

Multiple-Case Study about the Office Suites

STAROffice, OpenOffice and LibreOffice

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about the Free Technology Academy

- ▼ distance learning through a virtual campus:
100% free / libre / open source technology.
- ▼ All courses are about concepts and vendor-independent
Free Software and Open Standards
- ▼ courses are Master Level
- ▼ the FTA aims to set up an International Master Programme
on Free Technologies
- ▼ all education materials are under free licences (OER)
- ▼ **This offer is unique worldwide**

FTA and some of the partner network



Universitat Oberta
de Catalunya

www.uoc.edu



Open Universiteit
www.ou.nl



FTA financing

First three years (2008 to 2010)




Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

From 2011 the FTA and partner network

Bad news - Good news

- ▼ In 2011 the financing by the EC Lifelong Learning programme ended. From now on the FTA has to finance itself.
- ▼ Because there were too few students, the partner universities had to subsidise the FTA and decided to stop doing so. 
- ▼ The founders of the FTA, together with an enthusiastic group of students, do not want this unique opportunity to disappear. They are pioneering a new model. Instead of being organised top-down, the courses are being organised bottom-up. Students who want to do a particular course find a group of like-minded students, who want to do the same course, and then ask the FTA to run the course.



Studying at FTA

- ▼ Students of the participating universities can use the FTA courses to fill in or complement their curriculum. The universities recognise the credits obtained at the FTA.
- ▼ People who are not studying at one of the universities, but are considering the option of getting a full degree, might start at the FTA and get their certificates at the FTA. When desired, they can register for a Master programme at one of the participating universities and may get a waiver for the credits they have already gained at the FTA.

FTA courses I

Course modules:

<http://ftacademy.org/courses/modules>

- ▼ The Concepts of Free Software and Open Standards
- ▼ GNU/Linux Basic Administration
- ▼ GNU/Linux Advanced Administration
- ▼ Network Technologies
- ▼ Web Applications Development
- ▼ Software Development

FTA courses II

- ▼ Software Architecture
- ▼ Free Software Tools and Utilities
- ▼ Deployment of Free Software
- ▼ Economic Aspects of Free Software
- ▼ Legal Aspects of the Information Society

download: <http://ftacademy.org/materials>

What does the FTA need most?

- ▼ Students
- ▼ Students
- ▼ and more students
- ▼ Registration form on the FTA website:
- ▼ <https://ftacademy.org/enrolment-help>
- ▼ Help spread the word!
- ▼ **Funding, donations**
- ▼ expand curriculum, partner network

about my Master Thesis

▼ **Title:**

Multiple-Case Study about the office suites STAROffice, OpenOffice and LibreOffice.

▼ **Research question:**

How does the licencing of an open source project affect the contributors and the community using the example of the office suites STAROffice, OpenOffice and LibreOffice?

What are the relations between project licencing and aspects like:

- how the project is governed,
- how developers, organisations and users participate,
- how the project is documented,
- how the PR is organised.

What do I need most?

- ▼ **Informations**
- ▼ **Informations**
- ▼ **and more Informations**

What I'm searching for?

- ▼ **informants,**
- ▼ **team leaders,**
- ▼ **team members,**
- ▼ **contributors**
of all the projects who are willing to help me
and to send me informations.

What will I do?

- ▼ Send questions to mailing lists:

discuss@de.libreoffice.org

info@documentfoundation.org

discuss@documentfoundation.org

other mailing lists to be considered?

alternative eMail address

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- ▼ **MasterThesis@drvdvogt.de**
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Thank you for your kind attention!

- Do you have questions?



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