QA Testers

If you're interested in Quality Assurance work for LibreOffice, we're keen to welcome new testers.

Primary points of contact and resources: the #libreoffice channel at irc.freenode.net, the QA wiki page, the bug triage wiki page, the developers mailing list at FreeDesktop.org, and the pre-release download page.

This test was created with Word 2010.

You can easily help out: download and install LibreOffice Beta versions and Release Candidates for testing and trial use.

We aim to bring our users high-quality software. A great deal of work goes into coding and development. But when that work is finished, it needs to be tested and validated. That's the job of Quality Assurance [QA]. To do quality assurance, you don't necessarily need previous experience. You can easily contribute to it as an end user.

Quality assurance involves the following:

Bug triage: you can take part in the triage and confirmation of bugs having been reported on the LibreOffice bug tracker. To start doing so, create an account on the bug tracker and then follow the instructions on our wiki page.

Manual testing: you can perform manual tests on the development and release candidate [RC] versions of LibreOffice. This process is currently under development and will be soon available under a Test Case Management System. In the mean time, you can get in contact with your Language Community to contribute to the process used for the 3.3 release.

Test reporting: The manual testing wiki page contains tables for reporting on tests (you'll need to create a wiki user account or log in beforehand). If you identify a problem when you're testing, report it on our developers mailing list (see our global mailing list index) and, if the bug has not already been reported on the bug tracker, file a bug report yourself.

Localization QA: The internationalization of LibreOffice requires additional quality assurance (to check date and time handling, complex scripts, etc.), to ensure that we provide LibreOffice users with top-grade software in their language. To get involved in this QA, join the corresponding language group's mailing list (see our local mailing list index).

Quality assurance requires patience and attention to detail, but it's essential work. Even if you don't have time to contribute on a regular basis, it's a valuable boost to the project and community if you take time out to report bugs and failures you encounter in your everyday use of LibreOffice. To do this, please create an account for yourself on our bug tracker, and tell us about your problems with LibreOffice. Every bug report is examined and followed up.