

OFF Alliance Newsletter 20061204

Brazil Endorses ODF As Recommended Standard

With the publication of version 2.0 of its e-Ping Interoperability Framework, Brazil becomes the first country in South America to officially recommend ODF. The framework states that all .xls, .doc and .ppt files are in transition, meaning they do not comply anymore with its technical policies, and that ODF is now the Brazilian Government's officially recommended format.

Brazil's Interoperability Framework (ePING 2.0) -

http://www.governoeletronico.gov.br/governoeletronico/publicacao/down_anexo.wsp?tmp_arquivo=E15_677e-PING_v2.0_17112006_LINUX_FINAL.pdf

Alliance Release - <http://www.odfalliance.org/press/Release20061128.pdf>

Italy To Adopt ODF As A National Standard

Italy is now joining countries such as Malaysia that intend to recognize ODF as a national standard. Italian standards bodies voted unanimously to recognize ODF when the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) formally publishes ISO/IEC 26300, which occurred on 30 November 2006 (see below).

UNI - http://www.uninfo.polito.it/SC34/SC34_Norme.htm#26300

ODF Standard Published By ISO/IEC

Approved in May 2006, ODF is now also officially published as an ISO/IEC standard.

ISO 26300 -

<http://www.iso.org/iso/en/CatalogueDetailPage.CatalogueDetail?CSNUMBER=43485&scopelist=PROGRAMME>

French Parliament To Go Linux-OpenOffice-ODF

By June 2007, French deputies and their staff in the Assemblée Nationale will complete a move of 1,154 desktops to a Linux operating system, OpenOffice, Firefox, and what is likely to be an open source e-mail program. The move was propelled by the so-called Carayon Report, which recommended, among other things, that documents be saved in ODF and that ODF be used by governments throughout the EU. The migration was also the subject of a study by Atos Origen that pointed to considerable cost savings.

CyTrap Labs: Trends in OSS/ODF in French Public Administrations -

<http://cytrap.eu/blog/?p=114>

Carayon Report Summary (French) - <http://www.ladocumentationfrancaise.fr/rapports-publics/064000728/somm.shtml>

APRIL - <http://www.april.org/articles/communiqués/20061122-assemblee-nationale-en.txt>

Charles-H.Schulz Blog - <http://www.libervis.com/blogs/5/charles>

ODF Advances In India's Public Sector

The Delhi state government's commercial tax office is the latest public entity in India to adopt ODF for official use. The following government agencies have now either passed a circular to adopt ODF or have already adopted ODF: Government of Delhi; Allahabad Court; Department of Tax, Delhi; Life Insurance Corporation (a government entity); Indian Army; and the Election Commission.

Conference Considers Use of Open Standards, ODF In Poland

On 8 November 2006, the Polish Parliament (Sejm) held a conference "Informatics Revolution – Open Standards of Information Exchange" under the auspices of Sejm Speaker Marek Jurek, at which participants discussed how an ICT strategy that uses open standards as a key enabling technology could help position Poland as a technology leader. Speakers included Sejm deputies Roman Czepe and Edward Siarka, and representatives

from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and OASIS, which highlighted the steady emergence of ODF as the document exchange format of choice for governments.

Conference Summary (Polish) – <http://7thguard.net/news.php?id=5330>

ODF Template Contest Winners Announced

OpenOffice.org has announced the winners of its ODF template contest sponsored by <http://www.worldlabel.com>. The judges distributed cash prizes totalling \$3200, and T-shirts and other OpenOffice.org merchandise were sent to many of the other entrants. The winning entries can be viewed at:

http://documentation.openoffice.org/contests/template_clipart_2006/winners.html

ODF Applications Support Update: 1) Corel WordPerfect Office; 2) Xandros Desktop – Professional; 3) O3Spaces 2.0

Beginning in mid 2007, Corel WordPerfect will provide open, view and edit support for ODF and Microsoft's Office Open XML (M-OOXML) as a first step towards a comprehensive set of functionality for both formats....Xandros Desktop – Professional, version 4 of Xandros' Linux desktop operating system and applications suite that is designed to work in a mixed Linux/Windows environment, now incorporates ODF....O3Spaces announced the immediate availability of its document collaboration and management application, which includes support for ODF.

Alliance Statement on Corel Announcement -

<http://www.odfalliance.org/press/Release20061129.pdf>

Xandros Desktop – Pro -

http://www.xandros.com/news/press_releases/Xandros_Desktop_Professional_Spearheads_New_Line.html

O3Spaces - <http://www.linuxworld.com.au/index.php?id=2000096005>

Upcoming Conferences/Events With ODF Tracks:

XML2006 [5-7 December 2006 – Boston, MA]

<http://2006.xmlconference.org/>

BostonPHP January User Group: ODF what's in it for you? [3 January 2007 – Boston, MA]

http://www.bostonphp.org/component/option.com_gigcal/task.details/gigcal_gigs_id,23/

New Members

The Alliance has grown to 350+ members from 50 countries – governments, academic institutions, associations/NGOs, and industry dedicated to educating on the benefits and opportunities of ODF. Please welcome the following new members: DL2 Consulting AB (Sweden); Interition Limited (UK); T3 Software Development (Poland); Adlib Software (Canada); StreamServe, Inc. (USA); UKUUG - the UK's Unix and Open Systems User Group; Paradigma (Portugal); PSIL (France); Danish Open Source Society (DOSS); IFILP-TEC — Área Técnica do Instituto de Forma (Portugal); and MySQL (Sweden).

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

Content 2.0: Titans & Lilliputians

EContent

By Robert J. Boeri

December 2006 Issue

<http://www.econtentmag.com/Articles/ArticleReader.aspx?ArticleID=18661&ContextSubtypeID=9>

The seven deadly sins of archiving digital information

CyTRAP Labs – Information Security This Week

30 November 2006

<http://cytrap.eu/blog/?p=106>

Office format battle ramps up

Datamonitor

30 November 2006

<http://www.datamonitor.com/~48c9e34c71444877a776b13dfb1f176~/industries/news/article/?pid=904309CD-43C3-4112-963C-681458F4A9CE&type=NewsWire>

At last, Corel announces support for ODF, Open XML

TG Daily

Wolfgang Gruener

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http://www.tgdaily.com/2006/11/30/corel_supports_odf_ooxml/

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