

Open Letter to Larry Ellison about OpenOffice.org

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Dear Mr. Ellison,

I'm sure there are many reasons for Oracle buying Sun. You might not be having meetings this week about OpenOffice.org. You might be having meetings next week about spinning it off into a foundation. But if you keep interest or control over OpenOffice.org, please consider the following.

You know how huge, and pervasive, the use of Microsoft Office is. You know the massive amounts of partner and corporate revenue that comes not just from selling the product but from associated services and add-on products. (The certification program alone generates a decent chunk of change.) So you know that getting a bigger market share for OpenOffice.org would be a nice benefit to Oracle.

On that note, let me make my laundry list for what I think is important for OpenOffice.org. My letter to Santa Claus, perhaps; my wish list for a win/win/win situation for Oracle, users, and of course me and other OpenOffice.org providers of products and services.

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