

Workshop on localisation at BRAC University

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The second boot camp for localisation or translation of OpenOffice.org documents in Bangla was held at BRAC University on 14th July, at BRAC University. OpenOffice is a completely open source office suite. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Ankur and the BRAC University Computer Club (BUCC). A total of twenty volunteers attended the event. The workshop was directed by Mr. Jamil Ahmed, co-ordinator, Ankur. Also present were Mujahidul Islam Sujan and Mahey Alam Khan from Ankur, and Annajiat Alim Rasel and Nafid Haque from BRAC University. A total of more than 2100 lines of text were translated during the four-hour long workshop. There were also discussions on the different aspects of the localization process. All those interested in this localisation process can join the following yahoo group for more information: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bangla_110n

The first localisation workshop was held in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) on 10th June. About eighteen volunteers attended that event, and over 2000 lines of text were translated.



The slogan for the second workshop was “Our love for our mother tongue is not limited to a single day of February”. BUCC deems the event to have been immensely successful, and are proud to have been a part of the localisation efforts in Bangladesh.