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LibreOffice/ODF Adoption In Taiwan – Where are we now?



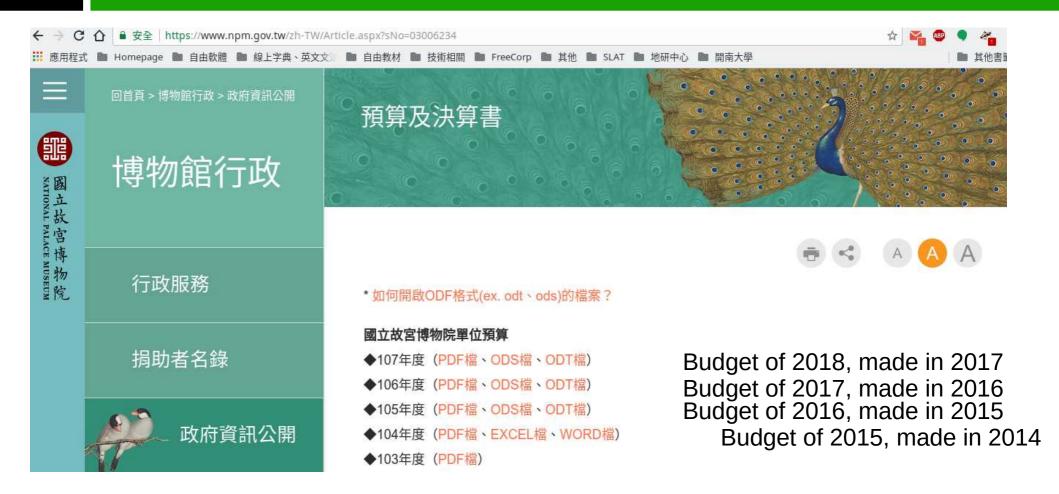
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The first Question in FAQ: How to open ODF file format? A: LibreOffice is suggested. Download link is provided.

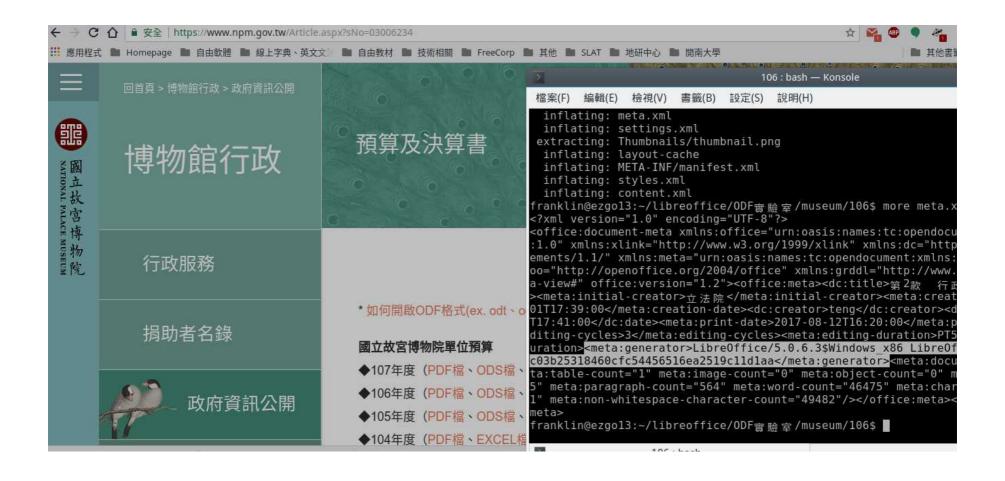


Provide ODF/PDF Files



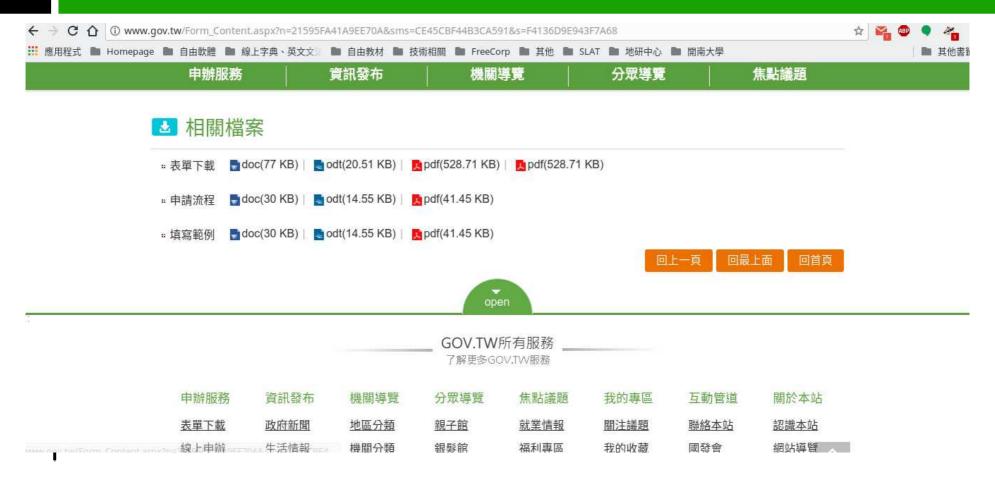


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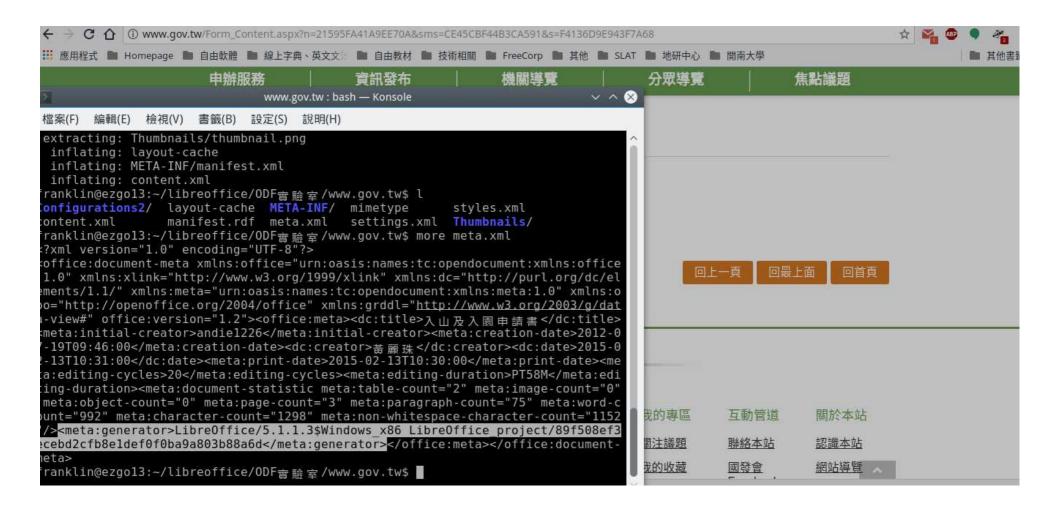
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Provide doc/odt/PDF files for people to download.



Of course I gave it a check...



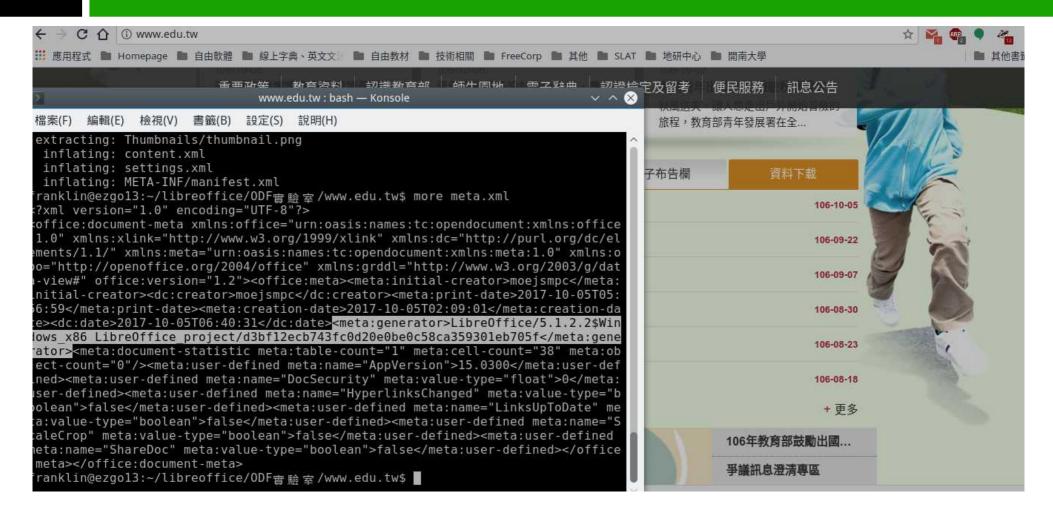


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ODS file is made by...





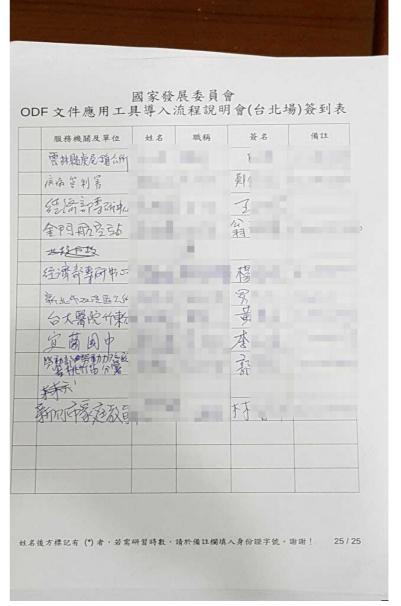
Positive Signs

- More and more files provided by public administrations are in ODF/PDF format.
- In 2016, most of these files were problematic because of...
- I even saw a department uploading an rar file which contained only one doc file.
- Since 2017 I found that, more and more files were generated by AOO / LibreOffice



Before Coming to Rome...







9 Big ODF Sessions

- National Development Coucil (NDC)
 Taiwan asked us to hole 8 ODF
 communication sessions, 2 for north Taiwan,
 2 for middle, 2 for south and 2 for east.
 Then NDC added 1 more to the south.
- Each session limited the number of attendees from 70 (East) to 300 (North)
- 4 had been held, with each session full (actually overflow).



How Many Migration Projects?

- No, I can't count it.
- Or you can say one the whole Taiwan government.
- In 2017 Users and authorities in governments become a lot more active for this, because they started to realize that...

We (and NDC) ARE SERIOUS!!





So the future is so bright...?



Certification Interview in Taipei





"What do you think we still need when migrating LibreOffice to organizations?"



Mostly Asked Questions

"Do you have any email client that can replace Outlook?"



Outlook

- Bound to Microsoft Office Suite
- The License Fee would be much more expensive if buying Outlook only



E-mail Client Alternatives

- Plenty of FOSS E-mail clients
 - Thunderbird
 - Sylpheed
 - KMail
- All of the above are easy to replace Outlook, as long as...



No Active Directory

And/Or Exchange



Successful Example

- Yi-Lan County
 - They didn't want to be bound to AD from the very beginning
 - The Information Administration
 Department recommended Thunderbird for users



Failed Example

- A (Very) Big Enterprise in Taiwan
 - Active Directory
 - Exchange IMAP
 - Thunderbird addon for Exchange IMAP is not free (and actually doesn't work either)
- Current solution
 - Keep using Outlook
 - Replacing the mail service to web-based



What's Still Needed?

- I don't think that the LibreOffice suite needs to contain an e-mail client
- However we need a basic recommended / suggested solution
 - A (globally) suggested solution working with AD / Exchange
 - Frontend / Backend Integration



Backend

- Extend from LibreOffice to Open Source Solution for enterprises/organizations
 - Coordinated with open source SI (global even better)
 - Not only mail service, but also other ERP/HR/Accounting services, at least not Windows/IE only



Frontend

- If the backend services can be friendly, cross-platform / cross-browser, frontend applications will not be problems
- Even desktop environment can be replaced
 - Solve XP problems for governments/schools/enterprises



LibreOffice Migration Professionals

- Maybe LMPs can form a group to provide a basic open source total solutions, including PIM like Mail, Calendar, Groupware, ... etc.
 - Either compatible with AD / Exchange
 - Or develop a statement to "persuade" customers gradually change their infrastructures without being vendor locked in, and can be accessible to all OS / browsers



Others

- Python API/Macro modules/components
 - StarBasic used only for simple action recording (Is it still under development?)
- Modules creating reports / forms in ODF
 - Many reports / forms in organizations were generated by Crystal Reports
 - HTML-based MS format?!
 - Document Liberation Project



Thanks. Any Question?

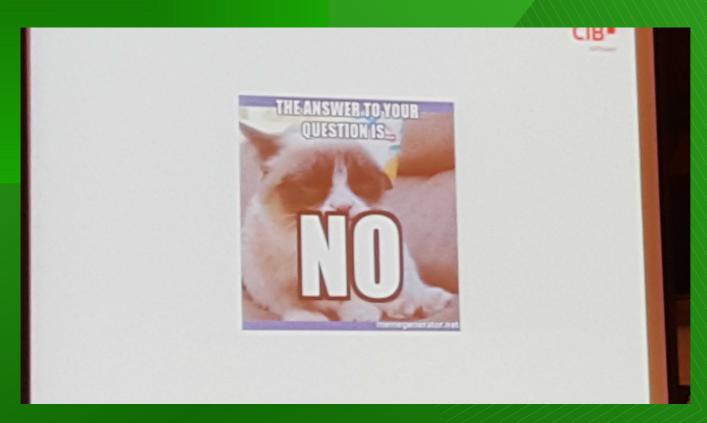


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