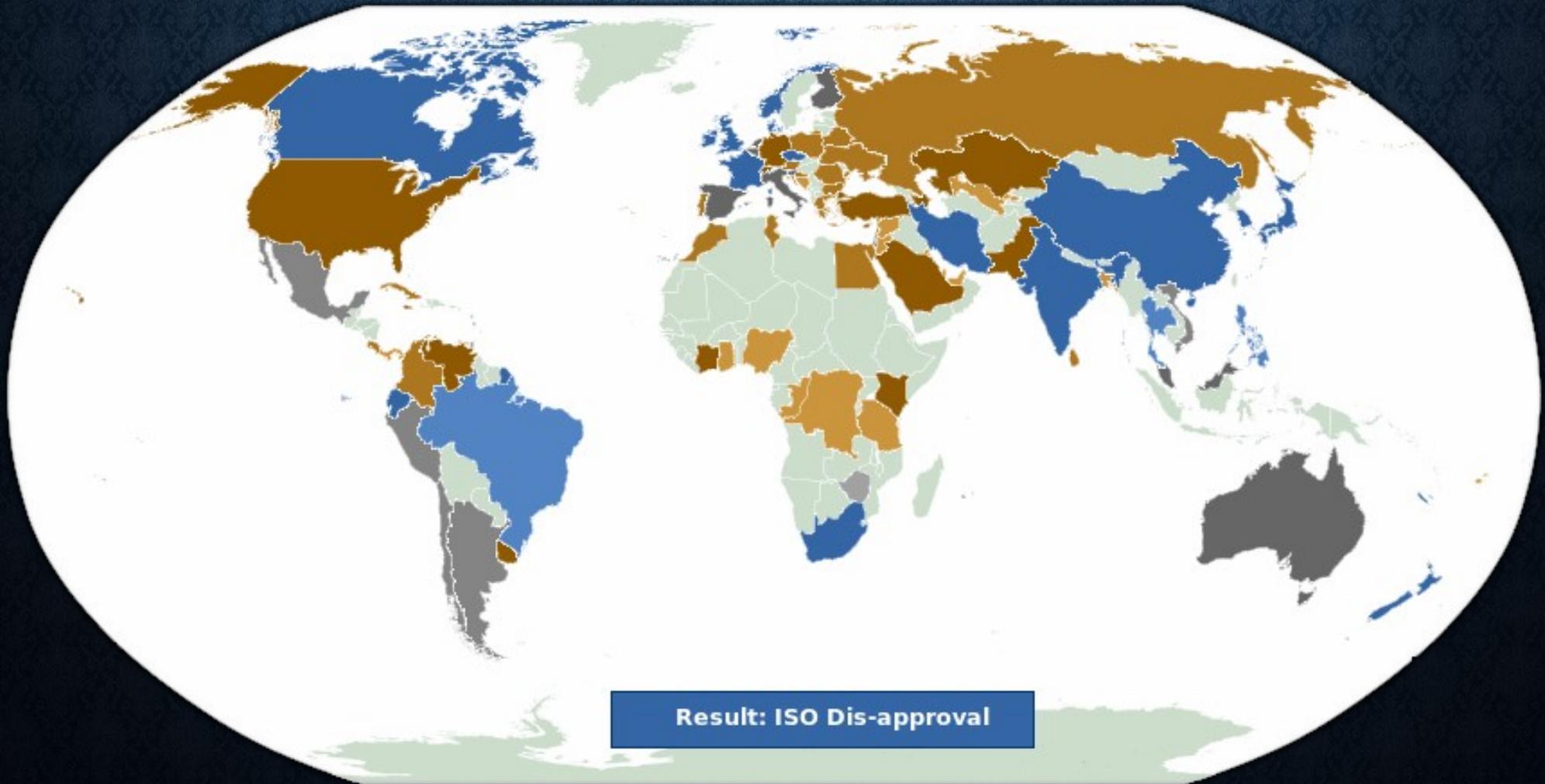
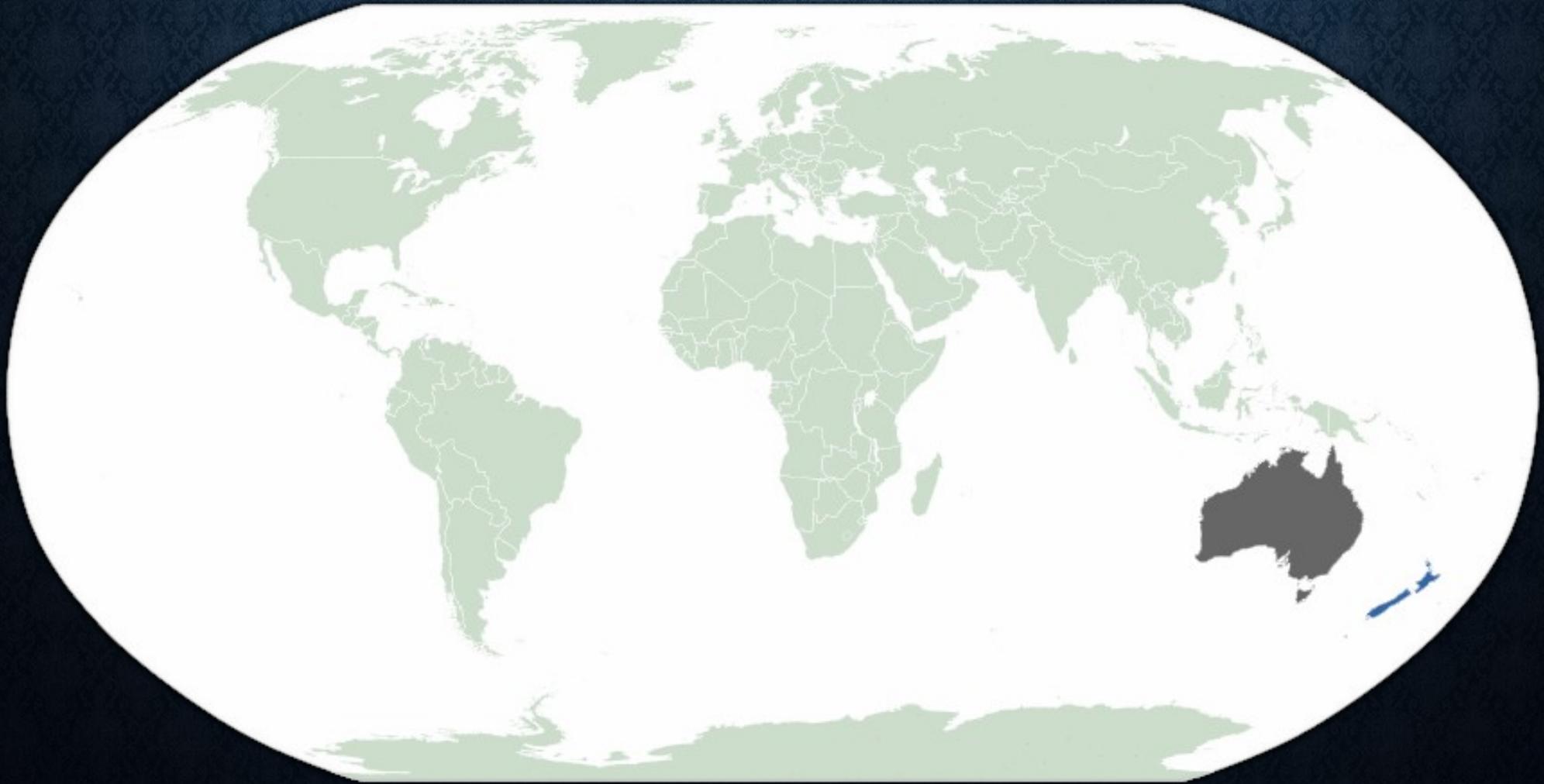


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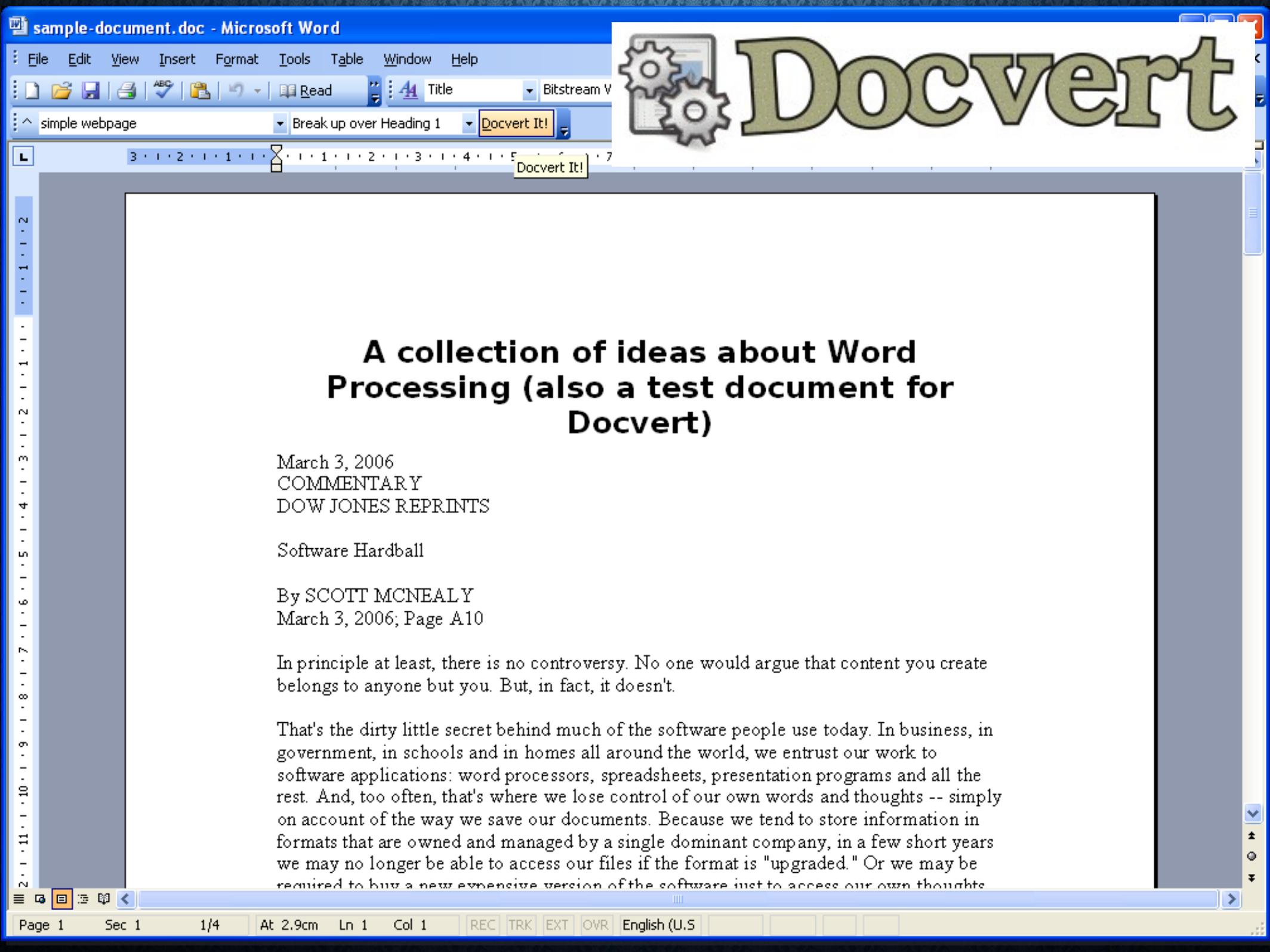
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(the ultimate existential question)

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- Docvert.org
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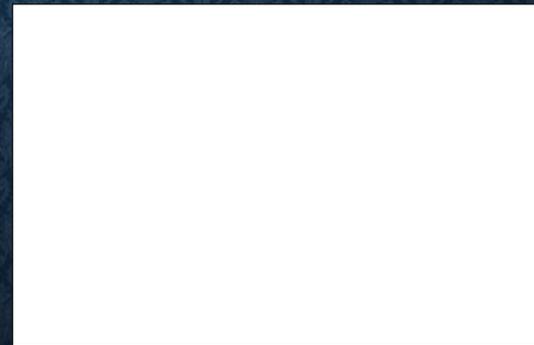
Harmonization
is recognising the *similarities*

Ecma's Stated Reasons for not Harmonizing

1. "Differences between the implicit page style model of ODF and the explicit page style model of OpenXML,"
2. "differences in the models for splitting table cells,"
3. "differences in the style information associated to spreadsheet cells"
4. Spreadsheet Formulas
5. And a few more facile reasons...

taken from <http://www.computerworld.com/pdfs/Ecma.pdf>

Implicit
VS
Explicit



Different table models



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Summary

- Historically we've had undisclosed secrets, and unfortunately there are many areas of OOXML that remain so.
 - Undefined areas provide legal and as well as technical barriers.
- Accessibility problems.
- Harmonization with ODF should be the goal. Ecma's stated reasons against this are facile, overstated.
 - Ecma are reaching for *any* reason not to harmonize.

That's all, thanks.

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