OPENOFFICE.ORG ANNOUNCES SDK FINAL RELEASE

APRIL 4, 2003 - At the first worldwide OpenOffice.org Conference in Hamburg, the OpenOffice.org community announced the final release of the OpenOffice.org 1.0.2 SDK, or Software Development Kit http://www.openoffice.org/dev_docs/source/sdk/index.html.

This release provides independent software vendors, system integrators and enterprise developers with the key set of tools and documentation that allows to extend and integrate the OpenOffice.org productivity suite.

The new Developer's Guide explains in nearly nine hundred pages how the Java[tm] technology and C++ can be used to write new OpenOffice.org components, how to automate the office suite using OpenOffice.org Basic and how to control the productivity applications using the OLE bridge within Microsoft VisualBasic or Borland Delphi.

This documentation has been made possible because of Sun's collaboration with the Open Source community. Sun hopes to achieve the adoption of OpenOffice.org for customized solutions and to increase the number of users for both OpenOffice.org and the StarOffice [tm] office suite.

The SDK comes with an extensive set of code samples that can be used as the basis for development. The samples illustrate the programmatic creation of different document types as well as some OpenOffice.org extensions like spreadsheet add-ins and file filters.

Other open source projects, such as Gnumeric, are now starting to integrate support for the OpenOffice.org's UNO (Universal Network Objects) component framework. Besides, preliminary results of the OpenOffice.org developer survey indicate that about 25% of the OpenOffice.org developers are either working for an ISV or a system integrator. About 20% of the OpenOffice.org developers work for companies with more than 100 employees.

The developer survey further shows that Windows and Linux are almost equally important to OpenOffice.org developers. OpenOffice.org's support for the Java[tm] programming language makes it easy to create multiplatform components that can be deployed to all major operating systems.

Several software vendors like Deutsche Post AG, Software AG and Struktur AG are already supporting OpenOffice.org and the commercial derivative product StarOffice.

Software AG and Sun Microsystems work together on integrating support for the Tamino XML database into StarOffice for document management purposes. [http://www.softwareag.com/germany/news/]

"The OpenOffice.org integration by struktur AG (www.struktur.de) provides a powerful integration of OpenOffice.org and StarOffice documents including images and tables with icoya Content & Collaboration Management Systems (www.icoya.com)."

[http://www.icoya.com/news/oointegration]

"Deutsche Post announced a new co-operation with SAP and Sun Microsystems at CeBIT 2003 in connection with STAMPIT, its PC franking software. In the future, STAMPIT will also be integrated into the SME solution SAP Business One and complete office software StarOffice. For the user, this means that letters can then be printed and franked directly from the respective software in one step."
[http://www.dpwn.com/en_de/press/news/00244/]

Some of these solutions have been shown at the first OpenOffice.org Conference in March which attracted more that 250 attendees and about 40 speakers. The event was sponsored by CollabNet, EdOsNet, eikonex, O'Reilly, .riess integration AG, Software AG, struktur AG and Sun Microsystems. During the conference the flexibility of OpenOffice.org was demonstrated by community members who created a Turkish localization of the new OpenOffice.org 1.1 Beta during the event.

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