



**Nisus Writer Pro**



**Nisus Writer Express**

LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE  
WORD PROCESSORS TO MS  
WORD & APPLE PAGES?

# Word processors I have used previously

1. **Pages** 4, 5, 6
2. **Office Word** for Mac 2011

**The Office problem:** I will soon have no choice but to upgrade to Office Word 2016 when I decide to use High Sierra, and Office 2011 will soon be deprecated anyway. Pages 6 no longer does what I need it to do for me.

**Office 2016 Personal** = \$149.00 + \$17.88 tax = CDN \$166.88 (for **ONE** computer only)

## Nisus Writer Express / Pro

**Nisus** was founded in 1983, incorporated in 1987, and the name changed to Nisus Software in 1993. Available versions available:

1. Nisus Writer Express 3.5.7 = USD \$20.00 = CAD \$25.36 (one-time fee)
2. Nisus Writer Pro 2.1.7 = USD \$79.00 = CAD \$100.16 (one-time fee)

**Multiple User Licensing** (from the Nisus User Agreement)

*“Second or Portable Computer Provision*

*You may use a copy of the software on a second or portable computer, as long as the extra copy is never Loaded at the same time the Software is Loaded on the primary computer on which you use the Software.”*

# Alternate Word Processors ‘Must Haves’ ...

- (a) Able to open older Pages 4 documents (Apple still supports Pages 5)
- (b) Able to open Office Word for Mac 2011 documents; save to Word format
- (c) One-time fee, no annual subscriptions;
- (d) Full feature set;
- (e) Multilingual editing (EN, FR, DE, etc.);
- (f) ‘Attribute sensitive’ Find/Replace feature that will also work on ‘invisibles’ (Tabs and CRs); no longer available in Pages since Pages 4; not available in Word.
- (g) Document type must be accessible by most other common word processors. NWP uses RTF (Rich Text Format);
- (h) PDF export;
- (i) Support: online User’s Manual; continuous upgrade policy; online discussion groups / tutorials; security updates.

<https://nibus.com/pro/comparison.php>

# Alternative Word Processors Considered

Other word processors available. (HS√ = High Sierra compatible as of 2017-10-03)

1. Google docs (free) (HS√ - online app)
2. Write2 (\$7.00 USD, now reported to be unsupported)
3. Byword (\$11.99 USD)
4. iText Express (free; Pro version = \$11.99 USD)
5. Slugline (\$39.99 USD)
6. iA Writer (\$9.99 USD) (HS√ v 4.0.3)
7. Nisus Writer Express (\$20.00 USD) (HS√ v 3.5.7)
8. Ulysses (\$44.99 USD) (HS√ v 2.8.2)
9. Scrivener 2 (\$44.99 USD / year) (HS√ v 2.8.1.2)
10. Storyist (\$59.00 USD) (HS√ v 3.4.3)
11. Nisus Writer Pro (\$79.00 USD) (HS√ v 2.1.7)
12. Final Draft 10 (\$249.99 USD) (HS√)

# File Format Support - Nisus Express v Pro



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## Nisus Writer Feature Comparison

File Format Support	Nisus Writer Express	Nisus Writer Pro
RTF, native read and write	✓	✓
Microsoft Word ".doc" (97-2004), import and export	✓	✓
Microsoft Word DOCX, import and export	limited	✓
PDF, export only	✓	✓
PDF export includes intra-document links (TOC, etc)		✓
Apple Pages '09 and older, import only		✓
Open Document (ODT), import and export	limited	✓
HTML, import and export	✓	✓
WordPerfect, import only		✓
plain text (Unicode and legacy encodings), read and write	✓	✓
EPUB, export only		✓

# Interface - Nisus Express v Pro

Interface	Nisus Writer Express	Nisus Writer Pro
Draft View and Page View	✓	✓
Full Screen Mode	✓	✓
Document Manager	✓	✓
Highly Customizable Interface (Flexible Palettes, Toolbar, etc)	✓	✓
Touch Bar, as found on some new MacBook models	✓	✓
Add Toolbar Item for Any Menu Command		✓
Special Characters Palette/Menus (fully customizable)	✓	✓
Keyboard Shortcuts are Fully Customizable (and Multi-key)	✓	✓
Font Menu Previews (WYSIWYG)	✓	✓
Horizontal and Vertical Rulers	✓	✓
Document Navigator Pane (TOC and Bookmarks)		✓

# Core features - Nisus Express v Pro

Core Features	Nisus Writer Express	Nisus Writer Pro
Multilingual/Unicode Text	✓	✓
Right to Left Text Support	✓	✓
Language Sensitive Responses (spellchecking, keyboard, font, etc)	✓	✓
Style Sheets and Library	✓	✓
Bullets and Numbering (List Styles)	✓	✓
Tables	✓	✓
Footnotes and Endnotes (Document or Section)	✓	✓
Advanced Footnote/Endnote Options		✓
Live Word Count display (and Character/Paragraph Counts)	✓	✓
Multipart and Rectangular Selections	✓	✓
Sections and Columns	✓	✓
Spellchecking (Inline and Guided)	✓	✓
"QuickFix" Corrections (language-sensitive) for typos, smart quotes, etc	✓	✓
Glossaries	✓	✓
Leader Tabs	✓	✓
Wrap Text Around Images	✓	✓
Small Caps	✓	✓