

ALTERNATIVES TO PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS

Students who are studying Online with Designer Life may need access to the following resources in addition to a computer or laptop to take part in the course:

- Word processing software
- Spreadsheet software
- Presentation software
- PDF Reader
- Printer
- Scanner

If you don't have access to some of these resources at home or if you do not want to pay for a software subscription (e.g., Microsoft Office), there are plenty of alternatives that you can access.

Free alternatives for Word Processing and Spreadsheets:

- Google Docs and Google Sheets: <https://docs.google.com>
 - » *Free online tools (you'll need a Google account) that save your work automatically and can be accessed from any device.*
- LibreOffice: <https://www.libreoffice.org>
 - » *Free software you download to your computer and use offline (no account needed).*

Free alternatives for Presentations:

- Google Slides: <https://docs.google.com>
 - » *Free online tool (you'll need a Google account) that saves your work automatically, allows easy sharing, and lets you create and present slides online.*
- LibreOffice: <https://www.libreoffice.org/>
 - » *Free software you download to your computer and use offline (no account needed). Includes a presentation program once installed.*
- Canva: <https://canva.com>
 - » *Free to join and easy-to-use online design tool with ready-made templates for presentations and more.*

PDF Reader:

- **Acrobat Reader** can be downloaded for Free from the Adobe website, you don't need a subscription for this program: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- You can also open, fill in, and print PDF documents using a range of free internet browsers such as Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Firefox etc.

SCANNING AND PRINTING



Local library services:

Many local libraries provide printing and scanning for a small fee or even for free. Please reach out to your local library for more information.

Brisbane City Libraries

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries-venues-and-facilities/libraries/library-facilities-and-services>

Moreton Bay Libraries

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/Discover/Technology>

Logan City Libraries

<https://loganlibraries.org/service/technology/>

Redland Bay Libraries

<https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/Libraries/Library-services/Photocopying-printing-and-computer-services>

Ipswich Libraries

<https://www.ipswichlibraries.com.au/using-the-library/book-computer/>

Gold Coast Libraries

<https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/libraries/About/Services-in-libraries>

Sunshine Coast Libraries

<https://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/technology>

Townsville Libraries

<https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/facilities-and-recreation/libraries/using-your-library/creative-hubs>

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