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**OPENOFFICE.ORG ANNOUNCES ITS RELEASE OF
VERSION 1.1 FINAL**

October 1, 2003 - OpenOffice.org is proud to announce the immediate availability for download of the new version of its award-winning office suite, OpenOffice.org 1.1, for Windows (98/ME/NT/2000/XP), Linux (x86 & PowerPC), and Solaris[tm] Operating System (SPARC platform edition) in English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Chinese (simplified & traditional), Korean and Japanese.

The suite comes complete with word-processor, spreadsheet, presentation and various other components and provides users with a revolutionary open, future-proof XML file format. The new release introduces many enhancements and new features including native one-click PDF (Adobe Acrobat) export, Macromedia Flash export for presentations and drawings, faster load-time, enhanced MS Office file compatibility, accessibility support and a contemporary look and feel.

The suite, according to the terms of its open source licenses (LGPL & SISSL), is free for all to use, improve, modify, and redistribute to anyone in unlimited quantity.

"The release of Version 1.1 of OpenOffice.org is a major achievement for the OpenOffice.org community," said Curtis Sasaki, vice president of desktop solutions at Sun Microsystems, Inc. "With the successful inaugural OpenOffice.org conference earlier in the year, the energy in the community drove many corporate and individual contributors to work together with Sun to create the most stable and powerful release of the OpenOffice.org application so far, which is the core of the new StarOffice 7 Office Suite."

"New features like the native PDF export and the support for assistive technologies will accelerate the fast growing, worldwide adoption of OpenOffice.org, StarOffice as well as more secure, alternative desktop environments. We've seen community members work for days on end to create translated versions. This kind of enthusiasm helped to make OpenOffice.org one of the leading open source projects today," adds Sasaki.

The suite and its source code can be downloaded from www.openoffice.org/dev_docs/source/1.1.0/index.html.

About OpenOffice.org

OpenOffice.org is the home of the open source project and its community of developers, users and marketers responsible for the ongoing development of the OpenOffice.org suite.

The mission of OpenOffice.org is to create, as a community, the leading international office suite that will run on all major platforms and provide access to all functionality and data through open-component based APIs and an XML-based file format.

The OpenOffice.org office suite runs on FreeBSD, Windows (98/ME/2000/XP), Linux (x86 & PowerPC), Mac OS X and the Solaris OS; while ports for other operating systems and hardware platforms -- including IRIX, HP-UX, Tru64, Linux (Alpha), Linux (ARM), Linux (Itanium2) and others -- are in various stages of development.

OpenOffice.org is written in C++ and has documented API's licensed under the GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL) and Sun Industry Standards Source License (SISSL) open source licenses. OpenOffice.org has tracked over 20 million downloads in the life of the project. The founder and sponsor of the OpenOffice.org project is Sun Microsystems, Inc. Sun markets the StarOffice[tm] Office Suite that is based on the OpenOffice.org code.

For a more detailed press release and a press kit, please visit http://www.openoffice.org/about_us/1.1press_release.html.

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