

The State of Open Source Office Software in 2013

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If the arrival of Windows 8 opened new doors for Linux in the world of desktop operating systems last fall, then it seems fair to say that the recent arrival of Microsoft Office 2013 and Office 365 has surely done something similar for free and open source office suites.

After all, much the way Windows 8 imposed a whole new mobile-inspired paradigm on desktop users who weren't necessarily willing to buy into it, so the newest Office generation has brought big changes in everything from the format to the pricing plan.

LibreOffice Graduates to 4.0

Clearly leading the pack of free and open source office suites is LibreOffice, the fork of OpenOffice.org that was created back in 2010. Widely held up as a shining example of FOSS success, LibreOffice has flourished since its founding, steadily gaining stability and performance improvements as well as exciting new features along the way.

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