

NEWSLETTER

10 August 2006

**Malaysia: Preliminary Decision to Make ODF An Official Standard**

Malaysia's standards body voted to propose ODF as a country standard, following the recognition in May by ISO of ODF as an international standard. After a public comment period that ends in October, Malaysia's Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation is expected to formally endorse ODF by year's end, recommending the format for use by the public sector.

Open Malaysia - [http://www.openmalaysiablog.com/2006/07/odf\\_proposed\\_to.html](http://www.openmalaysiablog.com/2006/07/odf_proposed_to.html)

ODF Alliance Release - <http://www.odfalliance.org/press/AllianceRelease27July06.pdf>

**Spain: Region of Extremadura Requires ODF and PDF for Use by Public Officials**

The Spanish region of Extremadura, which will move its entire administration to Linux and open source software before the end of year, has decided to make it a requirement that officials use ODF and PDF formats for all documents. The measure will be implemented within the next year.

Extremadura Law - [http://www.linex.org/mocion\\_consejo\\_gobierno.pdf](http://www.linex.org/mocion_consejo_gobierno.pdf) (esp)

- [http://www.hispalinux.es/files/mocion\\_consejo\\_gobierno\\_english.pdf](http://www.hispalinux.es/files/mocion_consejo_gobierno_english.pdf)

Media Links -

[http://www.archivodocumental.com/estandares/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=56&Itemid=38](http://www.archivodocumental.com/estandares/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=56&Itemid=38)

Techworld -

<http://www.techworld.com/applications/news/index.cfm?newsID=6558&pagtype=samechan>

Heise Online - <http://www.heise.de/english/newsticker/news/76219>

**Germany: ODF Under Review for Use By Federal Government**

Standards and Architectures for e-Government Applications (SAGA) is a multi-vendor expert group that recommends standards to be used by the German federal government. SAGA Version 2.1, published by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, was issued in December 2003 and version 3.0, which includes reference to ODF, is currently under final review. Though direct participation in the final review of Version 3.0 is limited to members of the SAGA expert group, anybody can provide comments and feedback in the public forum that has been established for this purpose.

SAGA Public Forum - [http://foren.kbst.bund.de/kbst\\_forum/showthread.php?p=1533#post1533](http://foren.kbst.bund.de/kbst_forum/showthread.php?p=1533#post1533)

**Software Freedom Law Center Declares ODF Free and Open**

The Software Freedom Law Center has issued an opinion that ODF is free of legal encumbrances that would prevent its use in free and open source software, as distributed under licenses authored by Apache and the Free Software Foundation (FSF).

SFLC Opinion - <http://www.softwarefreedom.org/publications/OpenDocument.html>

### **What Is Open Document? New Resource Now Available**

Sam Hiser of the OpenDocument Foundation has put together an excellent new resource document that takes a detailed look at this new standard, how it implements XML for office documents, the technical and political wranglings in the standard, available tools, applications that offer ODF support, who's implementing ODF, and more.

O'Reilly's ONLamp - <http://www.onlamp.com/pub/a/onlamp/2006/07/27/what-is-odocument.html>

### **ODF v1.1 Now Available for Public Review**

OASIS has announced that the 60-day public review period for ODF v1.1, which incorporates the recommended changes from the OASIS subcommittee to address accessibility concerns, will run from 27 July through 25 September 2006, after which a second draft may be published. Any interested party can review the public draft and provide comments.

[OASIS Subcommittee Recommendations - http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/18482/odf11requirements052606b.odt](http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/18482/odf11requirements052606b.odt)

[ODF v1.1 Specification - http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/19321/OpenDocument-v1.1-cd2.pdf](http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/19321/OpenDocument-v1.1-cd2.pdf)

[Instructions for Providing Comments - http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/comments/index.php?wg\\_abbrev=office.](http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/comments/index.php?wg_abbrev=office)

[Viewing of Public Comments: http://lists.oasis-open.org/archives/office-comment/](http://lists.oasis-open.org/archives/office-comment/)

[Peter Korn's Weblog - http://blogs.sun.com/roller/page/korn/20060728](http://blogs.sun.com/roller/page/korn/20060728)

### **New Members**

Please welcome the following new members: riess applications gmbh (Germany), 2shape GmbH (Germany), De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited (Australia), DynaWerx Inc. (USA), e:volve computers & technology (Ireland), Exercito Brasileiro (Brazil), GIAHSA (Spain), iZone Development (Denmark), Jena Technologies LLC (USA), linuxNUS - National University of Singapore, City of Largo, FL (USA), Fullmoon Software (USA), IP Justice (USA), LynuxSolutions (Switzerland), Ministry of Finance -- Republic of Macedonia, NovaGlobal Pte Ltd (Singapore), Abshoff, Agricola, Prager & Venn GbR (Germany), All Stars s.r.o. (Czech Republic), Axiros GmbH (Germany), ChannelWeb S.r.l. (Italy), CulTrim (Serbia), Exinit (Germany), Fusebox Inc (USA), JM Field Marketing (USA), Krewit (Sweden), Linux Users Group Belgrade (Serbia), Magnate IT (UK), Metztli Information Technology (Italy), MIG AB (Sweden), MIKFF (Russia), PersonnelWorks, LLC (USA), phpMyAdmin, Pilot Systems (France), Redlaunch (Australia), Rixstep.com, Ubiquitech (Denmark), agelis Energieberatung (Germany), APITUX (France), BiZwiKi.CN (China), Bureau van Dijk Electronic Publishing (Netherlands), consultores GmbH (Germany), FEB Radebeul (Germany), Gardien Virtuel (Canada), HDSI (Belgium), Indy Associates (USA), Linux Users Group, Singapore, MultiRacio (Hungary), Nebtrex (Australia), OpenSesame ICT (Netherlands), Sploodle (USA), VNOSS, and Woven Thorns Productions (USA).

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

### **Open Season: OpenDocument gets boost; Microsoft lets users share some code**

By SearchOpenSource.com Staff

31 Jul 2006 | SearchOpenSource.com

[http://searchopensource.techtarget.com/originalContent/0,289142,sid39\\_gci1206495,00.html](http://searchopensource.techtarget.com/originalContent/0,289142,sid39_gci1206495,00.html)

**Malaysia OKs move toward OpenDocument Format**

July 28 2006, Computerworld by Eric Lai

<http://computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9002089>

**ZD Net: OpenDocument wins more fans**

Graeme Wearden

ZDNet UK, July 28, 2006, 13:55 BST

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/software/applications/0,39020384,39280051,00.htm>

**Microsoft: getting to grips with open source**

Miya Knights

ZDNet UK

July 20, 2006, 13:35 BST

<http://insight.zdnet.co.uk/software/linuxunix/0,39020472,39279190,00.htm>

**XML office debate moves to look-and-feel**

By Brad Grimes and Joab Jackson

<http://www.gcn.com/blogs/tech/41370.html>

**Editor's Desk | ODF gains ground**

GCN.com

By Wyatt Kash, Editorial director

[http://www.gcn.com/print/25\\_20/41284-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/print/25_20/41284-1.html)

**Google adds ODF to its online office moves**

Steven J. Vaughan-Nichols

Linux-Watch.com

<http://www.linux-watch.com/news/NS3382356746.html>