

Microsoft Releases Office 2007 File Converter for Mac

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The Word convertor, available for download through Microsoft's Mactopia site , converts .docx files to .rtf and lets users open read-only versions of Office Open XML files. Users can either convert files individually or as a batch. Drag-and-drop updates to the app for PowerPoint and Excel will be available this summer.

When Office 2008 is released, later in the year, Mactopia will offer an Office Open XML converter for the suite. Six to eight weeks after the release of the suite, a final converter for Office 2004 will be made available.

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