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OPENSTREETMAP MAPPING PARTY

Kaohsiung, the second biggest city in Taiwan, got a free editable city map. On March 29, the Kaohsiung Linux User Group (KaLUG) organized the first Taiwanese OpenStreetMap mapping party. Mountaineers, railway fans, cyclists, free software enthusiasts, and other volunteers tracked the paths they took on foot, underground, scooters, buses, and bikes, with Bluetooth GPS devices connected to laptops, smart phones, or standalone GPS devices.

The geographic data collected were uploaded to OpenStreetMap.org and are available under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.0 Generic license, free to use, share, modify, and remix.

<http://www.openstreetmap.org/>
http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/index.php/WikiProject_Taiwan
<http://kalug.linux.org.tw/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=KaLUG.OpenStreetMap>
(Chinese)

OPENOFFICE GOES MALAYSIA

In accordance with the Malaysian Public Sector Open Source Software Master Plan, the Malaysian Administrative Modernization and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU) announced March 19 to start its migration effort to OpenOffice only a few days later, on April 1. From this date, all new documents are supposed to use the OpenDocument standard format (ODF), and – provided things progress according to plan – by the end of 2008, all copies of Microsoft Office will be uninstalled.

MAMPU's internal IT department will provide support and in-house training for OpenOffice.

More than 80 members of the agency staff have already been trained by the Open Source Competency Centre (OSCC).

MAMPU is a government agency dedicated to helping with administrative modernization and human resource planning in public administration.

http://www.oscc.org.my/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=189&Itemid=128

<http://www.mampu.gov.my/mampu/eng>

LINUX-ONLY AT SWISS SCHOOLS

When returning to school after this year's summer vacation, pupils and teachers in the Swiss canton of Geneva will be missing Windows on their currently dual-boot computers. According to the Geneva-based newspaper *Tribune de Genève*, all of the approximately 9,000 PCs used in schools are to run only Ubuntu Linux and open source applications from September 2008 on.

[http://www.tdg.ch/pages/home/tribune_de_geneve/l_actu/sciences_hi_tech/detail_hi_tech/\(contenu\)/211880](http://www.tdg.ch/pages/home/tribune_de_geneve/l_actu/sciences_hi_tech/detail_hi_tech/(contenu)/211880)
(French)

CALL FOR PERFORMANCE PROPOSALS

After the success of its first festival of live online performances on July 7, 2007, dubbed 070707, the UpStage project invites cyberperformance proposals for a second edition, 080808. The event will take place online August 8, 2008, "with some real-life access nodes at locations around the world." The call will be closed May 16.

UpStage is a web-based server software that provides the online equivalent of a theater stage and auditorium, preferably run under Debian Linux. The Python-based software is dual-licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-Share-Alike license and the GPL. Both spectators and actors use a Flash/Actionscript-enabled web browser to act and interact.

<http://upstage.org.nz/>

<http://www.cyberperformance.org/>

<http://www.avatarbodycollision.org/>

