

*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).

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**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

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

**Search**

Search

**Browse**

All Files

Site Map

What's New

**Information**

File Extensions

File Formats

**Unicode**

:

Characters

,

Fonts

,

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MIME Types

Character Sets

**Resources**

Books

Development Tools

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Index By Tag

**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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grant from the Andrew W. Mellon

Foundation to make a Global Digital

Format Registry.

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