

## WordPerfect Office X6 Software Review

**W**ord Perfect has Reveal Codes. The rest of this review is commentary. This capability is probably still the number one reason most people continue to use WordPerfect Office over Microsoft Word and Microsoft Office.

WordPerfect Office X6 is the latest release of this excellent word processing program which was first released in 1980. A more details description of the history of WordPerfect can be found in Wikipedia.<sup>1</sup> While Microsoft Office along with Microsoft Word has, by far, the become the mostly used word processing software there remains a good number of loyal users of WordPerfect. While version X6 involves mostly a number of minor but significant improvements over version X5, it will probably still appeal to the diehard WordPerfect community. With so many organizations standardizing their software purchases, the main community which continues to use WordPerfect is the legal community and those still loyal to WordPerfect. The version reviewed here is WordPerfect Office X6 Standard Edition, which includes WordPerfect X6, Quattro X, Presentations X6, and WinZIP 16.

The Reveal Codes unique feature makes formatting your document so easy. Using the View tab and choosing Reveal Codes (or Alt + F3), besides seeing your text the actual codes (bold, font size, font color, and so forth) are displayed. This valuable and unique feature makes it so much easier to change or fix the coding chaos that seems to come out of nowhere as you create a document.

For those who are concerned about protecting confidential files, X6 provides a first rate capability to remove and redact confidential data when sending files to others. This feature called Metadata removal, allows one to save a file with various metadata tags (undo/redo history, routing slips, comments, and so on) removed. There is also a related redaction capability that allows one to black out (with a black bar) to make sensitive information unreadable.

With the increasing use of smart phones, WordPerfect has added a viewer for the iPhone, iPad, and Android systems so one can read WordPerfect file attachments. Another nice feature is the "make it fit" capability. This allows one to select a section of text and decide to automatically resize the material into how many pages you want. This way you can compress or expand the material you wanted to be printed.

Another new feature is the Corel VideoStudio X4 software which allows an easy way to create slide shows and movies. This version of WordPerfect also has added multiple monitor support. The WinZip 16 feature enables one to compress a file. Also included is the WinZip Courier software which compresses a file prior to emailing it. The third related compression software is ZipSend which allows one to send files too large for some email systems by uploading the file to the ZipSend cloud service<sup>2</sup> with a link as to how to download and receive the file.

Lastly there additional add-ons to the software, such as an electronic eBook publishing capability which costs under \$10. This allows one to conveniently lay out a book in the format you desire for the Amazon Kindle system.

Cost: WordPerfect X6 standard version list price is \$249.99; while an upgrade is \$159.99. System requirements are Windows XP and later versions; at least 1.1 GB of hard disk space; at least 256 of RAM; a processor of 466 MHz or faster; a monitor resolution of at least 880 × 600, but preferably 1028 × 768 or higher; a DVD drive to install the software; and a mouse.

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#### Notes

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