

TheOpenCD

Quality Open Source for Windows

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About the CD

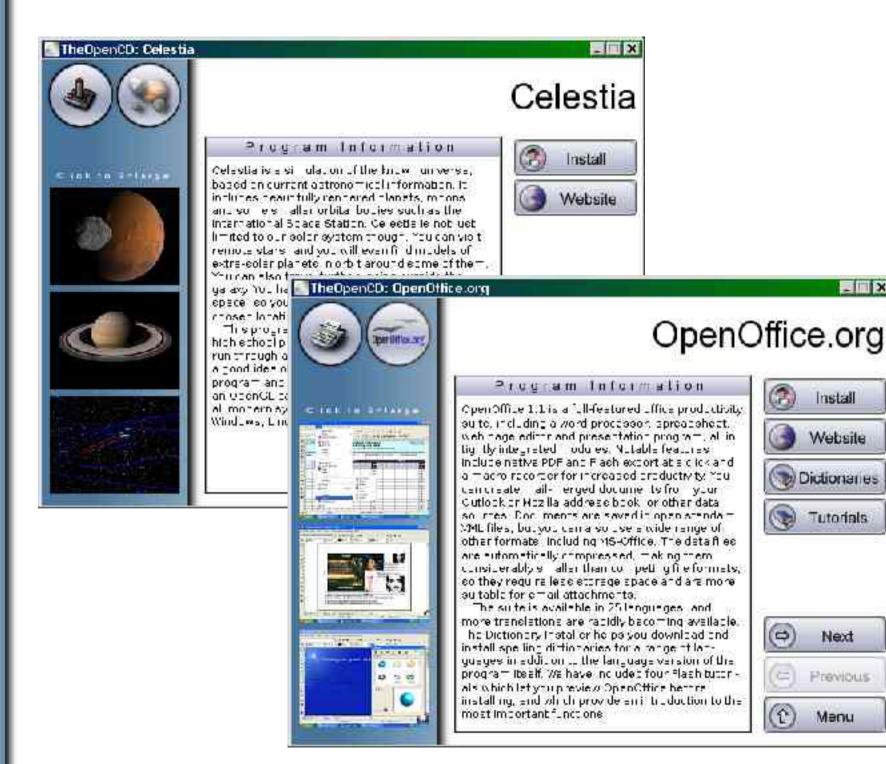


TheOpenCD is ...

- A collection of quality software
- An open source showcase
- A community project









What is included?

- OpenOffice
- AbiWord
- GIMP
- Mozilla
- Multimedia
- Utilities
- The source code
- OSS literature













What is not included?

- Shareware/Freeware
- File sharing programs
- Duplicate programs
- Development tools
- Server applications







The Project



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The CD release process

- On-line collaboration
- Strict selection criteria:
 - OSI approved license
 - High Quality (stable and 'bug-free')
 - Clean install and un-install
 - Mainstream and easy to use
 - Well documented
 - Best in class
- Programs are nominated in the forum
 - \rightarrow testing, lively debate, and final selection
- Introductory documentation is written
- Graphics are prepared
- The CD browser is written
- The CD as a whole is tested
- CD images (ISO) are distributed on the net



Future editions

- Translated content
- New CD browser technology
- More programs (slowly)
- More guides and tutorials
- Free content, such as images and music



Deployment in Education



Reasons to use TheOpenCD

Upgrade path to Linux

- Avoid the Windows upgrade cycle
- Extend the life of older hardware
- Migrate Platforms in two stages:
 - 1. Applications 2. Operating system
- More flexible upgrade route by providing platform-interoperability along the way
- OSS teaching tool
 - The CD contains 3 books on the subject and several program tutorials
 - Note: Training is cheaper with Free Software
 - Each student gets a free copy to take home



Physical deployment

Computing services shop

- The OUCS computer supply shop will have CDs
- Freshers packs
- Install on multiple machines
 - From a CD, a memory stick, or the network
- How to get more CDs
 - Simply make copies
 - LinuxEmporium.co.uk, CheapLinux.com, etc.
 - email: bulk-cds@theopencd.org



How can you help us?

- Writing documentation and Tutorials
 - Possible student projects
- CD development
 - Programming
 - Graphics
 - Translation
- Feedback
 - Bug reports
 - Program selection
 - Application usability studies