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O3Spaces Workplace Community Edition 2.3.0 beta

O3Spaces Workplace is a Web 2.0 Document Management & Collaboration Solution for OpenOffice.org, StarOffice and MS Office users.

The O3Spaces Workplace Community Edition (CE) is a free to use, fully featured Edition of the O3Spaces Workplace product. The Community Edition is delivered 'as is' and free of charge for Teams and Workgroups of up to 10 users.

Important notice before updating to 2.3.0 beta

The 2.3.0 version requires a full re-indexing of the Lucene and Compass search indexes. On existing O3Spaces Workplace deployments with a large repository this re-indexing can take a long time. While rebuilding the indexes end-users might see wrong or empty files-, workspaces- and users-overviews (in the Workplace Spaces, Studio and Workplace Assistant).

This re-indexing is necessary to support the new search functionality in the Workplace Assistant.

New features in O3Spaces Workplace Community Edition 2.3.0b

The main new end user features in O3Spaces Workplace Community Edition version 2.3.0b are the frequently asked Mac OS X support and Repository search in the Workplace Assistant.

Mac OS X support

- **Browser support**
On Mac OS X, the Workplace Spaces and Studio environments can be visited using a Safari or a Firefox browser.
- **Workplace Assistant support**
The Workplace Assistant runs on a Mac OS X client. (With the Repository file-explorer, Repository Search, Manage locally locked files, Workspaces overview).

Important Note: No Office support on Mac OS X in 2.3.0b

In O3Spaces Workplace CE 2.3.0b there is no Office support on Mac OS X.

O3Spaces will provide an OpenOffice.org plug-in as soon as the OpenOffice 3.0 version for Mac OS X is stable.

- **Workplace Deployment support**
A Mac OS X Workplace server installer is available. Download, install and try O3Spaces Workplace on a Mac OS X computer.

Repository Search in the Workplace Assistant

The Workplace Assistant functionality is extended with the possibility to search in the Workplace document repository.

- Search files
- Search file-versions
- Search file descriptions
- Search file comments



- Search file contents
- Search for folders

Other 2.3.0 beta improvements

- Performance improvements on loading Workplace menu's in OpenOffice.org (Workplace and Templates menu's)

2.3.0 Beta release 2 - (31.5.4095)

Resolved defect in release 2.3.0 beta 2 (build 31.5.4095):

- On Mac OS X clients it is not possible to download files from the Workplace Assistant file-explorer. (entering a file-name in the download dialog window is not possible).

Key features in O3Spaces Workplace

The O3Spaces Workplace Community Edition version 2.3.0b incorporates many new features and enhancements. Next to the new end-user and administration features, many enhancements have been made in both front-end and back-end components of the O3Spaces Workplace.

End-User functionality

- **Workplace Assistant and plug-in improvements**
 - **New Application style Workplace Assistant interface**

The new user interface for the Workplace Assistant presents the end-user with all the Assistant functionality in a user friendly setting.
 - **Workplace Assistant with drag & drop Workplace repository file browser**

The new Workplace assistant file browser brings improved repository access to the desktop. Multiple files and folders can be easily uploaded via drag & drop into your workspace folders.
 - **Manage locked files**

Enhances your control of the check-in & check-out process, improving e.g. synchronization of off-line work.
 - **Improved Microsoft Office support on Windows Vista**

Workplace now offers better compatibility for the supported MS Office versions (Microsoft Office XP, 2003 and 2007) on Windows Vista.
 - **OpenOffice.org Assistant control**

A usability enhancement allowing you to control the Workplace Assistant status and connect to the Workplace directly from OO.o.
 - **Template Management**

New functionality for the administration and distribution of 'document templates' & 'corporate identity'.
- **Workplace browser and repository functionality**
 - **Double-click behavior for default actions**

Usability enhancement in the Studio & Spaces browser environments enabling common double-click behavior
 - **Search & Sort in overviews**

Usability enhancement in the Studio & Spaces browser environments enabling searching and sorting the information in various overviews (documents, users, groups, etc.)



- **Anonymous access**
Access the Workplace repository with 'anonymous access' to link Workplace content to Wiki's, Portals & Websites.
- **Multiple File Upload**
New functionality supporting multiple file uploads in the Browser environments. New non-blocking uploads allow you to continue work while uploading.
- **Create new workspaces as Workspace user**
New functionality allowing users with administrative permissions to create new Workspaces from the End-user Spaces environment.
- **Web Interface improvements**
 - Resizable browser interface.
 - Improved loading and rendering performance (better responsiveness) .
 - Top menu redesign (Assistant Status, etc.).
- **Localization**
The current localizations are: English, Dutch, French, German, Spanish, Swedish and Polish.

System & Admin functionality

- **File system - Bulk Import**
New Studio functionality enabling you to import content structures directly into the Workplace repository directly from any server drive (mount).
- **Document template library**
New Studio functionality to manage the end-user document templates and the OO.o template management plugin menu structure.
- **OSGi framework**
Manage Workplace add-ons and extension modules with the new OSGi Studio command interface.
 - Possibility to disable notifications from a specific user temporary.
- **Improved performance & scalability**
Server side optimizations resulting in improved performance and scalability.

OpenOffice.org / StarOffice plug-in

The O3Spaces Workplace 2.3.0b incorporates the state-of-the-art plug-in for the OpenOffice.org and StarOffice office suites. The main plug-in features are:

- View & Open document versions as they are managed on the Workplace directly in the Office suite.
- Compare document versions of 'Writer' and 'Calc' documents.
- View & Add document comments.
- Export functions enabling e.g. PDF export of documents to the Workplace.
- Control your Workplace Assistant status.

OpenOffice.org / StarOffice plug-in prerequisites

The new OpenOffice.org / StarOffice plug-in utilizes the enhancements regarding OpenOffice.org / StarOffice extensions that have become available. Therefore the new plug-in requires the following office versions, respectively:



- OpenOffice.org 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
- StarOffice 8 Update 5 or newer.
- JRE 1.5. or newer enabled in OOo / SO.

Note: See known issues section for details on Ubuntu OO.o packaging issues.

Microsoft Office plug-in

The O3Spaces Workplace 2.3.0b incorporates a plug-in for the Microsoft Office suite. The Microsoft Office plug-in allows basic Workplace interaction, such as Opening a document from the Workplace directly and Publishing documents to the Workplace directly from MS-Word, MS-Excel and MS-Powerpoint.

Currently the MS-Office plug-in is available for Word, Excel and Powerpoint. Other MS-Office components such as MS-Publisher interact with the Workplace, providing real-time locking and versioning, when opening documents from the Workplace Browser UI, but lack the Menu-entries.

Microsoft Office plug-in prerequisites

- The O3Spaces Workplace Microsoft Office plug-in is compatible with MS Office XP, 2003 and 2007.
- Microsoft Office 2000 is currently supported with real-time locking and versioning, when opening documents from the Workplace Browser UI, but lack the Menu-entries.
- The Microsoft Office plug-in requires Microsoft .Net Framework 2.0 to be installed on the desktop computer
- Installation generally requires local administrative permissions

Using 'create new workspaces as Workspace user' functionality

To create new workspaces from the front-end Spaces environment a user needs 'create workspace' permissions on his Unit. To arrange this you have to assign an administrator role to the relevant users (or a group) on the Unit. **Important not to propagate this role assignment.** (Otherwise these users will get administrator permissions on all the workspaces within this Unit and below).

To avoid administrator problems the role-permissions of the default 'administrator' role is changed for new deployments. By default an 'administrator' is not allowed to visit the Workplace Studio. On existing deployments the administrator role-setting is not changed.



Known Issues

Note: For up to date information regarding know issues, fixes and updates please visit the O3Spaces Community Forums at:
<http://community.o3spaces.com/forum>

Un-install Workplace 2.1 plug-in before installing Workplace 2.3.0b plug-in

Before you install the O3Spaces Workplace 2.3.0b plug-in in your OpenOffice.org or StarOffice suite make sure you remove any Workplace 2.1 plug-in you may have installed on your system. Failing to do so may result in a duplicate Workplace top-menu entry or plug-in installation issues.

Two O3Spaces Workplace instances on one Tomcat Application Server

It is not possible to run multiple O3Spaces Workplace deployments (with different deployment version) on one Tomcat Application server. The 2.3.0 update requires a full Lucene and Compass re-index, which will fail if more Workplace instances are running on the same Tomcat server.

Read-only file attribute not yet supported in 2.3.0b

In the 2.3.0 beta release a 'read-only' file attribute is introduced. Opening and publishing of new version of files with 'read-only' attributes is not yet supported by O3Spaces Workplace (not in the Spaces, Studio, Workplace Assistant environments and not via the Office plug-ins)

Firefox and Java Web Start on Linux and Solaris operating systems

In some cases it is not possible to launch the Workplace Assistant from the Workplace Browser UI when running Firefox on Linux and Solaris operating systems. When starting the Workplace Assistant the Workplace persists that Java needs to be installed, even though a compatible JRE is installed on the machine.

This is due to a Java / Firefox configuration problem, i.e. an incomplete or missing Firefox Java plug-in installation. The issue can be resolved by creating a symbolic link to the Java plug-in in the Mozilla plug-ins directory.

To resolve the issue, please review the articles at:

http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/manual_install_solaris.html and/or <http://www.java.com/en/download/help/5000010500.xml#14>

Opening multiple Workplace sessions in Browsers and/or Browser tabs

Browsers often utilize a single browser session for all active browser instances (Firefox) & tabs (Firefox & IE). When opening multiple Workplace UI's (e.g. different users, Studio & Spaces, etc.) the Workplace AJAX framework will be unable to determine the individual client state for the opened Workplace UI's.

(Opening multiple Workplace UI's in different Browsers, e.g. One in Firefox and one in IE generally presents no problems)



Localizations of Workplace 2.3.0b

The Norwegian localization is not available in Workplace 2.3.0b. Existing Norwegian profiles can continue working in Norwegian but some interface elements will be presented in English. Switching to a Norwegian profile is not possible

Non-ASCII characters in Firefox 1.5.X

When uploading and downloading documents using the Workplace browser interface filename containing Non-ASCII characters may be altered (Non-ASCII characters replaced) depending on the default character set on which your computer is operating. Upgrading your browser to Firefox 2.X will remedy this issue

OpenOffice.org 2.2-2.4 on Ubuntu

The OpenOffice.org 2.2 - 2.4 versions packaged by and provided through the Ubuntu update networks is incompatible with the O3Spaces Workplace 2.3.0b OpenOffice.org plug-in.

The O3Spaces OpenOffice.org plugin will not install on an out of the box Ubuntu Linux system of version 7.10 and newer. The problem is that the Java integration of OpenOffice.org is not installed by default.

The Java integration can be installed through the package 'openoffice.org-java-common'. You can either install the package with Synaptic, or run the following on the command line:

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sudo apt-get install openoffice.org-java-common
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Using WebDAV connections on Windows operating systems

In order for WebDAV webfolders to function properly on Windows client machines the Windows patch KB892211 may need to be installed. For more information please review the article at: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/892211>

Microsoft Office plug-in installation for network installations

Currently the automatic detection of the Microsoft Office installation fails for Microsoft Office installations that are installed from a network path. Manual selection of the Office installation on the client computer will resolve this issue.



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