

OpenOffice.org Migration Story

Questions	Answers
Company Name:	Carlisle Legal Costing
Your Web Site:	http://www.carlislelegalcosting.co.uk
No. of Employees:	8
Type of Business:	Law Costs Draftsmen
Year Established:	2002
Address / Based in (Town/City):	Carlisle, UK
Contact Name:	Russ Phillips
Where did you hear about OpenOffice.org?	Our IT specialist has been using OpenOffice.org for some time, and recommended it to us.
Your Operating System(s):	Windows 98SE, ME & XP
Version of OpenOffice.org you migrated to:	Version 1.1.0
Previous Office Suite (if any):	MS Works
Reason for Migrating to OpenOffice.org:	No licencing issues. We don't have to worry about having enough licences - we can just install it for every user that needs it.
How easy did you (or your users) find it to migrate?	<p>We had intended to migrate a single-user database from MS Works to MySQL, with OpenOffice.org as a front-end. However, this has been put on hold, since there were issues with the database design.</p> <p>We have had no issues with using OpenOffice.org in place of the MS Works spreadsheet. The users have generally found their way around OpenOffice.org without difficulty.</p>
Do you use any other Office Suite/Application and why?	MS Word, various versions. We use CostsMaster (www.costsmaster.co.uk), and it uses Word (via OLE automation) to create bills, so we have to have Word installed.
Do you have any "wishes" for OpenOffice.org?	We'd like to be able to use it with CostsMaster, in place of Word, but that depends on CostsMaster, rather than OpenOffice.org.
What features in OpenOffice.org do you like?	Being able to use macros.
What do you dislike about OOo?	It's a bit slow.
Anything else you'd like to say...	It's useful sometimes to be able to make sure that everyone has the same version. This means that if something works on one PC, it will work on every PC. In contrast, we have Word 97, 2000 and 2003 on different PC's, which means that some things that work on one version won't work on others. This is especially true when writing macros.

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