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Norway Proposes Mandatory Government Use of ODF and PDF

Norway has joined the growing ranks of countries in Europe moving to ODF. The Cabinet-appointed Norwegian Standards Council has recommended that ODF be mandated for document exchange and downloads of editable documents, and PDF for publication of non-editable documents on the web. The recommendation, presented by Norway's Minister of Renewal Heidi Grande Røys (Socialist Party), also calls for the convergence of ODF and OOXML in order to avoid having two standards covering the same usage. The Council's recommendations will be the subject of a public hearing, with opinions to be provided before 20 August 2007. The Cabinet is then expected to make a binding decision.

GotzeBlogged - <http://gotze.eu/2007/05/norwegians-launch-interopability-framework-mandate-odf.html#respond>

Poland Adopts Law Recommending Use of Open Standards

The Council of Ministers of the Government of Poland approved the National Computerization Program (NCP), which recommends the use of open, publicly available IT standards and calls for technological neutrality in all government led IT projects. The program is scheduled to be implemented from 2007-2010.

KROS - Koalicja na Rzecz Otwartych Standardów - <http://www.standardy.org/node/67>

Croatia Moves To Adopt ODF, PDF For Use By Public Administrations

As part of its eCroatia 2007 program, Croatia announced an implementation deadline of September 2007 for its work on using ODF and PDF as a basis for electronic document exchange by public administrations. The government also announced it would adopt ODF and PDF/A as Croatian national standards.

eCroatia 2007 Operational Plan (hr) - <http://www.e-hrvatska.hr/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=165>

Japan Moves On Open Standards, ODF

Japan is expected to become the first Asian nation to declare a formal policy giving priority to technology based on open standards. The draft Japanese Interoperability Framework, which calls out ODF, is now available for public comment and is expected to go final later this year. Japan's Open Standard Procurement Policy, which includes a preference for open standards, was issued in March and will take effect in July.

IT Pro (jp) - <http://itpro.nikkeibp.co.jp/article/OPINION/20070521/271666/>

New Applications Support for ODF

1) The GravityZoo Company's OpenOffice.org porting project will bring OpenOffice.org to the Internet as a series of online applications that are always available, online, via a broad range of devices. The project will be presented at the OpenOffice.org Conference (OOoCon 2007) in Barcelona on 19-21 September 2007.

<http://blog.gravityzoo.com/pivot/entry.php?id=21>

2) Google Search now lets you search for ODF files online.

<http://googlesystem.blogspot.com/2007/04/google-search-recognizes-open-office.html>

3) Thoughtslinger beta is a new ODF-supporting word processor that offers real time collaborative editing of office documents.

<http://www.thoughtslinger.com/learn.php>

New Alliance Members

Membership has grown to 400 organizations from 51 countries. Please welcome the following new members: ServiceSolution.com (USA); Systec IT (Australia); EFF-Austin (USA); Microskills (Portugal); C.T.I. TEGNIX, S.L. (Spain); ACS Technologie Teleinformatyczne Sp. z o. o. (Poland); ANSOL - Associação Nacional para o Software Livre (Portugal); IXT Sökmotoroptimering & webbdesign (Sweden); 2MI Tecnologia (Brazil); Abrigo Tecnologia (Brazil); ELTE IKKK Adaptive Software Center (Hungary); Rivendel Kft. (Hungary); Open SKM Agency Kft. (Hungary); BalaBit IT Security Ltd (Hungary); Microworks (South Africa); AICTC (Iran); Qualiom Sistemas Computacionais (Brazil).

ODF In the News

Sun and Redflag Chinese 2000 to Collaborate on OpenOffice.org Projects

Press Release, May 23, 2007

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Google, Salesforce may make software history

InfoWorld, Posted by Ephraim Schwartz on May 21, 2007 11:09 AM

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ODF/OOXML technical white paper

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Open Source, Standards Get A Boost In China

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http://www.ip-watch.org/weblog/index.php?p=597&res=1024_ff&print=0

The web and the word processor

Sean McGrath, ITworld.com 4/13/2007
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So, Google Plans To Make Overheads of Its Push onto Microsoft's Turf

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By Walt Hucks, Opportunity Knocks, April 24th, 2007
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State by state, Microsoft responds to creeping threat

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Google Search Converts OpenDocument Formats

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<http://google.blognewschannel.com/archives/2007/04/27/google-search-converts-opendocument-formats/>

A New Dawn Rising For Open Documents?

By Jacqueline Emigh, Linux Planet, Friday, March 30, 2007 06:35:47 PM
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State Open-Source Bills Get Microsoft's Attention

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Crushed by the Wheels of Industry

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Microsoft delays Office converters for Mac

By Ina Fried, Staff Writer, CNET News.com, May 15, 2007, 11:00 AM PDT

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