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## **ODF Alliance Hails Record Growth in Application Support for ODF**

Washington, DC, October 26, 2007. The OpenDocument Format Alliance (ODF Alliance) today hailed the growing ranks of software applications implementing support for ODF in their products.

“During September and October, there were more than a dozen announcements of new or improved application support for ODF,” said Marino Marcich, Managing Director of the ODF Alliance. “These recent announcements are a clear reflection of the strong and growing demand for ODF in the marketplace.”

Marcich continued, “In total, there are now more than two dozen ODF-supporting text, spreadsheet, and presentation applications. As this list grows, so does the wide range of choice for consumers, particularly for governments seeking to gain greater control over and direct management of their own information.”

Following are the highlights of the most recent announcements about new and improved application support for ODF:

- IBM's Lotus Symphony includes an ODF-supporting word processor, a spreadsheet, and a presentation tool. (<http://symphony.lotus.com/software/lotus/symphony/home.jspa>)
- Apple's Text Edit, new release with the Leopard OS, provides reading and writing support for ODF. (<http://www.apple.com/macosx/features/300.html#textedit>)
- Corel WordPerfect Office Beta allows users to open, view, and edit ODF. ([http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/moreoveruk/index.jsp?epi-content=GENERIC&newsId=20071003005854&&newsLang=en&beanID=1153550781&viewID=news\\_view](http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/moreoveruk/index.jsp?epi-content=GENERIC&newsId=20071003005854&&newsLang=en&beanID=1153550781&viewID=news_view))
- Adobe's Buzzword, an online word processor recently acquired from Virtual Ubiquity, will add support for ODF. (<http://www.adobe.com/special/buzzword/faq.html>)
- Sun ODF Plug-in 1.1 for Microsoft Office adds more languages and improves the import and export of ODF files into Microsoft Office, increasing the interoperability of the plug-in. ([http://www.sun.com/software/star/odf\\_plugin/](http://www.sun.com/software/star/odf_plugin/))

- Mozilla's Firefox lets you view ODF and other OpenOffice.org formats in your browser.  
(<http://mozillalinks.org/wp/2007/09/openofficeorg-documents-within-firefox/>)
- OpenOffice.org version 2.3 is an update of its open source office suite that provides native support for ODF and offers security, performance, and database improvements.  
(<http://development.openoffice.org/releases/2.3.0.html>)

*The OpenDocument Format Alliance is an organization of governments, academic institutions, non-government organizations and industry dedicated to educating policy makers, IT administrators and the public on the benefits and opportunities of ODF.*

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