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Sweet Suite!



StarOffice 5.1

<http://www.sun.com/products/staroffice/>

StarOffice is a free, yes, free, full-features office suite available from Sun. It includes the following:

Word processor	Spreadsheet
Database	Presentation software
Browser	E-mail and news client
Paint program	Vector drawing program
HTML editor	Calendaring
Task scheduler	Address book

It is available for the Windows 95/98/NT, Linux, Solaris, and OS/2. Each of the components allows the user to save or export to documents in the standard Microsoft Office file formats for sharing with others. The application itself is a totally integrated suite which takes over the desktop when it is open with its own navigation bars and Start button. It is Java-based and the browser is lightning fast and full-featured.

The install is easy and the set-up is smooth. There is not a lot of documentation with the product, but there are books available and I would imagine Web sites will be popping up as it becomes more popular. It seems to require an up-to-date computer with at least 64mb of RAM to run really well. Give it a try!

StarOffice Tutorial <http://www.pcuser.com.au/software/DISC1/staroff.htm>

Palm/Handspring Pick of the Month

Stowaway Keyboard for the Visor

http://www.targus.com/default_product.asp?sku=PA800U

This foldaway keyboard is hinged in two places to allow a handheld user to fold it up to the size of the Visor when it is not in use. It allows you to easily type documents, e-mail, task lists, etc. right into the handheld during a meeting or when you are on the road. The Palm Portable Keyboard is also available for the Palm products.

<http://www.palm.com/products/keyboard/>

