

LibreOffice and OpenOffice.org: Missing the Big Picture

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The big picture is that we are all together in a much bigger fight: the one between the Open Document Format (ODF) and the proprietary formats of Microsoft Office. It is petty to say that "we are ahead in this battle, and will always be" when at the same time the whole war is lost.

So here are the facts of the current situation:

1. Oracle has already made the donation, so there is no chance that they will change their mind and instead donate to TDF. The vote within the ASF to allow the donation into a so called 'podling' is well under way and it looks as if it will be a big YES. There are also over 100 people saying that they will contribute to OOo under the ASF. So it looks like OOo will indeed have a future inside Apache.

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