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As expected, the Apache Software Foundation took the first steps to admitting the OpenOffice.org project to the Apache community, following Oracle's IBM-designed proposal. It now faces a time of maturing and proving in Apache's Incubator.

I've avoided publishing articles here during the Apache discussion as I have both a history and strong views. But with the end of voting, it's time to document the story so far.

Code Is Not Community

The best summary of the story so far that I can come up with here is that the move by IBM (enacted by Oracle) fails to realise that the OpenOffice.org assets - which Oracle inherited from Sun, where I used to work - and the OpenOffice.org Community are not the same thing.

While IBM was able to ask Oracle to assign the assets to Apache, it was impossible for the community to be assigned over as well.

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