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ECMA-376: Office Open XML File Formats Gain Momentum

Support for Open XML is growing in both the private and public sectors

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Governments are increasingly endorsing the use of ECMA-376: Office Open XML. The list of governments that have recently endorsed the use of Open XML includes Denmark, Switzerland and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (USA).

"With ECMA-376: Office Open XML File Formats, we have provided an international open standard for file formats for word-processing documents, presentations, and spreadsheets that is currently being implemented freely across multiple applications and platforms," said Dr. Istvan Sebestyen, Secretary General of Ecma International. "On behalf of the organization and the members of the Ecma technical committee TC45 who have contributed to the ongoing development of Open XML, we are pleased by the growth in adoption throughout the industry, and its recognition by a growing list of governments around the world."

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