Numbers @ The Document Foundation

Strong support for the first week of The Document Foundation

The Internet, October 6, 2010 - One full week has gone by since the announcement of The Document Foundation, and we would like to share some numbers with the people who have decided to follow us since the first day.

The beta of LibreOffice has been downloaded over 80.000 times. The infrastructure has expanded dramatically from 25 to 45 working mirrors in 25 countries (in every continent), including islands in the Pacific Ocean. This number is close to half the mirrors achieved by OpenOffice.org during ten years of history of the project.

People have started to contribute to the code, suggesting features, committing patches and filing bugs. In just one week, around 80 code contributions (patches, and direct commits) have been accepted in LibreOffice from a total of 27 volunteers, several of them newly-won, with around 100 developers hanging out on the #libreoffice irc channel which is buzzing with activity (around 14,000 messages sent).

Turning to the wider community, 2.000 people have subscribed to the list announce@ to keep up with the latest TDF news, and 300 people to the discussion list discuss@, where there has been an average of 100 messages per day.

To round up the numbers, there are nearly 600 people following TDF tweets, over 150 following the identi.ca TDF account, and over 1.000 fans on Facebook. The traffic on the server has been in the region of 500 GB.

In its only official response to the creation of the Foundation, Oracle has stated: "Oracle is investing substantial resources in OpenOffice.org. With more than one hundred million users, we believe OpenOffice.org is the most advanced, most feature rich open source implementation and will strongly encourage the Open Office community to continue to contribute through www.openoffice.org."

The Foundation understands from this that Oracle has no immediate plans to support the Foundation, or to transfer community assets such as the OpenOffice.org trademark. However, the Foundation hopes this position will change as the company sees the volunteer community - an essential component of OpenOffice's past success - swing its support behind the new Foundation. In the meantime, the Foundation will continue software development under the LibreOffice brand.

Additional information, including the mission, are available on the web site of The Document Foundation: http://www.documentfoundation.org
Biographies and pictures of the founding members of The Document Foundation are available here: http://www.documentfoundation.org/foundation/.
There is a specific page for people interested in contributing to the development of the code: http://www.documentfoundation.org/developers/.
The Document Foundation has a Twitter account: http://twitter.com/docufoundation and an Identi.ca account: http://identi.ca/docufoundation.
The announcements mailing list is at: announce+subscribe@documentfoundation.org.
The discussion mailing list is at: discuss+subscribe@documentfoundation.org.

The Document Foundation

The Document Foundation is an independent self-governing democratic Foundation created by leading members of the former OpenOffice.org Community. It continues to build on the Foundation of ten years' dedicated work by the OpenOffice.org community, and was created in the belief that an independent Foundation is the best fit to the Community's core values of openness, transparency, and valuing people for their contribution. It is open to any individual who agrees with our core values and contributes to our activities, and welcomes corporate participation, e.g. by sponsoring individuals to work as equals alongside other contributors in the community.

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