Subject: Re: Ole Automation [FEATURE REQUEST?]
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Many parts of Open XML definition are optional, i.e. you don't need to support them. edit: some of those optional are defined in a funny way like "following behavior of some legacy SW" without further details, so even if you try to support it, you will fail.

Then again it's just question of time when Microsoft Office will produce files (even simple ones) with so many optional tags as possible to prevent anybody else working with that format, so I would not bother too much with that ISO standard.

The ODF is other kind of beast, you can 100% support the ISO standard, yet for example it doesn't say nothing particular about formulas in spreadsheets, so you are still not supporting real world ODF files very good. If you want to support real world files, you must also follow current Open Office way of doing things. This situation has at least the advantage that the OOo legacy is de facto standard which will work, the only ODF vendor breaking this is Microsoft (are you surprised?) with latest MS Office service pack they do support the ISO part of ODF and everything else what will become part of version2 of ODF definition they do in different way, so their support of ODF "is there", but practically unusable.