

First Experience with OpenOffice 1.1.1 for OS/2

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Presentation Outline

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- What's that, indeed?
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How to Purchase

- In CZ: blue.point, Mensys reseller
- 2 versions: standard vs. digital delivery
- 1700 Kč vs. 1300 Kč
- Some extra fee for standard delivery
- You'll get access codes to Mensys download area
- From Mensys, you'll get registration code
- Download size: 85 MB

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Mensys Online Shopping

Your downloads:

File	Description
000111	OpenOffice.org 1.1.1 for eComStation and OS/2 (US) ESD

Your serial number(s):

Product: OpenOffice.org 1.1.1 for eComStation and OS/2 (US) ESD
Name: [REDACTED]
Registration Key: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Key: [REDACTED]

Product: OpenOffice.org 1.1.1 for eComStation and OS/2 (US) ESD
Name: [REDACTED]
Registration Key: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]

What's That, Indeed?

- Not a true native OS/2 port
- Win32 version running on top of Windows Runtime (also provided by InnoTek)
- Also needs Font Engine from InnoTek
- Accompanied with InnoTek Java 1.4.2
- WR, FE, and Java for free, OO is payware
- Licence: LGPL
- Created by Sun and OO community

'Open' vs. Payed

- 'Open' means: Source codes are available
- Somebody must do the port
- Lack of OS/2 developers = A chance for commercial distribution
- What do you pay for?
 - For a binary program that runs under OS/2, not for the sources
 - If you are able to do it yourself, you need not pay
 - This is not unique: StarOffice sold by Sun

Installation

- 1 ZIP, 85 MB
- Inside: OS/2 main install, FE install, WR install, Java install, original Win32 OO install
- The main install checkes prerequisites
- You must install them independently if needed
- Minor problems, see the screenshot
- Win32 install OK
- OS/2 WPS integration OK

Install's Deadlock



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Yel-Auditor OS/2 Shell v1.0.1

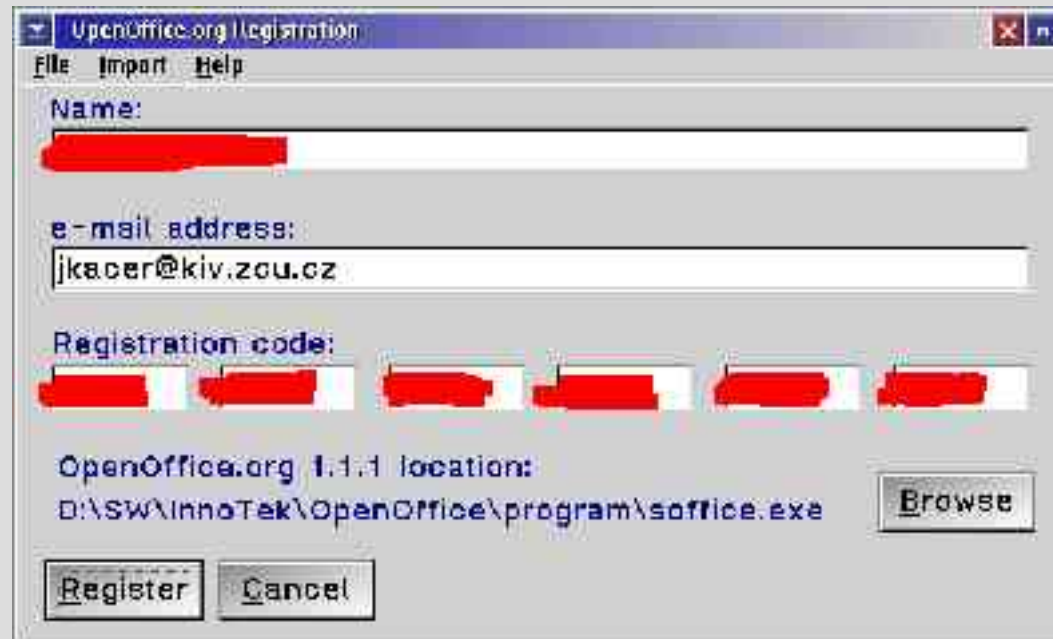
Welcome to the OpenOffice.org 1.1.1 for eComStation and DS/2 installation tool

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Checking Innotek Font Engine
Current Font Engine installed
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Checking your systems audiodrivers
No Crystal Audio drivers detected
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Checking Innotek Runtime
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Installation Recommendations

- Always choose InnoTek Java, the only tested one
- Don't forget to register – Printing is not allowed without registering
- Put everything into one directory (InnoTek) – better manageable
- In case of problems, check the registry
- The best thing: CONFIG.SYS is not modified, no reboots!

Registration



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "OpenOffice.org | Registration". The dialog has a menu bar with "File", "Import", and "Help". It contains several input fields and buttons:

- Name:** A text input field with a redacted name.
- e-mail address:** A text input field containing "jkacer@kiv.zcu.cz".
- Registration code:** A series of six small text input fields, each containing a redacted digit.
- OpenOffice.org 1.1.1 location:** A text input field containing "D:\SW\InnoTek\OpenOffice\program\soffice.exe". To its right is a "Browse" button.
- At the bottom are "Register" and "Cancel" buttons.

OpenOffice File Format

- Open, well described, available to anybody
- No mysteries, you **know** what's inside
- No problems with older versions
- A ZIP file, XML inside
- Can be read, modified, or created by any XML-enabled software
- Contents, settings, styles, metainformation
- Manifest
- Embedded objects (images, ...) and versions in their own dirs (Pictures, Versions, ...)

Pros

- Open file format
- Open source codes
- Free of charge for Linux, Windows, ...
- Support from Sun and the community
- Gaining popularity constantly
- Can read/write M\$ formats
- Can export to PDF

Cons

- Problems with some Czech letters on OS/2
- Source of problems: probably in the WR, where Unicode is translated to 8bit chars or where a character is looked up in a font file
- Bad printing, bad export to PDF
- Where native OS/2 fonts are used, printing works
 - Times New Roman substituted by Roman etc.

Cons – First Aid

- For printing and PDF export, a Windows box must be used
- Screen: Everything OK
- A suggestion: Use Windows fonts
 - Has anybody tried it?
 - How to do it?
- Since basic functions work fine, we can overcome the problems and hope for fixes

Results

- A break-through application that breaks down barriers among different operating systems
- For 1300 Kč, it is worth trying it
- InnoTek is probably the best OS/2-supporting company

Links

- <http://www.openoffice.org>
- <http://oo-cs.sourceforge.net>
- <http://www.blue-point.cz>
- <http://www.mensys.nl>
- <http://www.innotek.de>
- See the screenshots