

Winner of OpenOffice.org School Mascot Competition Announced

April 22, 2004 - The recently established Schools Project of OpenOffice.org (OOoEdu) has a new mascot. The happy winner is Andrea Maggioni, whose cheerful drawing, of a fun-looking seagull holding a fish, plays on the "OOo" shorthand of OpenOffice.org and was chosen democratically out of dozens of submissions by students throughout the world.

According to Ian Lynch, Schools Project lead, "Andrea's contribution is not only beautiful and effective but also illustrates the potential of young people to contribute importantly to real projects under the banner of Free and Open Source Software. The idea is to learn by working together on projects such as OpenOffice.org whose license allows free collaboration across borders and between schools. We invite all educators and students to consider involving themselves in OpenOffice.org."

Andrea receives a great prize of a web-hosting service for one year, 200 Mb of web space on a Linux server, with 50 IMAP/POP3 mailboxes (protected from virus and spam), unlimited aliases, one IP address, PHP/MySQL/PostgreSQL support, and the registration of an .it .com .net or .org domain name. The prize is donated by E4A, a Free Software based ISP that supports the OpenOffice.org community.

To read what the winner has to say, see the OpenOffice.org Schools Project for an interview with Andrea conducted and translated from the Italian by longtime OpenOffice.org contributor Gianluca Turconi, and member of the Italian Native-Language Project.

About OpenOffice.org

OpenOffice.org is both an open-source project and product. It is free. As one of the leading open-source projects, OpenOffice.org combines the worldwide efforts of developers and endusers to produce a complete office productivity suite that runs on all major platforms and in over 40 languages while being compatible with Microsoft Office.

About E4A

E4A s.r.l. is an Italian ISP, focused on high quality Internet services (web hosting, housing, co-location, dial up, xDSL and dedicated Internet access) and networking, for both business and consumer market. E4A works entirely on Free Software and supports OpenOffice.org

Links:

OOoEdu Mascot <http://www.openoffice.org/branding/images/oooedu-mascot.jpg>

OpenOffice.org Schools Project

<http://marketing.openoffice.org/education/schools/>

OpenOffice.org Italian Native-Language Project <http://it.openoffice.org/>

OpenOffice.org <http://www.openoffice.org/>

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