Microsoft Office's ODF implementation

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ODF in the cloud

- **Is ODF supported in the Office Web Apps on SharePoint?**
- Yes. ODF support is available today for Office Web Apps on SharePoint 2010 Service Pack 1.

- **Is ODF supported in the Office Web Apps as part of Office 365?**
- We will add ODF support to the Office Web Apps as part of Office 365 in the future. ODF is currently supported as part of the Office 2010 client subscription with Office 365.

- **Is ODF supported in the Office Web Apps on SkyDrive?**
- We will add ODF support to the Office Web Apps on SkyDrive in the future.

ODF-specific

- **When will the next version of Office be available?**
- No additional information to share this time!

- **What's Microsoft's approach to the Open Document Format (ODF) standard?**
- Office 2010 supports a wide range of international open format standards, including Open XML, OpenDocument Format, PDF (ISO 32000), and others. We work closely with the community to maintain these standards and are partnering with other implementers to identify and address real world file format interoperability challenges.

- **What has Microsoft's role been in the development of ODF?**
- Microsoft is working closely with the ODF community. We have been members of the OASIS Open Document Format for Office Applications Technical Committee since 2008, and Microsoft Office technical experts have contributed to the development of ODF 1.2 in key areas including spreadsheet formulas and digital signatures. We also participate in the OASIS ODF Interoperability Committee and in ODF plugfests, where we've identified interoperability challenges to be resolved.

ODF-specific

- **What is the status of Microsoft's proposal for a new approach to ODF change tracking?**

- We have submitted a proposal to the Advanced Document Collaboration SC which preserves the existing ODF change tracking and extends it to support missing use cases. We believe this best preserves backward compatibility with existing implementations and makes best use of existing patterns and code. It also maintains the current model of ignoring changes for applications that do not support change tracking. We will continue to work closely with the SC to advance a proposal that will meet the needs of implementers and users

- **Why is there no ODF support in Mac Office 2011?**

- Microsoft has made a substantial engineering investment to enable ODF support in Office for Windows, in addition to supporting Open XML and the binary file formats that were used by previous versions of Office. However, Office for Mac is a separate product with a separate code base. At this time, the majority of customer feedback indicates that customers value reliable cross-platform compatibility with binary formats and with Open XML, which is the standardized file format that the majority of Windows Office and Office for Mac users rely on for their productivity. However, we continue to take customer feedback into consideration as we define the future roadmap of Office for Mac

Thank you for your attention!