





Collabora & LibreOffice

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"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."
Jeremiah 6:16



OPENSUSE-LIBREOFFICE CONF'20



















The driving force behind putting LibreOffice in the #Cloud

Collabora

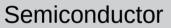
- >140 staff, Cambridge & Montreal
- our parent company 15 years old
- Leading Open Source Consultancy
- Parent company of:

Collabora Productivity

- Spun out of SUSE in 2013
- 32 staff
- 7 years old
- Focused fully on Office









Automotive



Digital Signage



OEM

Examples:



















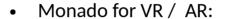
Some recent highlights

Collabora & Panfrost community:

- Curing the blight of proprietary kernel drivers in embedded systems:
- Reverse engineered driver for ARM / mali – now working together with us:



FOSS & Open Standards





- Get involved
- https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/monado
- https://monado.freedesktop.org/

PipeWire, WirePlumber

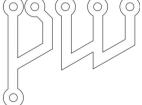
- **Automotive Grade Linux work**
- Bluetooth, Libcamera, Session mgmt



Kernel

eg. case insensitive ext4

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Collabora Office 100% focused on your productivity



Collabora Office: examples







Powerful document classification – eg. "top secret". Digital signatures and classification of paragraphs.



National Research & Education Netherlands 45,000 **NET**



users





200 partners and growing ...



Strong preference: sell through partners!

Customer has a **single** support partner.

- Who are L1/L2 support & deployment experts in Collabora products in your language: 58 countries
- We provide Service Level Agreement & place to file tickets

Helping people start their own LibreOffice business

- Can you speak your native language? And a little English?
- Do you know about LibreOffice ? → it could be you!
- We need you: Put together a full-service: your training, your migration ...

Encouraging others to invest alongside us & the community ...

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as an example in France

ACADÉMIE

DE NANCY-METZ

- Conseil Départemental de la Côte d'Or (Bourgogne)
 - Elected representatives editing documents online on their tablets, collaborating with agents in a workflow
- MTES: Ministère de la Transition Écologique et Solidaire
 - 25k users
- Université de Lille
 - 70k users, for agents, teachers, researchers,
 - students: https://www.arawa.fr/2019/11/23/arawa-annonce-le-deploiement-de-collabora-online-a-luniversite-de-lille/

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- Académie de Nancy-Metz
- Académie de Paris
 - 1500 users
- Conseil Départemental de la Seine-Saint-Denis
- ERT Technologies, groupe Altice
- Ville de Gières
- Ville de Fleury les Aubrais
- Préfecture des Bouches-du-Rhône
 - 500 users
- Service Départemental d'Incendies et de Secours de la Moselle
- Enercoop
- Fiducial





Espalité Égalité Fraternité













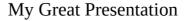








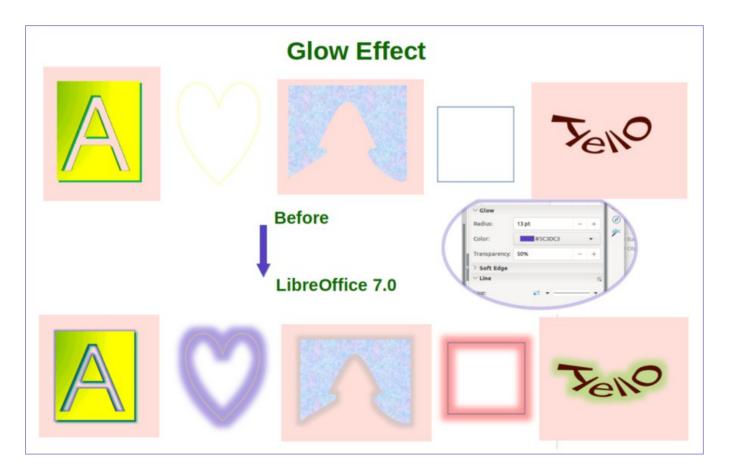




Collabora Office new feature examples



Interop: glow effects



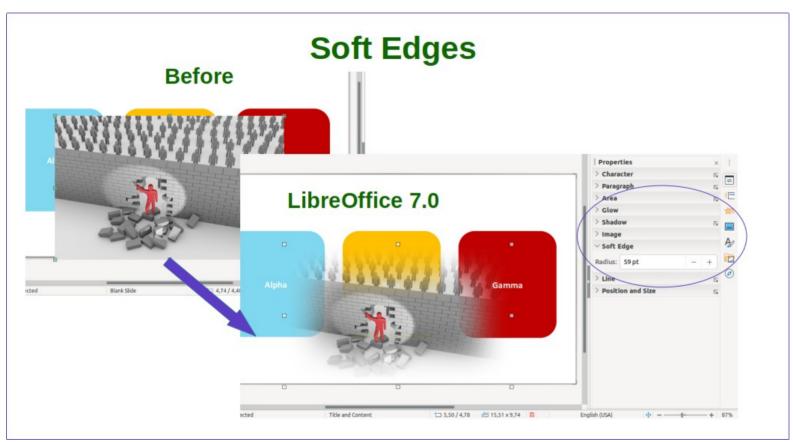
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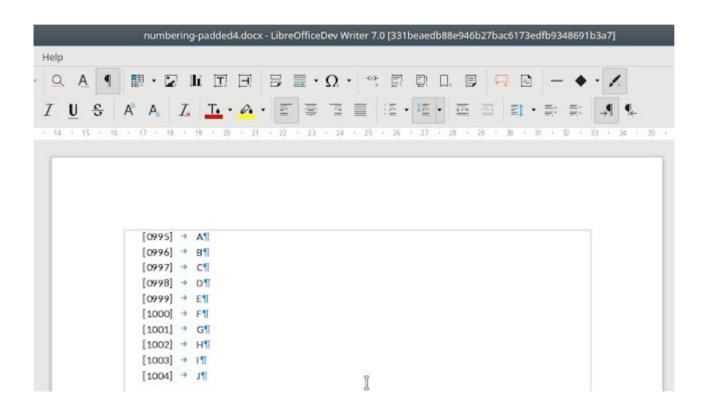
Interop: Soft Edges



Thanks to: *Mike Kaganski SUSE.*



Interop: Padded numbering



Thanks to:

Miklos Vajna

Adfinis.



Accessibility Check:

June ZUZU Report

Accessibility improvements

A new "Accessibility Check" tool (Tools > Accessibility check) allows to review a document for common problems that make it less accessible to the audience.

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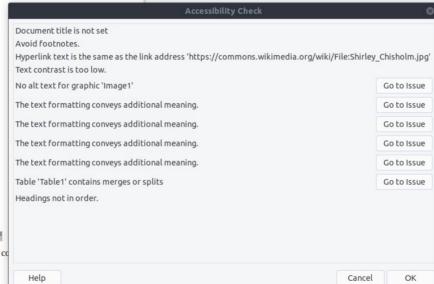


A photo of Shirley Chisholm (public domain)1

And this text has different colours that highlight important parts, but the cobackground is not satisfactory.

And this is a table with split and merged cells:

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Thanks to:

Tomaž Vajngerl, Ivan Stefanenko

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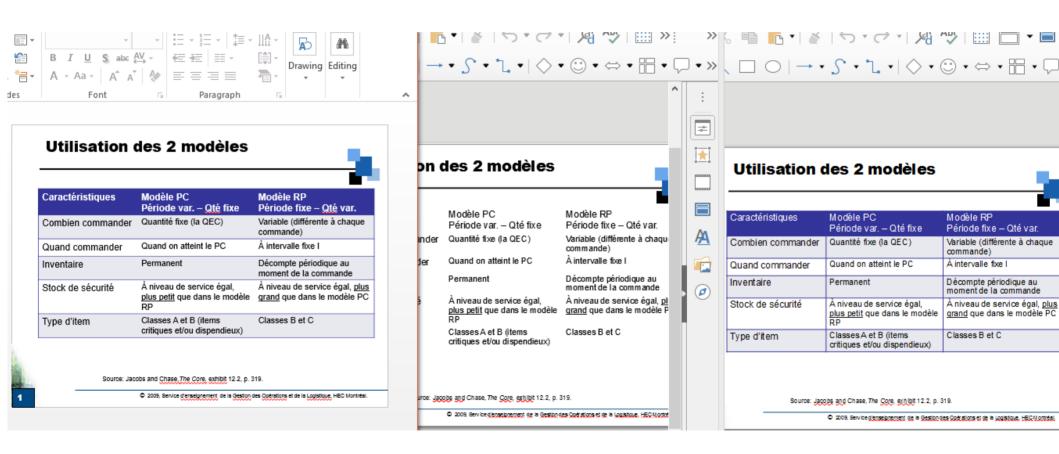
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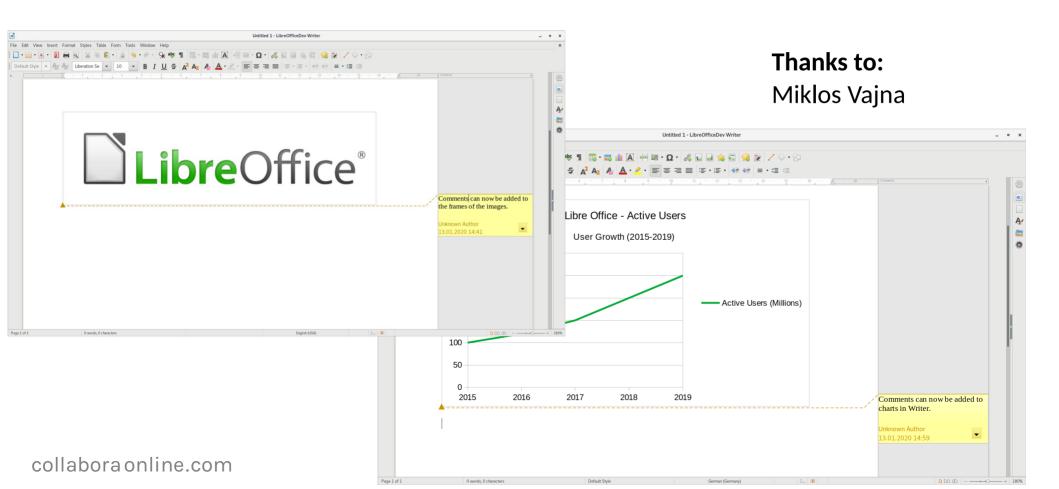


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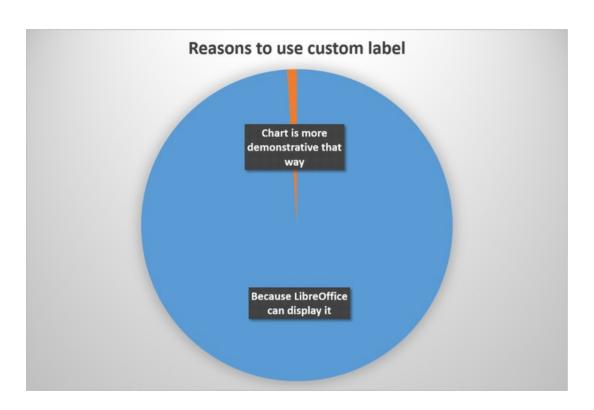


Interop: more powerful commenting





Interop: Custom chart labels



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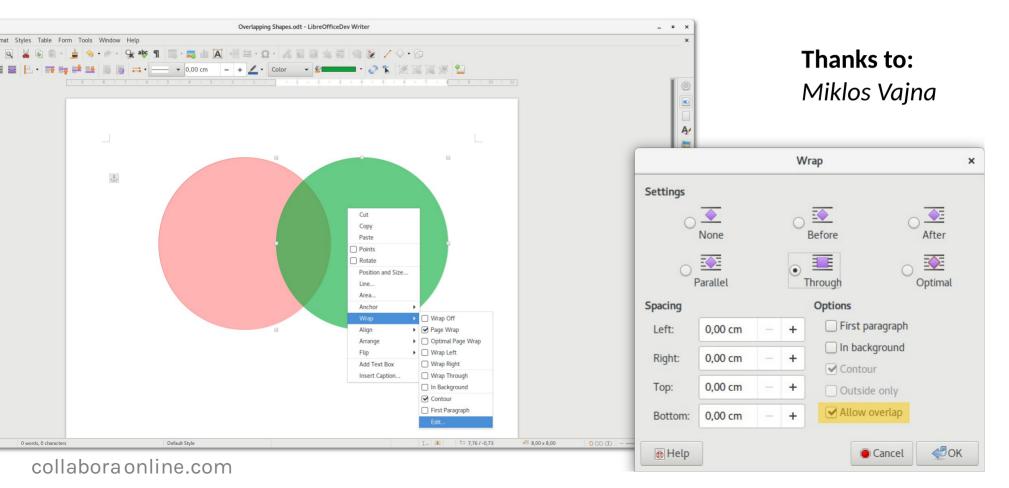
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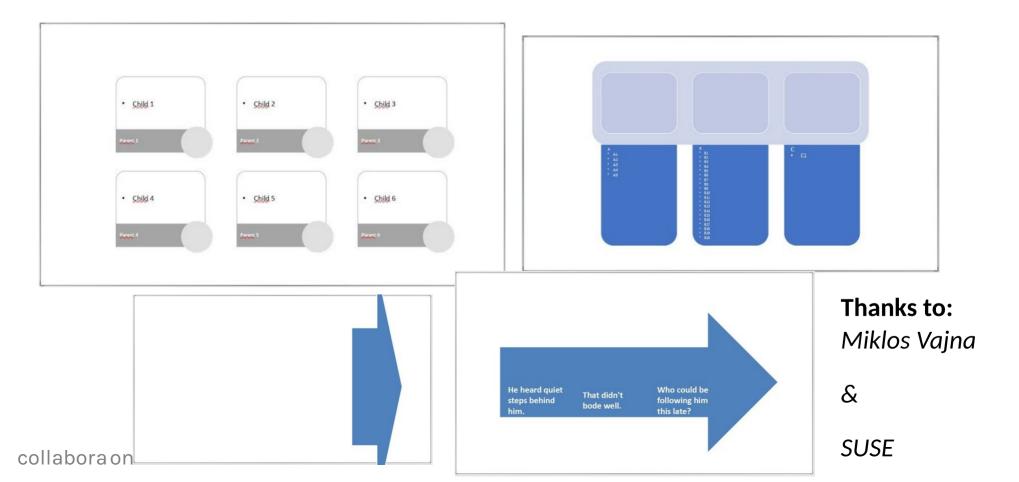


Interop: overlapped shape wrapping



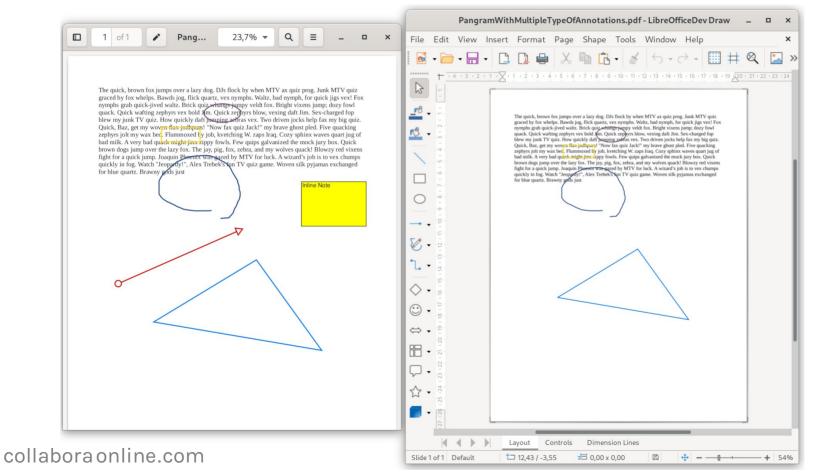


SmartArt - continued improvements ...





PDF annotation support:



Thanks to: Tomaž Vajngerl

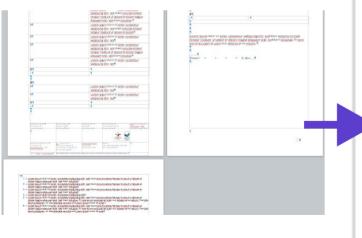


Interop: DOCX / continuous end-notes

Thanks to:

Miklos Vjana &

TU Dresden

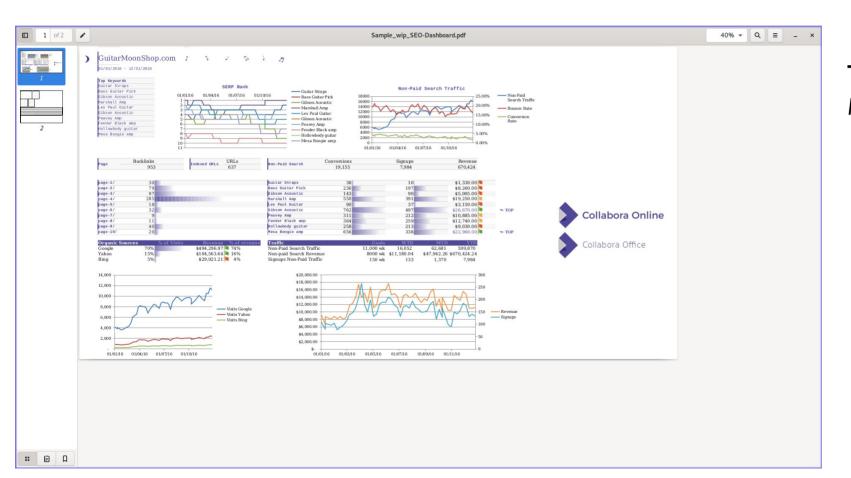




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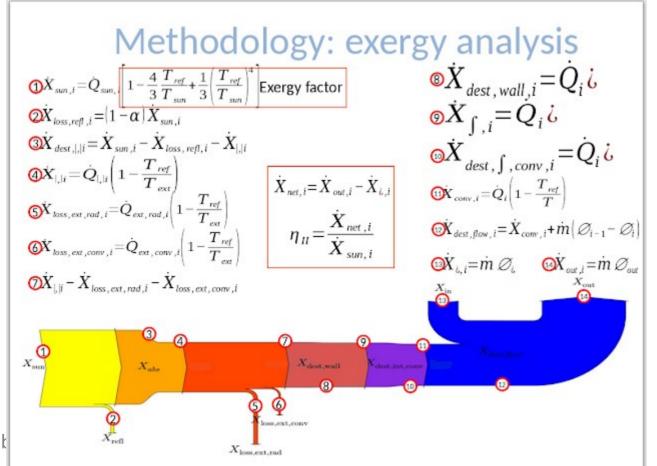
Whole-page PDF sheet export



Thanks to: *Muhammet Kara*



Interop: Much improved PPTX / Math



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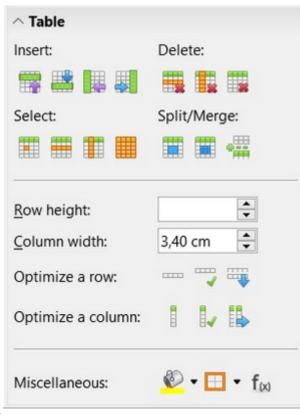
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New Table sidebar panel - originally for mobile



Thanks to:

Tamás Zolnai

(also to volunteer: Roman Kuznetsov)



Some pieces you can only feel ...

Threading improvements

- Thread independent formula-group calculation Dennis Francis
- Parallelized super-scalar sample sort for Pivot Tables.

Load / Save performance

- Accelerate load/save of various sorts of documents - Noel Grandin
 - Lots of xlsx comments, lots of xls styles, lots of ods change-tracking ...

Skia rendering

- New, modern, cross-platform, accelerated rendering backend as default
- Move away from OpenGL
 - Now hardware accelerated via Vulkan
- Thanks to Luboš Luňák & AMD





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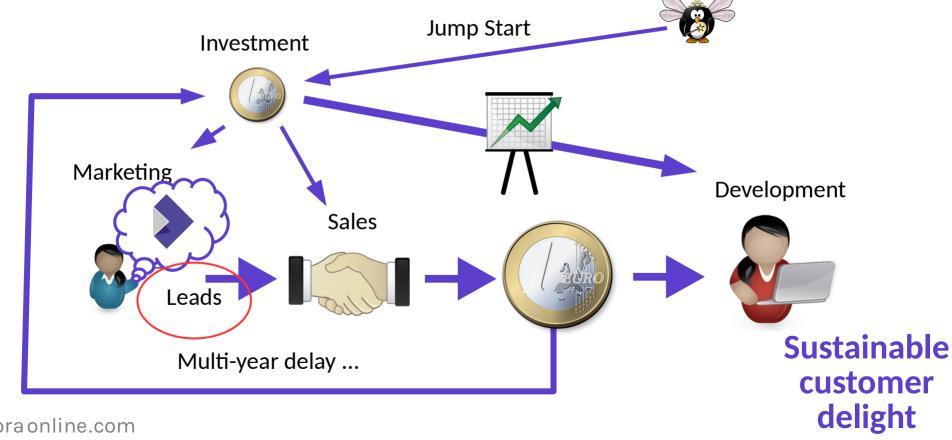
Yet another economics primer ...



- Is there a need for professional developers?
- Why not fund them by magic ? (or even donations?)
- TINMF → There Is No Money Fairy

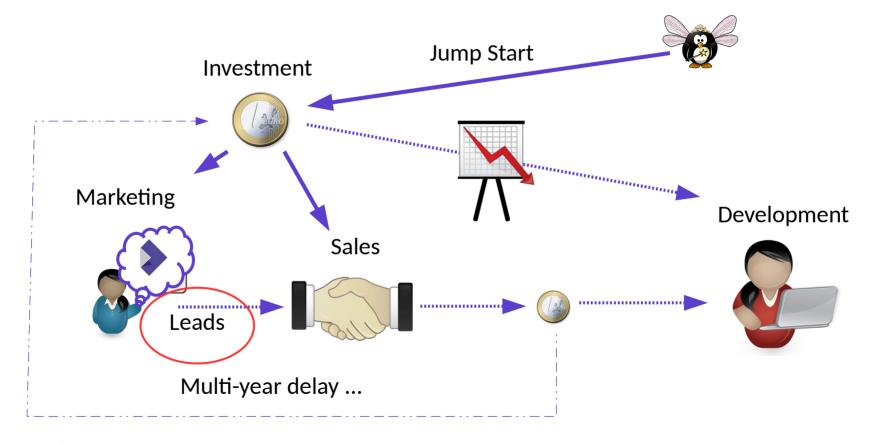


A virtuous cycle: product company



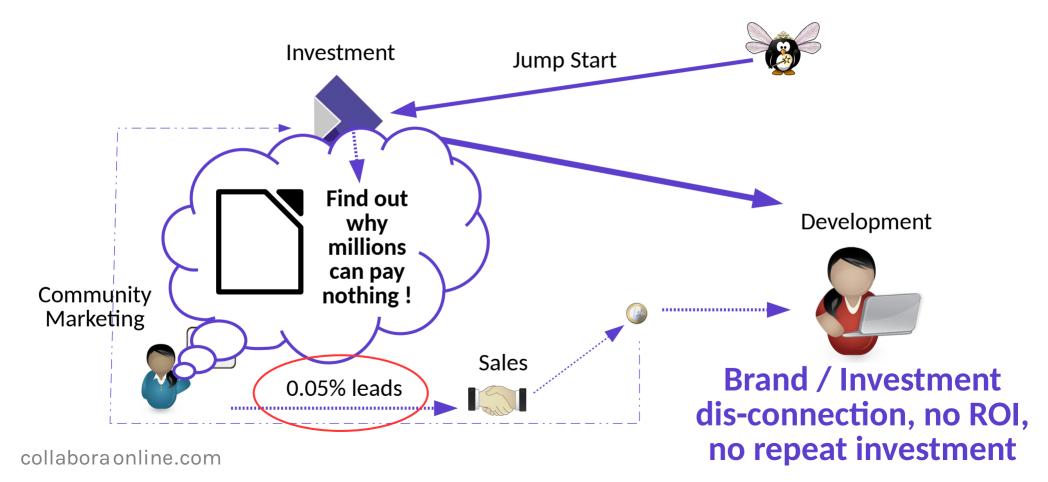


A vicious cycle: product company





The LibreOffice "Desktop" cycle:





Competitive war in the

Source only LibreOffice "Online"

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marketplace: Semi-permeable Worked for some years: membrane: \$ £%\$!& ⇔ code some miss a 'product' ← investment Collaborate here, get your binaries elsewhere:



New board, new dynamic:

Discussion around injecting TDF into the marketplace too

A summary of (some) community desires, which may conflict:

- Want corporate investment → to drive feature/function
- Want LibreOffice branding
- Want Gratis, unlimited binaries from TDF,
- Don't want effective moral suasion to buy:
 - don't tell users they need to; perhaps tell them they should donate?
- Want to re-direct marketing / leads to diversify contribution

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(who still disagree sometimes)





Lots of good ideas

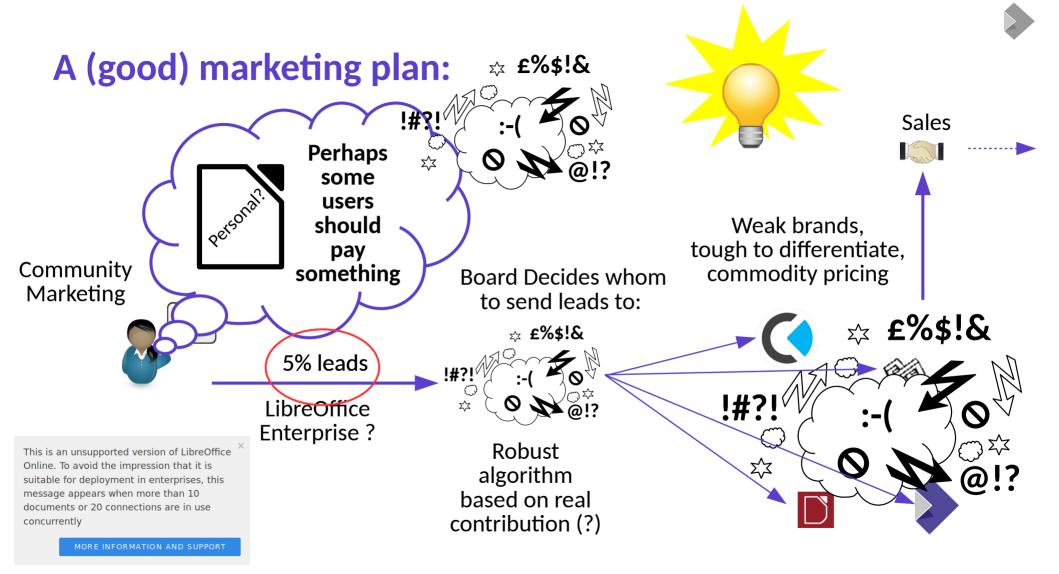
- Hard work from Italo & team
- Significant, widespread resistance to the concept
- Achievable only by distressing or loosing some part of the community.

Even when deployed:

Where do those leads go?

MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

concurrently

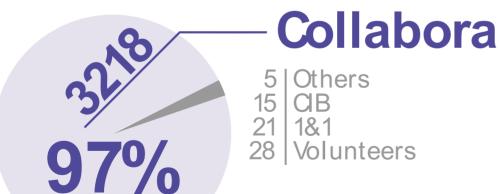




A simpler approach:

Simpler for LibreOffice

Online commits By aff liation (last year)



A smooth move, to a familiar model

Over 50m

pulls from

CODE Collabora Online

Development Edition

docker image

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Moving our development to github

Clear brand story

- Helps to drive investment and avoid user / customer confusion
- Unwinds long running source of conflict at TDF

Removing reminder for users

CODE no longer needs a warning on limits.

Access to more developers

Continue to support, work on LibreOffice

Similar to Nextcloud / ownCloud / RedHat / Ubuntu / SUSE ...

- A clear flow of users through their project
- An obvious place for support
- Clear credit given in the product name
- No complex structures necessary.

Get competitive stress out of TDF

FLOSS companies own cash + their brands

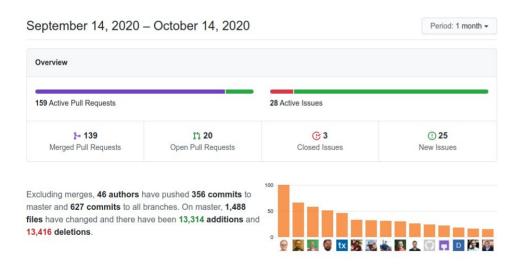
ROI is important → in marketing.



A smooth move to: https://collaboraonline.github.io/

Contributors

- Commits rights transfer:
 - 34 committing members: the cool kids



Translators

- Finally crediting them
 - Moved from Transifex → Weblate in Week#1
 - Thanks to Adolfo J-B and Rizal M for the tip.
 - · Now funding Weblate development.
- Contributions to:
 - Aragonese, Asturian, Catalan, Czech, Finnish, German, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Norwegian Bokmål, Occitan, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Turkish
- Thank you to:
 - Andika Triwidada, Andrej Shadura, Andras Timar, PhD.
 Ayhan YALÇINSOY, Allan Nordhøy, Adolfo Jayme Barrientos,
 Jan Holesovsky, koffevar, Marc Rodrigues, Marco Cecchetti,
 Matthaiks, Muhammet Kara, Nikita Epifanov, No Ne,
 Nnamani Ezinne Martina, Oğuz Ersen, Quentin PAGÈS, Rob
 Pearson, Szymon Kłos, Thais Vi, Unihuppio



New bits:

Communication

IRC/Telegram/Matrix bridged: #cool-dev

Discourse forum: https://forum.collaboraonline.com/

Weekly Community Roundup



New contributors to COOL on GitHub (so far)

Code contributions

- Andreas Kainz Fix StyleApply drop down menu width, SVG icon theming
- Andrea Gelmini Typo fixes and clean-ups
- Rizal Muttakin Updates of Colibre icon sets and Impress sidebar icons
- Kandarp Patel ensure consistent function declarations
- Yunus Bulut kill WebDAVStorage in the code
- Alan Verdugo Fixing pylint errors on Python scripts
- corleone77 Fixing pylint errors on Python scripts
- Batuhan Görkem Benzer Fixing pylint errors on Python scripts
- **Dilaver Demirel** Various fixes towards eslint upgrade
- Mücahid Aydin PEP8 code style conformance

More Code contributions

- **Pelin Kuran** Various fixes towards eslint upgrade
- Buğra Kurt Fixes towards eslint upgrade
- Yusuf Keten Prevent memory leaks with Util::make_unique()

Issue Contributions

- Adolfo Jayme-Barrientos Transifex is propietary (solved! By switch to weblate)
- Andreas Kainz Several issues about UI & UX, including icons, general layout, notebookbar etc.
- **xklonx** small inconsistency in the X-LOOL-WOPI-Timestamps (Pranam Lashkari is working on it)
- elpraga enhancement request to add document language selection to mobile view
- Julius Härtl UX bugs about menu bar button alignments and sidebar icon styles

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LibreOffice still rocks

Bright future

- 98.5% of the code
- the desktop app
- wonderful technology:
 - rendering, interop. fileformat wizardy
- UX sharing → same UI etc.

We commend it to you:

Why not get involved:

Possible

 TDF comes up with a mix / ecosystem plan that makes it a slam-dunk to invest there → lets see.

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Collabora Online work:

a taste of the last year



Quick try-out: built-in demo servers ...

Please make sure you understand that the following will happen if you set up the Collabora Online demo.

- The service will send users documents to Collabora and/or third party demo servers.
- This service is not intended for production use, hence the documents will show tile watermarks.
- The demo service may be under heavy load, and its performance is not representative in any way of the performance of an on-premise installation.
- These servers are used for testing and development, and may run test versions
 of the software. As such they may crash, burn, and re-start without warning.
- The users documents will not be retained by a third party after their session completes except in exceptional circumstances. By using the service, the user gives permission for Collabora engineers to exceptionally use such document data, solely for the purpose of providing, optimizing and improving Collabora Online. Such document data will remain confidential to Collabora and/or any third party providing a demo server.

At the first use and after an update, each user will get the warning, explaining all the above.

I agree, and use the demo server

I will setup my own server

Use a demo server

You can use a demo server provided by Collabora and other service

Select a demo server

Friprogramvarusyndikatet - Sweden

Collabora Productivity Ltd. - Ireland

Collabora Productivity Ltd. - North California, USA

Collabora Productivity Ltd. - Tokyo, Japan

Collabora Productivity Ltd. – São Paulo, Brazil



Better: Nextcloud Hub / Applmage install ...

A lovely, simple one-click install ...

- A small / fast PHP forwarding proxy & an AppImage
- Please upgrade to a faster, native server quickly ...
- Use your own server

Collabora Online requires a seperate server acting as a WOPI-like Client to provide editing ca

Use the built-in CODE - Collabora Online Development Edition

Easy to install, for personal use or for small teams. A bit slower than a standalone server and



Polling websocket-alikes over keep-alive'd https://

Time / milliseconds

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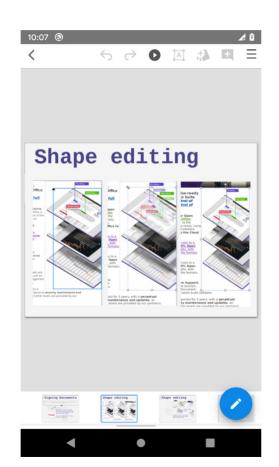
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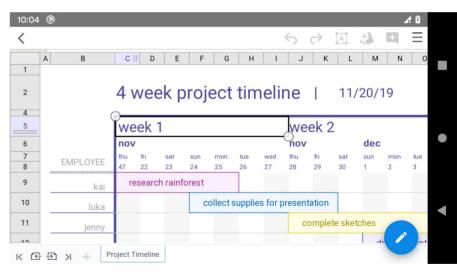


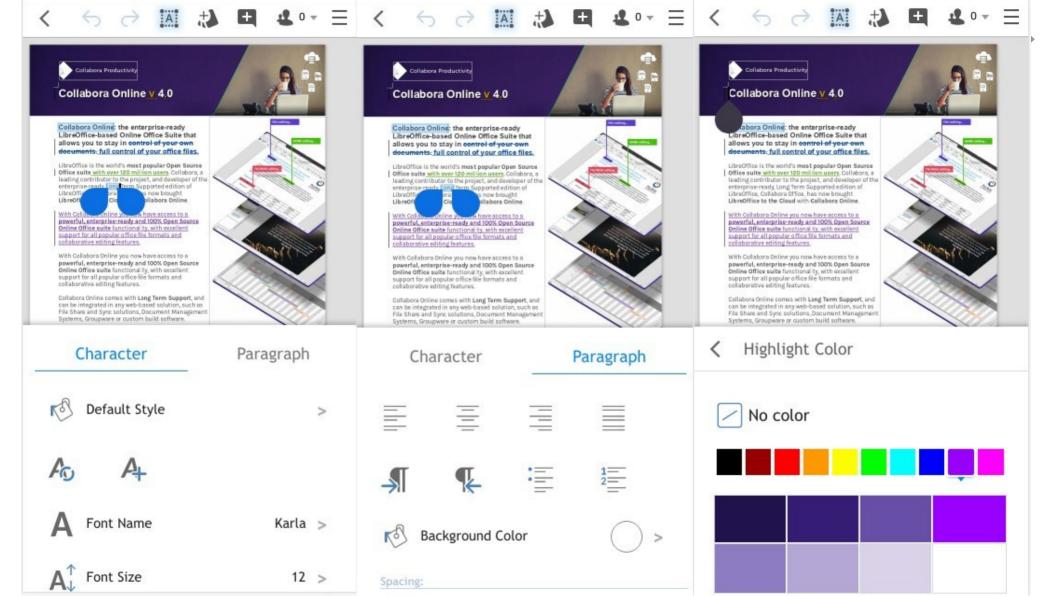


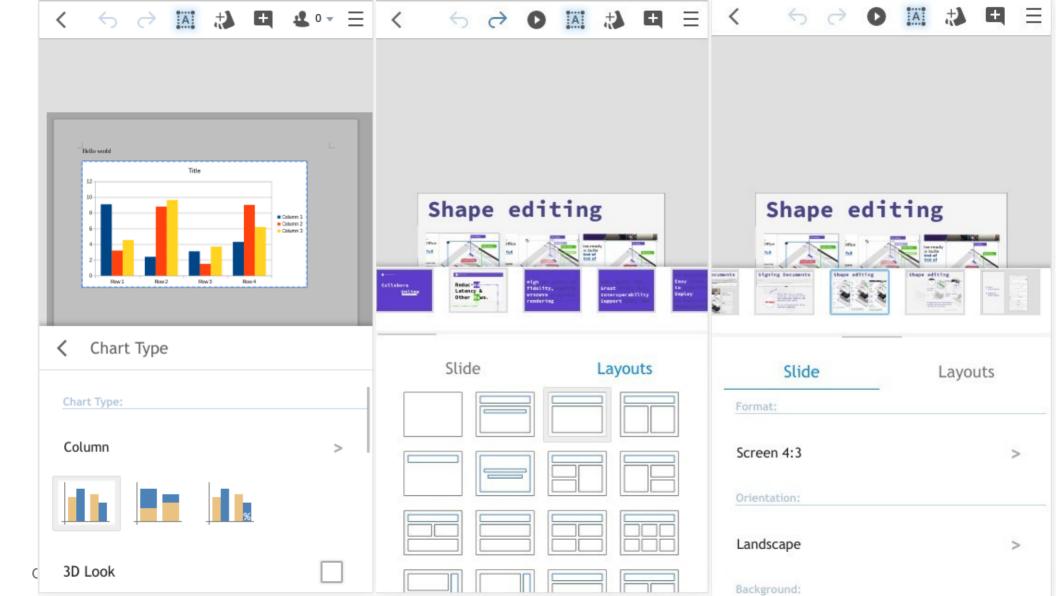
Completely re-written mobile UX: one-handed use



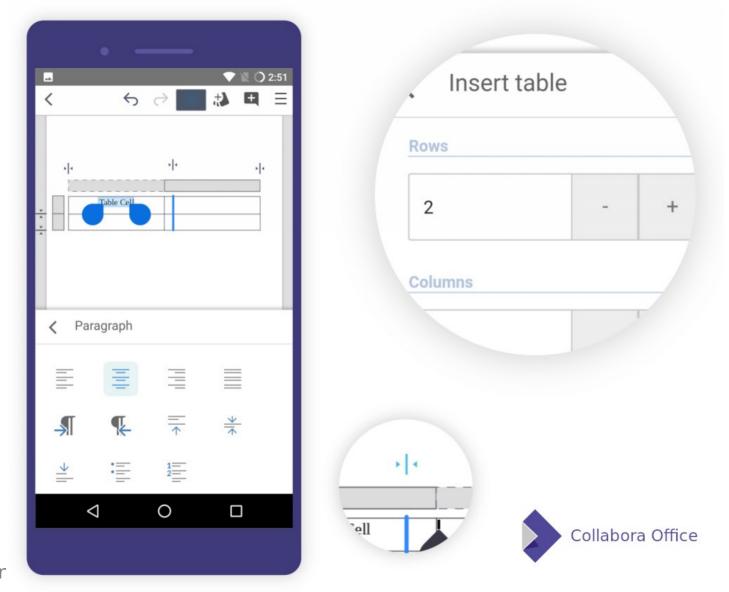


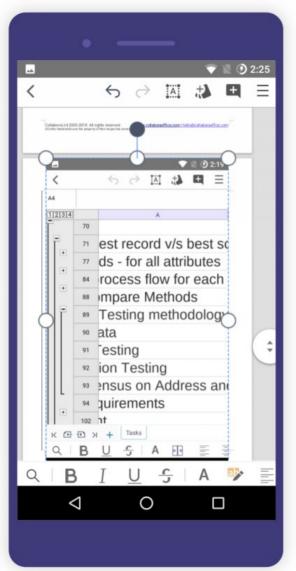


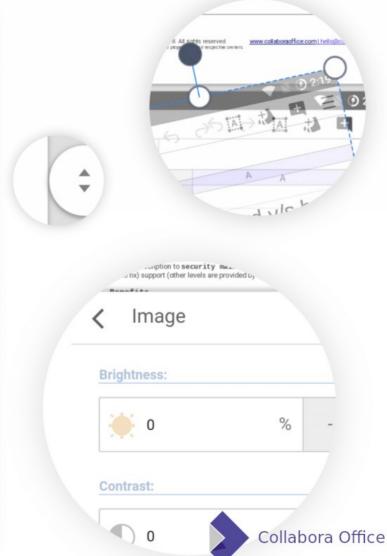




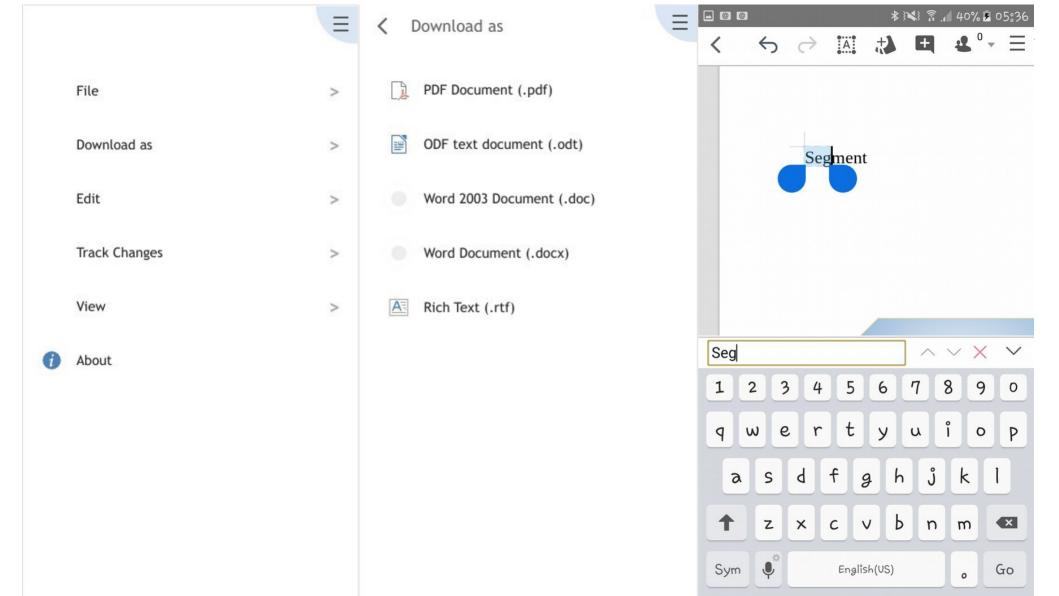






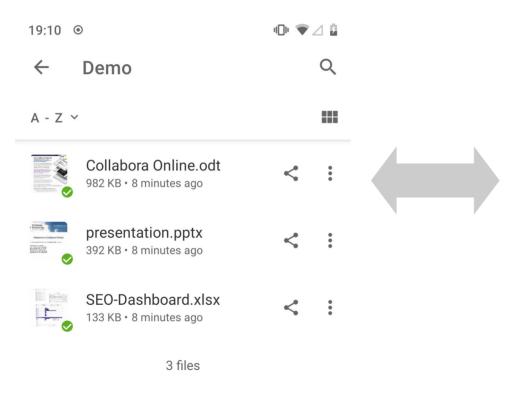






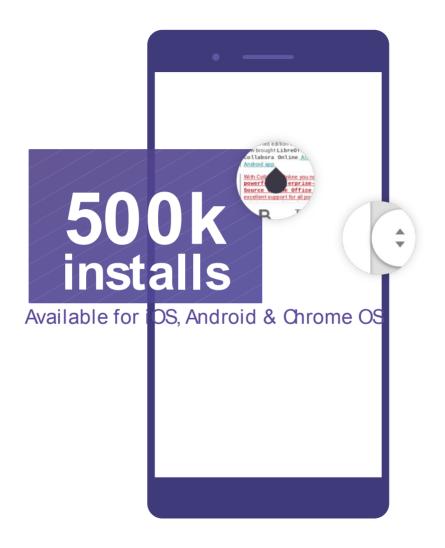


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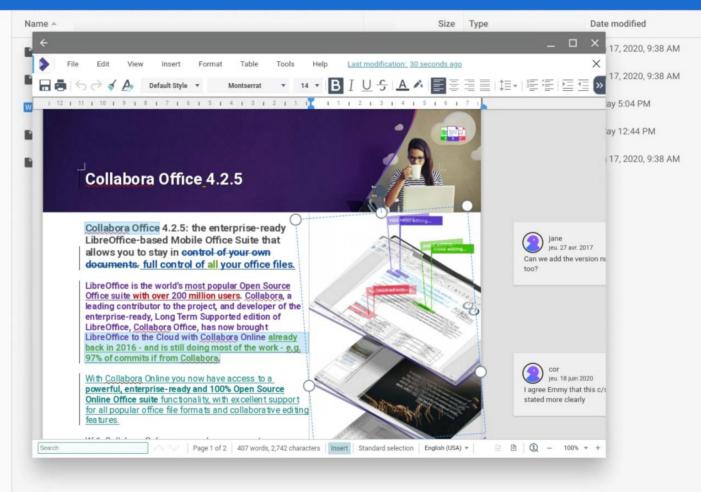
ChromeBooks:







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- Collabora Office 6.4
- Collabora Online Nextcloud Edition
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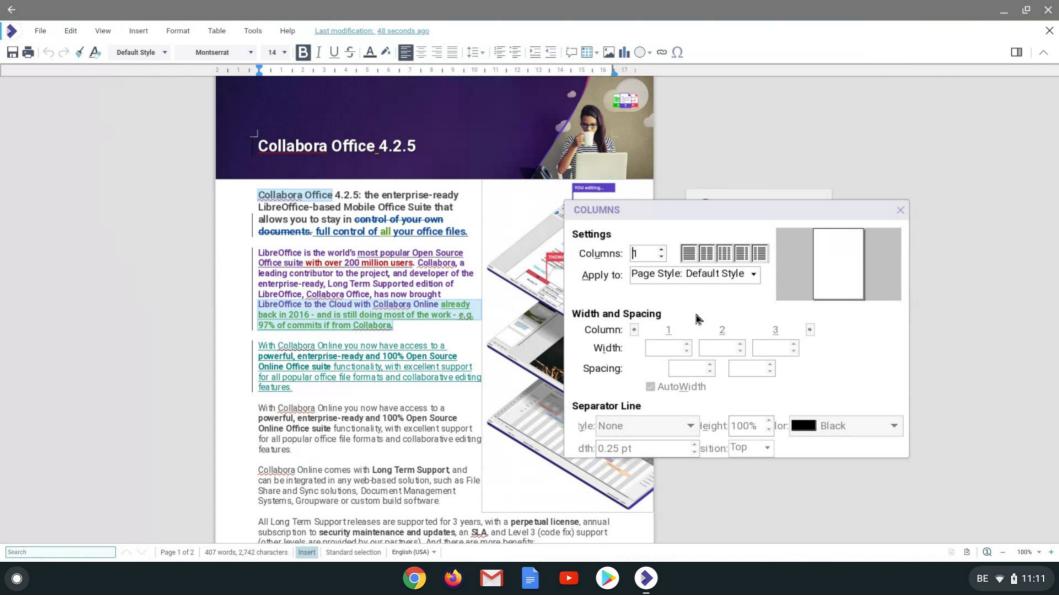




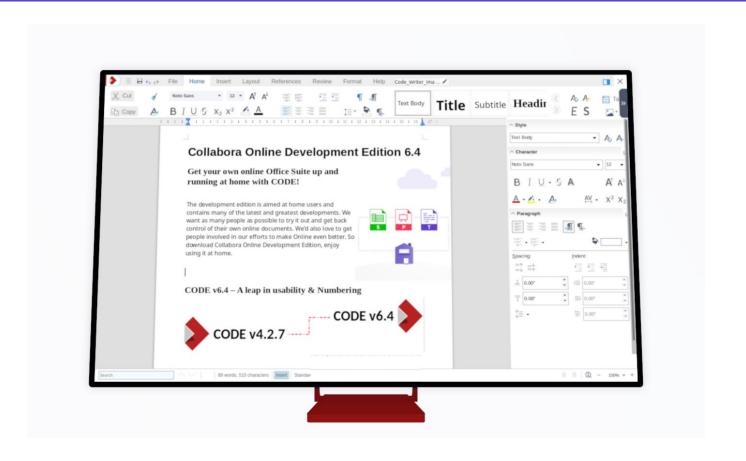








Just released: CODE 6.4.0



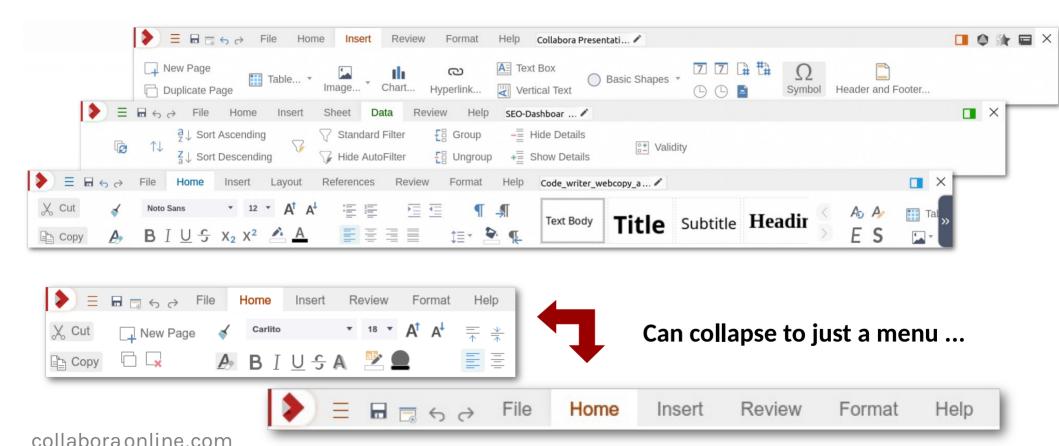


A version leap: cf. openSUSE



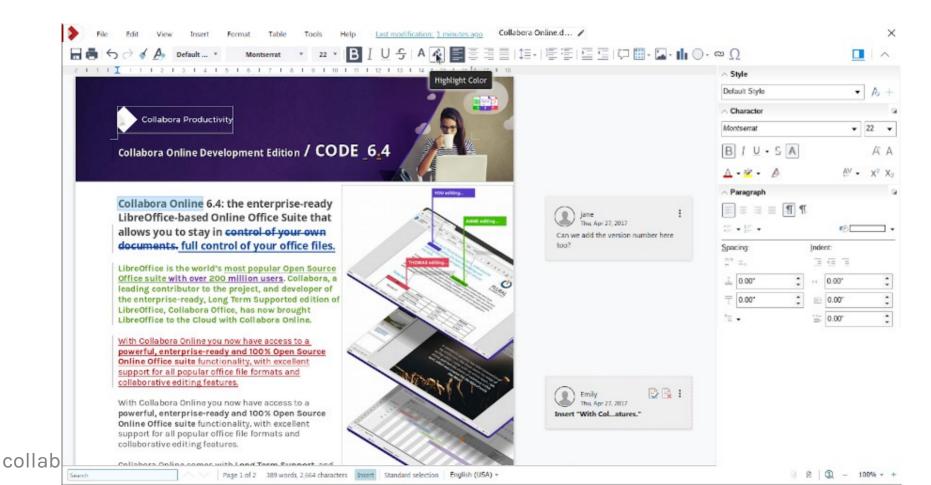


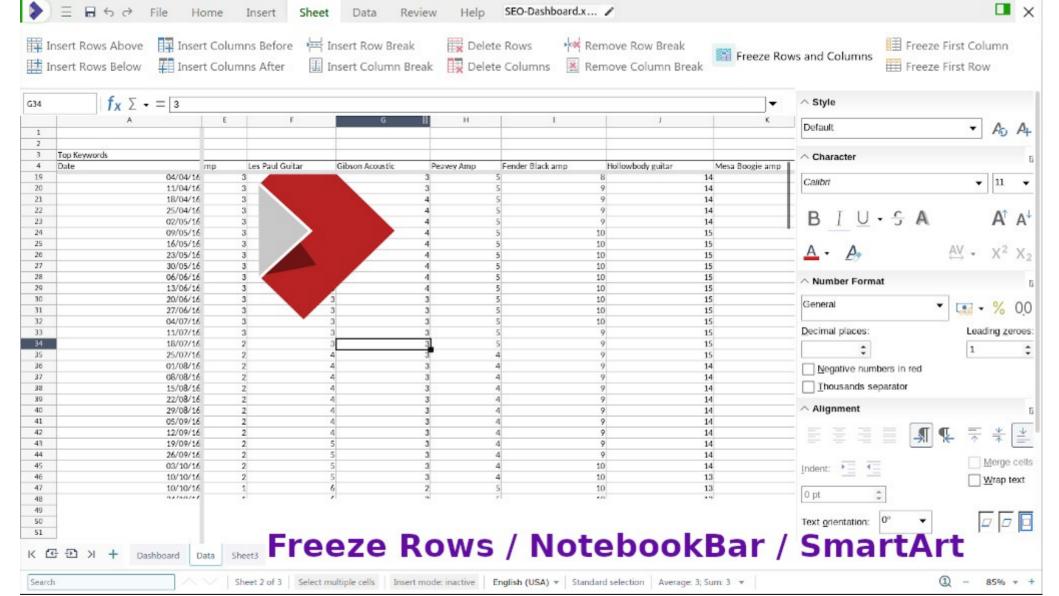
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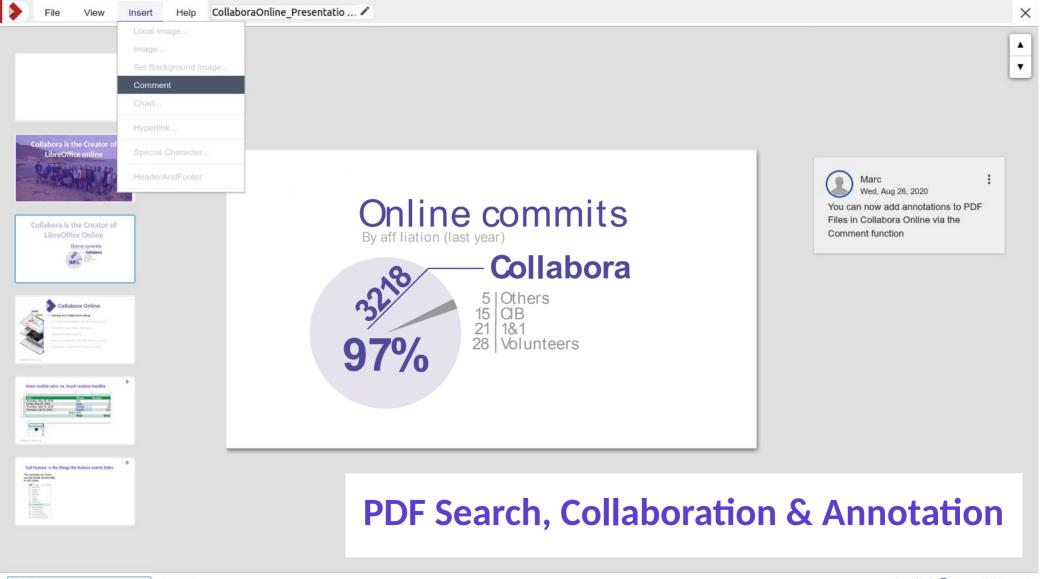


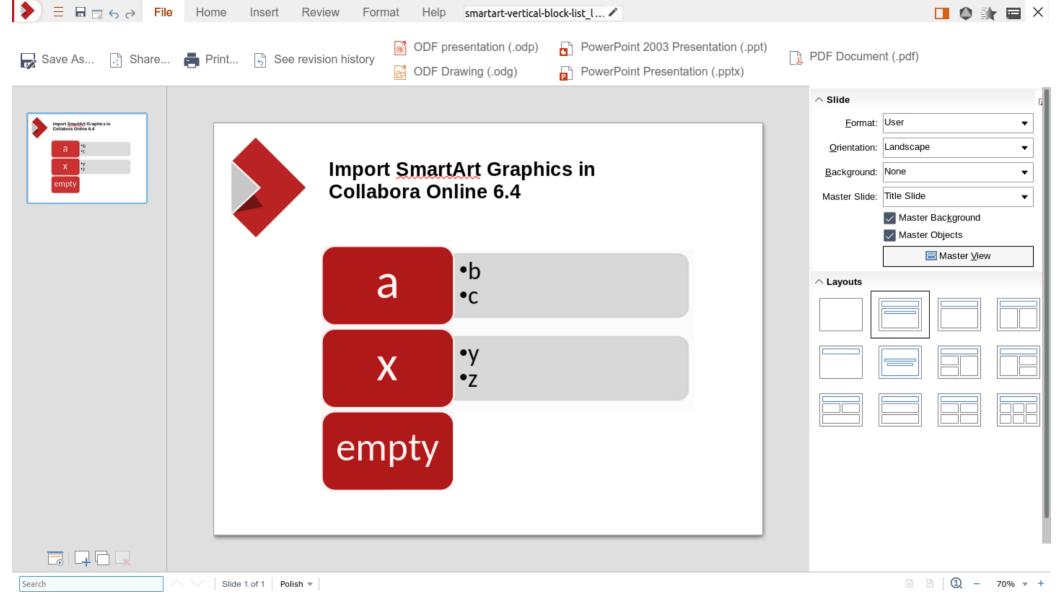


Classic mode retained: configurable & default ...











The pieces you can't see

Integration improvements

- Masses of new extensible API to embed Online into your application
- WOPI-like Locking implementation

Performance

- Loading time, dialog rendering time
- PDF search
- Unipoll code simplification.

Security & Anonymization

- Anonymized logging
- 3rd party penetration testing

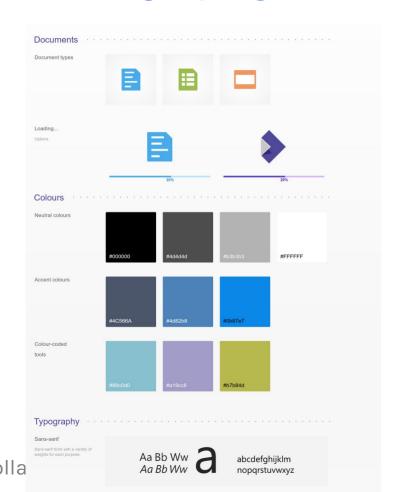
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UX integration:

the next steps



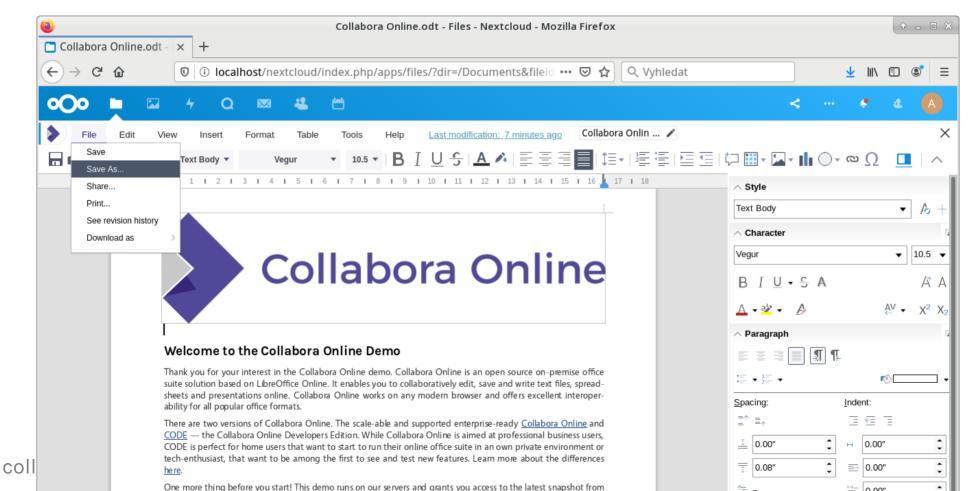
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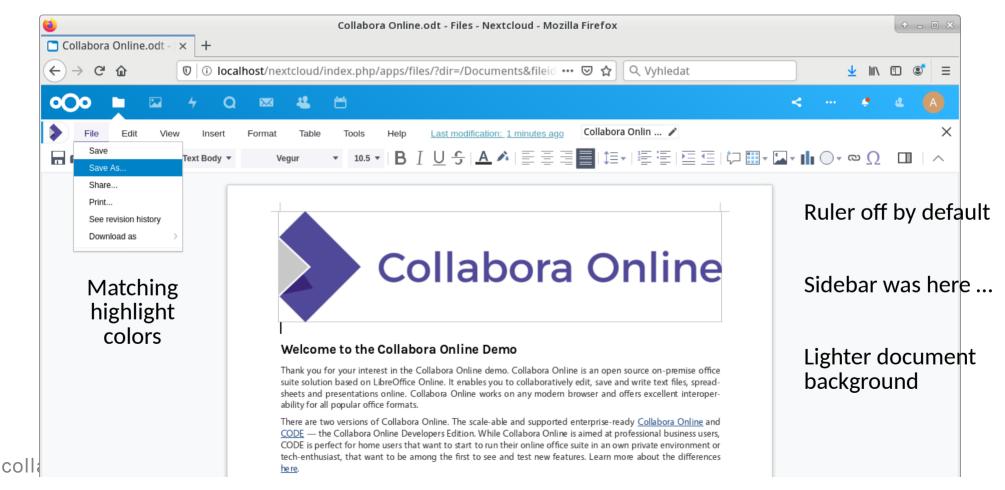


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Products



What can people buy:

Collabora Office

- Long term (3-5 years) stable,
 supported versions of LibreOffice
- includes cumulative customer fixes
 Redaction eg.
- Easier to deploy on Windows: MSP, ADMX lockdown templates
- Unlimited low-priority bug/ficket filing
- Inexpensive for 1000 seats
 €0.96 / user / month

Custom Development

- Service Level Agreement on bug-fixes
 - Have an engineer starting ~now!

All products:

 Unlimited low-priority bug/ticket filing

Product Management & roadmap

• Sit down with us & prioritize ...



Collabora Online - the features you know plus

Service Level Agreement – keeping your documents on-line

Product Management Input - tell us where we should go next!

Custom Integration - APIs, and work ...

Partners commit to install & integrate with the code

Community and Product

- CODE → Collabora Online Development Edition
 - The latest developments a view of the future
 - Perfect for personal use, open, community development



What customers & partners get ...

Customer Portal access

- Access to Collabora Online binaries & update & snapshot channels.
- Full Technical Docs
 - Setup, deployment, manual
 - Support training details
- Support ticketing system file & fix.

Direct access to Engineers & Product Mgmt



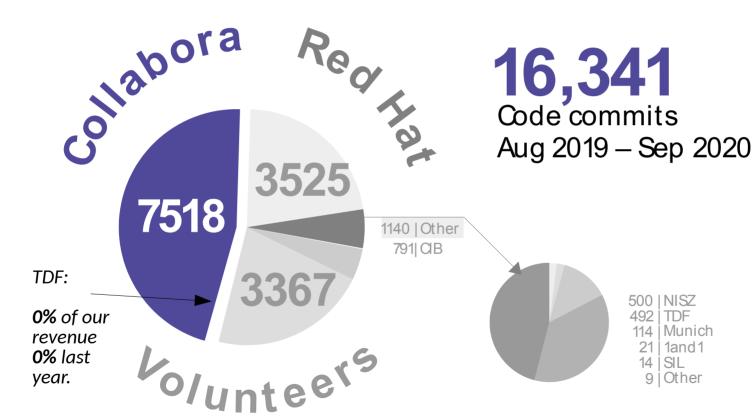
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Commits by Affiliation - last year



We need to improve our ecosystem diversity-wise,

Lets ensure that people can build businesses around it

Also celebrate, encourage & credit all contributors

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Other ways we serve & contribute ...

Governance

- 2x Board/deputy members
- 1 Membership Committee
- Serve on the ESC

More work - funding time

- Mentoring / GSOC
 - 5/9 mentors this year, 4/6 projects
 - Daily up-stream mentoring / review.
- Patch review of gerrit commits
- Hackfest / evangelism
- conference content: 2/3 of dev. talks.

Funding with cash

- Conference Sponsorship
- Marketing publication sponsorship
- Cash from Apple App-store sales 15%

Paying for things TDF cannot

- Buying community meals at conferences
- Thank-you presents etc.



Thanks to our team(s) who have worked so hard:

Collabora Code Committers - last 12 months (33)

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- Cor Nouws, Marc Rodriguez,
 William Gathoye → Marketing
- Tracie Fabb, Julie Wilder,
 Hannah/Jassie/Jessie ... → Biz support

In bold (left)

managed to manage a team as well (!)

Please do encourage them.



Conclusions

- Our FOSS mission applied:
 - working to make LibreOffice rock.
 - Working to liberate people's documents
- All paid for by our Customers
 & Partners
 - can't do anything without them,
- All executed by our staff

- All executed alongside the community
 - Getting it done & making it fun.
- Branding is one of our only assets:
 - We need credit & leads to fund the fun.
- A pleasure to be able to sponsor the openSUSE / LibreOffice conference.

Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock for ever! I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And though this body has been destroyed yet in my flesh I will see God, I myself will see him, with my own eyes - I and not another. How my heart yearns within me. - Job 19: 23-27