EDITABLE NESTED FIELDS IN WRITER





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Fields



- Writer fields
 - a magic character inside a paragraph in the document model
 - simple mechanism to generate a bit of text
- Word fields
 - field instruction + field result
 - both user editable rich text
 - used for lots of things, e.g. indexes



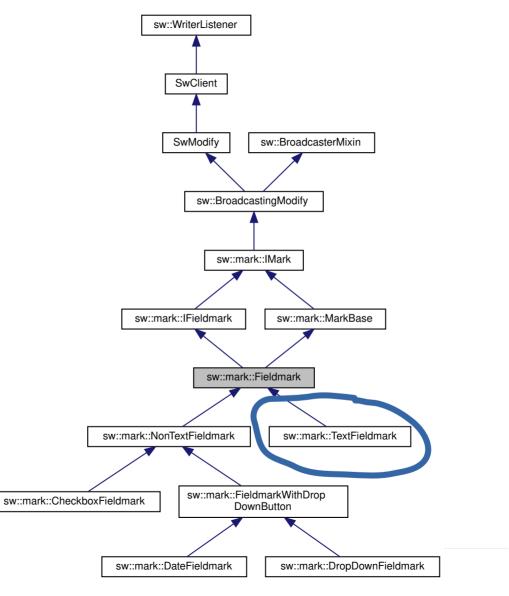
Fieldmarks



- added to OOo >10 years ago
- representation of Word fields in Writer model, as a kind of bookmark
- Text fieldmark:
 - 2 dummy characters, with instruction as string property
 - can't actually represent Word fields



Class hierarchy







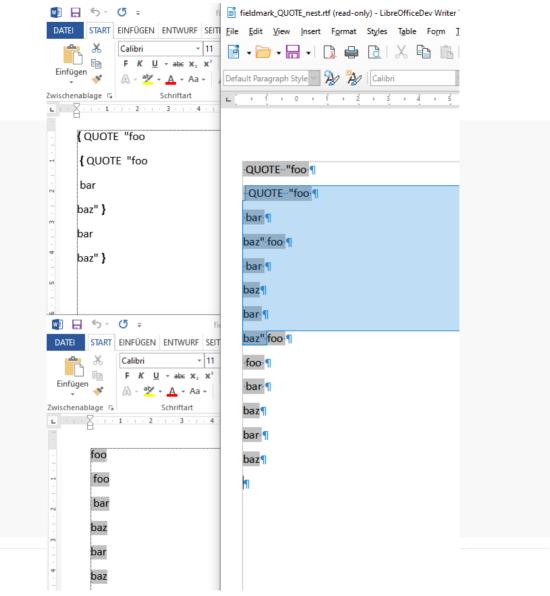
Fixing that...



- added 3rd dummy character CH_TXT_ATR_FIELDSEP
 - can now nest fields in field instruction
- keep fieldmarks consistent when editing (overlapping selections)
- working Undo/Redo
- removed some defensive programming, deployed some asserts
 - lots of bugs fixed
 - [control characters inserted as text]
- Office::Common::Filter::Microsoft::Import::ForceImportWWFieldsAsGenericFields mode to suppress converting Word fields to Writer fields in RTF/DOCX import



Example nested field



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Future Work



- hide the field instruction (or result) in the document view
- expand the field instruction into a new result (far future...)



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