

ODF plug-ins and other solutions to implement the Belgian open standards directive

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- > What was decided ?
- > Which open standard ?
- > Why ?
- > How ?
- > Progress (OO.o and plug-ins)
- > Status now
- > Future
- > **Demo**

- > on the Belgian federal level
- > open standards for:
 - exchange of
 - editable documents
(text, presentation, spreadsheet)
 - between federal administrations
- > ODF, depending on impact study showing
 - quality operation, also in MS Office
 - on 1 March 2007 ==> 1 Sept 2007 read-only
 - on 1 March 2008 ==> 1 Sept 2008 read-write

> Which open standard ?

- > ISO standard (or W3C, IETF, ...)
- > mutiple qualitative implementations
- > needs to be interoperable with other chosen standards
- > OOXML may be considered when meeting these 3 conditions

> Why ?

- > increasing interactions (e.g. in e-gov)
- > more heterogeneous applications
- > “top-down” decision difficult
- > interoperability: define exchange standard, but as non-intrusive as possible
- > a proprietary standard cannot be enforced
- > enforce “open standards”
- > neutral, leaves implementation freedom to local administration

> How ?

- > unanimous agreement with all federal administrations and federal government
- > limited to what we control (federal admin.)
- > only document exchange format is standardized (not internal processing)
- > implementation left to local administrations
- > quality interaction with MS Office required
- > no “big-bang” approach
- > first everyone must be able to **read**
- > next, everyone must **exchange** in standard .be

- > “just works”
- > CIBG (all Brussels cabinets on OO.o)
- > 10,000 at Finance department
- > Justice department (some on Novell Linux)
- > 3,000 at other department (on Windows XP)
- > more and more administrations do a “double installation” (MS Office + OO.o)

- > 1 March 2007: quality insufficient: pressure
- > 28 June 2007: much better
 - demo Sun plug-in (good)
 - demo Microsoft Clever Age plug-in (not ready)
- > recommendation:
 - Sun plug-in (version 1.1)
 - or OO.o
 - or conversion server (to be tested)
 - start pilot tests in Sept 2007
 - final by 1 Dec 2007 (3 months delay)

> odf-converter:

- MS Office XP, 2003, 2007 (2000 promised)
- Word: version 1.0 has bugs, 1.1 promised
- PowerPoint: no 1.0 yet, 1.0 promised
- Excell: no 1.0 yet, 1.0 promised

> Sun plug-in:

- MS Office 2000, XP, 2003 (2007 expected)
- Word: version of 3 Aug: good
- PowerPoint: version of 3 Aug: really good
- Excell: version of 3 Aug: still testing

- > continue testing, pilots, deployments
 - Fedict : quality testing
 - Min. Finance : deployment
 - Min. Justice : deployment
 - Economy : deployment
 - Police : pilots
 - Social Security : quality testing
- > make MS Office 2007 upgrades depend on better integrated ODF support
- > 2008 : full exchange between federal adm.

> MS Office 2003

- odf-converter 1.0 (Word) (+compat pack)
- Sun plug-in (development version 3 Aug 2007)
 - Word
 - Powerpoint
 - Excell

> OO.o 2.2 on Windows as “reference”

> OO.o 2.2 on Linux as alternative

- > ODF +
 - MS Office + Sun plug-in
 - OO.o / StarOffice
 - IBM Notes/Symphony ...
 - Google Docs / Google Pack

offers better interoperability and document lifetime for editable document exchange than any other combination

- > MS .doc/.ppt/.xls (binary, closed)
- > OOXML (not ISO, limited implementations)