

## Re: OT: OpenOffice not 100% compatible?

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I believe the main problem is that there are an awful lot of people  
out there  
with decision-making authority (when it comes to software) who  
aren't  
particularly familiar with the software they're being asked to  
upgrade, so by  
default they figure that "newer=better --> let's buy it!" is the  
"safest"  
option.

"Incentives" is the key word here – there being no incentives for an  
IT manager to keep the IT budget in single-digit percentages of  
turnover. Work below a certain percentage of the budget and you  
become "ressources" or (even worse) "services".

"Upper management" in most organisations will not deal with small-fry  
parts of the organisation while the people with the heavy budget gets  
promoted to "strategic areas" and gets to sit on the board so they get  
even more opportunity to demonstrate their importance.

The safest option is to buy and to buy lots.

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