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Write the Future: Open Standards, Open Source, and OpenOffice.org

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Agenda

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Community Innovation Program

The status of the international OpenOffice.org project and product

The OpenDocument Format (ODF)

Future in China and the world

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5 – 7 November 2008

Subsidies for speakers and active community members

CFP Deadline: 20 June 2008

Community Innovation Program

Money and honour in prizes for works that extend and expand the community and product

Deadline: 23 June 2008

See:

http://development.openoffice.org/community_innovation_program.html

Some achievements since October 2000

> Over 110 million downloads

> Over 100 languages

> Platform agnosticism

> The OpenDocument Format (ODF)

> Real and free interoperability

> A real and growing ecosystem

Who uses it?

> Tens of millions, maybe 100 million

> Governments, local, provincial, national

> Large and small companies, NGOs, nonprofits, universities

Why do they use it?

> It is free

> It uses the OpenDocument Format (ODF)

> It is (or can be) in their language

> It is platform agnostic

> It works well with others

> It is *professionally supported*

Why not all?

> They do not know of it

> Or they know only wrong myths, FUD

> Minor but annoying incompatibilities

> Lack of localized professional support

> Specific needs

Future is...

OpenOffice.org 3.0 ...

... and accessibility, digital divide (social responsibility), mobility, access... community

OpenOffice.org 3.0 ...

> Extensions, not bloat
  – new features, functionality, integration

> Linkage to a free Personal Information Manager (Outlook replacement)

> Better interoperability with other suites and formats (e.g., Microsoft Office 2007)

> More productivity tools

> Toolkits for ODF and extensions development

> Greater modularity and accessibility

And ODF 1.2

What is the ODF?

> A file format

> Open, unencumbered, vendor neutral

> The anchor for an infinite ecosystem

> A disruptive technology

ODF support for all key platforms

> Windows

> Linux

> Mac OS X

> Solaris OS

> FreeBSD

> OS/2

> Symbian

> PalmOS

ODF implementations

> OpenOffice.org

> Sun StarOffice Office Suite

> KOffice

> IBM Lotus Notes / Symphony

> Corel WordPerfect (beta)

> Apple Mac OS X Leopard / TextEdit

> TextMaker

> AbiWord / Gnumeric

> Google Docs & Spreadsheets

> AjaxWrite

> Mobile Office by Odendahl SEPT-Solutions

> Microsoft Office
  (via plug-ins)

> Mozilla Firefox (via plug-ins)

The politics of disruption

ODF and OpenOffice.org threaten established
players

They work well (better than...) and they are free
(and they free)

They are socially responsible : all can freely use them, all contribute, all sustain them

The threat to established proprietary markets becomes clearer

The issue is open access.

It's not just about applications or formats.

It is about openness, community, social responsibility...

... and legitimate processes

ODF and OpenOffice.org give all the tools of production

Developer Needs

> We need developer documentation. You can help.

> We need local mentors. You can help.

> > (you need not be OOo experts. Knowing how to collaborate is more important)

> We need marketing. You can help.

> We need art. You can help.

In fact, you can help in every way by engaging others. Just start. Being open source means having open doors and an open invitation.

Resources

> Download
>> http://download.openoffice.org/

> Wiki main page:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Main_Page

> Firefox extension:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Firefox_OpenOffice.org_extension

> Extensions:
>> http://extensions.services.openoffice.org
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Extensions_development

> Getting the source:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Getting_It

> Building it:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Building

> Tips:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Tips

> Hacker tutorials:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Tutorials

Resources

> Commit rights (how this works...):
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Commit_Rights

> Contributing patches:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Contributing_Patches

> Architecture:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Architecture

> UNO
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Uno

> Directories:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Source_code_directories

> Meeting the team on IRC:
>> http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/IRC_Communication

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