

*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.

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**PDF Forward Compatibility Issues**

A couple of interesting articles on

pdfzone.com highlight the perils of digital

preservation.

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**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.

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**WhatIsThatFile.com**

WhatIsThatFile.com

is a new site to help

identify files based on the name rather than

the contents.

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**Battle Lines in the Document Format**

**Wars**

Both Microsoft and the OpenDocument camp

are forming alliances to promote their

respective formats.

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**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.

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**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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**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 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.

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