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OPENOFFICE.ORG, THE OPEN SOURCE PROJECT, CELEBRATES ITS SECOND BIRTHDAY

**OpenOffice.org 1.0 for Mac OS X delivers beta milestone
plus
New Develper Build released for Solaris, Windows and Linux**

October 14, 2002 - OpenOffice.org, the Open Source software development project, reached its second birthday Sunday with growing momentum worldwide. The public celebration starts with the announcement today of two new developer releases.

A beta release of OpenOffice.org 1.0 for Mac OS X, using the XWindows system, is available as of today on the OpenOffice.org site for download at http://mac.openoffice.org. Targeted primarily to developers, the release marks a major milestone in providing the stability and functionality necessary for daily use on "Jaguar", the newer version of the Mac OS X operating system (10.2).

In addition, a new developer release, which charts the path for future user versions of OpenOffice.org 1.0 (for the Solaris, Windows and Linux operating systems), is also ready for developer use and testing. Download at http://www.openoffice.org/dev_docs/source/643.

Impressive Growth

These two releases are just a glimmer of the momentum building within the OpenOffice.org community. Downloads since inception of the project total 8.5

million, with about 5 million of those downloads having taken place since the launch of OpenOffice.org 1.0 in May 2002. Registered community members number over 70,000. And with hundreds of developers, dozens of active projects, and a strong symbiotic relationship with Sun's StarOffice 6.0, OpenOffice.org is changing the way we think of Open Source software. "OpenOffice.org demonstrates that a partnership between a large corporation and the open source developer community is not only possible, but highly productive," said Tim O'Reilly, CEO of O'Reilly & Associates.

There are a few notable reasons for the project's impressive growth and the software's strong penetration. Governments, businesses, IT managers and users alike are responding to the suite's low total cost of ownership, its stability and its full feature set. OpenOffice.org 1.0 gives users the ability to seamlessly open and save-as MS Office files and the assurance of unmediated access to created documents for eternity without fear of forced software upgrades, overt or hidden licensing constraints, or file format abandonment.

A list of key OpenOffice.org 1.0 features and benefits includes:
1. a Multi-Platform suite-
The suite runs today on many software platforms, including Solaris, Windows, FreeBSD and Linux, allowing Windows users to get their "feet wet" with Open Source software and providing an excellent tool for IT mangers to smoothly transition their workgroup segments from Windows to *nix with staged acclimatization to the new environment.
2. a Multi-Lingual suite-
OpenOffice.or 1.0 is available today in 23 languages, with no limit on the number of languages that indigenous people around the globe may be willing to support.
3. File Format Compatibility & Continuity-
OpenOffice.org 1.0 gives users the ability to seamlessly open and save-as files of the leading suite and the assurance of access to created documents for eternity without fear of forced software upgrades, licensing issues or file format obsolescence.
4. Standard, Well-Documented File Format-
The suite offers the world its first opportunity at a widely distributed, internationally strandardized, modern XML file format that is controlled by no single entity.

5. Growing Community of Users, Developers and Marketers-
OpenOffice.org, the project, has recruited a talented legion of programmers and non-programmers from the community who are working to improve the code, distribute software around the world and introduce competitive marketing techniques to Open Source software development.

State of the Project

Sun Microsystems, Inc.--contributor of the source technology--sustains development in full collaboration with the volunteer community, which has independently pushed the project into new fields. A few highlights among the many user-sponsored projects and efforts include:

1. The Native-Lang Projects-
offering information, resources and a communication forum in a member's native language (available in: French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Brazilian Portuguese and, soon, Japanese and Danish);

2. Localization-
a community effort to translate and localize OpenOffice.org 1.0 to all supportable languages (currently 23 languages available)

3. Porting Project-
developing versions of the suite that work upon all supported operating system/hardware combinations; ports of OpenOffice.org 1.0 now available include:

– Mac OS X v10.2   (PowerPC)
– Solaris 7 & 8   (Sparc & Intel x86)
– Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP (Intel x86)
– Linux   (Intel x86 & PowerPC)
– FreeBSD

Ports in development include:
– Linux   (Alpha)
– Linux   (ARM)
– IRIX
– Tru64   (Alpha)
– NetBSD   (Sparc)

- OS/2
- VMS
- BeOS

4. The Documentation and QA Projects-
to enable users to contribute documentation, HOWTO's, marketing collateral, file bug reports, and help others with improving the project and product. These two projects provide a venue for community contributors whose skills are not necessarily in software coding;

5. The WP Project-
developing filters for WordPerfect, and other still-popular office suites

6. Lingucomponent-
management and distribution of the multiple language dictionaries and spell checkers

7. The Groupware Project-
building calendering, scheduling and e-mail features into the suite using existing Open Source software components.

About OpenOffice.org

OpenOffice.org is the home of the open source project and its community of developers, users and marketers responsible for the on-going development of the OpenOffice.org 1.0 product. 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. Additional ports, such as FreeBSD, IRIX and Mac OS X are in various stages of completion by developers and end-users in the OpenOffice.org community. OpenOffice.org 1.0 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. Download at http://www.openoffice.org.