LibreOffice On-Line (LOOL)

LibreOffice The Document Foundation

The Web Office suite – with real features ...



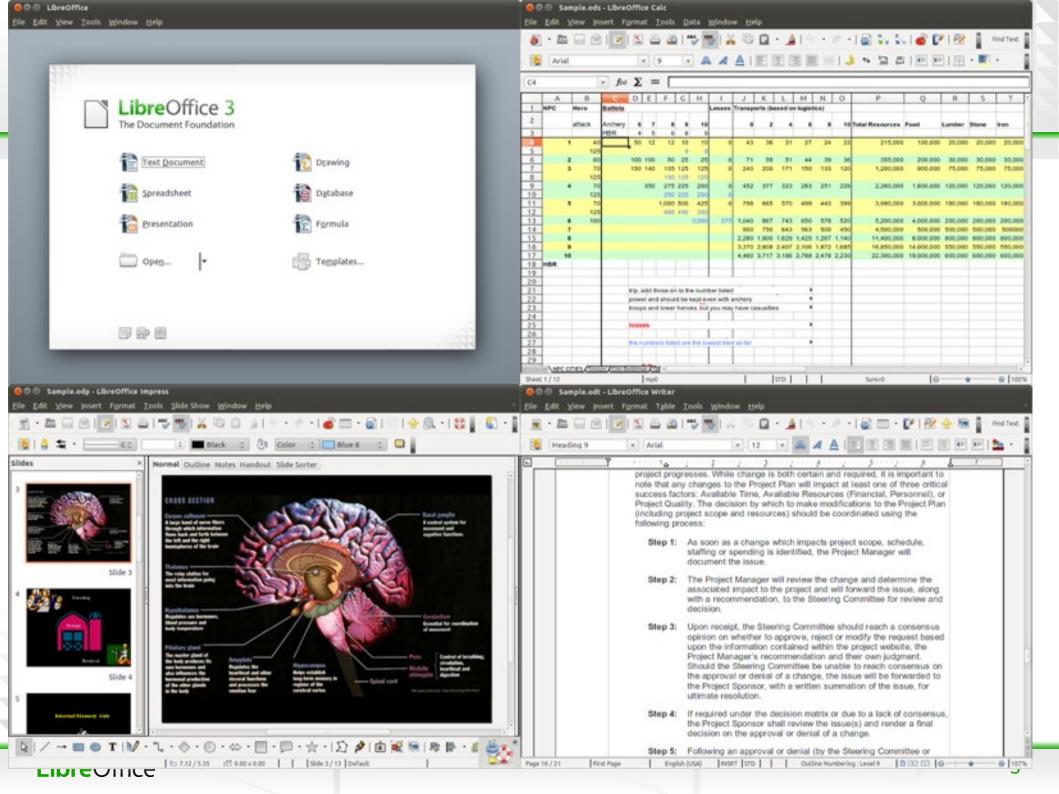
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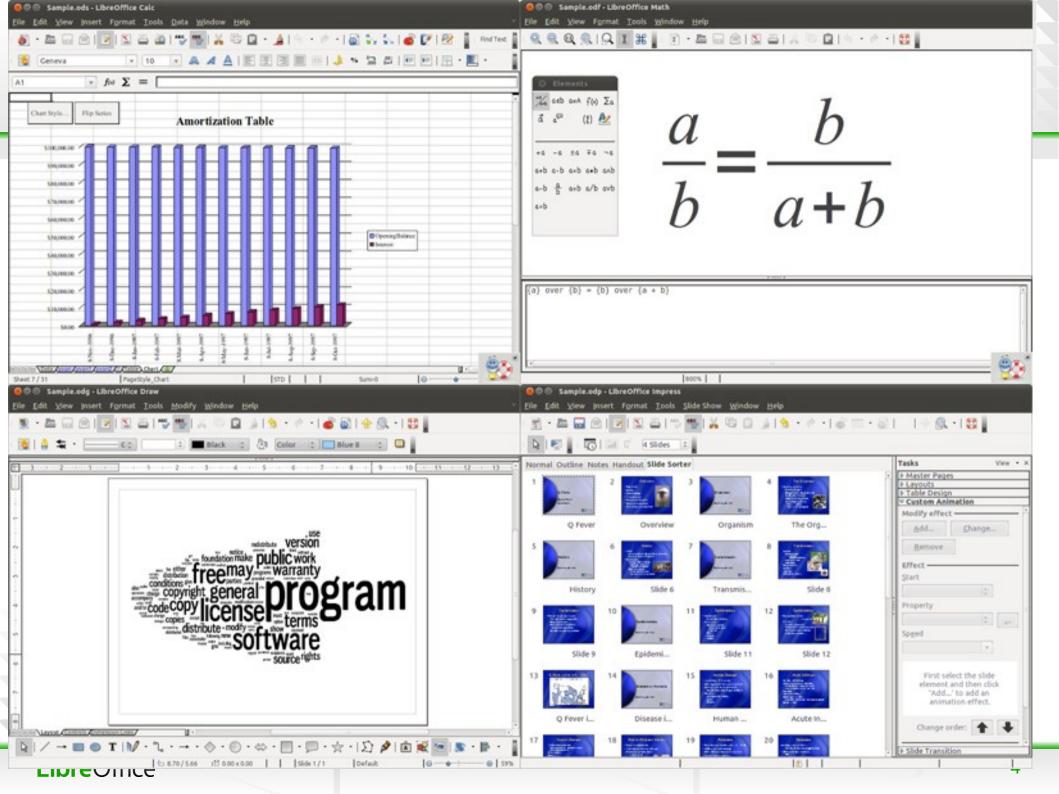
"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..." -Jeremiah 6:16



LibreOffice: the most powerful and viable Open Source Office suite; available cross-platform.

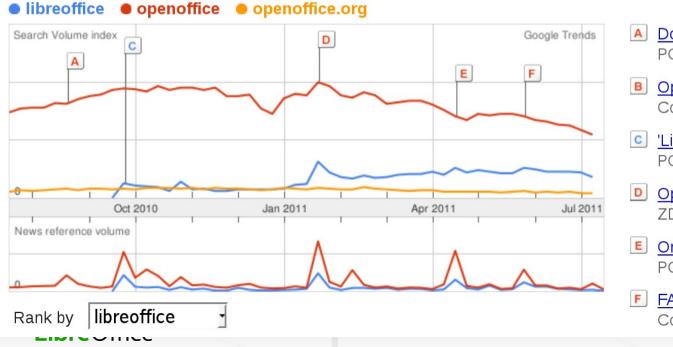






Market relevance ... vs. options

- Microsoft Office 750m users worldwide
- OpenOffice.org \rightarrow LibreOffice \rightarrow 100+m users worldwide
- Google Docs \rightarrow ~30m active users
- Wordperfect 20m users (if that)
- Sum: all other Free Office suites: sub 10m users





Cloud Office / HTML5 prototype ...

- Rendering using the HTML5 Canvas ...
- Communication using Web-Sockets
 - very simple plain-text event / control protocol
 - compressed png for screen updates ...
- Bandwidth usage low for simple tasks:
 - We can see what is re-rendered as we type:
 - A But really as we type a character: only this is sent:
 - And that tiny rectangle is png compressed ...
 - CopyArea too

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Cloud Office ... technologies ...

Uses gtk+ 3's / broadway backend to render (via some javascript shims) in the browser:

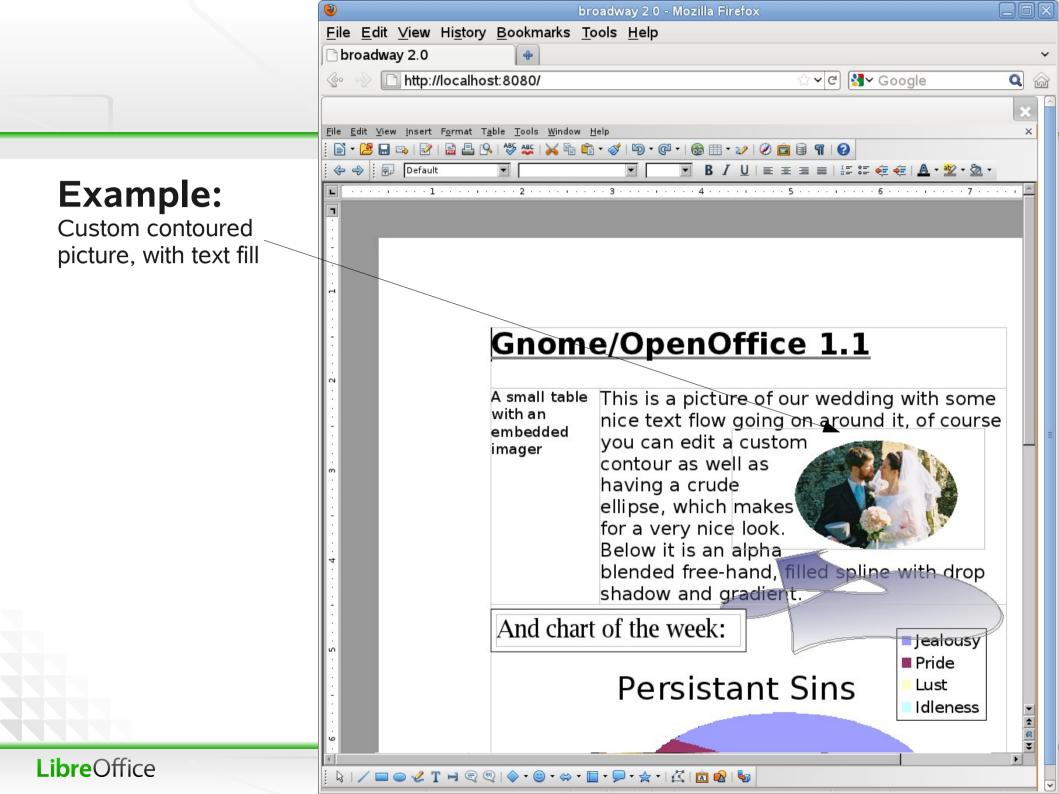
- All intelligence and rendering on the 'server' app.
- broadway.js < 3k LOC ...</p>

Still a prototype

- rendering performance improving, but lumpy in places.
- This approach allows a full-feature experience
 - ie. complex text-layout, large, complex spreadsheets, WYSIWYG (eg. edit your footnotes on the page), VBA macros, Pivot Tables etc.

Also a number of challenges:

Good APIs for printing etc.



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Example:

VBA macro driven spreadsheet button workflow that proves Novell costs you less :-)

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Future work ... #1

- Improving web APIs ...
 - There is a lot of API surface where we have no good solution for the client
- Examples:
 - Rich printing support
 - Scanning support
 - File management: I plug my USB key and ...
- Implementation improvements
 - More LibreOffice rendering optimisation
 - more copy-area, pushing rectangles up-stream, improved clipping support
 - Much better / faster bitmap rendering

Future work ... #2

- Server / scalability
 - Linux only on the server
 - Containers / memory limits
 - Pre-forking / pre-linking / startup redux
- Reduced CPU usage
 - more optimal spreadsheet engine
 - faster startup, more efficient layout / rendering etc.
- Improved / native HTML5 toolbar / wrapper UI work
 - substantially helped by existing framework abstraction
- All of this will improve the fat-client (PC) version, mobile device version, and the web office version.



LibreOffice On-Line conclusions ...

- It is a prototype ... cannot deploy it today
 - basic (prototype) functionality will be in 3.5 (Feb.)
 - server resource usage is not yet optimal, no hosted slashdot-proof PoC ...
- Code is all in public git:
 - git clone git://anongit.freedesktop.org/libreoffice/core
 - git checkout feature/gtk3 ; configure ; make install
 - export GDK_BACKEND=broadway ...
- Firefox 4 (with websockets enabled): grab a FF sticker !
- Thanks to Alex Laarson of RedHat for: gtk+ / broadway

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

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