

WordPerfect 5.1+ Versions Available

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Following are the noted differences between the three different versions of WordPerfect 5.1+ which are available fairly regularly on eBay. The three versions are WordPerfect Corporation 5.1+ , Corel Academic version 5.1+ and Corel full version 5.1+ . I have not noted a Novell version of WordPerfect 5.1+ for sale and do not know if Novell produced any copies under their name.

WP Co. version files are dated 03-21-94

Corel version files are dated 05-15-96

Corel versions changes compared to full WP Corp. version are as follows:

No TUTOR.COM or associated files with Corel version

No WPINFO.EXE with Corel version

No CONVERT.EXE with Corel version

WP.COM has increased in size by approximately 5.5K Bytes in Corel version

CV.EXE has increased in size by about 24K Bytes in Corel Version

PTR.EXE has increased from approximately 230K in the WP Co. version to 360K in the Corel version, a large change. Any changes in function are unknown.

INSTALL.EXE has decreased in size by about 6K Bytes. This is presumably related to the Corel version having less to install.

Other files show minor changes in comparison to above of + /- 0 to 700 bytes. These presumably are mainly to do with Corel adding their own identification to the help files and possibly some others.

The Corel academic version does not include any manuals but does have function key templates for both top and left side function keys.

Note that a version of the tutor files for WP 5.1 is available for download from the Corel FTP site as well as a copy of CONVERT.EXE. These should bring the Corel versions up to the equivalent of the full Wordperfect Corp. version, I believe.

Tutor download is file “ tutor.exe” and convert file is “ conv51.exe”.

The full version of WP 5.1+ from Corel is identical to the academic version except that the

full version does include copies of Stairway Software Screen Extender SE and Bitstream Facelift Version 2.0. Also the full Corel version does include manuals and a registration certificate with serial number, items not with the academic version.

Manuals with my Corel full version are reprints of the March 1994 WordPerfect 5.1 reference manual, split into two volumes, with the May 1994 WordPerfect 5.1+ Update Guide included as an appendix in volume 2 of the Corel manuals.

The full version of WP 5.1+ from WordPerfect corporation also includes copies of the Stairway Software Screen Extender SE and Bitstream FaceLift programs.

The original WordPerfect corporation version is distributed on 720K 3.5" diskettes and the Corel versions are distributed on 1.44 Meg. diskettes. I have also seen a CD version without any printed manuals listed for sale.

I am not aware of any functional differences between the WordPerfect Corporation and Corel versions of the program. If there are any bug updates or changes between versions I have not heard of them.

If you are buying an opened copy of any version of the program verify exactly what is in the package prior to purchase. Opened full version packages may be missing serial #/registration paperwork, some manuals or the accessory programs. Sealed upgrade packages may be missing the serial #/registration certificate, unless listed as a "competitive upgrade".

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