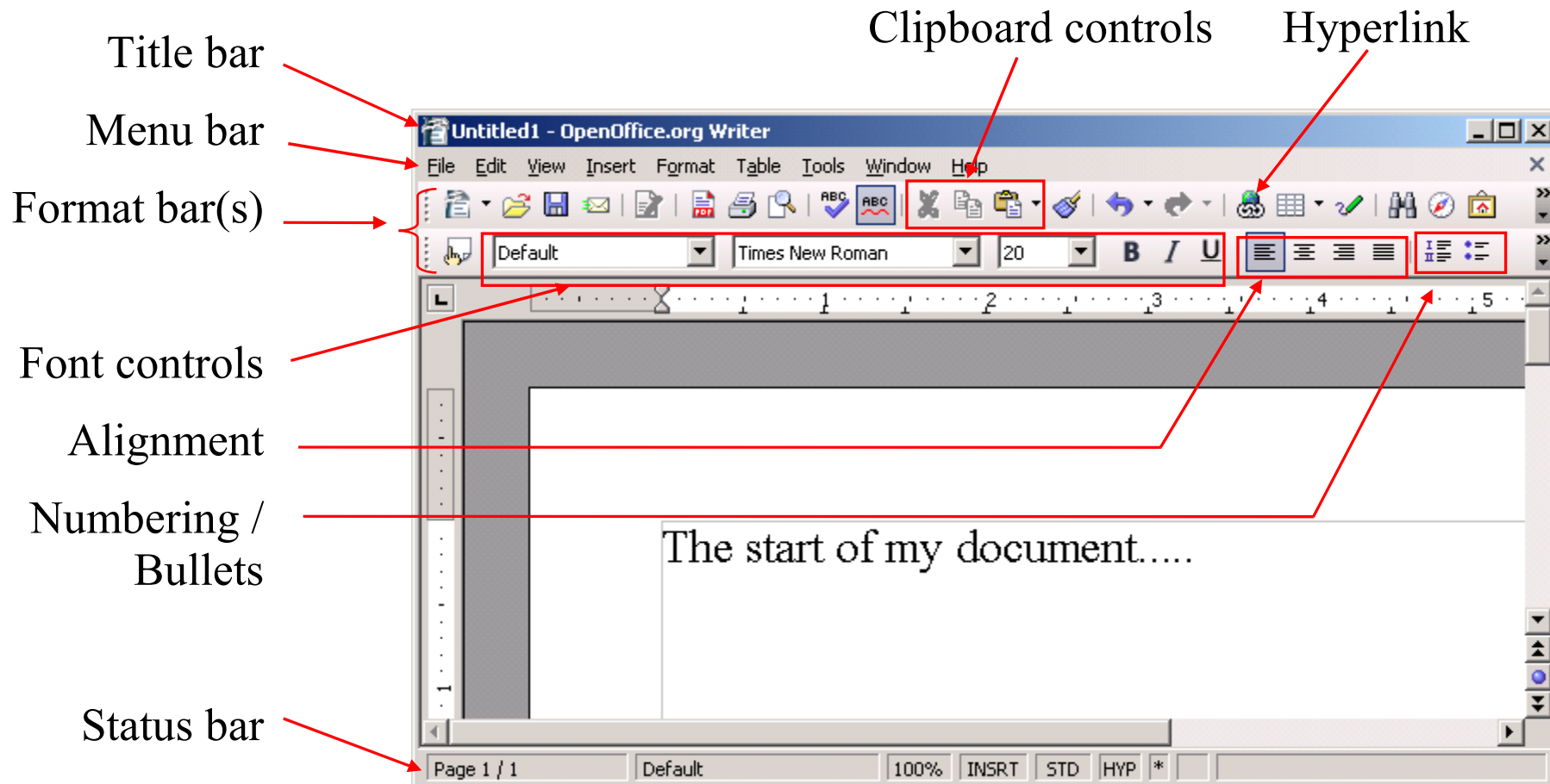
Word Processors - WORD

Word processors (probably the most-used office application) create & edit documents. Though these documents often contain only text, they can also have pictures, figures, tables, drawing objects, hyperlinks, etc.



Word Processors - WRITER

To generate this display, I actually used everything from the previous slide except the screen capture of the WORD window! That's how closely WRITER imitates WORD.



Spreadsheets are tools to handle data (usually numbers) in a table – the rows are designated by numbers, the columns by letters.

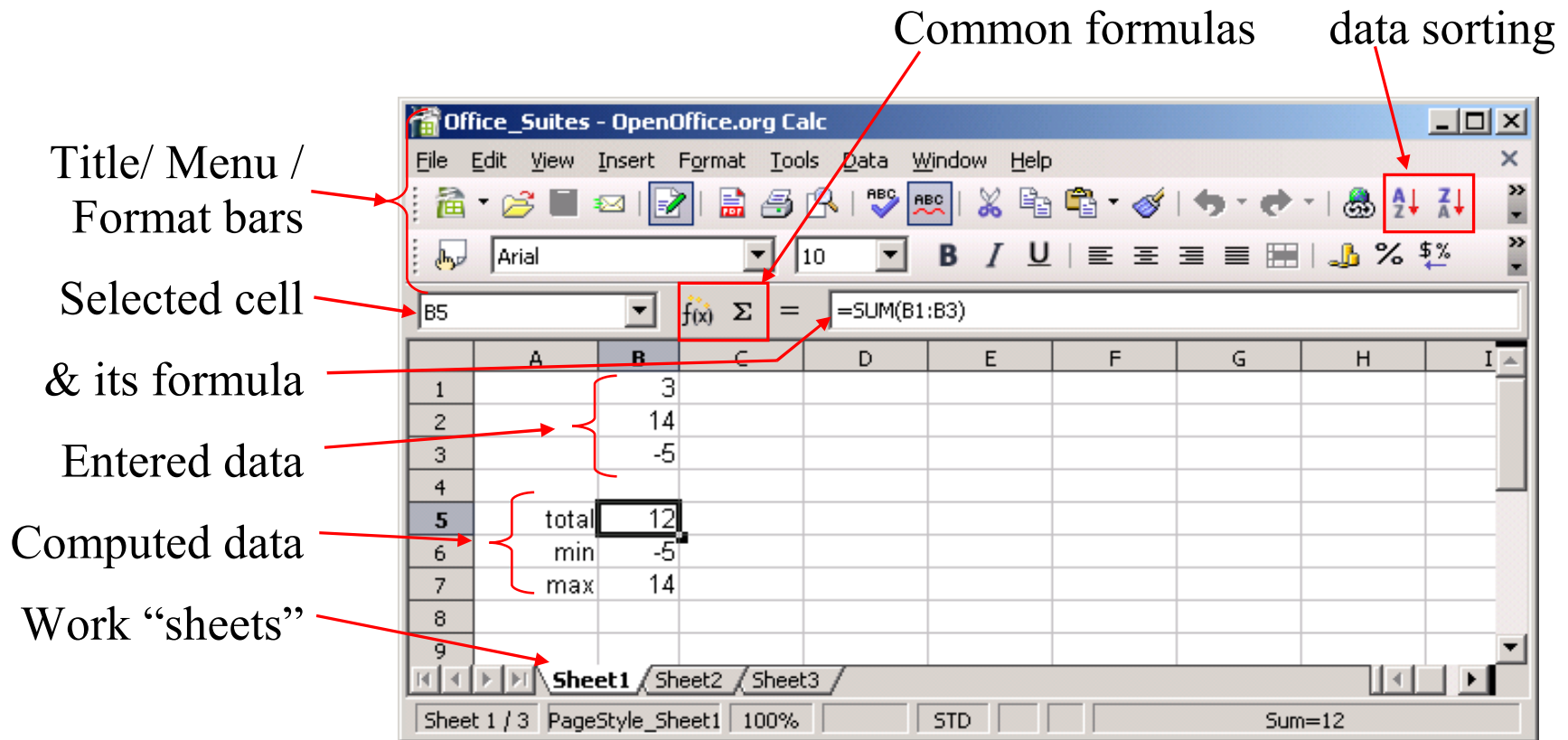
data sorting

Work “sheets”



Spreadsheets - CALC

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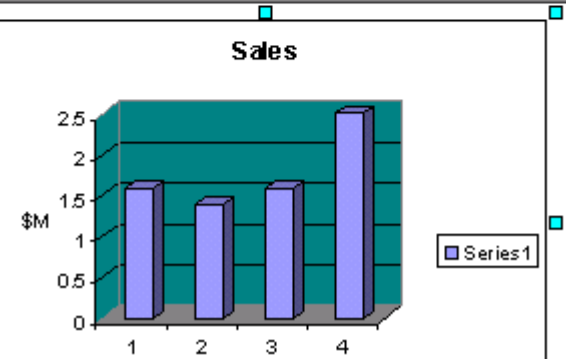
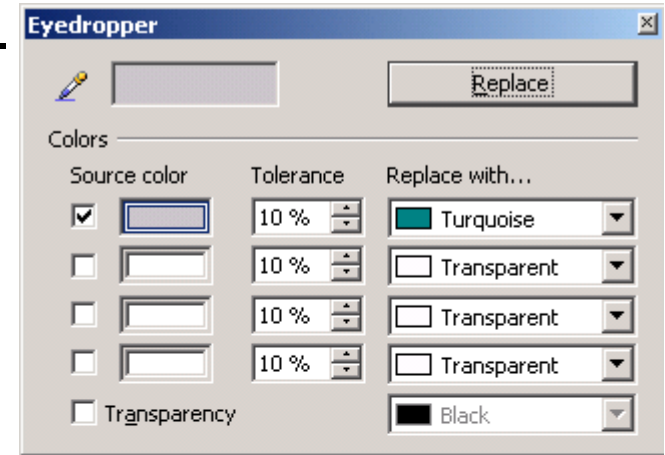
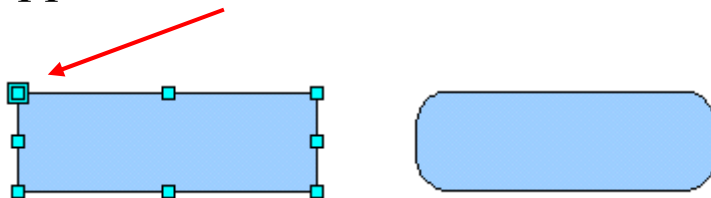


Open Office (Impress) Features


not in Microsoft Office 2002

Adds several new “tools”.

- >File >Export. The entire presentation can be formatted as an Adobe “Portable Document Format” (*.pdf) or Shockwave (*.swf) file.
- >Insert >Special Characters. This integrates what MS Office does with the external application “Character Map”.
- >Tools >MediaPlayer: an embedded player
- >Tools >Eyedropper. Can edit the colors of inserted bitmap & metafile images [must save as *.odp – not *.ppt].
- Upper left handle controls rounding.



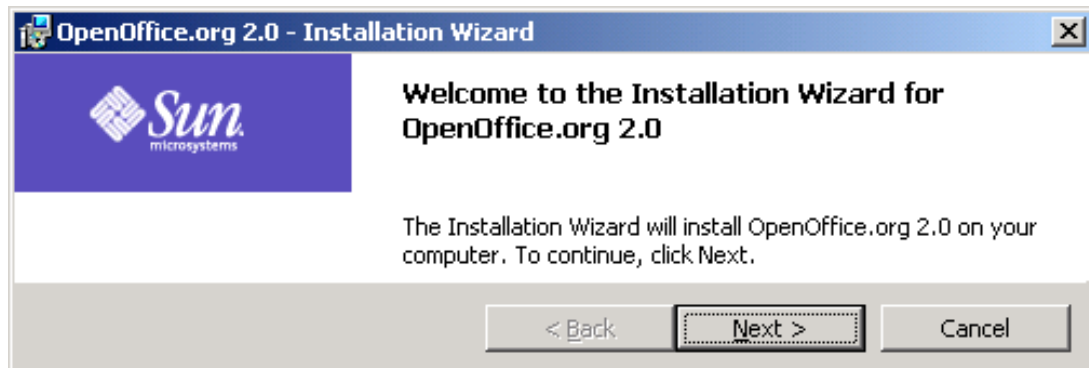
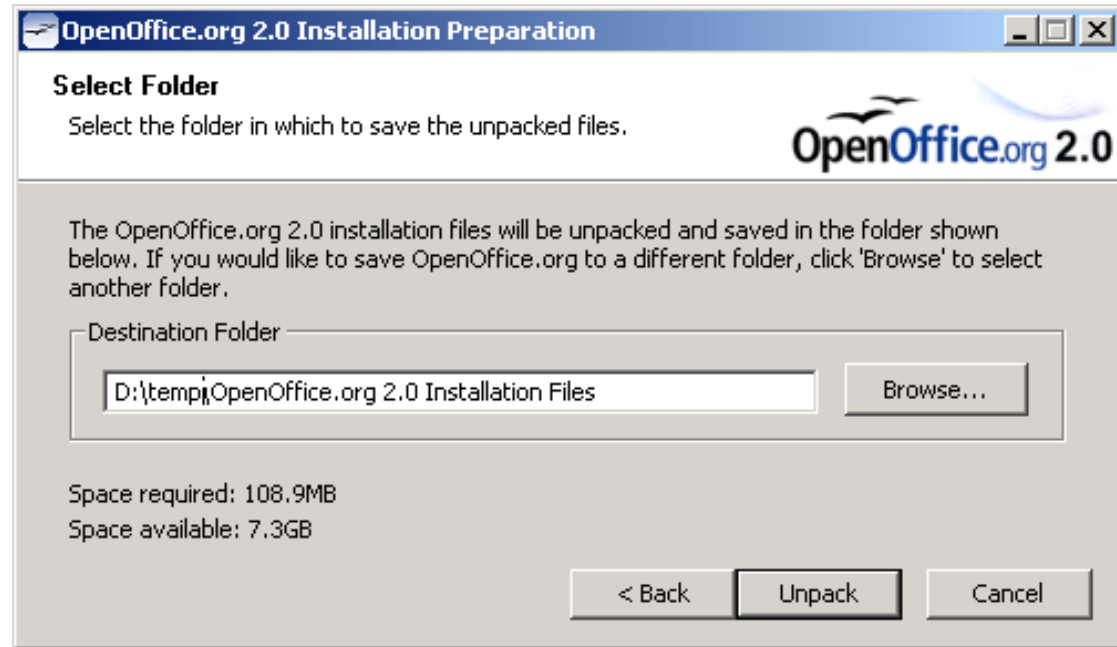
Get Open Office

- Download Open Office from the website at www.openoffice.org/
- First click  then OpenOffice.org 2.0.3 Windows
- Open Office requires that your computer have Sun's "Java Run-time Environment" or JRE. Note: the JRE is not part of a standard Windows installation. Version 2.0.2 had an option for installing the JRE, but 2.0.3 requires that you download the JRE from Sun and then install it separately. We will use version 2.0.2.
- The entire Open Office installation file (including the JRE) is "only" 106 MB.

Or... just use our CD

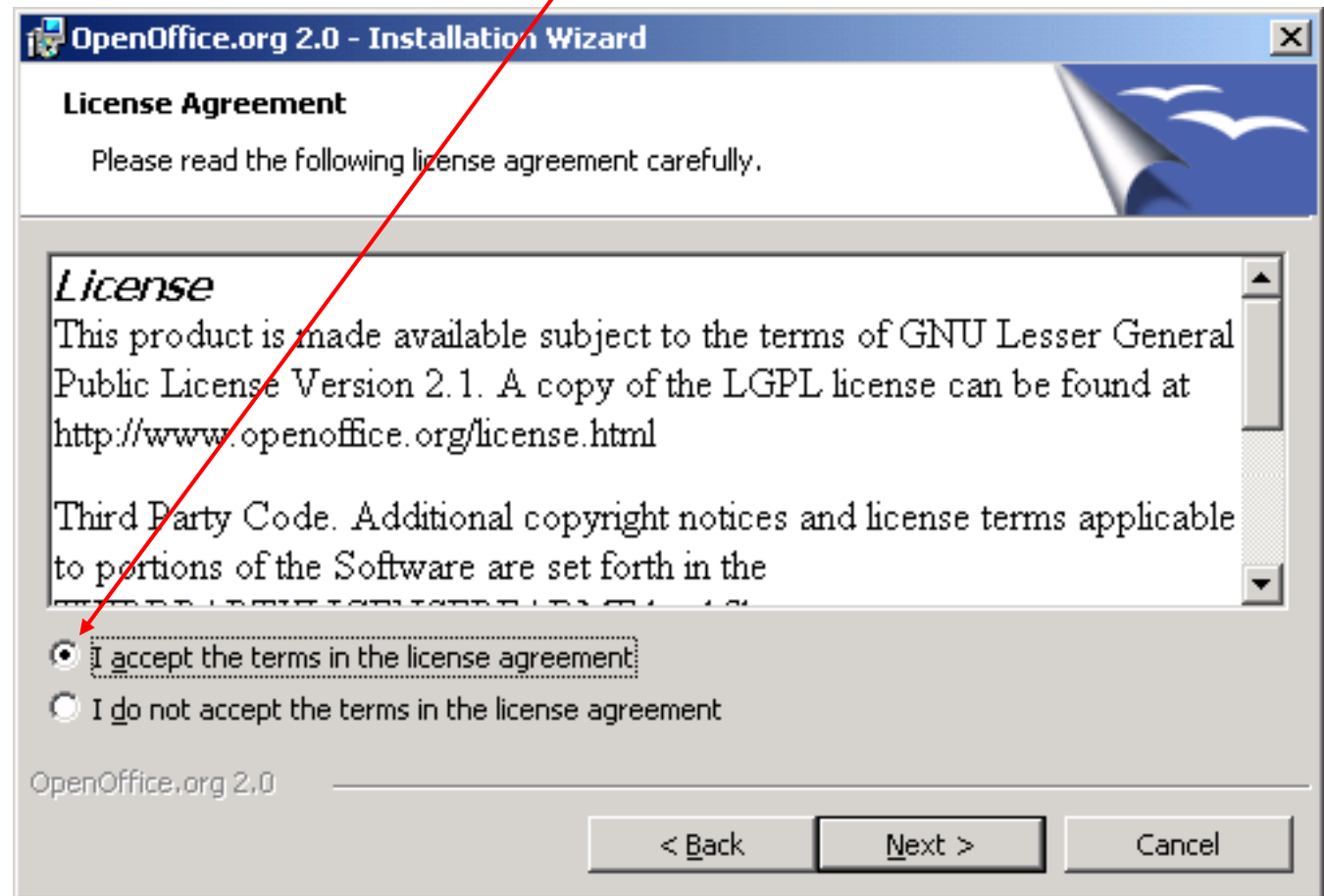
Install Open Office (with JRE)

- Execute (i.e. double-click) the file you downloaded (which contains hundreds of installation files).
- It asks where you want the files extracted to. After installation, these files can be deleted. The default is OK. Click “Unpack”.
- At the Welcome screen, click “Next >”



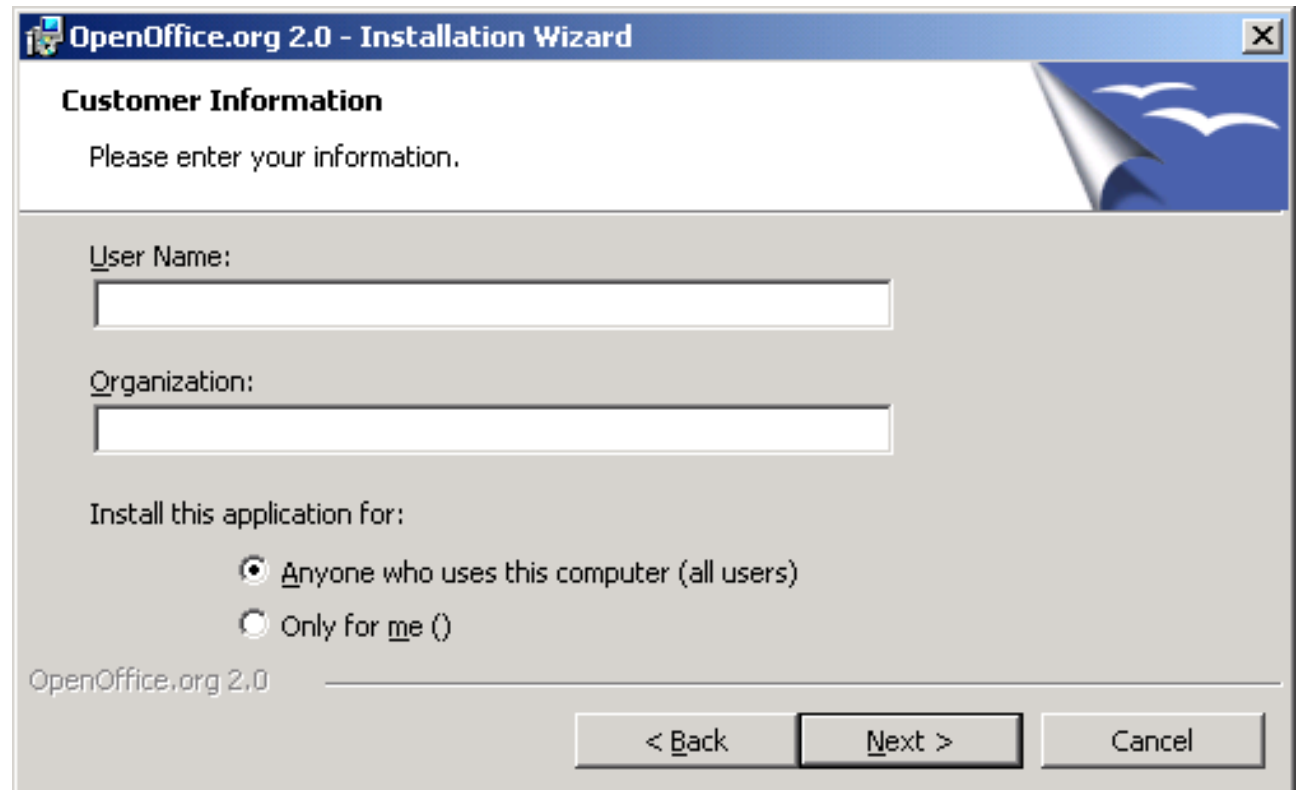
Accept the License

- Accept the License by clicking the radio button, and then “Next >”.



Customer Information

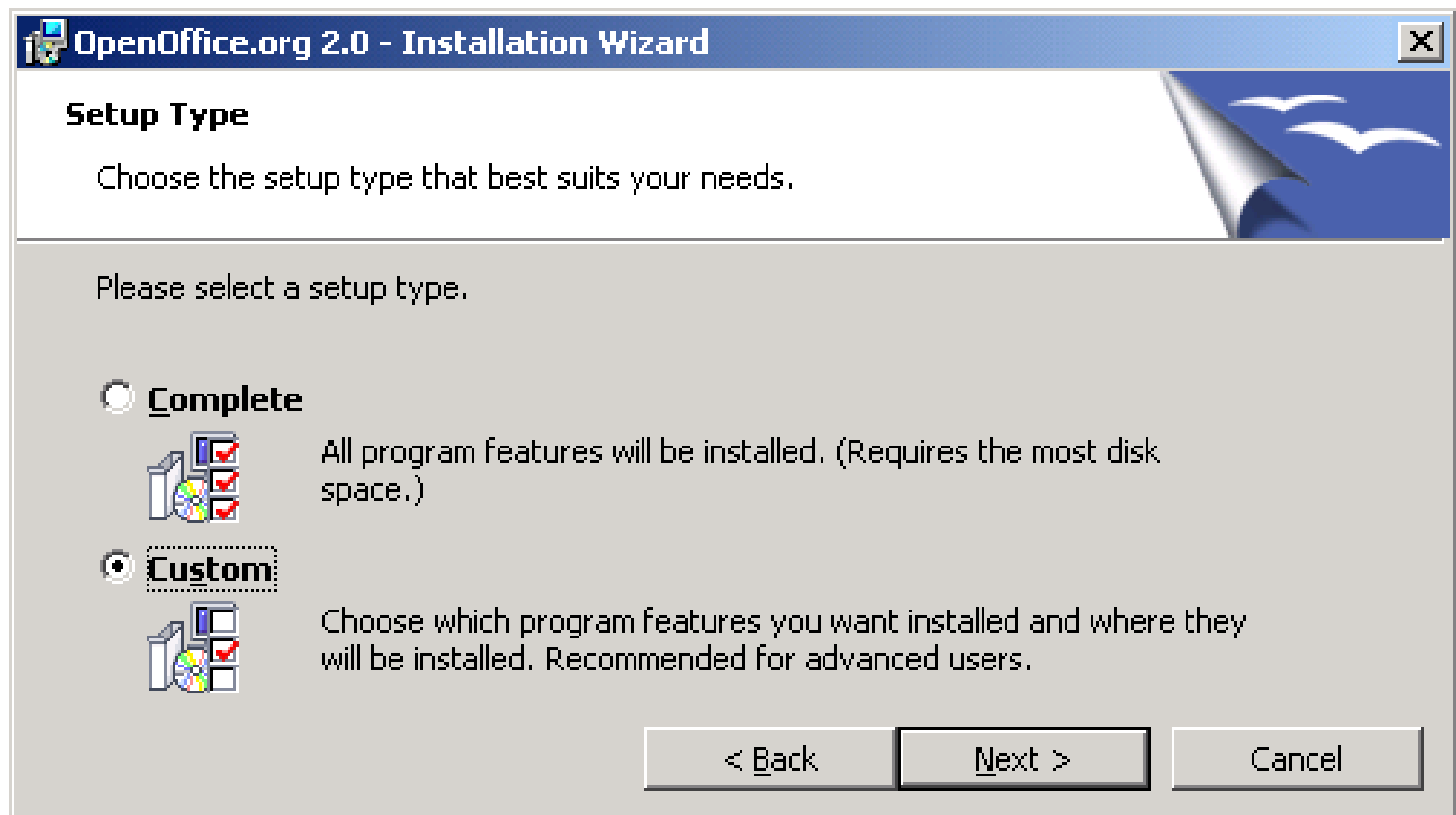
- It next asks for a “User Name” and “Organization”. These can be blank. If filled in, they become “properties” of any file created by Open Office.
- At “Install this application for:”, I recommend “Anyone who uses this computer (all users)”.
- Click “Next >”.



The screenshot shows the 'OpenOffice.org 2.0 - Installation Wizard' window. The title bar includes the OpenOffice logo and the text 'OpenOffice.org 2.0 - Installation Wizard'. The main content area is titled 'Customer Information' and contains the instruction 'Please enter your information.' Below this, there are two text input fields: 'User Name:' and 'Organization:'. Underneath these fields, the text 'Install this application for:' is followed by two radio button options: 'Anyone who uses this computer (all users)' (which is selected) and 'Only for me ()'. At the bottom left, the text 'OpenOffice.org 2.0' is displayed. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

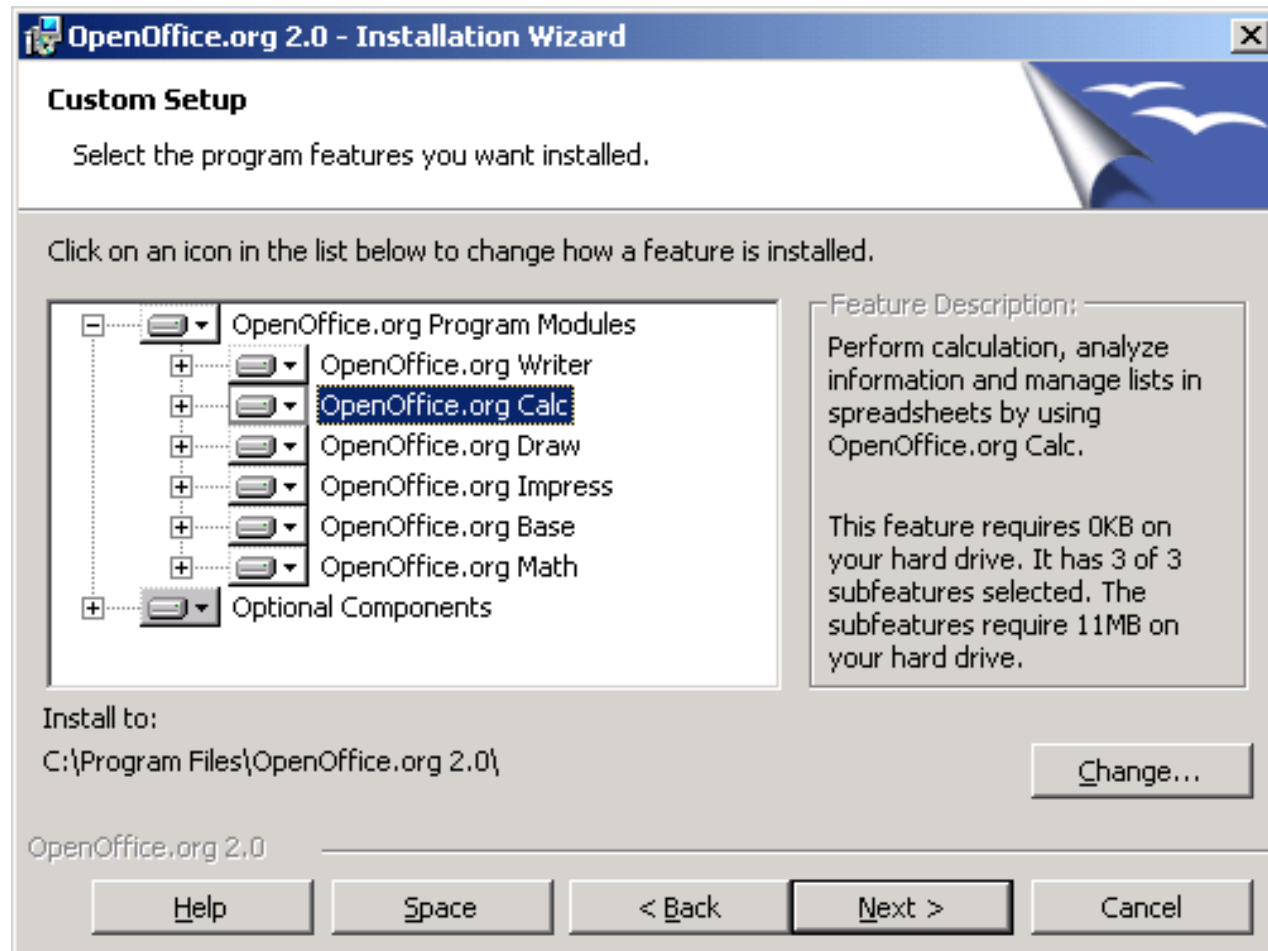
Setup Type

- If you want all parts of Open Office installed to C:\Program Files\OpenOffice.org2.0\ , then select ()Complete. Otherwise select ()Custom.
- Click “Next >”.



Custom Setup

- This window shows which features will be installed. To change a selection, click on the  icon.
- To install to a different disk / directory, click “Change...”.
- When done, click “Next >”.



File Type (this is important!)

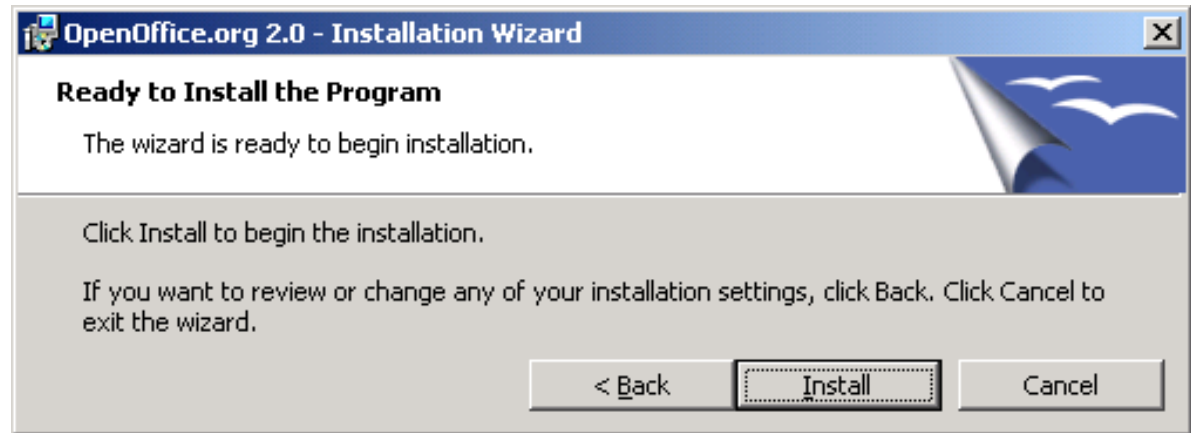
If you have Microsoft Office and are installing Open Office, then when you double-click a *.doc, *.xls or *.ppt file, which Office Suite do you want to open?

- For Microsoft Office, leave the check boxes blank!
- If you don't have Microsoft Office (or want Open Office to be the default), check the boxes.

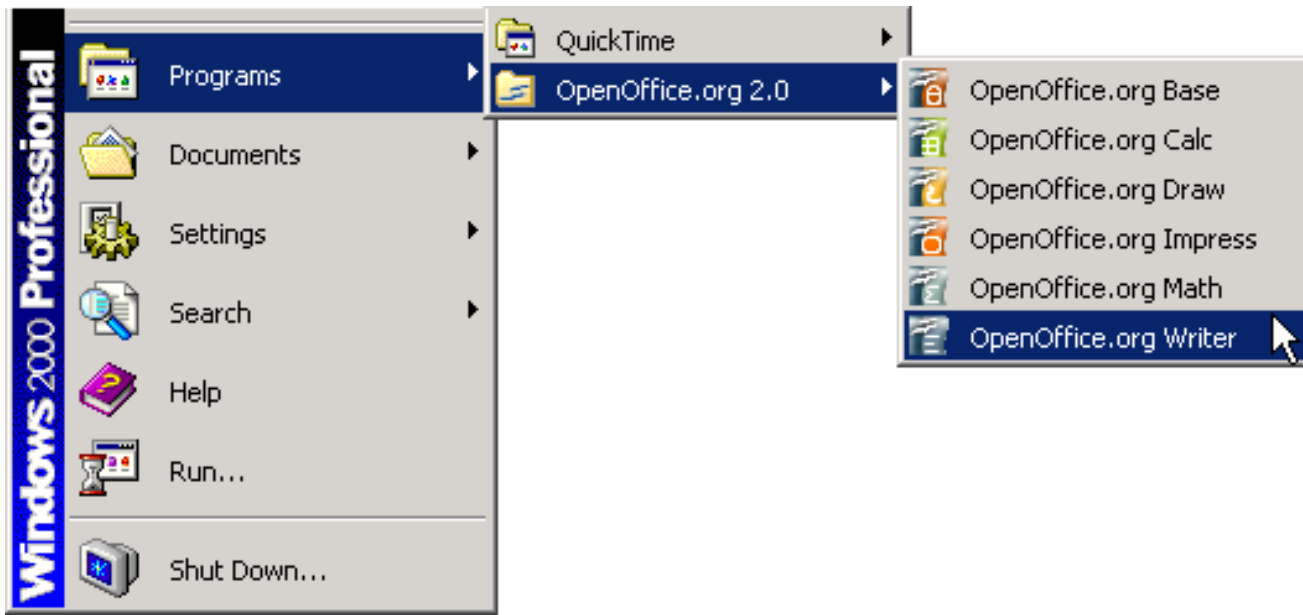


Ready to Install

- You're all ready.
Just click "Install".



- Java 2SE Runtime Environment is installed first. Then Open Office. Congratulations! You're done.

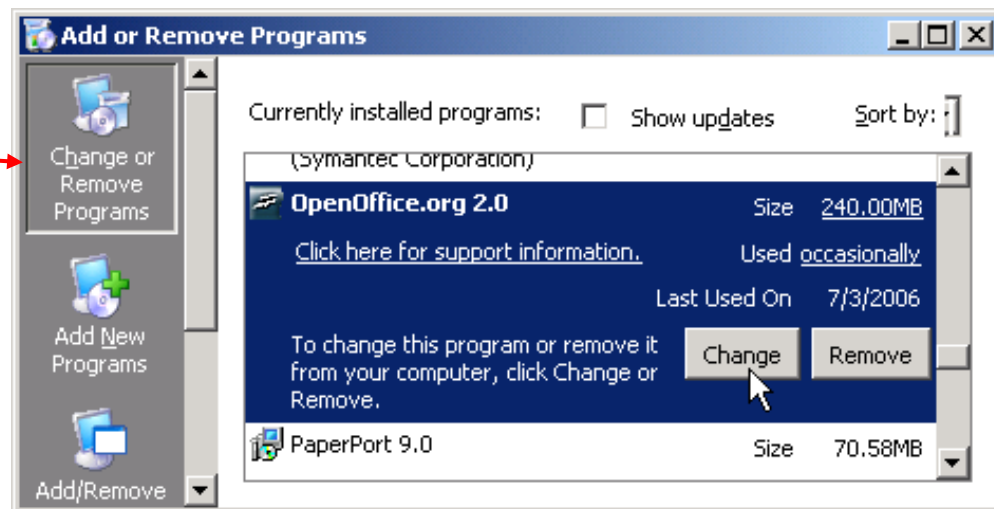


Changing File Associations After Installation

To change file associations after you've installed Open Office:

- >Start >Settings >Control Panel >Add or Remove Programs

- Select “Change or Remove Programs”,
scroll to OpenOffice.org, then
click “Change”



- Click “Modify”
- Click “Next >” until you get back to the “File Type” screen.

