



odf - a municipal perspective



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about: schwaebisch hall

- Schwäbisch Hall is
 - a special city
 - a family-friendly city with medieval flair and high quality of life and work
 - an education city with character and a supra-regional important arts and culture program
 - hospitable and cosmopolitan
 - a city where tradition and innovation merge in an excellent manner.

www.schwaebischhall.de



- Regional capital
- Population 36.000
- 60 km north east from stuttgart
- total town area 104,24 km², height above sea level 293 – 512m, 49°7'N, 9°44'O



about:our steps

- 2002/3 migration to Linux-Desktops
 - 2005: implementation of an OSS-based ThinClient
 - 2006: 85% done, Jan. 2008: 95 % done
- since 2006: Rathaus 2.0
 - set of possibilities for municipalities (only?)
 - infrastructure
 - high availability, server based computing
 - OSS Terminal-Services
 - virtualisation (www.virtualbox.org)
 - since 2007: development of OSS-Software for government
 - inventory, meeting management, ...



about: ODF-usage

- Linux as Desktop System
- OpenOffice.org as Office-Application
- today: .sx* Format as internal Document Format
 - rollout of Ooo 2.* not completed
- 2008: .od* as internal document format
- providing OpenOffice CD (multiversion) for free in our public library
- future plans of ODF in Schwäbisch Hall
 - ODF as interchange format with business, local politicians, ...



Why ODF

- ISO Standard Format
 - K.I.S. define a minimum set, open for additional „features“
- crash „resistant“ Format
- long time archivable
 - rebuildable
 - open format
 - open software (reader)
- usable for a long term interchange of information
- open Office-Suite comparable and better than proprietary Products



about: what is needed?

- usage of open document format
- „marketing“ - just talk about
 - best practice, ...
 - more visibility of ODF
- information & guidelines
 - who, why, how, ...
- more courage
 - from governments
 - just decide to use odf (and look whats coming up)
 - from politicians



thank you for your attention



any questions, remarks or just applause?

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