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- Paris, LibreOffice Conference

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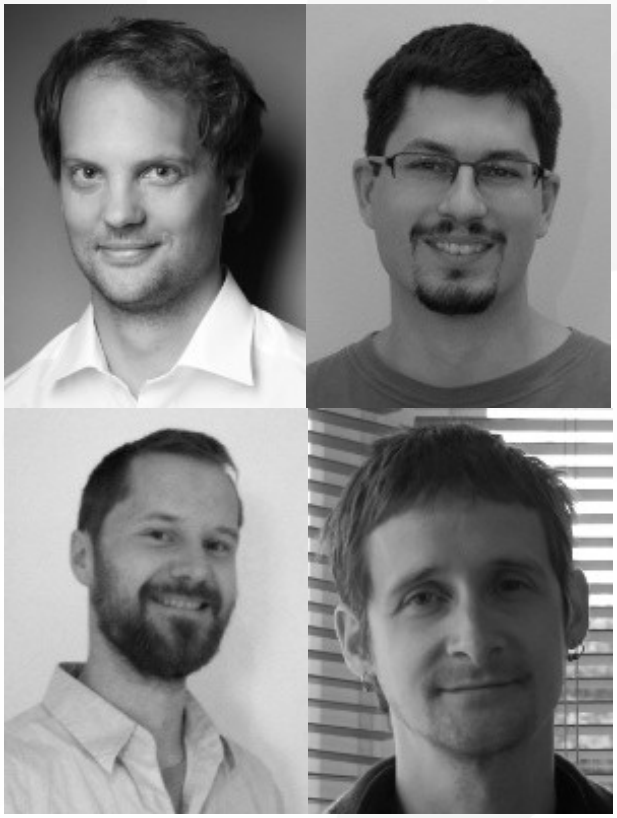

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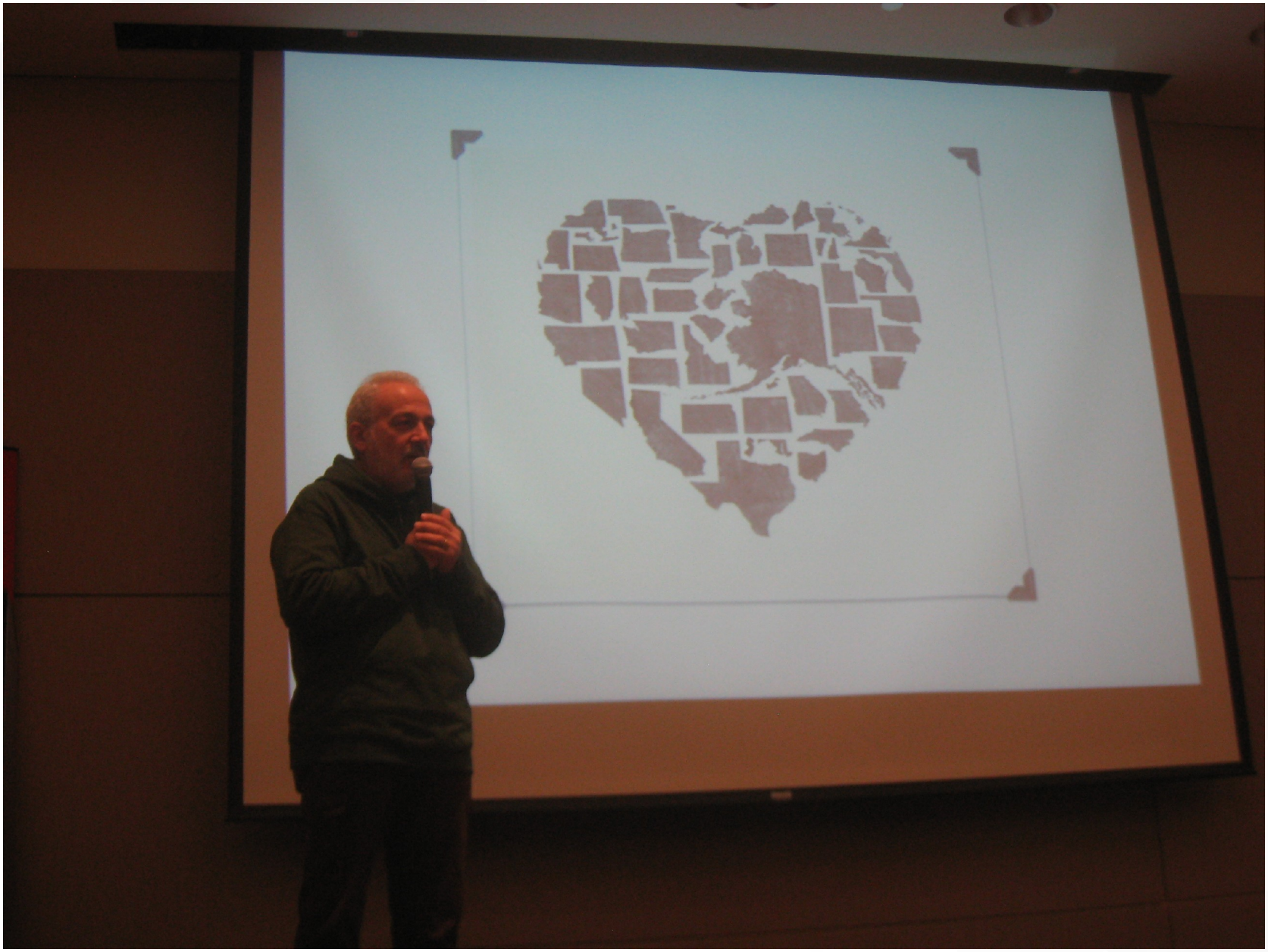

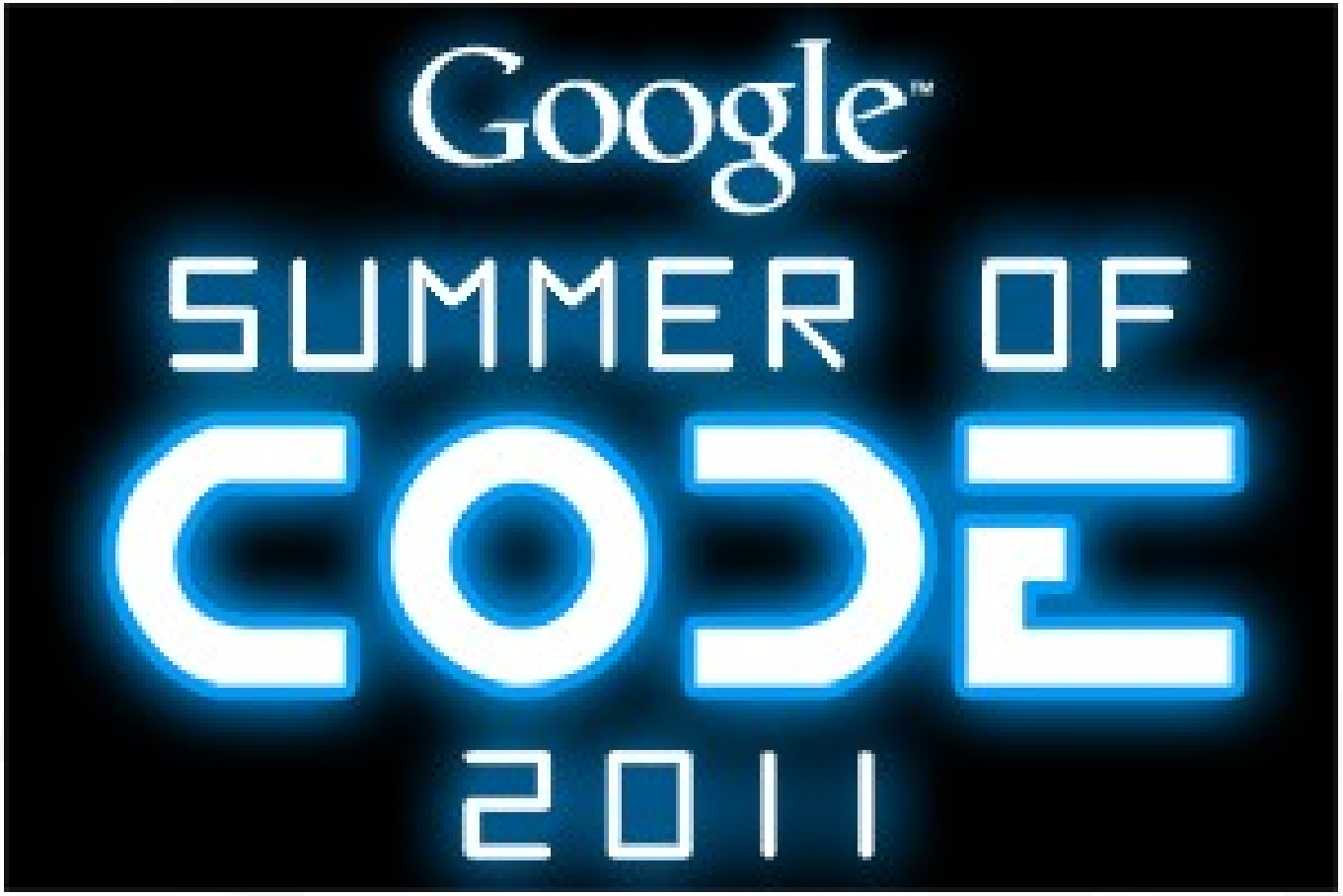
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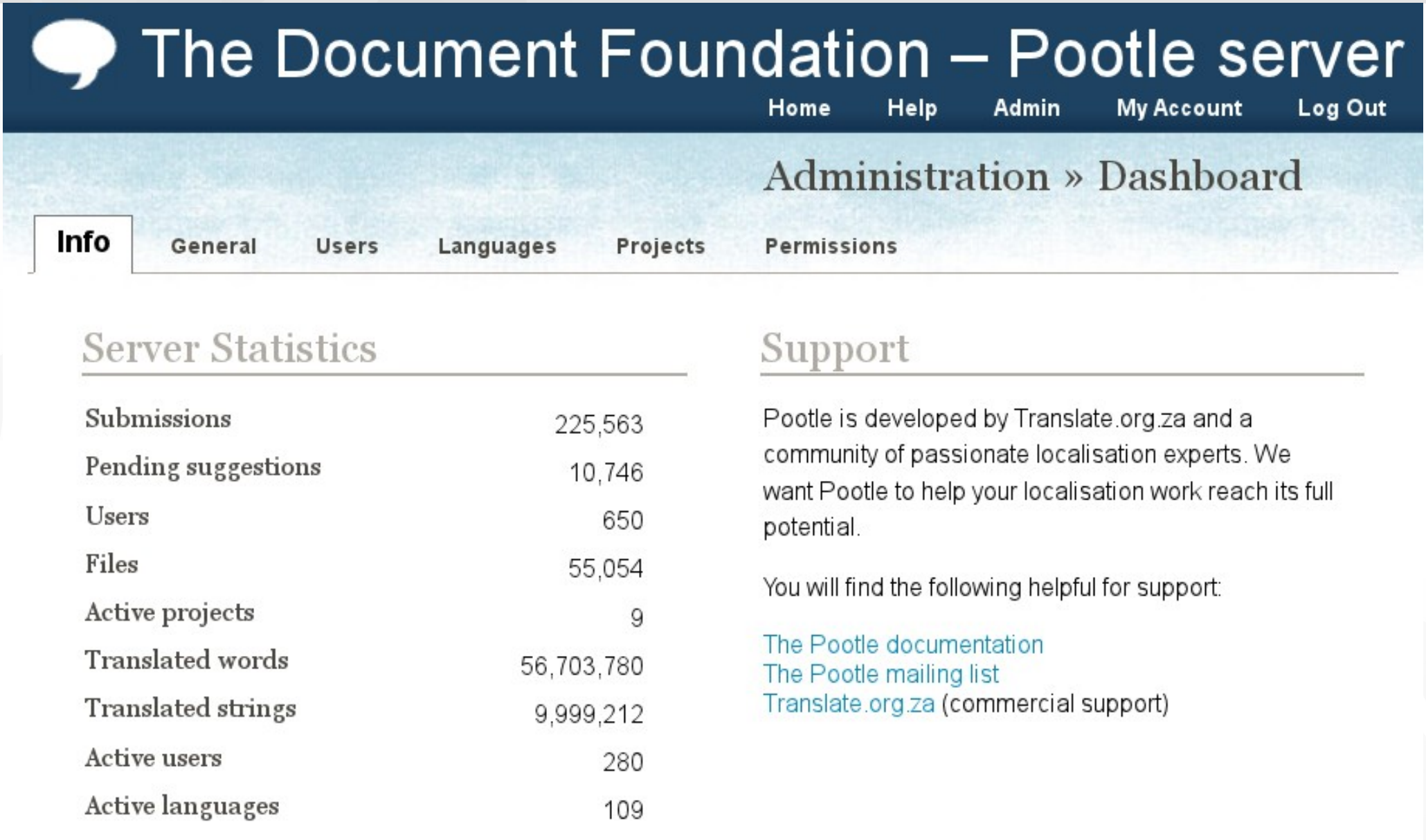
Translation in more depth ...

Your Mother's tongue: the language of the heart ...

Localisation highlights

- Continuous localisation …
  - frequent updates of translations in source
  - translations can be fixed/updated iteratively
- Dedicated translation server (Pootle)
- PO files stored in git
- Moving more things to PO file based l10n framework
  - palettes (LibreOffice 3.4)
  - extension descriptions (LibreOffice 3.5)
- For end users …
  - all translations in one download for Windows

Localisation statistics



Localisation statistics

- In LibreOffice 3.4.4 ...
  - Number of supported document languages: 400
  - Number of fully supported locales: 192
  - Number of UI languages: 105
  - Number of maintained UI languages: 77

Development in more depth ...

Some deep and weighty matters ...

Show me the code ...

- And better ...
  - show me the people !
- Great Free Software is at root all about people ...
  - we want to have fun doing good …
  - so far very happy with the fun level ...
- Behavior we expect of others is sharing & collaboration
  - So we write that down in the licenses we choose MPL/LGPLv3+
- So – lets talk people … (a random selection)

People by user-visible components … (roughly)

- Calc:
  - Regina Henschel, Markus Mohrhard, Kohei Yoshida, Eike Rathke
- Impress / draw
  - Radek Doulik, Thorsten Behrens, Muthu Subramanian K, Ivan Timofeev, Peter Rabi, Takeshi Kurosawa
- Writer
  - Cédric Bosdonnat, Michael Stahl, Lubos Lunak
- Math:
  - Jonas Finnemann Jensen, Julien Nabet, Luke Dixon
- Base
  - Lionel Ellie Mamane, Terrence Enger
- Scripting
  - Noel Power, Olivier Hallot
- Security / fuzzing / risk redux
  - Caolan, Marc-Andre Laverdiere, Dennis E. Hamilton, Huzaifa Sidhpurwala, Wei Ming Khoo
- Filters
  - Fridrich Strba, Valek Filippov, Tibby Lickle, Miklos Vajna, Marco Cecchetti, Katarina Machalkova
- Core:
  - Many more than can be listed ...

A very incomplete, quick, rough sketch... - on an over-dense slide to read later ...

Or by platform (roughly):

- Windows
  - Tor Lillqvist, Fridrichski Strba, Jesus Corrius, Caolan McNamara,
  - Mingw: Jan Holesovsky
- OS/X
  - Christian Lohmaier, Norbert Thiebaud, Thorsten Behrens, Fridrich Strba (PPC)
- Linux
  - Debian → Rene Engelhard
  - SUSE → Petr Mladek
  - RedHat → Caolan McNamara, David Tardon
  - Ubuntu → Bjoern Michaelsen
  - Gentoo →Thomas Chatavall + Andreas
- BSDs
  - FreeBSD → Thomas Arnhold, Baptiste Daroussin
  - OpenBSD → Robert Nagy
  - NetBSD → Thomas Klausner
  - Dragonfly → Francois Tigeot
- Oxygen Office
  - Kalman Szalai
- IOS / Android
  - Tor Lillqvist, Thorsten Behrens
- Portable LibreOffice
  - portableapps.com guys ...

Another very incomplete, quick, rough sketch...

Or by type of work … (a few snapshots)

- Greek style technical debt payment...
  - stl re-work
    - Thomas Arnhold, Joe Powers, Maciej Rumianowski, Nigel Hawkins, Rafael Dominguez
  - Misc. code cleanup / translation
    - Norbert, Matus Kukan, Takeshi Abe, Pierre-André Jacquod, Takeshi Kurosawa, Christina Roßmanith, Tor Lillqvist, Julien Chaffraix, Povilas Kanapickas, Kenneth Venken, Michaël Lefèvre, J. Graeme Lingard, Jonathan Aquilina, Gert Faller
  - theming / icon code fixes:
    - Chris Carpenter, Sebastian Spaeth, Joachim Trémouroux, Andrew C. E. Dent
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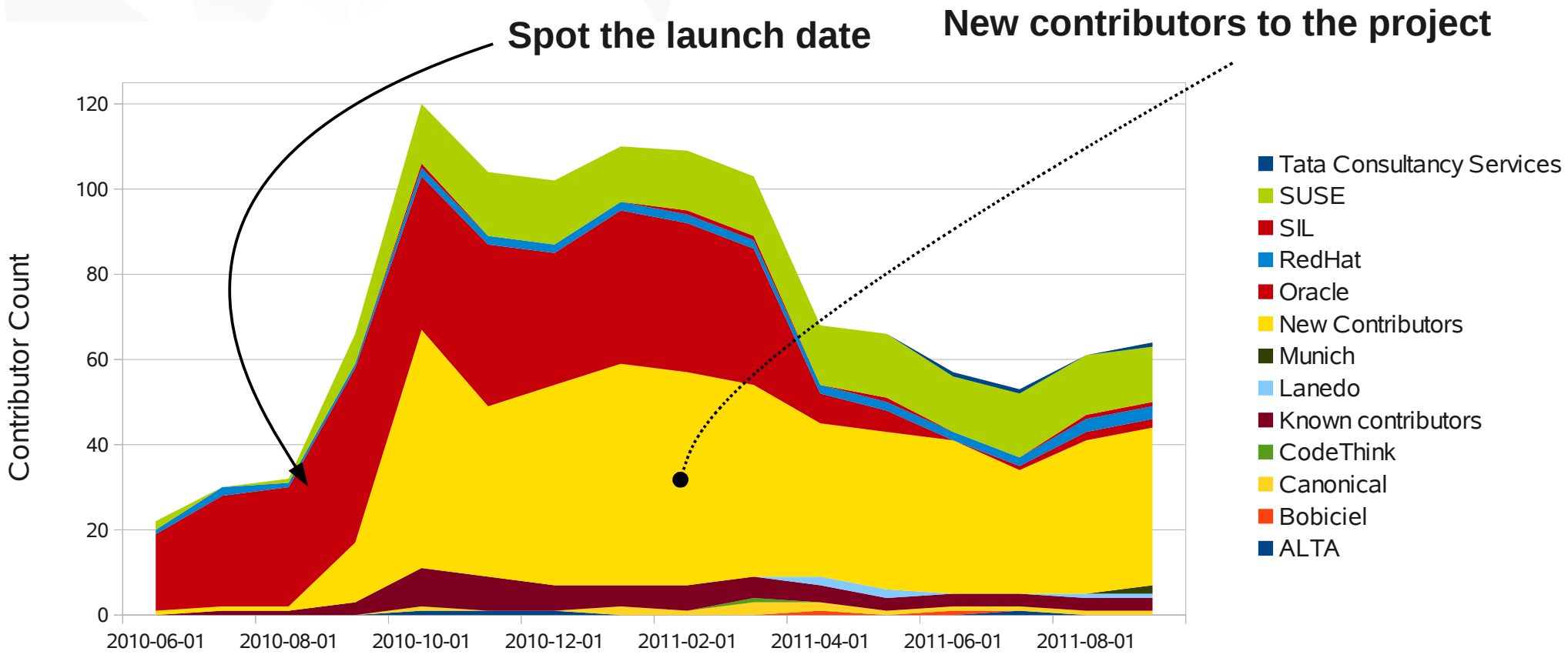
- Complex Text Layout / l10n code
  - Caolan McNamara, Martin Hosken, Khaled Hosny, Keith Stribley (RIP), Takeshi Abe, Eike Rathke
- UI improvements
  - Ivan Timofeev, Dmitry A Ashkadov, Cedric Bosdonnat, Takeshi Abe, Regina Henschel, Christophe Noack, Bálint Dózsa, Astron, Jean-Baptiste Faure, Olivier Hallot
- In-tree unit testing
  - Markus Mohrhard, Wilhelm Pflueger, Caolan McNamara, Stephan Bergmann Bjoern Michaelsen, Kohei Yoshida, Lionel Elie Mamane, Baptiste Daroussin, Sébastien Le Ray
- misc. (compiler) issue fixing
  - Tom Tromey, Jani Monoses

Yet another partial, quick, rough sketch...

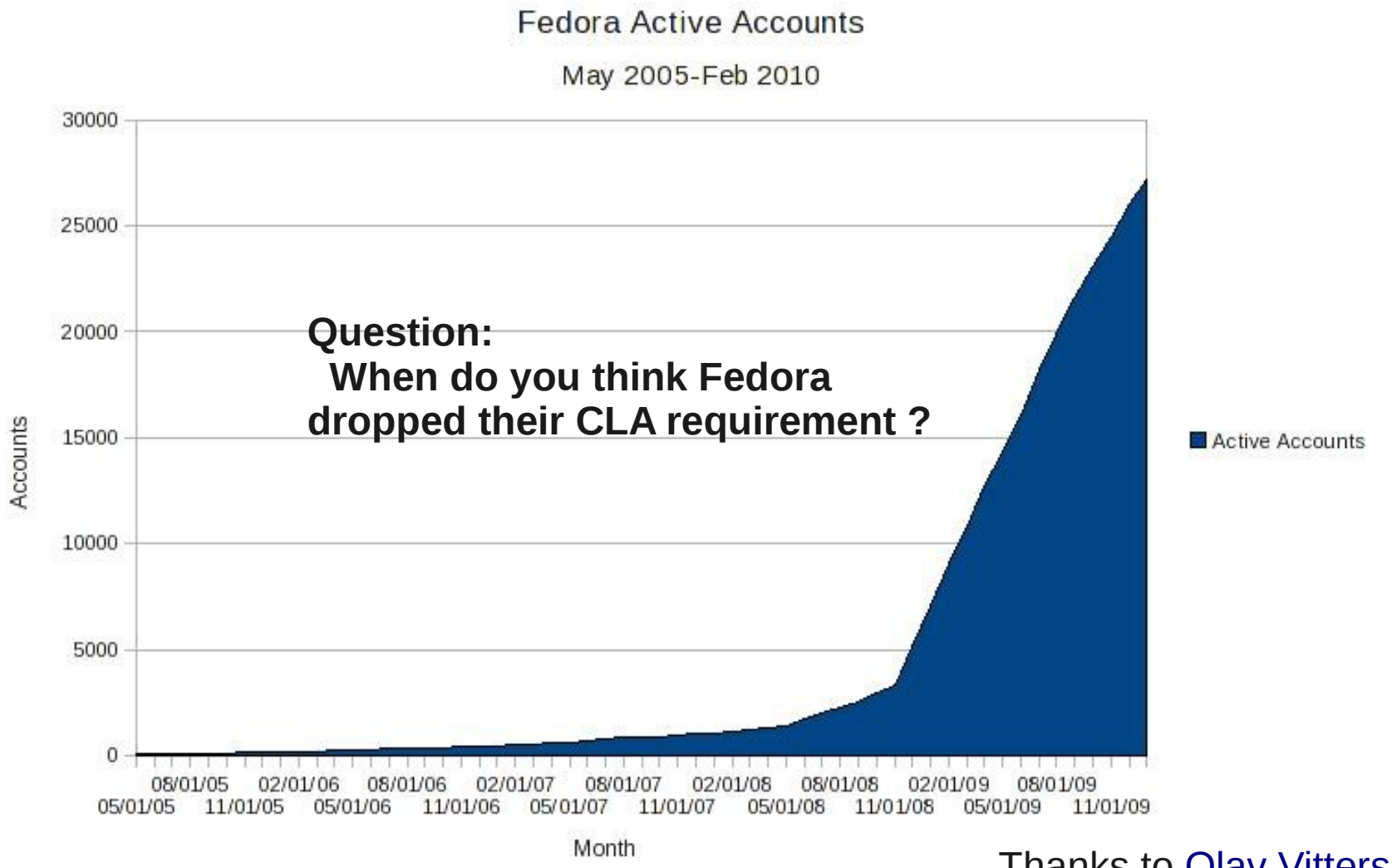
12+ months in: how is it going ? - quite well

- **~275 code contributors, ~230 entirely new to the project since LibreOffice**
- **~280 active translators, for ~109 languages (in Pootle)**
- **Two stable branches: 3.3.4 and 3.4.3 – 9 stable releases in ~12 months**
  - Development continues apace: 3.5.0 due early Feb 2012



On Contributor License Agreements ...

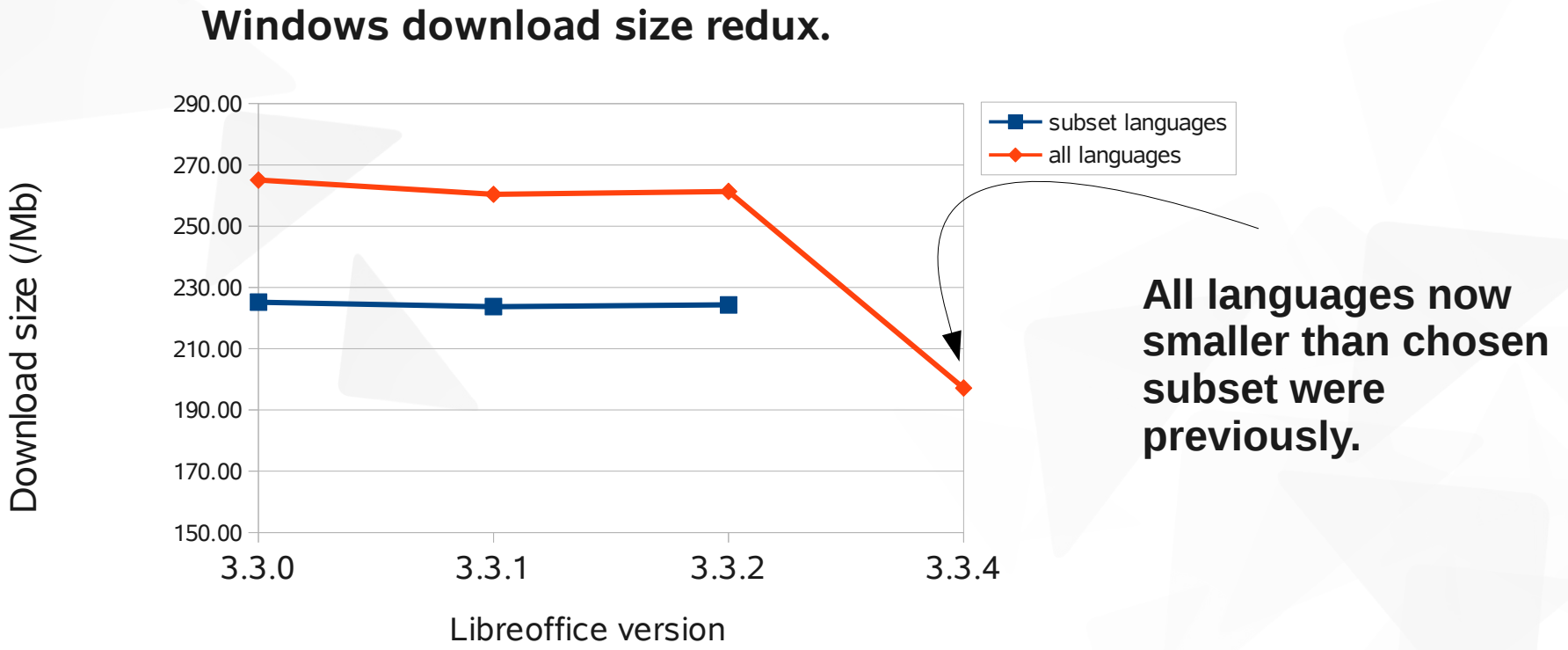
Why barriers to entry can be **very** costly to erect:



Thanks to Olav Vitters

Shrinking our download size / mirror bloat redux.

- Starting point: **76Gb** of mirror up-load / distribute …
- We got this down to **~5Gb** per release, thanks to Kami & others
- We bundled all active and completeish translations too ...
- Faster, happier mirror admins & no language favoritism



Lots of improvements …

Again no way to list them all, and the heroic individuals involved ...

- better debugging support, on-line help, 'experimental mode', automated regression avoidance, less RAM waste, Java to python porting, faster build times, cleaner repository setup, better bundled fonts, nightly snapshots, more reliable tinderboxes, MS Works import, more localisations, predictable release schedule, on-time releases, incremental development, Lotus Word Pro filter, faster second start, continuous translation, user interface improvements, VISIO import, cleaner more readable code, better calculation performance, partial ports to new platforms: Android, IOS, legacy code removal, better VBA support, windows cross compilation, SVG import, RTF import & export re-write, web office, substantially improved interoperability, pretty document drop-shadows, useful extensions come bundled, pivot table improvements, Unity menu integration, better gtk+ integration, filter re-factoring, new title page dialog, growing team size, improved security, faster first-startup, duplicated code removed, many thousands of unused LOC removed, exciting new filters, Persian + Arabic numbering types, sexy line chart smoothing, palette embedding, header + separator UI improvements … and much more ...
- **But …**
  - We also had fun, made new friends, and achieved a lot together !

A roadmap to the future: agreed & published ...

- A **time based**, **six-monthly** release train …
  - **synchronized** with the Linux distributions cadence
  - ie. a normal Free Software project
  - rapid fire, (monthly) bug-fix release on stable branch

LibreOffice Releases

By using a time-based release schedule and maintaining two parallel branches, LibreOffice will always be available both for early adopters and conservative users, with the most appropriate version for each group's specific needs and habits.

3.3 Family	3.3.2		3.3.3			3.3.4					
3.4 Family		3.4.0		3.4.1	3.4.2		3.4.3		3.4.4		
3.5 Family								3.5.0		3.5.1	3.5.2
Developers	daily snapshots of master / self-built versions										
Bleeding Edge	3.3.2	3.4.0		3.4.1			3.4.3	3.5.0		3.5.1	
Stable	3.3.2		3.3.3		3.4.2		3.4.3		3.4.4		3.5.2
Very Stable			3.3.3						3.4.4		
Rock Solid					3.3.3	3.3.4					3.4.4

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The Infrastructure Behind TDF

- Florian Effenberger

What It Is About

- you'll never see infrastructure until it doesn't work
- it provides a framework/platform for the community
- technically enables the community to do all sorts of fun things
- has to be dynamic, scaleable, stable
- “infrastructure provides the playground where things happen”

The Starting Situation

- existing OpenOffice.org infrastructure at CollabNet with migration to Kenai planned
  - mainly tied to one IT service provider
  - many integrated services, a few external ones
  - “somehow works” and contains 10 years worth of data
  - one of the high-profile sites on the internet
- back then: pending Oracle decision about TDF also decides about future infrastructure

Status Quo: Three-Way Approach

- TDF-hosted services
  - mailing lists plus archives
  - websites and wiki
  - download management system (MirrorBrain) and rsync
  - translation services, DMS
- FreeDesktop.org-hosted services
  - development mailing lists
  - git repository, bug tracker (BugZilla)
- external services
  - worldwide mirrors
  - WordPress Blog

Just To Impress You A Bit...

- team of 14 administrators from 5 countries
- seven TDF servers, plus FreeDesktop.org, plus external
- TDF alone handling up to 10 TB of traffic per month w/o DLs
- 82 mirrors worldwide handled more than 6.000.000 DLs
- 110 mailing lists in 35 languages, over 600 MB in total
- 15,500 subscribers, half of them for announcements
- in total, over 200 GB of web-hosted data at TDF
- we handled 350.000 DLs the first week

Why Are You Telling All This?

- TDF not only managed to attract developers, maintain a product, create, shape and strenghten a brand, do marketing
- but also to take care of all technical needs by itself
- all based on free software
- all knowledge is within the community
- we are not tied to one specific service provider anymore
- we contribute back to other projects (mlmmj and PyMIME)
- in a nutshell:
  Our infrastructure development reflects the freedom, openness and transparency that TDF stands for.

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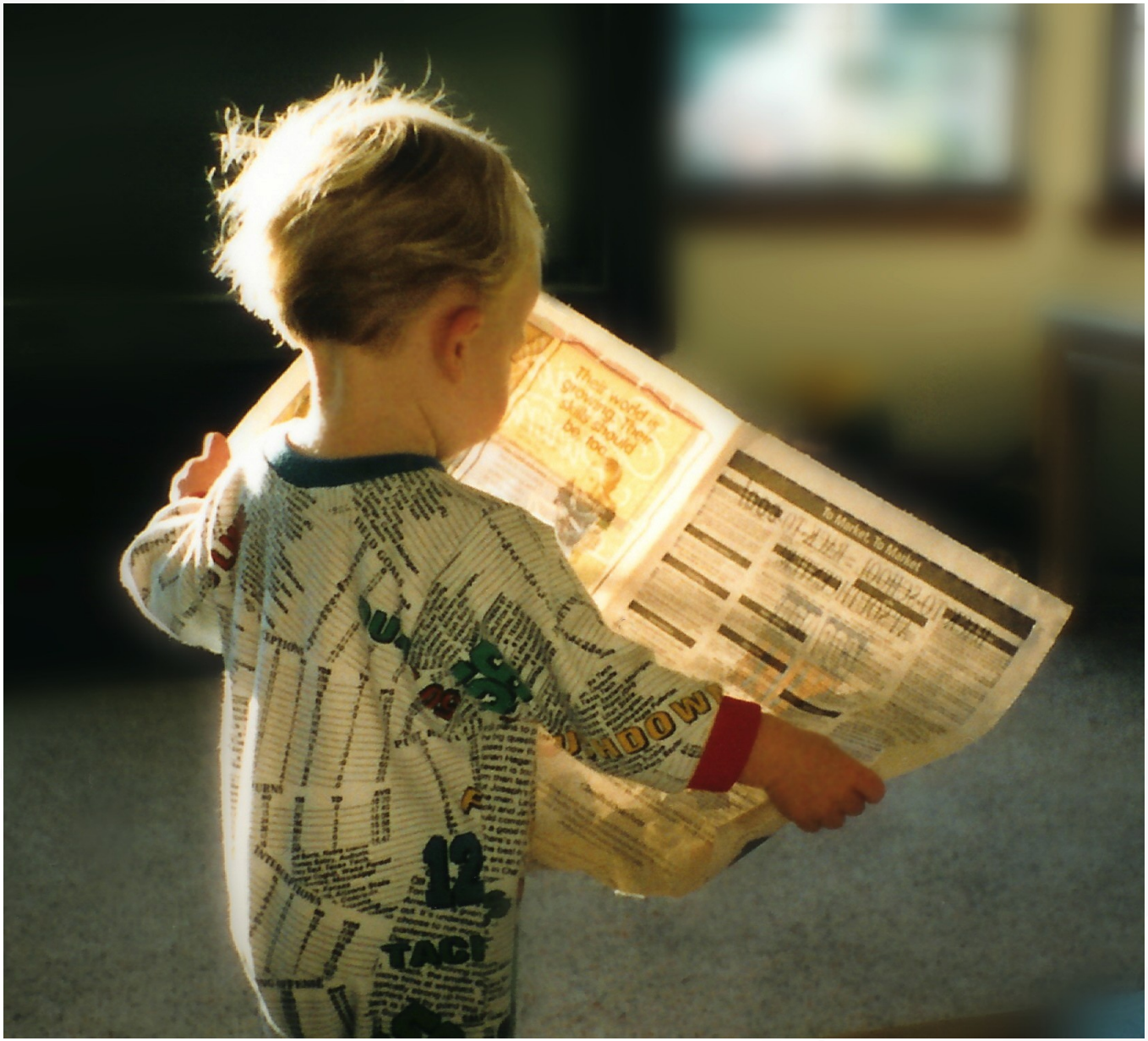

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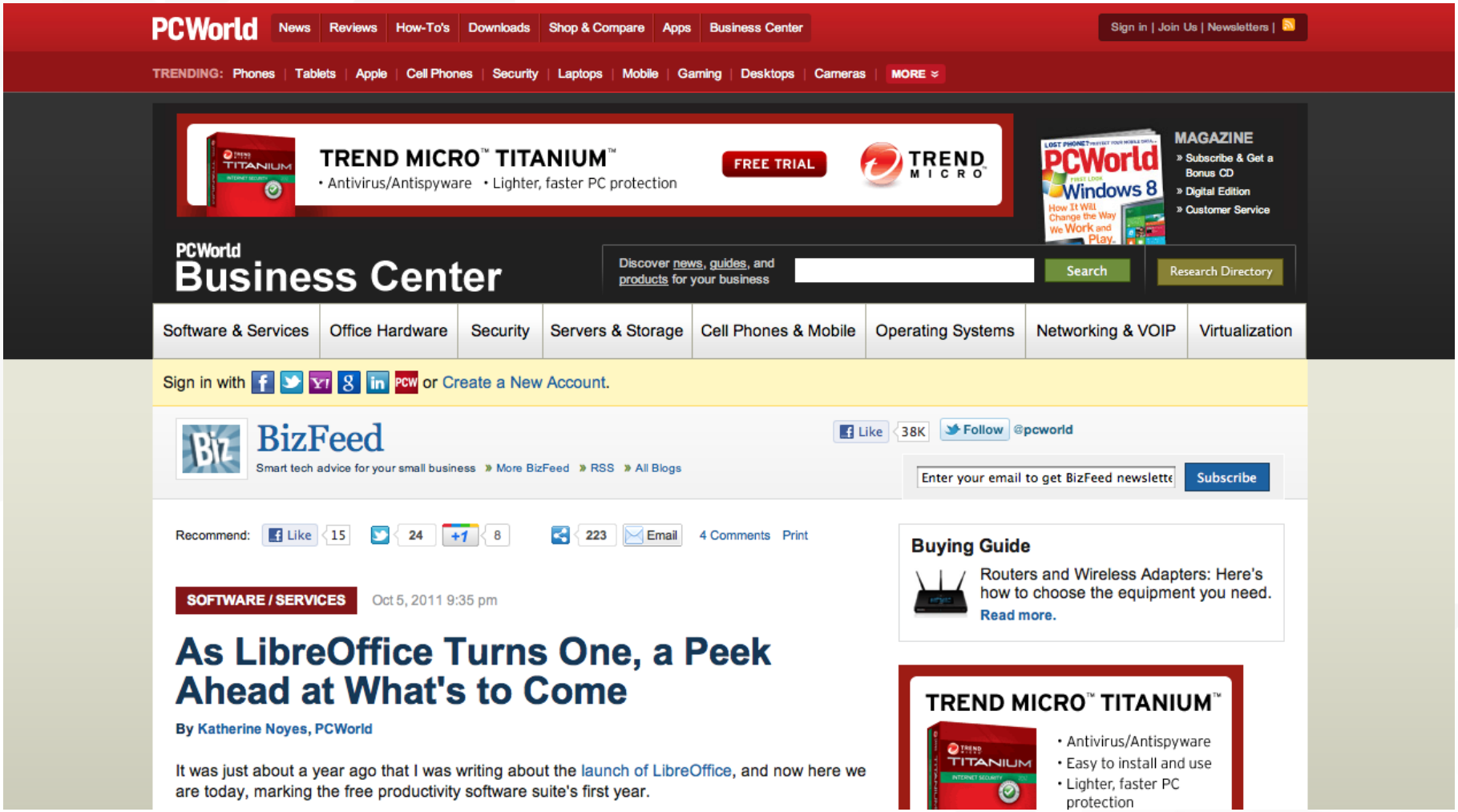
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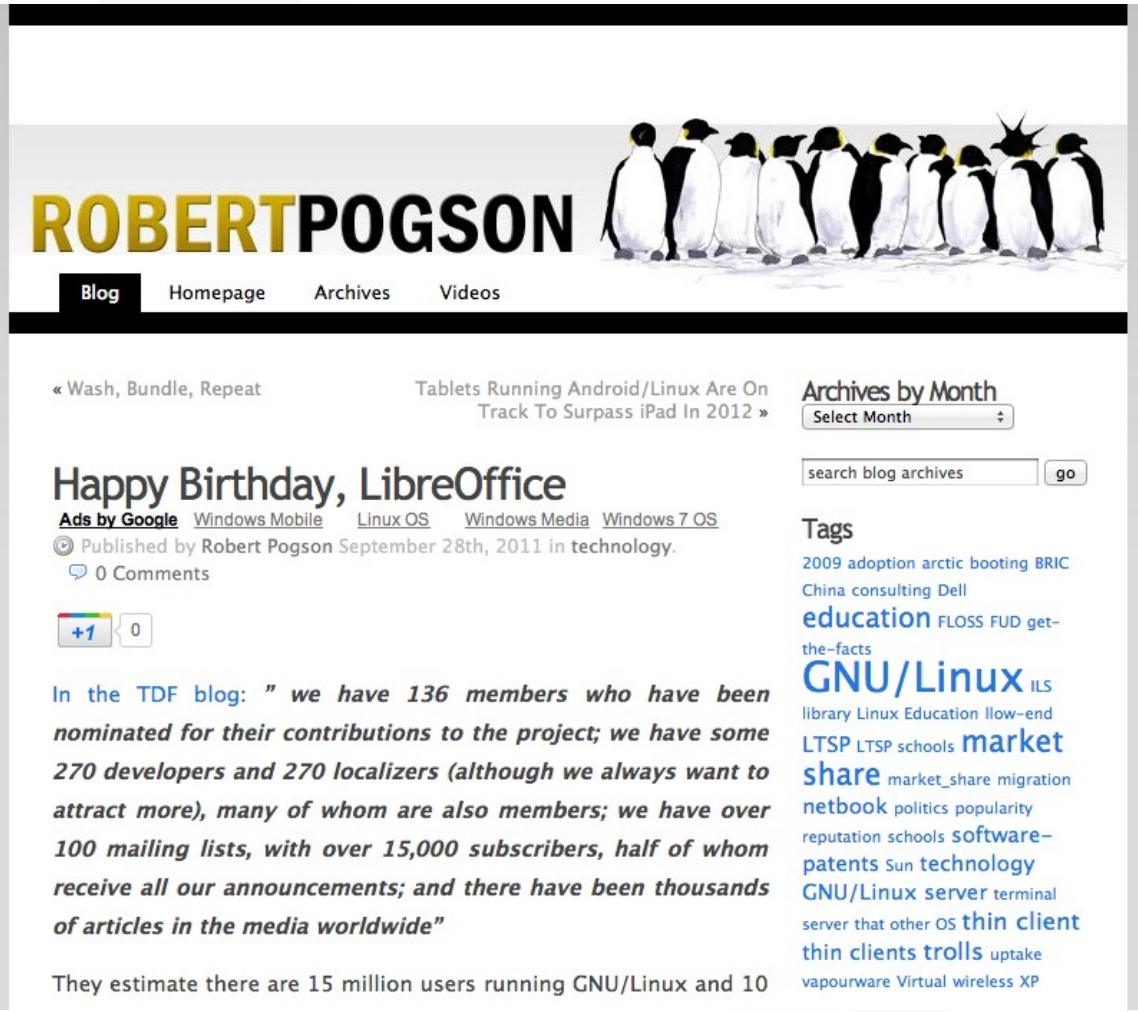

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When I first started using Linux, way back in the last century, one of the biggest challenges was the lack of a decent productivity suite of the sort to which every Windows user is accustomed. The only real option was StarOffice, which worked but was unbearably slow to load and cumbersome to use. Sun Microsystems bought StarDivision, the makers of StarOffice, in 1999 and released the source code to the suite in July 2000. Thus was OpenOffice.org born, with the intention of providing a viable open source alternative to Microsoft Office. Sun got bought by Oracle in 2010 and commercial development of OpenOffice.org was officially terminated shortly thereafter.

For a traditional closed source application, Oracle's abandonment may well have been the end of the line. But OpenOffice.org had been released under the LGPL, the Lesser GNU Public License. This

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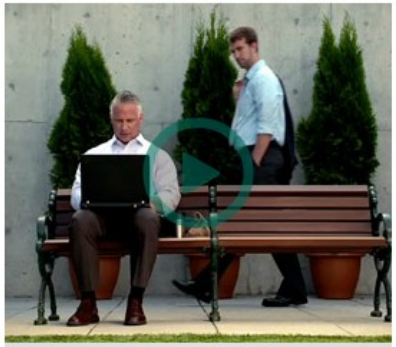
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LibreOffice Celebrates First Anniversary

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It was just a year ago today that LibreOffice was officially announced and the first beta of the OpenOffice.org fork was released. The Document Foundation marked the occasion by sending out a announcement with lots of juicy statistics. For example, LibreOffice represents the results of the collaborative power of 330 contributors.

Charles Schulz, a member of the Steering Committee, is quoted as saying:

> What we have achieved in just twelve months is incredible. Let's have a look at some numbers: we have 136 members who have been nominated for their contributions to the project; we have some 270 developers and 270 localizers (although we always want to attract more), many of whom are also members; we have over 100 mailing lists, with over 15,000 subscribers, half of whom receive all our announcements; and there have been thousands of articles in the media worldwide.

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Arstechnica –"Today marks the one-year anniversary of The Document Foundation (TDF) and the LibreOffice project, a promising community-driven fork of OpenOffice.org (OOo). The project has seen considerable growth during its first year of existence. TDF estimates that there are now 25 million LibreOffice users worldwide.

TDF and LibreOffice were **originally** founded in response to the long-standing governance problems that have historically afflicted OOo. Under Sun's leadership, bureaucratic barriers and concerns about the project's copyright assignment policy impeded participation in OOo development. Friction between Sun, independent community members, and other corporate contributors created an unhealthy environment for collaboration. The problems only worsened after Oracle's acquisition of Sun.

Some key OOo project members banded together to create the LibreOffice fork—based partly on Novell's excellent Go-OO patchset—and decided to establish TDF to provide a truly vendor-neutral setting for future development. The early TDF participants initially hoped that Oracle would embrace the effort and be willing to participate on equal footing with other community members. Unfortunately, Oracle wasn't interested in aligning

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Once in the mists of time, I was the head of open source at Sun Microsystems. One of my chief delights in that role was the OpenOffice.org project. I attended the Open Source Convention (OSCON) in Monterey, California in 2000 where the project was created out of a product Sun had acquired the previous year, StarOffice. I watched as it grew in polish and capability. I also helped as it submitted its ideas to the OASIS standards group for an "Open Office Document Format", a project that evolved into ODF and changed the world of enterprise document handling.

During that launch, the head of the product group promised the OSCON audience that Sun would soon turn OpenOffice.org over to a non-profit foundation. As each year passed, the community that grew around the project patiently waited for Sun to deliver on its promise. For various business reasons, it never happened, despite intensive lobbying inside Sun.

By the time I took over as chief open source officer in 2005, a clear leadership had emerged for the non-Sun-employee community at OpenOffice.org, and one of my annual tasks became to discuss with them the future of the project and try to advance the cause of community control for the project sufficiently internally to discourage a fork from happening. I did this at least three times in the years up to 2009. I left formal involvement in the project in 2010 when I left Sun on its closing day in the UK.

The Fork

After the Oracle acquisition of Sun, those same people finally decided things were not going to improve any further and they took the step they'd been preparing for years. In September 2010 The Document Foundation (TDF) was formed and a fork of OpenOffice.org called "LibreOffice" was established. While I spent plenty of time talking to the founders, I was not involved in setting it up and remained outside its

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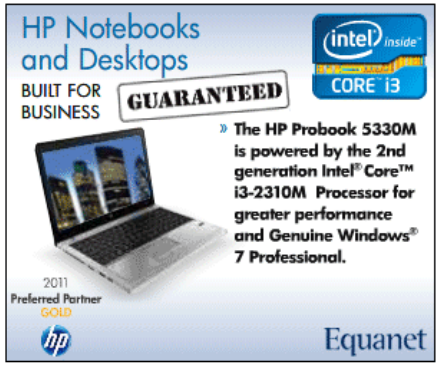

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Happy Birthday, LibreOffice!

Today is LibreOffice's birthday, Yes, it's exactly one year ago today that the project first broke away from Oracle's leadership.

When the community around OpenOffice.org forked into an independent, community-driven project, I was excited and wanted to see it be a success. The best way to ensure that was to actively get involved.

For many people, the most important pieces of software that you use after your operating system are your word processor, spreadsheet program, etc. LibreOffice gives you a free, high-quality office suite that runs on most operating systems, and can read and write the file formats of many free and commercial programs. And the fact that it's a community project means you can have a hand in directing its future. You want something changed or need a new feature? Get involved and make it happen.

The LibreOffice project is indeed a live, thriving and active project. But if you care about the existence of free, open-source software in the future, you need to consider giving a little time and work to help maintain it and develop it further. There is a vast number of open-source projects out there, of which LibreOffice is just one - albeit a major one.

Choose one that's close to your interests, and join the project. There are lots of ways to contribute work, apart from coding. You can help work on documentation, you can take part in giving technical support and

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It is now one year since the Document Foundation was created and LibreOffice forked from OpenOffice. On 28 September 2010 much of the community of the OpenOffice project split away from the control of the main sponsor Oracle to develop a free open source suite under the auspices of the newly created Document Foundation. Support for the rebels came from companies such as Google, Novell/SUSE and Red Hat, promising their staff would spend time helping the development. Of the more than 270 developers working with the Document Foundation, a quarter of the code changes in LibreOffice have come from volunteer project members. In this first year, the Document Foundation has attracted more developers with commits than the OpenOffice project did in its first decade.
The Document Foundation currently estimates 25 million users of LibreOffice worldwide, of which more than 10 million installed the package from a downloaded ISO-image or from a CD packaged with a magazine. The additional 15 million users are believed to be Linux users, as LibreOffice has become the preferred office suite in most distributions.
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This week the The Document Foundation celebrated its' 1-year anniversary. That's 1 year since they forked OpenOffice to go a new route with LibreOffice.
A year ago, I was skeptical that OpenOffice would survive the split. As it turns out, Oracle has a lot of fight in them and hey they never give up easily either.
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Volunteers write better code, and maintain it better. At least that's what Michael Meeks, SUSE's desktop architect and senior LibreOffice developer says. I spoke to Mr. Meeks and Italo Vignoli of The Document Foundation, which is the non-profit organization that manages LibreOffice, and learned a lot about what's going on behind the scenes in LibreOffice-land. Condensing our conversation into an article is a task for tomorrow; today I want to talk about why volunteers write better code.

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Why do volunteers write better code? One word: Dilbert. It's not that devs who work for big companies have inferior skills-- it's all the roadblocks businesses put in the way of the people who care about the work: the marketers, the useless in-the-way managers, and the corporate goals which are so often antithetical to releasing quality products that customers like, and all the time- and talent-wasters that make corporate America more like adult daycare. I've held various jobs in my life, and I've worked for myself, and let me tell you working for other people has, with two exceptions, been unrewarding and frustrating.

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The Document Foundation, which produces the LibreOffice open source office-software suite, is celebrating the first anniversary of the code's release.

LibreOffice was born out of disgruntlement at the way Oracle handled the OpenOffice project after it took ownership of Sun. This time last year, key open source developers left the OpenOffice team and set up their own software group, run by consensus decisions and supported by volunteers.

Although the team asked Oracle if it wanted to take part in the new project, Larry Ellison's crew handled rejection badly and ended up donating the entire code base of OpenOffice to Apache Software Foundation. IBM is still developing the OpenOffice code, but progress has been slow – and not helped by more defections to The Document Foundation.

"The situation with Apache is progessing very slowly, and it's not really fair to compare the two products. But we hope it's going to be sorted out very quickly," The Document Foundation spokesman Italo Vignoli told *The Register*. "If you look at the last couple of months, in terms of code generated and developers working, we're had a lot more activity

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Charles Schulz, a founding member of the Foundation, told V3 that the project has come a long way in a short time.
"We are where we envisioned we would be, but it still feels incredible and we owe this to the tremendous amount of work contributors put into the project," he said.
"If we have learned anything in our one year it is that we were right in our assumption that community and freedom matter."
LibreOffice has had 330 contributors, according to the Document Foundation's data, as well as support from open source companies such
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The Document Foundation 1 year on

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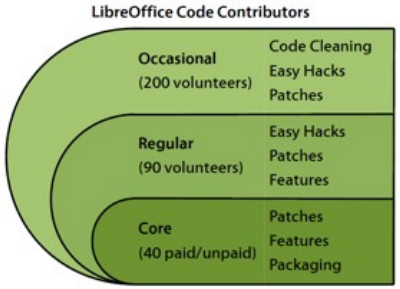
It is just twelve months since the fork that split LibreOffice from OpenOffice.org and led to the establishment of The Document Foundation (TDF) became "official" with the release of the first beta of LibreOffice.

According to the figures compiled to chart its progress, LibreOffice is the result of the combined activity of 330 contributors almost all of whom are volunteers: -



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Libre means "with little or no restriction," a great title for open source software.

LibreOffice is a "fork" of OpenOffice. Today marks the one-year

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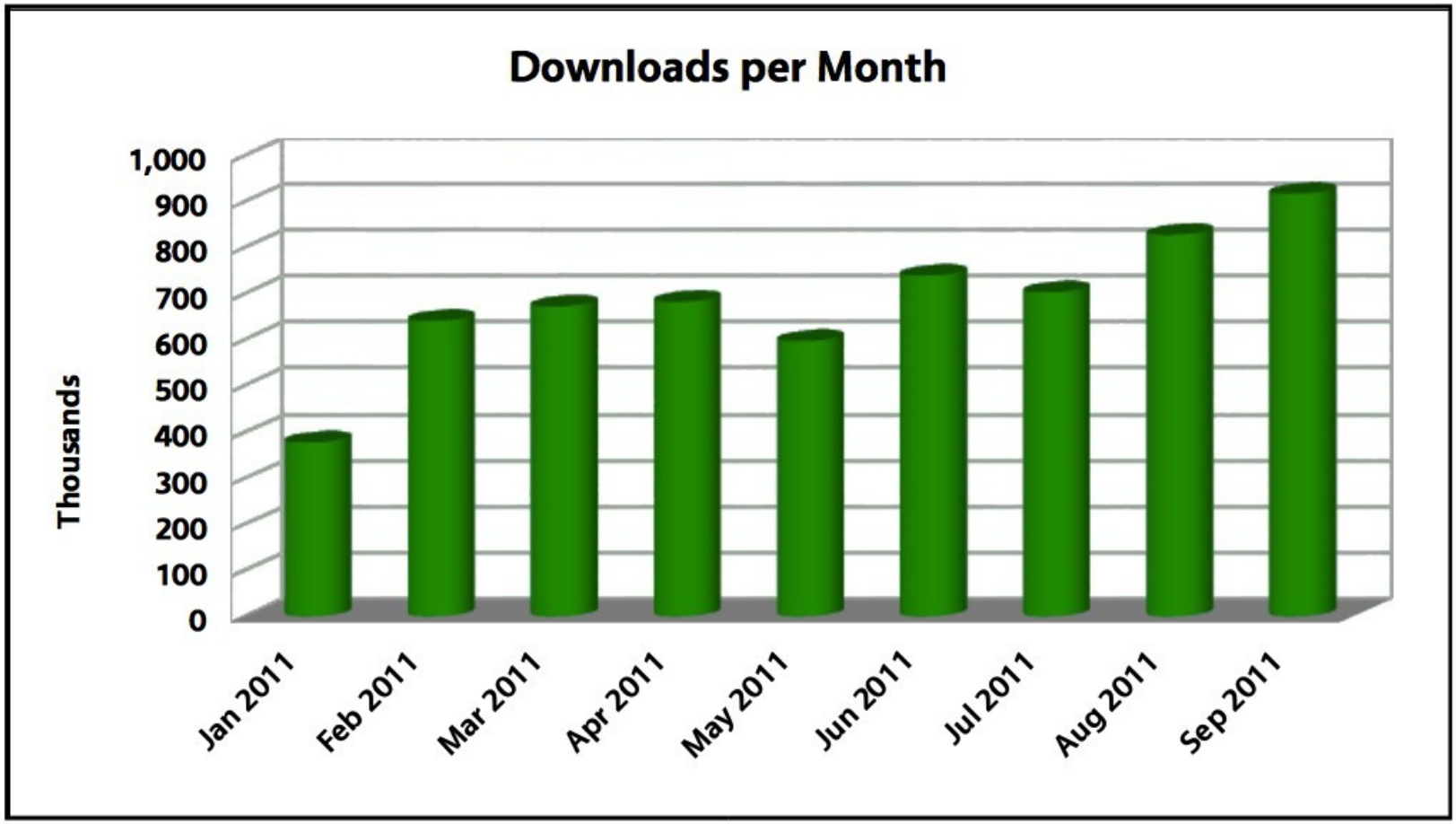
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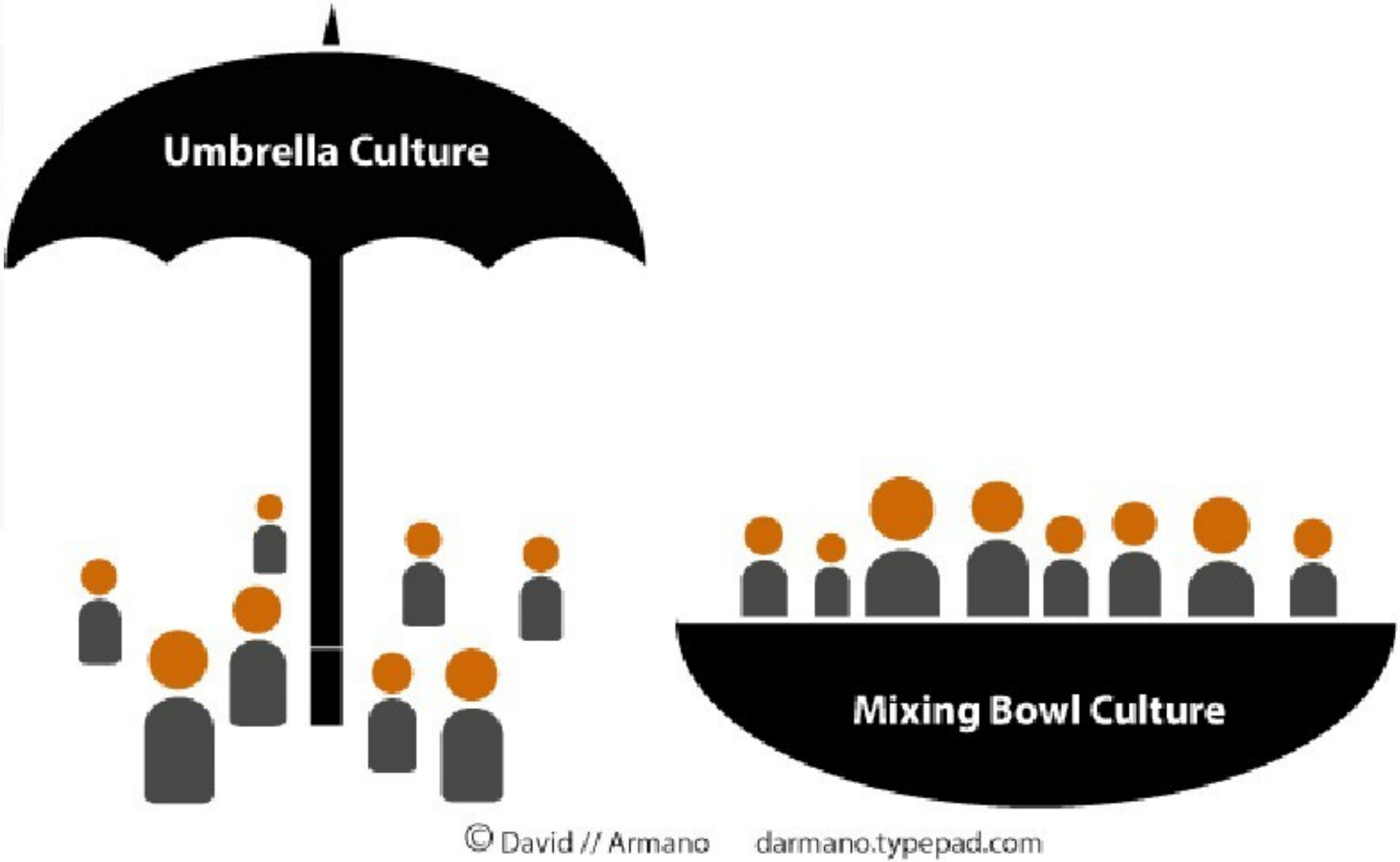
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