



Open, Vendor-Neutral, Standardized Format for Office Applications

For the first time in the 25-year history of office applications, an open document format has been developed and approved by a vendor-independent standards body. The Open Document Format for Office Applications (OpenDocument) OASIS Standard offers users and providers true freedom-of-choice with a royalty-free, XML-based file format for text, spreadsheets, presentations, formulas, and business charts.

OpenDocument frees users from product lock-in (or lock-out).

Because it's an open, XML-based standard, OpenDocument provides long-term preservation of data, which means users can access their information now, and decades from now, regardless of which product they used to create it.

OpenDocument is easy to use.

Users reap the benefits of an open file format without having to change their current habits and without requiring additional training.

OpenDocument is an extensible, open standard.

Companies are encouraged to join OASIS to standardize features not currently in OpenDocument.

OpenDocument does not increase file size or compromise data integrity.

Users don't have to pay for the benefits of XML with higher disk space.

OpenDocument is interoperable.

It makes use of existing standards such as HTML, SVG, XSL, SMIL, XLink, XForms, MathML, and the Dublin Core, wherever possible.

OpenDocument does not differ between document types like text or spreadsheets unless required. This simplifies the development of tools and also reduces costs.

“OpenDocument represents an opportunity to ensure truly open file formats for productivity applications, which is why it will receive the enthusiastic support of public sector steering organizations on a global basis.”

***James Governor,
Principal Analyst, RedMonk***

OpenDocument can serve as the default file format.

Users don't have to decide between a binary or XML format, so they can't make the wrong choice.

OpenDocument was developed under the OASIS open process.

Offered on a royalty-free basis, OpenDocument is the product of publicly visible, community-driven consensus. The OASIS Standard is not controlled by any single vendor or tied to any one product.

OpenDocument is accepted.

In addition to being ratified as an OASIS Standard, OpenDocument has been endorsed by the European Commission. Singapore's Ministry of Defense, France's Ministry of Finance and its Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, Brazil's Ministry of Health, the City of Munich, Germany, UK's Bristol City Council, and the City of Vienna in Austria are all adopting applications that support OpenDocument. Open source initiatives, such as OpenOffice.org, use OpenDocument as their default and native file format.

Get Involved

OASIS OpenDocument Technical Committee members include representatives of:

- Adobe Systems;
- IBM;
- Sun Microsystems;

and other providers and users of office applications. Participation remains open to all organizations and individuals.

**For more information:
www.oasis-open.org/committees/office**

OASIS Membership

One Organization, Many Opportunities

As a member of OASIS, you gain the power to influence the standards that shape our industry, whether you represent a:

- user** seeking to ensure your business requirements are met;
- government agency** wanting to minimize overlap of standards and reduce the risk in recommending new technology;
- software provider** driving industry cooperation through standards; or
- industry group** coordinating domain efforts with foundational work.

Benefits of membership:

- Participate in as many OASIS Committees as you choose
- Initiate new Committees to address identified market needs
- Influence the direction of existing Committees by contributing technical work and articulating preferences
- Gain access to early drafts of new specifications
- Identify partners and develop joint solutions
- Unify fragmented efforts to speed implementation
- Liaise with related efforts at OASIS to address convergence and interoperability issues at the development stage
- Protect development efforts from single-vendor bias
- Expand visibility through participation in interoperability events
- Work alongside the industry's most influential experts
- Learn and adopt best practices
- Foster a greater variety of competitive solutions
- Lower the cost of implementation
- Contribute to work respected as the product of the OASIS open process

Where Members Drive the Agenda

OASIS believes widespread adoption is best achieved when all those affected by a standard participate in its development and implementation. We offer a range of dues to support an inclusive, balanced member base, where users and vendors, governments and universities all have a seat at the table.

<i>Level</i>	<i>Annual Dues (USD)</i>
Foundational Sponsor	45,000
Sponsor	13,500
Contributor	
10 or more employees	5,750
Less than 10 employees	2,750
Non-profit	1,000
Individual	250

OASIS is a not-for-profit, international consortium dedicated to the development, convergence, and adoption of e-business standards. OASIS Standards are developed through an open process, one that provides for fairness, transparency and full participation from the entire community.

