



ODF Adoption in the National Public Administration in Venezuela

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History of FOSS in Venezuela

- Academic use of FOSS since the 70's
- Active FOSS' community since mid 90's
- Stoppage of the National Oil Industry (PDVSA) from December 2002 to February 2003
 - Proprietary IT was deliberately used as a medium to stop operations.
 - Vendors of the Proprietary IT failed to reestablish operations.





History of FOSS in Venezuela

- 3.390 Act (Dec. 2004): It decrees the use of FOSS based on Open Standards on the Government Institutions (National Public Administration)
- FOSS' educational programs targeted to officials working on the IT departments on Government.



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- Resolution Nro. 005 (Official Gazette Nro. 39.109 from Jan 29, 2009)
 - All the institutions that conforms the National Public Administration must use ODF for the electronic documents that they:
 - Generate
 - Process
 - Store
 - If the documents are ofimatic related, and when the editability must be preserved.



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- You'll need more than a resolution:

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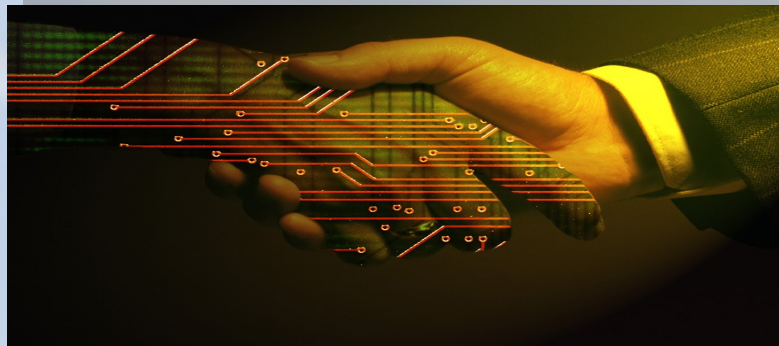


Lessons Learned

- Human nature to resist the changes.
 - You'll need an strong comunicational strategy.
 - You'll need to bring the BOB (boss on board)
- The user needs solutions, no problems
 - You'll need applications and systems with ODF support to replace old tools.
 - You'll need a “task force” to adjust legacy systems and migrate “complex files”

Things we need

- Document Management Systems to streamline the migration process
 - Scan computers, archive old files, transforms to new format, keep track of documents that need manual intervention, on-the-fly transformation via mail servers.
- Better interoperability between different implementations



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