

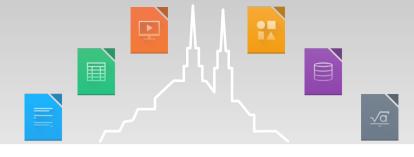


ODF/LibreOffice Migration in Taiwan – Progress, Problems and What To Do Next

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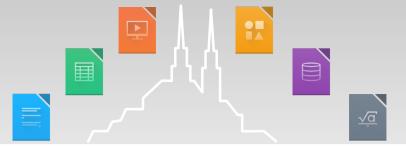
In LibreOffice Conference 2015...







Amazing Chain Reaction...



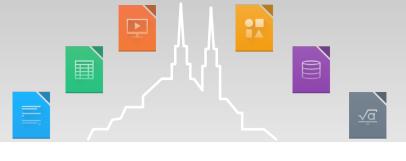


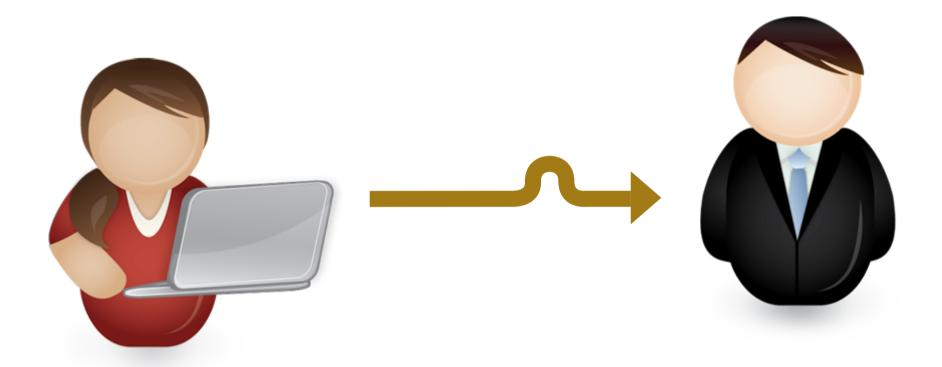
Some foreign bloggers reported my presentation...





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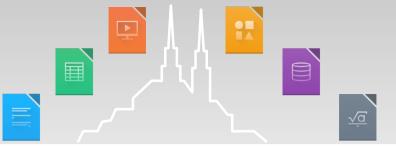
And I happily reported to officers in NDC:

"Good news sir! Now the whole world knows that Taiwan is migrating to ODF and LibreOffice!"



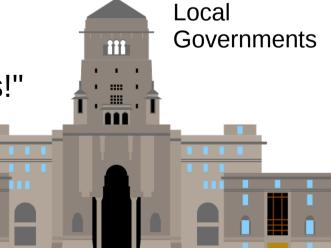


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"Please submit your proposals about how to adopt and migrate LibreOffice in your offices!"



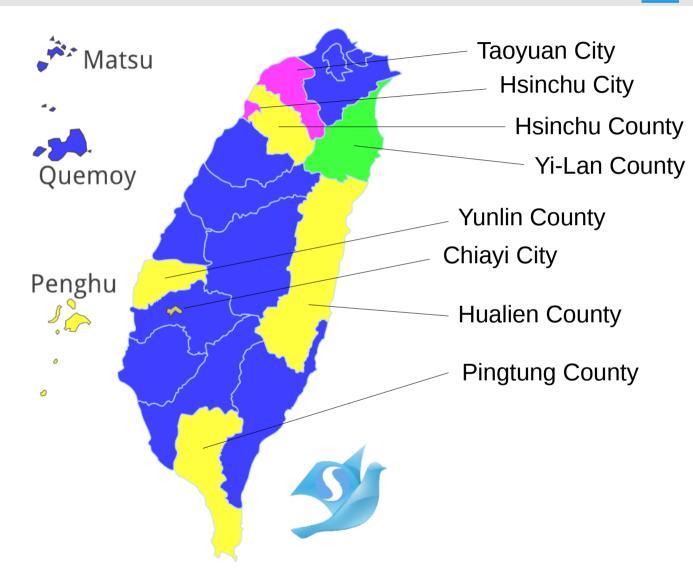


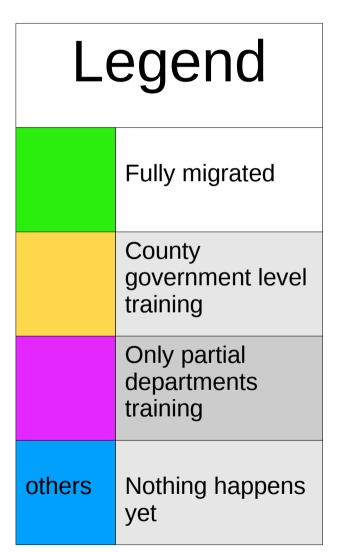


Local Governments in Taiwan...







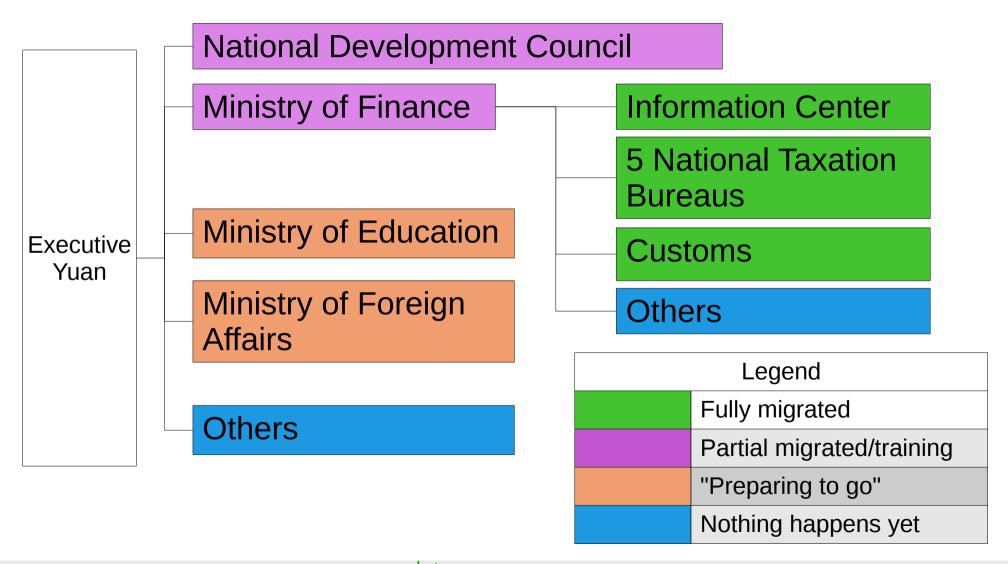






Central government in Taiwan...

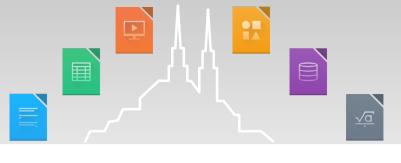








Communication phase...



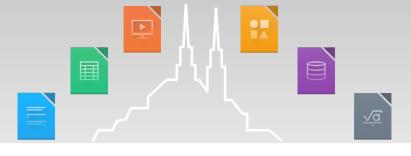
How we tell people about WHY we should use ODF

We use 3 different aspects to make people think





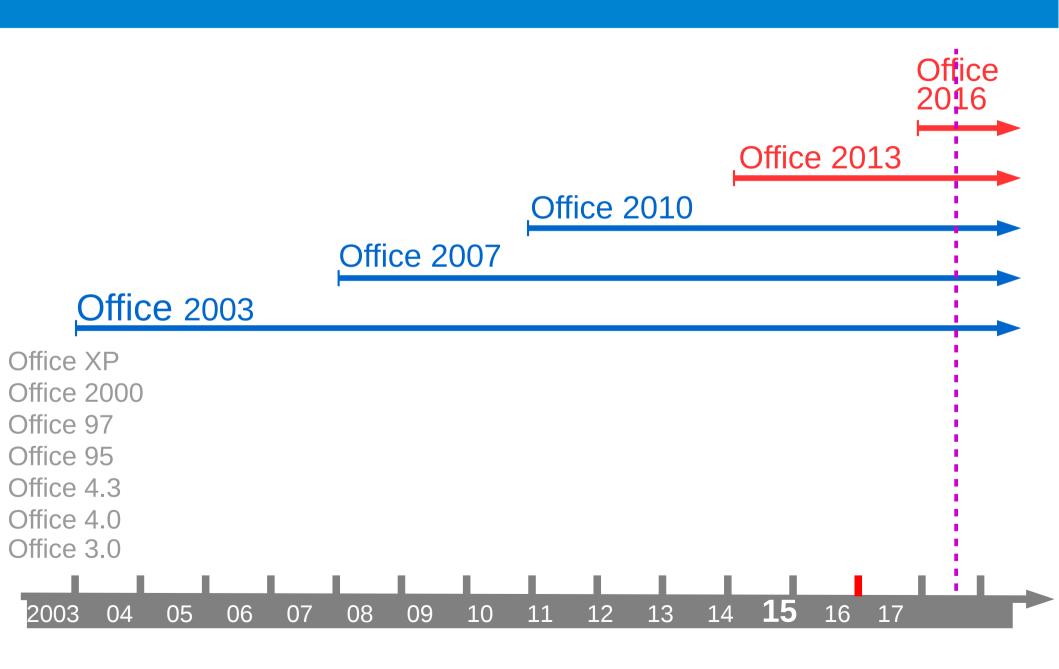
1. ODF vs OOXML



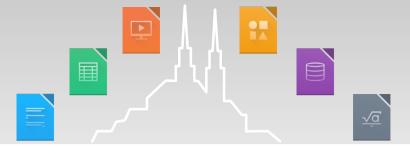
- Actually, both ODF and OOXML are international open file format stardards.
- However, what will happen if we choose OOXML as our national file format standard?



If We Choose OOXML...



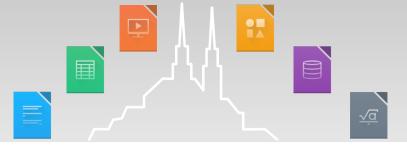
2. Open Standard



- Why should we use Open Stardard File Format?
- What if we use a proprietary (or even open spec) format which is drawing up by a single commercial company?



3. International Trends

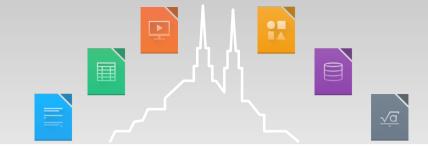


- Countries adopting ODF with national policy:
 - United Kingdom
 - Taiwan
 - Netherlands
 - Hungary
- The National Procurement Services in Sweden suggested 46 IT open standards, including ODF 1.2, HTML5, SVG, ... and so on.
 - What the news didn't say: No OOXML!!
 - Why?





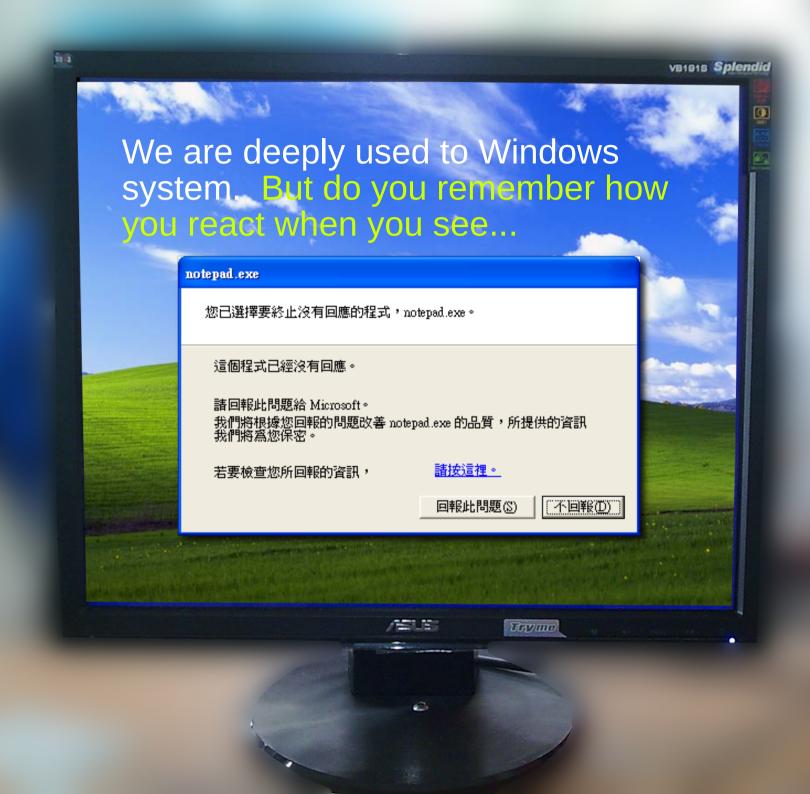
Finally, About the Attitude: How We Face Problems?

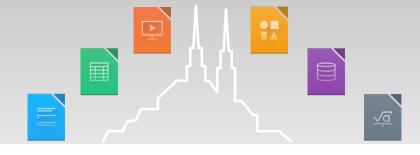


- People ALWAYS complain and resist a lot when they have problems or get frustrated using FOSS (not only LibreOffice!)
- Therefore, we made them recall some "Good Memories..."





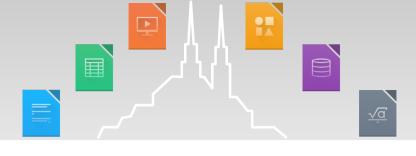




Current Problems About Migrating



Most Serious Problem Now



- ODF files generated by Microsoft Office
 - Central departments (of a city, county, or our central gov) sent ODF files generated by Microsoft Office 2013, and recipients of local departments had Office 2003 or 2007 only.
 - ODF files generated by Microsoft Office may fail to open using LibreOffice or OpenOffice.



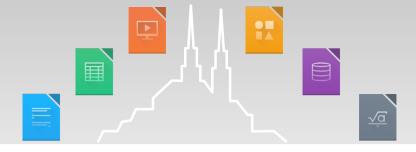


Solutions



- NDC plans to "unite" the Office suite every government unit should use.
 - Similar to Collabora GovOffice in UK.
 - Local company and software developers will join.
- In the explanation sessions I highlighted it: Before Microsoft Office can follow the ODF spec and extensions correctly, don't use it to generate ODF files.





What to Do Next





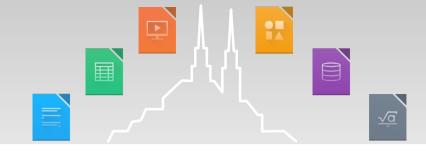
Make Every Unit Move!



- More communication and training courses for those local and central governments which haven't done migrating ODF yet.
- System-wide support: Filter none-ODF and none-PDF attachments from the documents transferring system.
- Make things easier
 - CC licensed tutorials (books / videos / documents)
- Complete the ecosystem
 - Make commercial companies who join the FOSS related project feedback to the corresponding FOSS community or project.



Cooperation With the International Community



- Development:
 - Sending more patches to upstream (especially for file format interoperability)
 - Android/iOS Libreoffice Viewer improvement
 - Wish more (international) developers can join and help us
- ▼ Promoting / Marketing:
 - Try to let Taiwan join Advisory Board of TDF or ODF committee.
 - The Director in NDC shows interests, but we may have political issues to solve first.









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