**Office Open XML** (also informally known as **OOXML** or **OpenXML**) is a [***zipped***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ZIP_(file_format)), [XML](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XML)-based [file format](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File_format) developed by [Microsoft](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft)[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_Open_XML" \l "cite_note-2) for representing [spreadsheets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spreadsheet), [charts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chart), [presentations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presentation) and [word processing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Word_processing) documents. The Office Open XML specification was initially standardised by [Ecma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecma_International) (as ECMA-376) and later by [ISO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Organization_for_Standardization) and [IEC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Electrotechnical_Commission) (as ISO/IEC 29500).

Starting with [Microsoft Office 2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Office_2007), the Office Open XML file formats have become the default[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_Open_XML" \l "cite_note-microsoft.com-3) target file format of [Microsoft Office](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Office).[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_Open_XML" \l "cite_note-courierpress.com-4)[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_Open_XML" \l "cite_note-knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu-5) [Microsoft Office 2010](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Office_2010) provides read support for ECMA-376, read/write support for ISO/IEC 29500 Transitional, and read support for ISO/IEC 29500 Strict.[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_Open_XML" \l "cite_note-6) [Microsoft Office 2013](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Office_2013) additionally supports both reading and writing of ISO/IEC 29500 Strict.[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_Open_XML" \l "cite_note-Doug_Mahugh_blog-7)

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