

Microsoft Office for iPad (iOS)



Finally, we have the Office for iOS that we've always wanted. Released last week, Office for iPad is a much more robust app than what we got with **Office Mobile for iPhone**. Packed with tools and elegantly optimized for the touch screen, it belongs on the iPads of Office users.

Instead of having Word, PowerPoint, and Excel accessible in one app like it did on the iPhone, Microsoft made them separate apps with far more features in each. With the bigger screen of the **iPad**, there is simply more room to work with, and Microsoft took advantage with better tools, more templates, and touch-focused controls that are intuitive, familiar, and work great on-the-go.

Before you rush off to download the apps, however, it's important to note that you get limited features with the free versions. All three apps let you connect to OneDrive (formerly SkyDrive) to browse your files and read Word, PowerPoint, and Excel documents for free. But to get the full power of the Office apps that let you create and edit documents, you'll need a subscription with Office 365, Microsoft's service that lets you work on your documents from anywhere.

The link below gives more description of these new apps and a short video of someone using it on the iPad.

<http://www.cnet.com/products/microsoft-office-for-ipad/>