

*The Digital Rosetta Stone*

**News**

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**OpenDocument ratified by ISO**

The OpenDocument file format (ODF)

was ratified by the International

Organization for Standardization

(ISO) and the International

Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

More...

**Unipage - standards-based single-**

**file web archive format**

Unipage

is a new spin on saving a

complete web page in a single file

that has all the referenced images

and stylesheets and such like

embedded in it.

More...

**PDF Forward Compatibility Issues**

A couple of interesting articles

on pdfzone.com highlight the

perils of digital preservation.

More...

**Virtual Machine File Format**

**Competition**

Virtualization is the latest hot

technology, and the main players

are all trying to get their file

formats to be the standard.

More...

**WhatIsThatFile.com**

WhatIsThatFile.com

is a new site

to help identify files based on

the name rather than the contents.

More...

**Battle Lines in the Document**

**Format Wars**

Both Microsoft and the

OpenDocument camp are forming

alliances to promote their

respective formats.

More...

**Determining a character set**

I recently had a couple files that

were mostly US-ASCII but had a few

strange bytes in them. To help

figure out what characters they

should be, I made an online

utility to

reverse map from bytes

to character sets

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**Tags vs. Categories**

After reading a very interesting

post from Ari Paparo on

the

differences between Blink.com and

Del.icio.us

, as well as my own

experience with adding

information, I decided to switch

from complicated hierarchical

categories to flat tags.

More...

**Sun to offer online conversion of**

**MSWord to OpenDocument**

Sun

announced

an online service to

convert files from

MSOffice/MSWord's proprietary

formats to the new OpenDocument

format. This is actually from

November 2006 and I haven't seen

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**Unicode**

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Characters

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Blocks

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Character Sets

**Resources**

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**Image Conversions**

Common

- convert between

standard image types

SVG to raster

- convert

vector SVG images to PNG,

JPEG or TIFF images.

Identify

- detailed

information about an image

Metadata

- view metadata

for standard image types

**Text Conversions**

CharSet

- character set

(aka Code Page) conversion

UTF

- change UTF encoding

unix2dos

- Unix to

Windows/MS-DOS text files

dos2unix

- Windows/MS-DOS

to Unix text files

More text conversions...

**Document Conversions**

PDF to Text

- extract text

from an Adobe Acrobat PDF

file

PowerPoint to Flash

-

convert from Microsoft

PowerPoint (.PPT) to Flash

(.SWF)

**Online Tools**

HexDump

- view contents of

a binary file

Strings

- find text in a

binary file

RegEx

- regular expression

tester

Hash

- calculate hash

functions

IPLocation

- geographic

location from IP address

Label

- label and envelope

printing

More tools...



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anything else about it. It sounds

like it is primarily to promote

their new grid computing

initiative and that there may be a

cost associated with it. I am

working on a similar service,

which will be free (at least for

smaller files). Via

Richard

MacManus

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**Grant for the Global Digital**

**Format Registry**

The Harvard University Library got

a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon

Foundation to make a Global

Digital Format Registry.

More...

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