

OPENOFFICE.ORG ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF OOo 1.1 BETA

March 26, 2003 - We are glad to announce that the next OpenOffice.org version (OpenOffice.org 1.1) has reached an important milestone and is now available for download as OpenOffice.org 1.1 Beta. It represents a significant advance in the application and incorporates the features and changes introduced in the developer builds over the past year. The release includes a massive amount of new and exciting functionality, features and bugfixes, the highlights are:

- * Many new import/export formats like PDF, Macromedia Flash, DocBook, several PDA Office file formats, flat XML and XHTML
- * Support for Complex Text Layout (CTL) and vertical writing languages, such as Thai, Hindi, Arabic, Hebrew
- * Enhanced integration with Java, with up to 10 times better performance
- * Support for Accessibility throughout the entire suite
- * Support for add-on components
- * Initial support for recovering damaged OOo files
- * Support for a new data source type - MySQL
- * Improved online help

For a more complete list of features please see:

http://www.openoffice.org/dev_docs/source/1.1beta/features.html

The download page is located here:

http://www.openoffice.org/dev_docs/source/1.1beta/index.html

While OpenOffice.org 1.1 beta is ready for day-to-day use and we would like as many people as possible to test it we must stress that this is still a beta version and thus contains more bugs than a final version would. The QA project wants all bug-submitters to keep in mind that they should remember to pick the right version number ("1.1 beta") when submitting bugs to IssueZilla (http://www.openoffice.org/project_issues.html).

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