

# LibreOffice: Ready for Liftoff

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LibreOffice, the Oracle-free fork of the OpenOffice office suite, may, or may not, end up being the default office suite in Ubuntu, but its first release is almost here.

Earlier today, Rick Spencer, Ubuntu's Engineering Director, told me that "The Ubuntu desktop team and the community are making a final call on whether to go with Libre or OO.org at the Ubuntu/Linaro Rally scheduled for Dallas next week and assuming a decision is reached there we will confirm it at that point. The informal mail post sent by Matthias, one of our developers was simply pointing out the options available, not confirming a decision."

LibreOffice is on its way to its first release. Charles-H. Schulz, an executive board member of The Document Foundation, the organization behind LibreOffice, told me that while there's "No hard date yet, but it's one week or so away."

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