

# OpenOffice.org around the globe: the Native-Language Confederation

# Agenda



- ~ A Native-Lang Confederation: WHY?
- ~ Think local, Act global
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- ~ Facts, figures, status update
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# the NLC: WHY?



- the need to foster OpenOffice.org in every language in the world
- providing a home for the native-language communities in OpenOffice.org
- supporting users
- growing OpenOffice.org market and mind share

# Think Local, act Global



- native-language projects grow the manpower of the OOo project
- it helps bringing developers to the project
- but it also brings other contributions to OOo: QA, documentation, new ideas, enhancements, extensions, templates, artwork, etc.

# Think Local, act Global



- OpenOffice.org is not a company nor a commercial product
- there is no real product strategy outside the marketing communication and PR
- the success and growth of OOo is being built locally, with the users and its potential adopters
- thus the NLC helps bringing a wealth of ideas and information to the OOo development team
- OOo in turn integrates the input of the NLC and enhances both its software and its project

# Present & Future challenges



- educating potential developers
- closing the walled garden effect
- solving common i18n and l10n issues
- working at the G11N (thanks Sun! ;-)
- harmonizing the documentation (both end-user and developer)
- supporting native-lang communities' promotional works

# Present & Future challenges



- pooling resources between the native-lang projects
- as OOO becomes more successful, more conflicts appear here and there
- governance & representation issues have to be solved
- End users should be able to find relevant info when and where needed. Example: the langpacks

# Facts, Figures & Status update



- 85 native-lang projects (level 1&2)
- more than 50 % of the downloads on the servers registered by our mirrors project
- OOo is now available in the ten most spoken languages in the world (and is available far beyond those languages)
- Millions of computers migrated to OOo thanks to our dense network of communities
- the ASIAPAC region is still underrepresented
- native-lang websites are underused; the wiki should help bringing them back on track



# Final thoughts



- a native-language project is a tremendous amount of work, but is vital to OOo
- it can help saving a “minority language” from death
- language and office suite are important to one each other
- the NLC is one of the greatest achievements of OOo (YES!)
- the NLC is a great place to be, and it is a group of great people; I'm honoured to help them since 5 years

# Final thoughts



- The Native-Language Confederation is the “dot” in OpenOffice.org
- Meet us: <http://native-lang.openoffice.org>
- wiki:  
<http://services.wiki.openoffice.org/wiki/NLC>

QUESTIONS? / Thank you!