

Google acquires online word processing app provider

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Google, which late last year dodged rumors it was developing productivity applications, can no longer make that claim as Thursday it acquired Writely, an online word processing application.

While the Google press site is mum on the news, Writely, which is the first product developed by a small Silicon Valley startup called Upstartle, said on its Web site that it has shut down new registrations because it has been acquired by Google.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed and Google did not respond to requests for an interview.

Writely is a Web-based, collaborative document editor, but Upstartle believes it is an entry point to a new way to manage documents, projects, and Web sites online. The software is offered today as a free service in the software-as-a-service model.

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Internet search engine Google is behind a major IT event taking place in Belfast next week.

The 'FOSS Means Business' conference will take place at the Spires Conference Centre on Thursday.

Google, which recently announced it would be creating 700 new jobs in Ireland, is hoping to recruit local talent for its European headquarters in Dublin at the all-island event which will focus on the adoption and use of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) and how local businesses and public bodies can benefit from using the technology.

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