

Alliance Statement Regarding Microsoft/Novell Collaboration on Interoperability

Concerning document format compatibility, the Microsoft and Novell promised to “work together on ways for OpenOffice and Microsoft Office system users to best share documents, and both will take steps to make translators available to improve interoperability between Office Open XML and OpenDocument formats.” Novell has also indicated that it will develop the code necessary to bring support for Office Open XML (OOXML) into OpenOffice, distribute the planned OOXML plug-in in their edition of OpenOffice, and participate in the OOXML translator project.

Alliance Statement - <http://www.odfalliance.org/press/Release%2020061103.pdf>

Novell Statement - <http://www.novell.com/products/desktop/fileformats.html>

Microsoft/Novell Press Release - <http://www.novell.com/news/press/item.jsp?id=1196>

Alliance Details Global Policy Adoption and Cost Savings of ODF

The Alliance published two valuable new resources. *A Global View of ODF Policy* describes the steps being taken by governments worldwide that are considering or committed to ODF and open standards. *Preliminary Cost Assessments of Migrations to ODF-Supporting Applications* contains a summary of a variety of studies that quantify the potential cost savings of adopting office software based on ODF.

Alliance Release - <http://www.odfalliance.org/press/Release20061109.pdf>

A Global View of ODF Policy - <http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/GlobalViewODFPolicy.pdf>

Preliminary Cost Assessments -

<http://www.odfalliance.org/resources/PrelimCostAssess20061109.pdf>

ODF v1.1 Approved Incorporating Accessibility Enhancements

OpenDocument v1.1, which incorporates accessibility-related enhancements, has been approved unanimously as an OASIS Committee Specification. OpenDocument v1.1 is an official OASIS specification now and available for implementation. Next up is ODF v1.2 dealing with spreadsheet formula and other enhancements like metadata, which could be completed as early as mid 2007.

ODF v1.1 Documentation - http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=office#odf1

Peter Korn's Summary of Accessibility Advances in 2006 - <http://blogs.sun.com/korn/>

ISO/IEC 26300 Now Under Publication

Officially approved as an international standard by ISO/IEC in May 2006, ODF is now an “international standard under publication” -- Stage 60 in ISO parlance.

ISO Stagetable - <http://www.iso.org/iso/en/widepages/stagetable.html#60>

ODF Applications Support Update: 1) phpMyAdmin v2.9.0; 2) Open eBook Publication Container Format v1.0; 3) wikiCalc 0.96

Export functionality to OpenDocument Text and OpenDocument Spreadsheet are among the improvements contained in just-released Version 2.9.0 of phpMyAdmin, a web administration tool for MySQL databases.....The International Digital Publishing Forum released a new standard for packaging a digital publication, the Open eBook Publication Container Format (OCF), which specifies a ZIP-based packaging format that is an extension of OASIS' ODF....wikiCalc, the wiki spreadsheet, includes support for the 109+ computational functions listed on Openformula.org, part of Open Document Format (ODF).

phpMyAdmin v2.9.0.3 - http://www.phpmyadmin.net/home_page/downloads.php?relnotes=1

OCF v 1.0 - <http://www.idpf.org/ocf/ocf1.0/>

WikiCalc 0.96 - http://ross.typepad.com/blog/2006/11/wikicalc_featur.html

New Members

Please welcome the following new members: The Knowledge Trust (USA); MNCC Open Source Special Interest Group (Malaysia); Nederlandse Linux Gebruikers Groep (The Netherlands);

Open@work (Belgium); Qindel (Spain); AFUL (France); Foundation for a Free Information Infrastructure (FFII)(Germany); Radio Popular (Portugal); Intranetia - Sistemas de Informação, Lda. (Portugal); SCIDERALLE (France); Pixart SRL (Argentina); OpenAdvantage (UK); Technetra Corporation (USA); Free Software Macedonia; QubeConnect Sdn Bhd (Malaysia); Beijing Jiaotong University (China); dri - consultoria informática LDA (Portugal); OpenLX (Indserve Infotech Pvt. Ltd.) (India); SKOSI (Slovak Open Source Initiative); and Planeta Olea SL (Spain).

*****ODF IN THE NEWS*****

China's own document standard: A clear message to US IT vendors?

November 9, 2006 at 8:02am

By David Berlind, ZDNet

<http://blogs.zdnet.com/BTL/?p=3913>

Sun to plug OpenDocument to global summit

31st October 2006

By Kevin Murphy

http://www.cbronline.com/article_news_print.asp?guid=AD0B215C-5207-43F8-9515-581C519D1D84

Open standards group to beat Microsoft at its own game

Government lobbying here we come

The Register By Kieren McCarthy 1 Nov 2006 10:04 GMT

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/11/01/open_standards_coalition/

Greeks bearing gifts

By Edward Macnaghten

Online on: 03/11/2006

<http://www.freesoftwaremagazine.com/node/1848>

Where ODF stands in the EU

By: Tom Chance

<http://business.newsforge.com/business/06/10/20/1621200.shtml?tid=110>

When standards are political -- ODF (the Open Document Format)

The Huffington Post

By James Love October 21, 2006

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-love/when-standards-are-politi_b_32192.html

Leaked letter warns of open source 'threat to eco-system'

By Matthew Broersma, Techworld

<http://www.techworld.com/applications/news/index.cfm?newsid=7109>

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