

VALO-CD for Windows Makes Installing Free and Open Source Software Easier Than Ever

Helsinki, Finland (PRWeb), February 22, 2012 - VALO-CD has been distributing Free and Open source Software for Finnish users since 2008. Now the collection is available in English as well.

VALO-CD is a project that distributes Free and Open Source Software. A single CD with selected best-in-class applications makes it easy for any user to take advantage of Free Software on Windows. Now it is available in English too, in addition to the existing Finnish language edition. This is the first official international version of VALO-CD. You can find out more and download the CD at www.valo-cd.net.

All VALO-CD programs run on the Windows operating system. Most of the applications have GNU/Linux support, which makes it easy for VALO-CD users to switch between operating systems with seamless work-flow and flawless interoperability. The purpose of the project is to make Free and Open Source Software more widely known.

It is a collection of the best programs most desktop users would need. Especially useful is LibreOffice: a productivity suite containing word processing, spreadsheet and other office applications. Inkscape and GIMP are well-known and mature Free Software graphics tools. Firefox is the world-famous web browser. The newest version of the desktop publishing program Scribus is included, as well as a wide range of applications useful for communications and information security.

"I'm thrilled with the work that the VALO-CD project is doing getting Free Software into user's hands", said Michael Meeks, SUSE Distinguished Engineer, and LibreOffice developer, "there is a real need to help people to get the latest and greatest Free Software on Windows into people's hands. It is good to see the very best LibreOffice 3.5 features getting to as wide an audience as possible, I heartily recommend the CD to you."

LibreOffice 3.5 has a lot of new improvements over earlier versions. These include more sophisticated handling of document headers and footers, a faster English grammar checker, and new compatibility with Microsoft Visio files.

Several VALO-CD programs have been included and updated in the collection since 2008, this year a new program has qualified for inclusion. MuseScore is a Free Software cross-platform music notation program which constitutes a powerful alternative to expensive proprietary competitors like Sibelius, Finale, and Capella.

VALO-CD also contains detailed user guides to make it easier for users to get started. The manuals are written by the FLOSS Manuals documentation community. "Our aim is to make it easy for the users to get into Open Source software. Even the manuals themselves are written collaboratively and distributed freely", says Tomi Toivio, the administrator of the Finnish language FLOSS Manuals.

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Where to order the CD: <http://www.valo-cd.net/get>

Where to download pictures: <http://www.valo-cd.net/news> (high resolution print ready images)

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VALO-CD is a collection of the best Free and Open Source Software for Windows. It may be downloaded free of charge, or ordered online and delivered by mail. VALO-CD includes the latest version of LibreOffice: an office productivity suite which can replace and surpass Microsoft Office.

VALO-CD contains all the best Free Software programs on a single CD, in an easy to install package. VALO is the abbreviation for Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) in Finnish. Therefore VALO-CD would translate as FOSS-CD.

All the applications are Free Software, which protect user freedom and are available free of charge. With the help of this CD you can avoid proprietary software and use powerful alternatives like LibreOffice. With this disc you can enjoy freedom and save money!