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New Books to Help Computer Users Make the Switch
from Microsoft to Open Source Office Software

Hentzenwerke Publishing Announces August 15 Release of **OOoSwitch: 501 Things You Wanted to Know About Switching to OpenOffice.org from Microsoft Office;** *One of Five New Books on Open Source Desktop Software*

SAN FRANCISCO, August 5, 2003 – On opening day of the LinuxWorld 2003 conference and exposition in San Francisco, Hentzenwerke Publishing announced the August 15, 2003, release of *OOoSwitch: 501 Things You Wanted to Know About Switching to OpenOffice.org from Microsoft Office*, by Tamar E. Granor. As one of five recent titles about open source office software, *OOoSwitch* provides a how-to reference for both new and experienced users of OpenOffice.org, the open source office application suite that competes with Microsoft Office.

According to the OpenOffice.org Source Project, more than 16 million computer users worldwide have downloaded OpenOffice.org version 1.0 or 1.1, the latest version of the open source office suite, which can be downloaded for free or purchased on CD for a nominal fee.

"Former Microsoft Office users are converting to OpenOffice.org in droves – and they need to learn quickly how to do the most common office tasks," said Granor, a software consultant, magazine editor, and award-winning author or co-author of several other computing texts. "By providing hundreds of practical tips in an easy-to-digest format, *OOoSwitch* is intended to reduce the learning curve for users moving to open source office software."

OOoSwitch can be purchased as a hardcover book ($49.95) or e-book ($39.95) from Amazon.com and other booksellers, or direct from the publisher at www.hentzenwerke.com. The book was edited by Scott Car and Sam Hiser, both of the OpenOffice.org Source Project.

"I'm pleased to support the open source movement as one of several publishers announcing new books about OpenOffice.org," said Whil Hentzen, president of Hentzenwerke Publishing. "This

is yet another indication of the tremendous momentum for open source office software and widespread end-user interest in making the switch from Microsoft Office."

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About Hentzenwerke Publishing

Hentzenwerke Publishing, a division of Hentzenwerke Corp., is a Milwaukee, Wis.-based publisher of technical books for software developers and users. Founded in 1982 as a custom software developer, Hentzenwerke published its first book in 1997 and currently offers more than 25 titles. For more information, call (414) 332-9876, e-mail books@hentzenwerke.com, or visit www.hentzenwerke.com.

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