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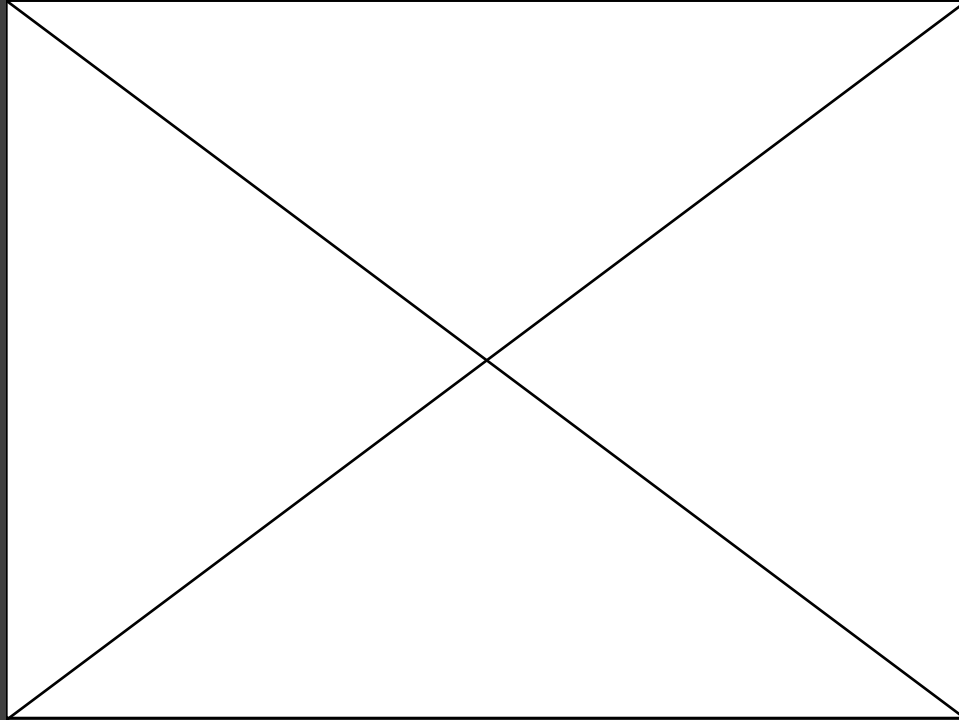
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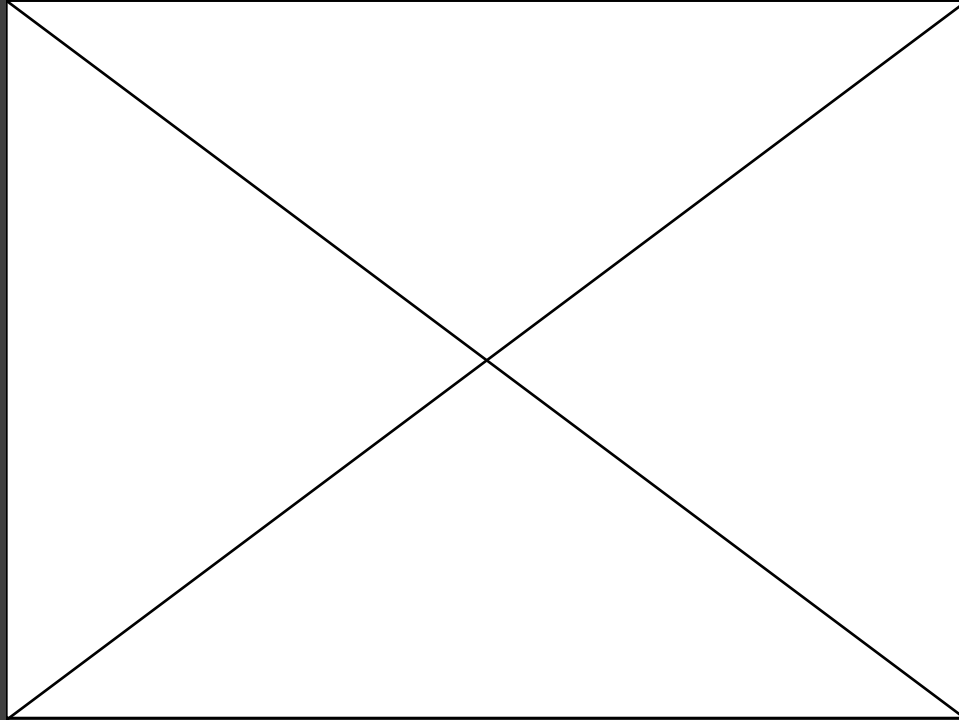
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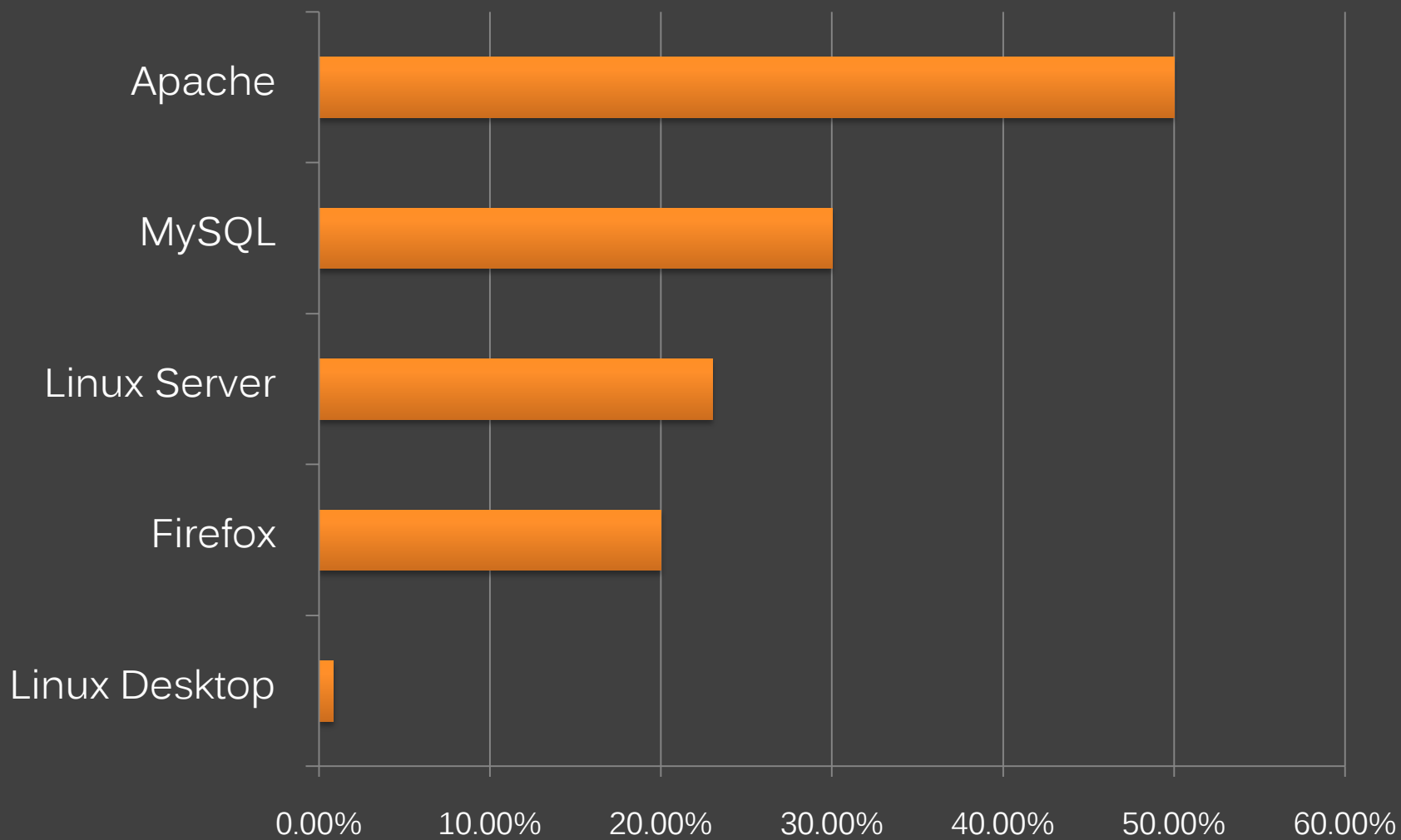
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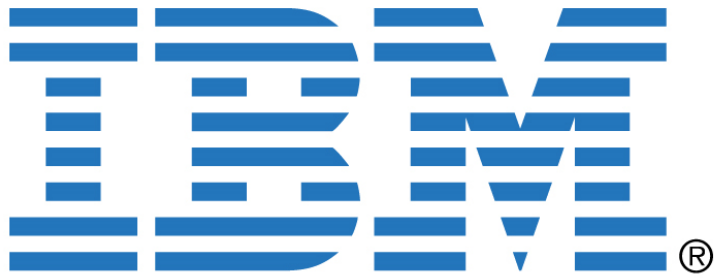
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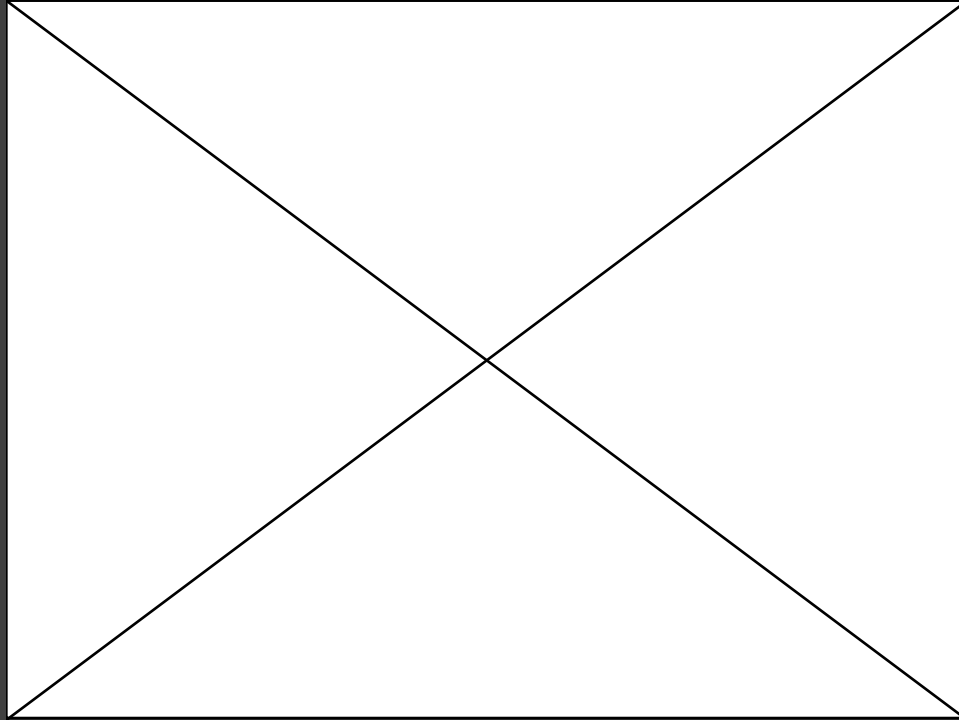
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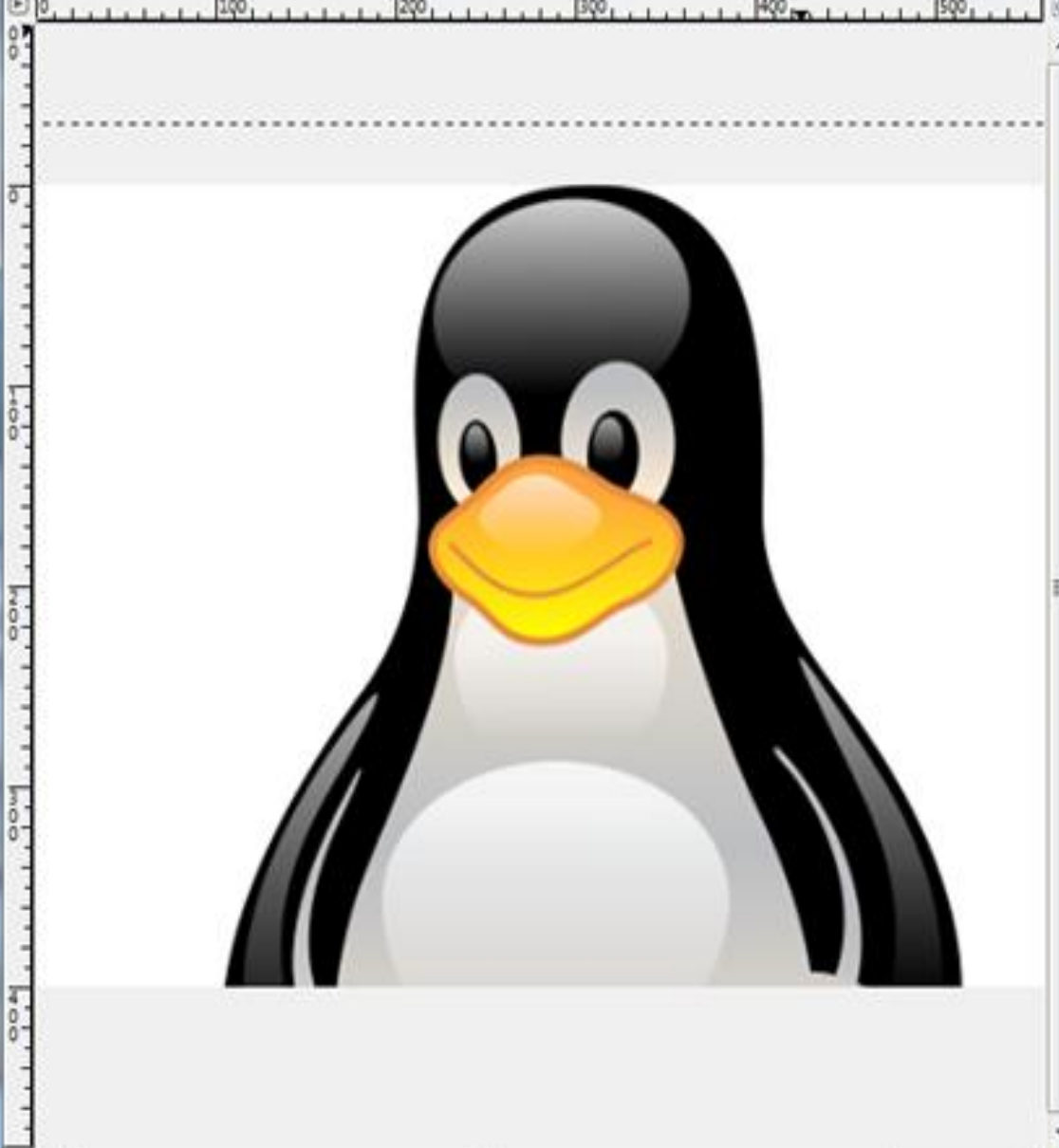
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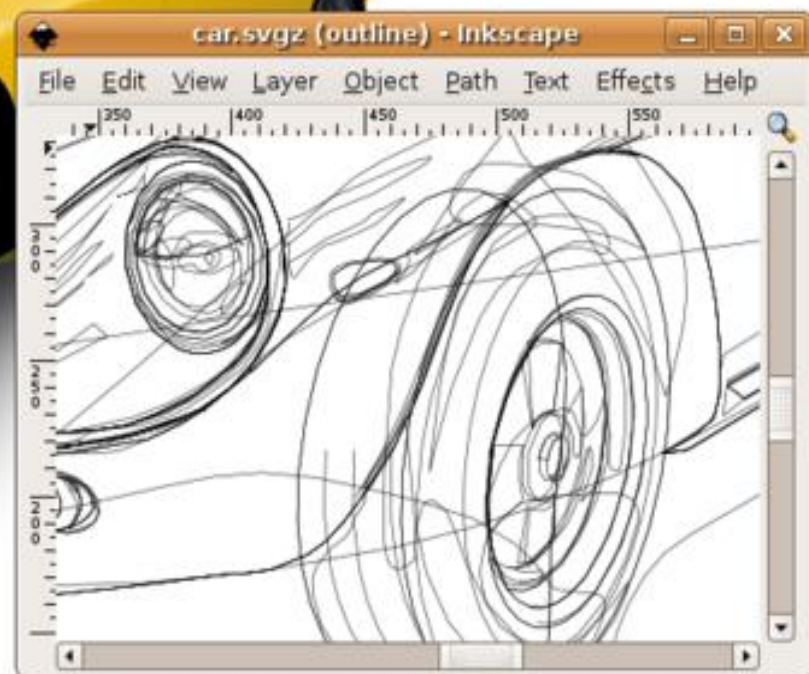
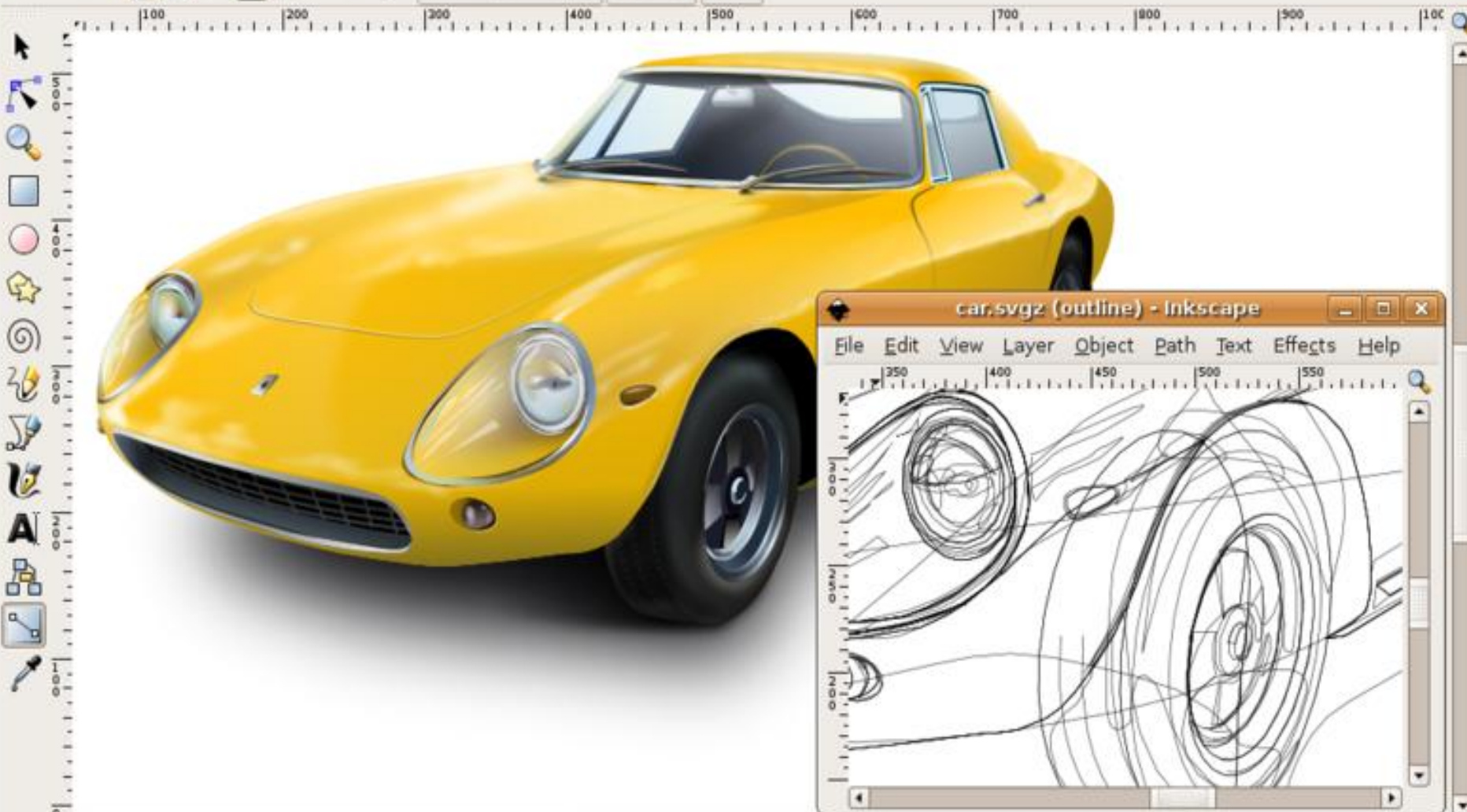
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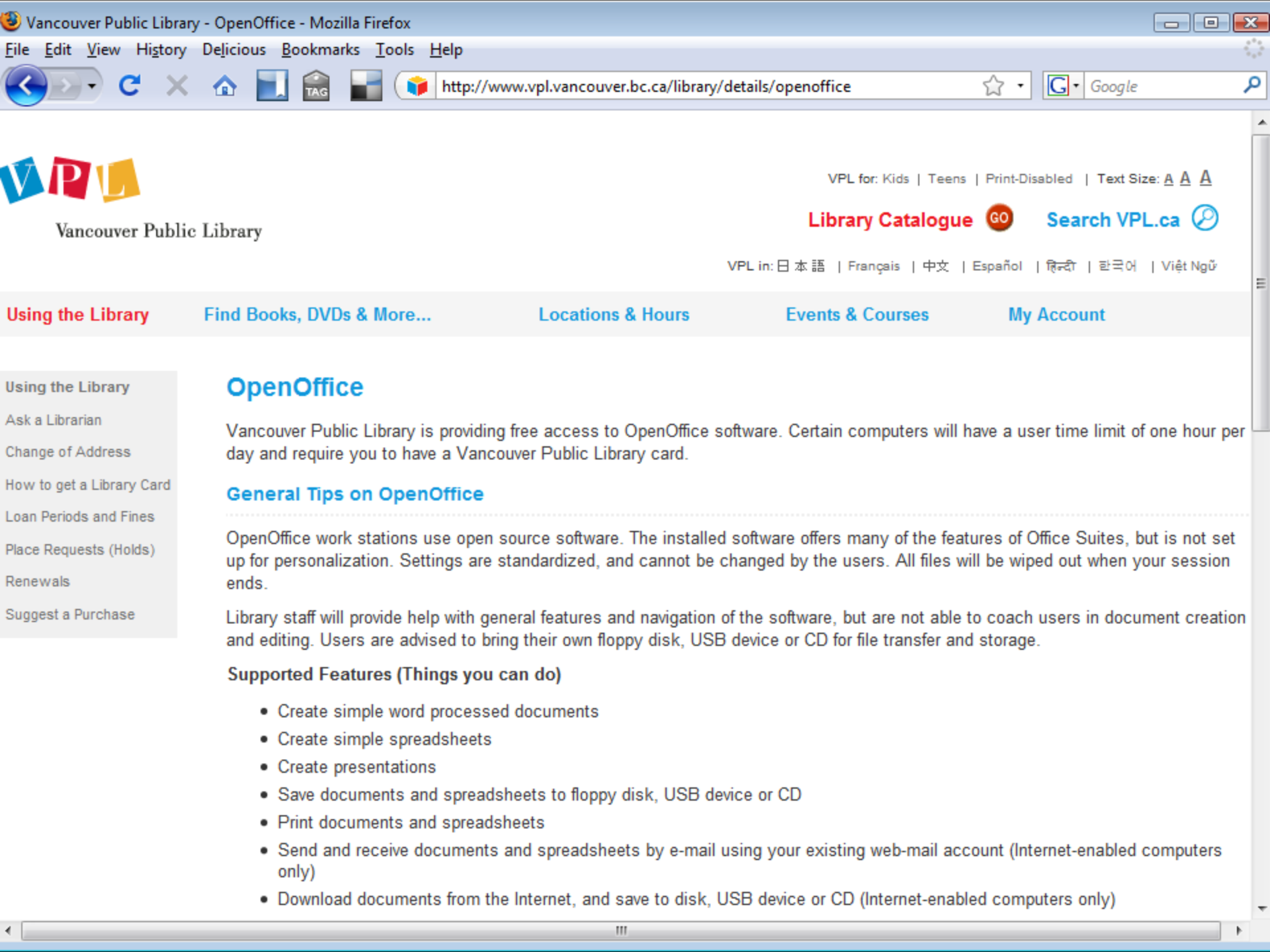
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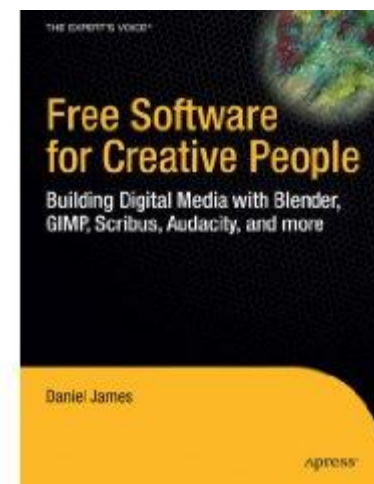
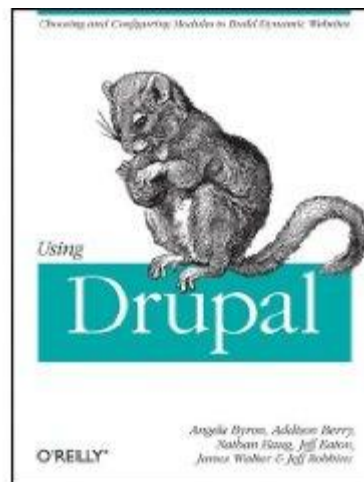
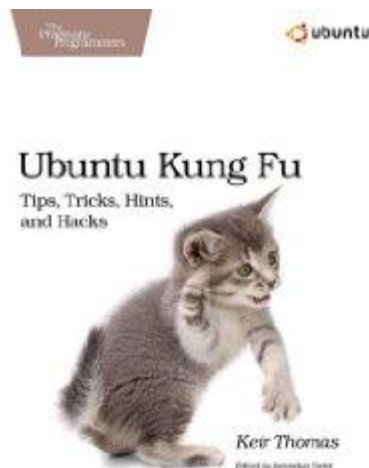
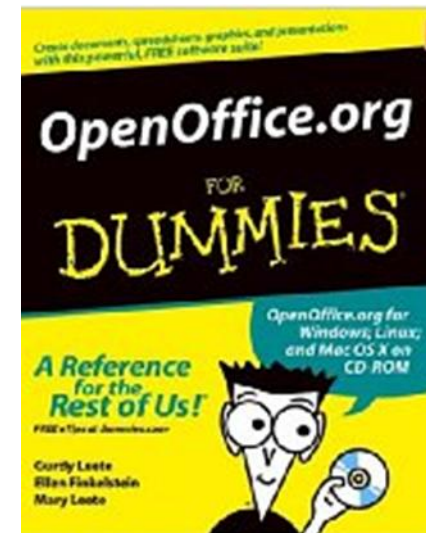
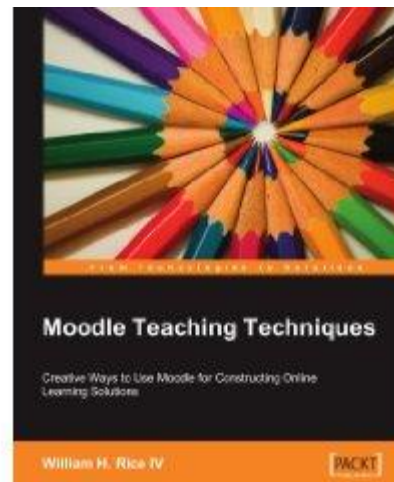
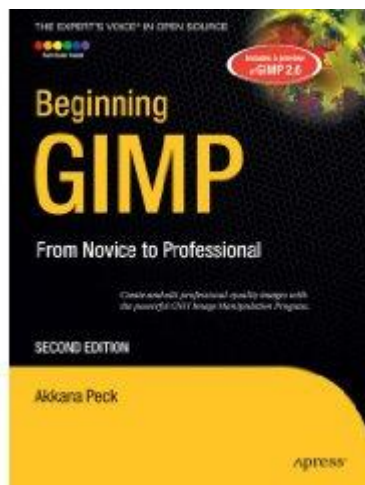




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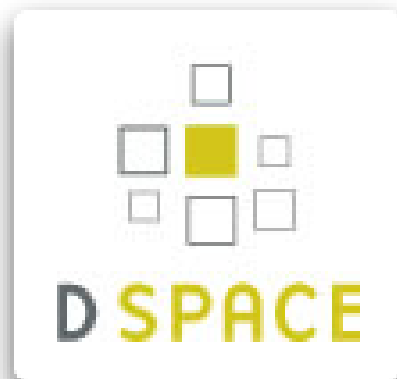
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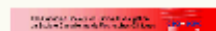
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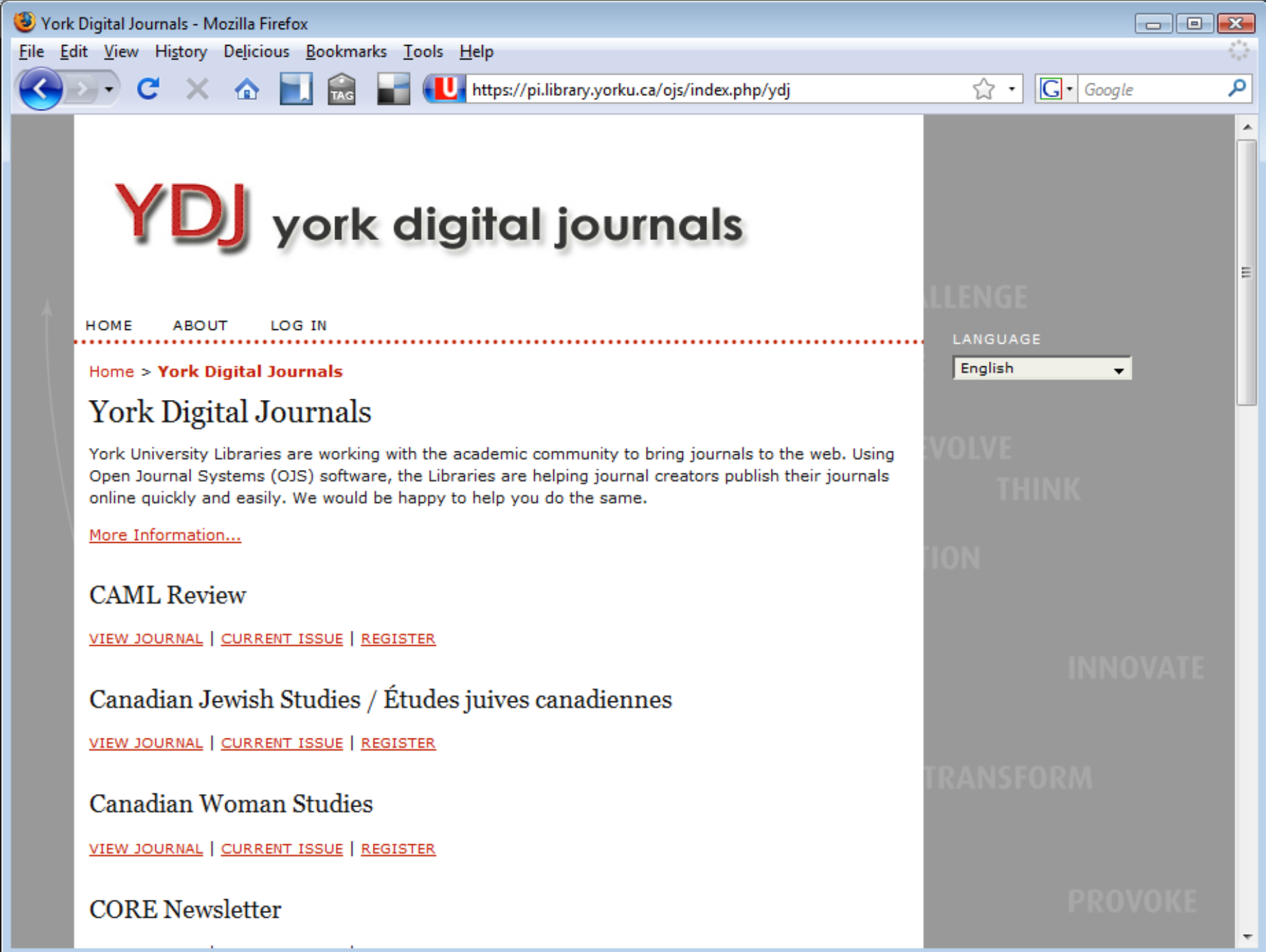
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The Journal of Teaching and Learning is published twice yearly by the Faculty of Education at the University of Windsor, featuring peer-reviewed scholarly and practice-based articles, critical book reviews, and research reports in a wide range of areas related to teaching and learning. These include issues related to curriculum development, language and education, teacher education, school governance, the education of special groups, gender and education, minority education, education and information technology, educational leadership, theories of education, literacy, educational research and methodologies. Special emphasis is on innovative practices in teaching and learning.

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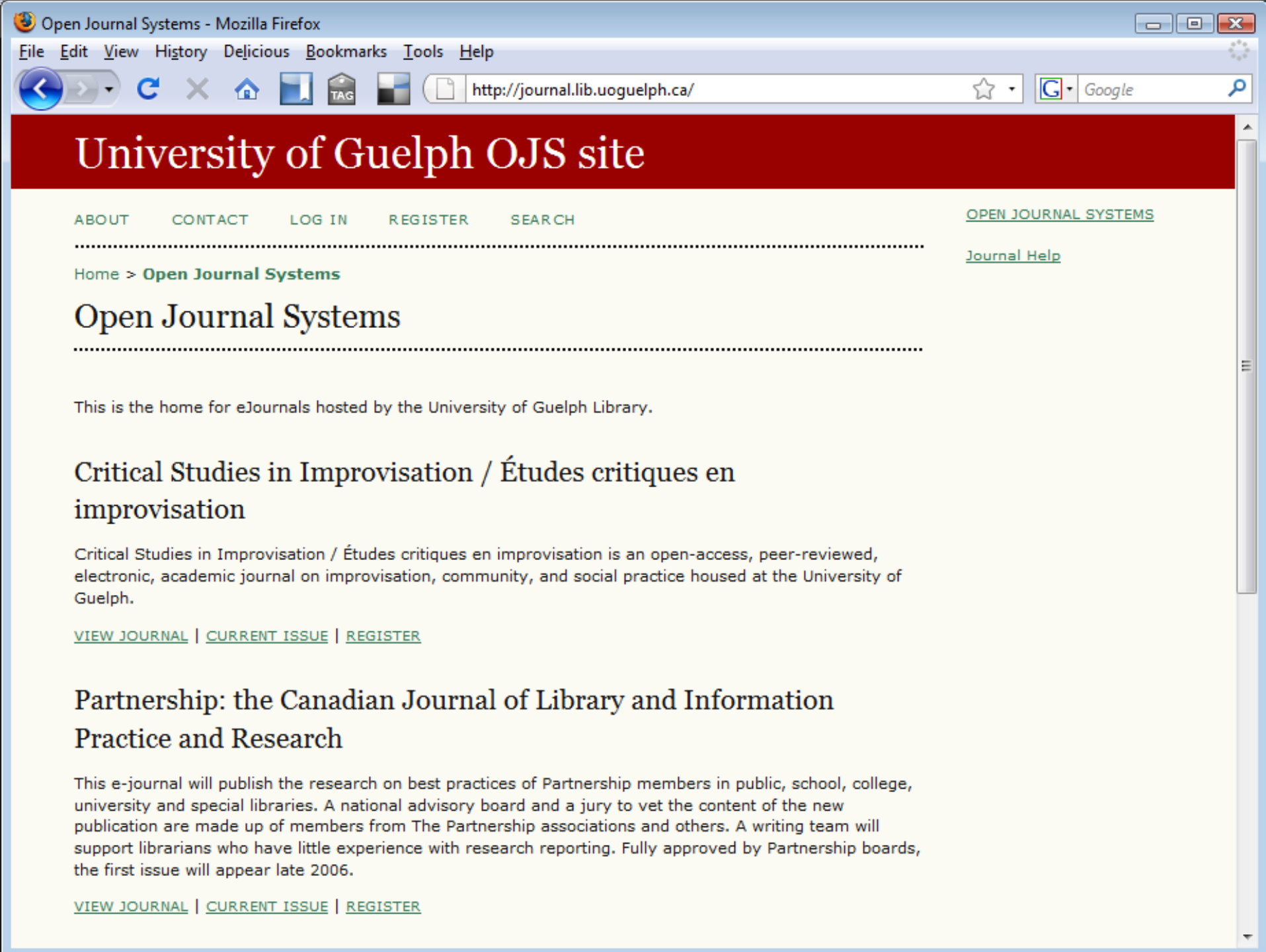
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This is the home for eJournals hosted by the University of Guelph Library.

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Critical Studies in Improvisation / Études critiques en improvisation is an open-access, peer-reviewed, electronic, academic journal on improvisation, community, and social practice housed at the University of Guelph.

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This e-journal will publish the research on best practices of Partnership members in public, school, college, university and special libraries. A national advisory board and a jury to vet the content of the new publication are made up of members from The Partnership associations and others. A writing team will support librarians who have little experience with research reporting. Fully approved by Partnership boards, the first issue will appear late 2006.

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Examples of conferences using OCS are available [here](#).

OCS is a Web publishing tool that will create a complete Web presence for your scholarly conference. It will allow you to:

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Cities, Nature, Justice

Cities Nature Justice: dialogues for social sustainability in public spaces

: a 3-day international symposium addressing the social science and science of sustainability.

Can social sustainability be achieved in cities at the same time as environmental sustainability?

Cities Nature Justice will bring together researchers, environmental activists, Indigenous advocates and communicators from India, China, South East Asia, Australia and the United States to discuss this question. They will be exploring new approaches to understanding city environmental issues by bringing both social science and science to bear on key questions of public space, water and social justice.

Key speakers:

- * **Setha Low** (USA & Costa Rica: urban parks and cultural justice; author: *The Politics of Public Space*),
- * **Dai Qing** (China: water environmental advocate: Three Gorges Dam & Beijing),
- * **John Maynard** (Australia: Indigenous historian; author: *For Liberty & Freedom*),
- * **Amita Baviskar** (India: Narmada River & Delhi: environmental politics: author: *Waterscapes*),
- * **Kartik Shanker** (India: Marine biologist, editor *Conservation and Society*)

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6. Community development



A photograph showing a group of diverse individuals, including men and women of various ethnicities, seated at long wooden tables in a computer lab or classroom. They are all focused on their work, with hands on keyboards and mice, looking at computer monitors. The setting appears to be a professional or educational environment. In the foreground, a man in a dark pinstripe suit and glasses is working. Behind him, a woman in a beige sweater is also working. Further back, a woman in a maroon top is visible, resting her chin on her hand. The background shows more people and computer equipment, creating a sense of a busy, collaborative workspace.

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Welcome to Sitka

On Wednesday, April 18th, 2007, in the spirit of the [PLSB Strategic Plan](#), the Association of BC Public Library Directors (ABCPLD) endorsed a proposal to:

1. Pilot the [Evergreen](#) open ILS software in BC, and
2. Strike an [ILS Advisory Committee](#) to manage a consortial installation of the Evergreen ILS in BC

This ambitious initiative is truly a collaborative effort - libraries can do so much more collectively than any one library can do individually!

Here are some [links](#) and a [listserv](#) that should help facilitate discussion around Evergreen within BC. As well, a set of [Evergreen Talking Points](#) has been compiled to help inform library boards and staff about the initiative.

Do you have questions about the [Evergreen Open ILS](#) or about SITKA? Please contact [Ben Hyman](#), Manager of Policy and Technology, Public Library Services Branch.

NEWS

- [A dozen sites live, and 16 more to come in 2009](#)
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- [Lucky # 11](#)
October 17, 2008
- [10 sites live!](#)
October 01, 2008
- [Smithers goes Live!](#)
September 09, 2008
- [Burns Lake goes Live!](#)
August 20, 2008

7. Common good



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