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nico@xxxxxxxxxxx (Nico Coesel) wrote:

"Most of OpenOffice.org is written in C++.
However, new features can be
added using Java, Python, StarBasic, or
JavaScript."

If it doesn't run on Java, then why does it need a JRE?

For the same reason MS Office needs VBA installed.

"If you install Office XP without VBA, you will lose all the features that
rely on VBA. These features include Microsoft Office Online; many wizards,
templates, and add-ins; and all macros."

Which part of "Most of OpenOffice.org is written in C++" do you have
trouble understanding, do you think developers of open source software can
lie about the language used in source files which are available for anyone
to download?

If you care (I don't), the use of Java in OO is documented here
<http://software.newsforge.com/article.pl?sid=05/03/22/204244> and the
bitching is not about performance but the dependency of OO on the
non-opensource Java runtime.

Every test
between Open Office and MS Office shows O-O is extremely slow compared
to MS-O. The only plausible explanation to this is Java.

There are many plausible explanations, having had 21 years and the GDP of a
small country to spend on it I should hope MS Office is well optimised by
now.

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It is all irrelevant, I don't care about willy waving benchmarks. For my limited requirements I haven't found OO slow at all never mind slow enough to justify spending money on MS Office.

There was an interesting criticism of OO on Betanews recently

"Maybe it's ok for companies, because it's free. But MS Office is much better. Even WordPerfect Office is better. Is there any home user who actually pays for MS Office? Get real, everybody uses pirated software. So, get the best!"

I wonder how many MS Office lovers fall into that category.

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