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Welcome to the July issue of our newsletter. This month's featured article, 'Planning for sustainability', comes from Gabriel Hanganu and Ross Gardler, who explain how to build a sustainability plan at the beginning of your project, and describe the most common sustainability issues confronting the projects that OSS Watch advises. They also list the resources you should consider including in your project budget.

Our first blog post concerns the second Open Source Junction event taking place at Wolfson College, Oxford, 5-6 July 2011. Are you coming along to this excellent event? The second blog post comes from Sander van der Waal who has exciting news about changes within OSS Watch. I won't spoil the surprise and will let Sander tell you himself.

Finally, it is with some regret that I tell you that this issue will be the last of our newsletters in this format. As OSS Watch moves into a new funding period from August we have decided to say goodbye to this format of newsletter, designed for hard copy printing, and say hello to a streamlined online newsletter. Keep an eye on our website, and our announce list, to make sure that you don't miss the launch of our new newsletter format.

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News from OSS Watch



Ross Gardler steps down as OSS Watch manager, Sander van der Waal steps up

During June 2011 Ross Gardler stepped down as manager of OSS Watch in order to pursue an opportunity to provide services complementary to OSS Watch, but more geared towards the product development in the commercial sector. We are now pleased to announce that OSS Watch's very own Sander van der Waal has stepped up to the role of OSS Watch manager. Sander will be steering OSS Watch as we continue to provide an unbiased, non-advocacy advisory service for the HE and FE sector. As we have been doing since 2003, we are here to help institutions and projects who are using or developing free and open source software so if you need any advice or help please do get in touch at info@oss-watch.ac.uk.

▶ <http://osswatch.jiscinvolve.org/wp/2011/06/28/exciting-times-for-oss-watch/>

Planning for sustainability

Most academic funding bodies encourage the projects they fund to release their software under an open source licence, and to make provision for the sustainability of their software from the outset. Gabriel Hanganu and Ross Gardler explain how to build a sustainability plan at the beginning of your project, and describe the most common sustainability issues confronting the projects that OSS Watch advises. They also list the resources you should consider including in your project budget.

▶ <http://www.oss-watch.ac.uk/resources/planningsustainability.xml>

OpenOffice goes into The Apache Software Foundation's Incubator

Oracle has donated the open source OpenOffice office suite to The Apache Software Foundation (ASF). All code donations from external sources wishing to becoming part of the ASF's efforts enter through the Incubator and so OpenOffice will be known as an 'incubating project'. Once it has proved its viability and sustainability it will graduate to full project status.

▶ <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/open-source/oracle-gives-openoffice-to-apache/9035>

OpenOffice.org proposed to ASF incubator

Oracle has announced its proposal to contribute the OpenOffice.org code to The Apache Software Foundation's Incubator. 'We welcome highly focused, emerging projects from individual contributors, as well as those with robust developer communities, global user bases, and strong corporate backing,' said Jim Jagielski, president of The Apache Software Foundation. Mr Jagielski is also the proposed podling mentor for the OpenOffice.org community during the incubation process.

▶ <http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/statements-on-openofficeorg-contribution-to-apache-nasdaq-orcl-1521400.htm>

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