

# **On-Line and In your Pocket**

A glimpse into some futures ...



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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



#### The message in a nutshell ...

- The challenge
  - Things you already know
- Some ways to get there ...
- Two Prototypes
  - Web Office
  - Android Office
- LibreOffice 3.5
  - how we're executing ...
- Conclusions

#### Lets think about the Future !

# A glimpse into the future:

#### "In the future, Cloud computing will be the only choice"

"Successful businesses may soon have no chief executive, no headquarters, and no IT infrastructure"

The Telegraph inverviewing Nick Martindale

### Another glimpse into the future:

# "App Stores: the future of desktop apps ?"

"Over 300,000 iPhone and iPad apps and **10 billion downloads** later, Apple has taken the concept to the desktop" APC Mag

## Mix and match client apps ...

- Web / SaaS / cloud-on-line everythings
  - solve the deployment problems nicely
  - often add cool collaborative features wiki-style
  - Major regressions; WYSIWYG, off-line access eg.
- App Stores
  - wildly popular: Apple, Intel, Amazon, Microsoft etc. ...
  - Apple: 5 million downloads per day (~2bn per year?)
  - We should do that on Linux ! oh ...
- So just **'mash'** the two together !
  - Web App App-Stores …
  - I'm just 'installing' my Web-App etc. etc.

#### Searching for the magic bullet ! (how we keep finding fakes)

### Have we found the magic bullet?

*"you can easily realize a ten-fold productivity improvement just by using language: [insert: Lisp, Smalltalk, Java, C#, …]"* 

*"it will all be so simple that feral children and trained monkeys will write software for free !"* 

I also have some prime waterfront real-estate at an unbelievable price for you !



### We have something similar ...

#### CODE RE-USE ...

(you know, the thing no-one wants to do)

The best line of code, is the one we didn't have to write.

- Free Software makes this easy
  - cf. Proprietary 'Components', version mgmt. etc. etc.
  - we actually get quite a lot of this right

**But** re-writing is such fun ! Collaboration & re-use is boring !

#### A quick history of (failed) Office re-writes ...

- MicroPro's WordStar vs. WordStar 2000
  - MicroPro once biggest S/W company in the US !
  - WordStar #1 Office suite in 1980's
  - killed the company by re-writing / duplicating their product
- Corel Office (in Java)
  - beautiful Java technology demonstration in 1997
  - never shipped final version, squandered cash & position
- Microsoft: Pyramid ... wikipedia

Word 6.0 was the second attempt to develop a common code base version of Word. The first, code-named **Pyramid**, had been an **attempt** to **completely rewrite** the existing product. It was **abandoned** when it was determined that it would take the development team **too long** to **rewrite** and then **catch up** with all the new capabilities that could have been added in the same time without a rewrite.

#### Not a terribly new idea:

"Every kingdom divided against itself will be **ruined**, and every city or household divided against itself **will not stand**" -Matthew 12 ~30AD

## A different approach ...

- Re-write in Javascript message
  - Corel heard ~this before
  - ~10 million lines of type-unsafe JavaScript not a win.
    - perhaps you disagree, if so please go for it ... elsewhere.
- Telephone companies don't believe in themselves:
  - Where is your address book ?
  - How about your photos ?
  - WHAT ? You have a big whack of flash & a monster CPU in your (increasingly fat) phone ? Why ?
    - Your phone GPU has that many transistors !
  - Why is it not all 'in the cloud' ? with your

### A design that re-uses code ...

Cut one feature to share the rest: the off-line web app

Help	Templates	Translations	Impress
User Mgmt.	Clipart	Database	Calc
Sandbox		Exotic filters	Writer
Web UI		ional UI: /Mac/Win	Android / Handset UI

95% of code shared, most featureful is the web app !

### What a crazy plan !?

- It is possible eg. Linux Kernel ...
  - Substantially the same code on your:
    - Phone
    - Super-Computers
    - Cluster of doom ...
- The joys of sharing a common code-base ...
  - Rendering bug fix  $\rightarrow$  fixes everyone
  - Interoperability / import fix  $\rightarrow$  every platform benefits
  - Performance wins for small devices:
    - Notice that 15%+ of CPU on startup is config parsing
    - And 20% of that config is 'Label descriptions' fix it!

# The joys of sharing a code-base

- Build / Debug 95%+ on the fastest hardware...
- Interoperability / import fix  $\rightarrow$  every platform benefits
- Ul improvements:
  - Touch usable / pretty style selection eg.
  - Mouse-wheel to zoom vs. pinch
- Device blurring:
  - Intel / Ultrabooks  $\rightarrow$  now with touch screens ...
    - Sexy ultra-thin-ness etc.
  - Android tablets with detachable keyboards.
    - Iooking very much like netbooks ...

# More joys: Performance ...

- Android can only cope with 96 shared libraries …
  - This 'impress' ~100 libO specific shared libraries.
  - Android has ~45 system libs we need to link.
  - Matus Kukan's GSOC project …
  - Faster linking for all, better, smaller code via LTO ...
- Performance wins for small CPU / devices:
  - Notice that 15%+ of CPU on startup is config parsing
  - And 20% of that config is 'Label descriptions' fix it!
- Full Page rendering for accelerated panning / Web Office

# LibreOffice on-line ... (getting pixels to users)

#### Cloud Office / HTML5 prototype ...

- Rendering using the HTML5 Canvas ...
- Communication using Web-Sockets (now with v7)
  - 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:
  - But really as we type a character: only **this** is sent:
  - And that tiny rectangle is png compressed ...
  - CopyArea on the client for scrolling.

Hello World this is me typi

#### Cloud Office ... technologies ...

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

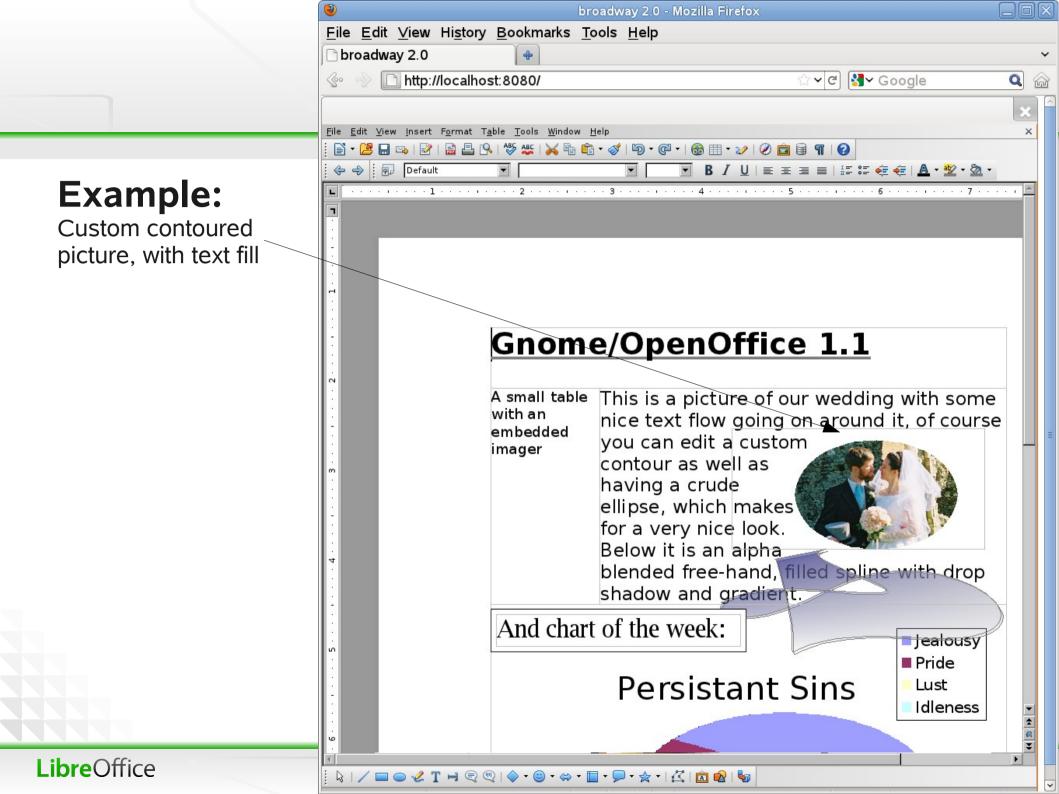
- All intelligence and rendering on the 'server' app.
- broadway.js < 3k LOC ...</p>

#### 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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# It can't possibly perform!

- LibreOffice in-use in multi-user remote/X environments
- Load avg 0.05/0.3/0.34 for 73 live users in writer, and 10 in calc.
- 4 CPU Quad-Core estimated 200-300 concurrent users.
- If rented servers in the cloud are truly cheaper it should be cheap.

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## Show me the code !

- Shipping out of the box in LibreOffice 3.5
  - Work continues on master; -plenty- to fix.
- To use a modern browser ie. v7 websockets
  - you need master gtk3+
  - or an update to openSUSE 12.1
- Otherwise that's it:
  - sit clone git://anongit.freedesktop.org/libreoffice/core
- Hacking help very much appreciated
  - Plenty of VCL/gtk3/rendering bugs
    - no browser required.
  - ▼Funky tunnelling Browser Javascript ↔ server UNO
  - Improved performance & page render / pushing

# **Android ...** (something in your pocket)

## A pre-proto-type ...

- I'm a fraud ! The real work & glory should be addressed to: Tor Lillqvist's hours of toil
- Cross compiling work originally for using MINGW  $\rightarrow$  windows
  - Also useful for cross-compiling to Android, iOS etc. from Linux/Mac
- A staggering learning curve to climb
  - But we're getting there slowly ...



The man himself ...

- Latest code in feature/android branch ...
- Dozens of calc unit tests running flawlessly, and ...

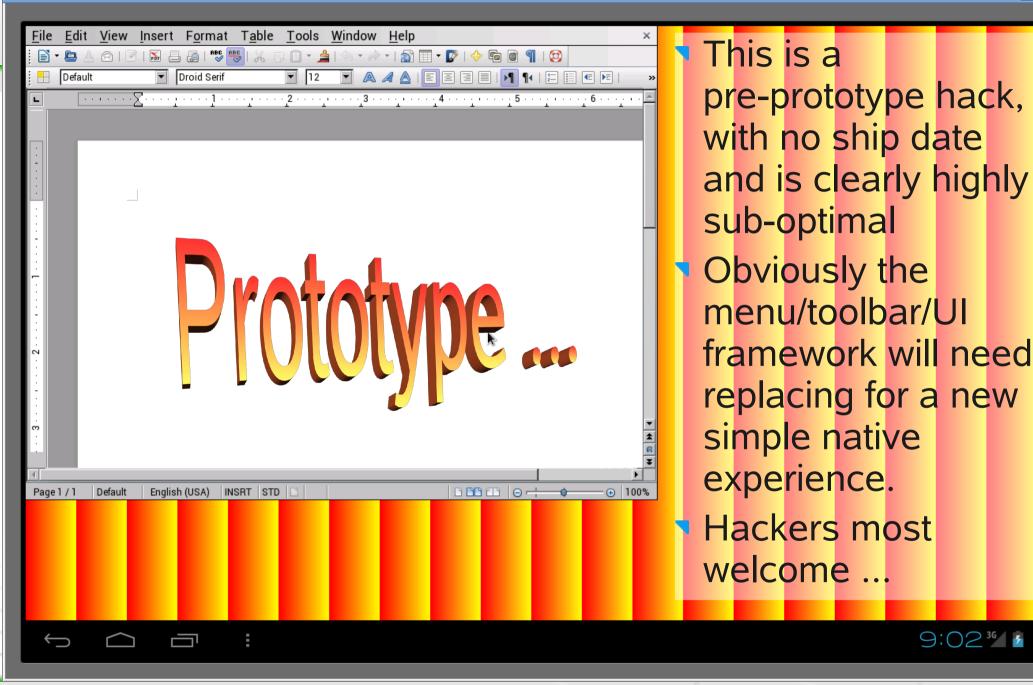


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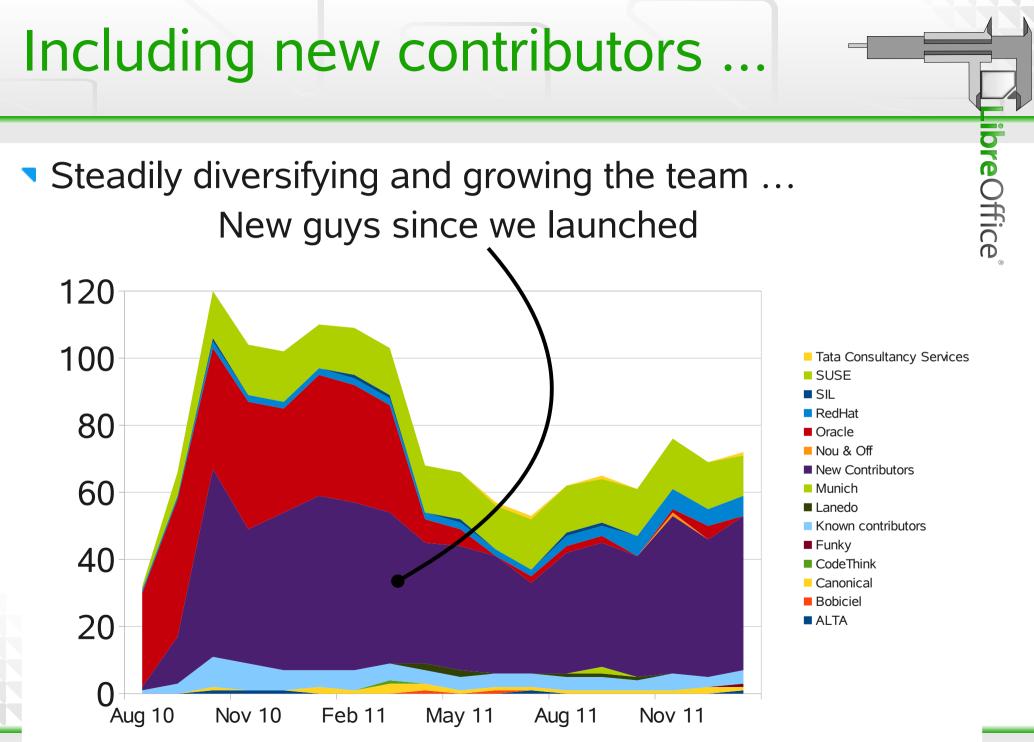
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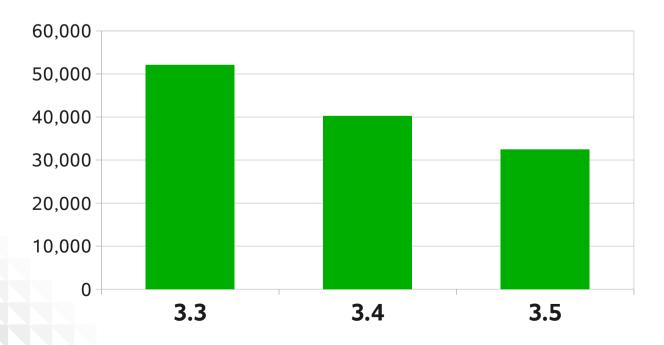
- Clearly this is not near the end point !
- A native UI / wrapper is required
- Potential plan:
  - Target a high-fidelity viewer first
  - Adding limited in-document editing
  - Improved shared UI controls for styles ?
  - vour vision / hackery here ... ?
- There are more mobile / tablet platforms than Android: iOS, Tizen, WP7? etc. ...

LibreOffice 3.5.0 – out next week ! (powered by your volunteer effort) (a very incomplete sample)



### Translating German Comments -

- Making things significantly easier for non-Germans ...
- We removed or translated ~20k lines of these so far
- We still have 32k to go: done mostly by new guys ...
  - If you speak German please help Detected lines of German comment



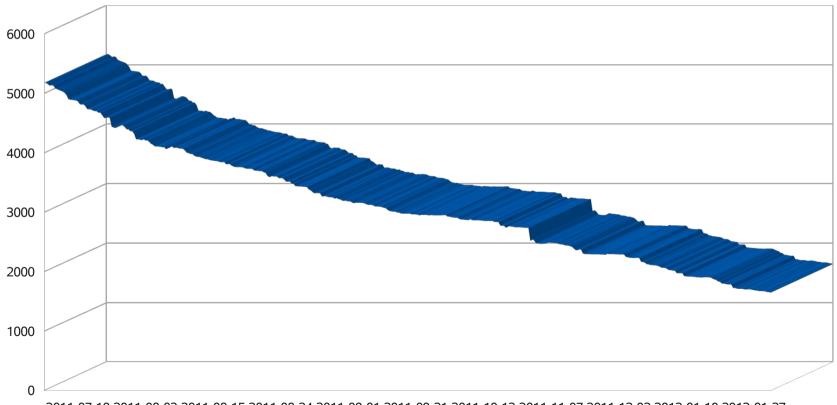
With thanks to (recent translators): Philipp Weissenbacher Luc Castermans Mike Whiteley Christina Rossmanith Winfried Donkers Michael Stahl Tim Hardeck Noel Grandin Matteo Casalin Cor Nouws and many more !

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#### Removing totally unused code ... -

Shrinking the LibreOffice's bloat footprint
 making real progress ... 5000+ methods to ~1650

Remaining unused method count



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# Volunteer features in 3.5 ...

#### László Németh

- bundled 'lightproof' (python) grammar checker
  - Avoids ~10 second Java bootstrap at bad times.
- Sexy Linlibertine font features / typography wins

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# **Desktop publishing in LibreOffice**

#### TEREMTÉS KÖNYVE

Teljes képern... 🗘 Teljes képernyő

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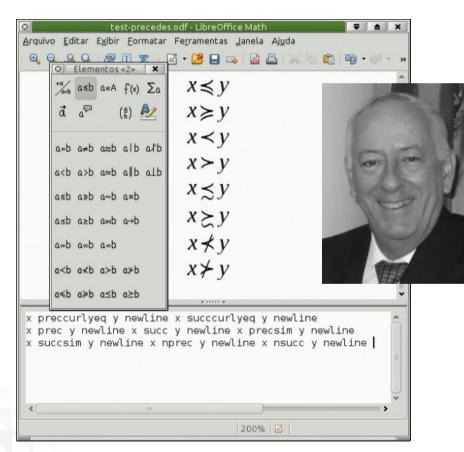
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## Pretty volunteer features #2 ...

#### *Olivier Hallot* Game theory bits



#### *Khaled Hosny* Much improved RTL widget theming support

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# Pretty volunteer features #3 ...

Unlimited rules for conditional formatting: *Robert Dargaud* 

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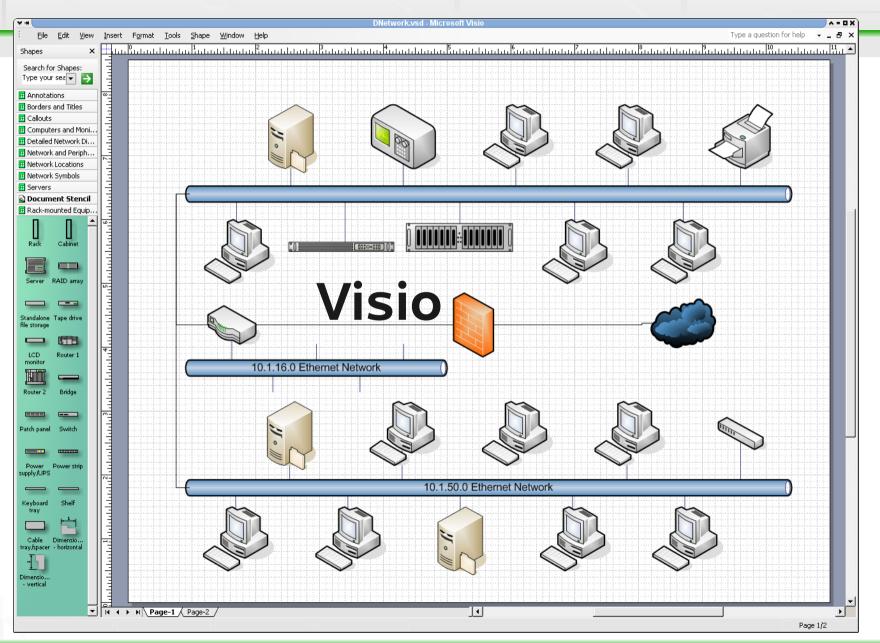
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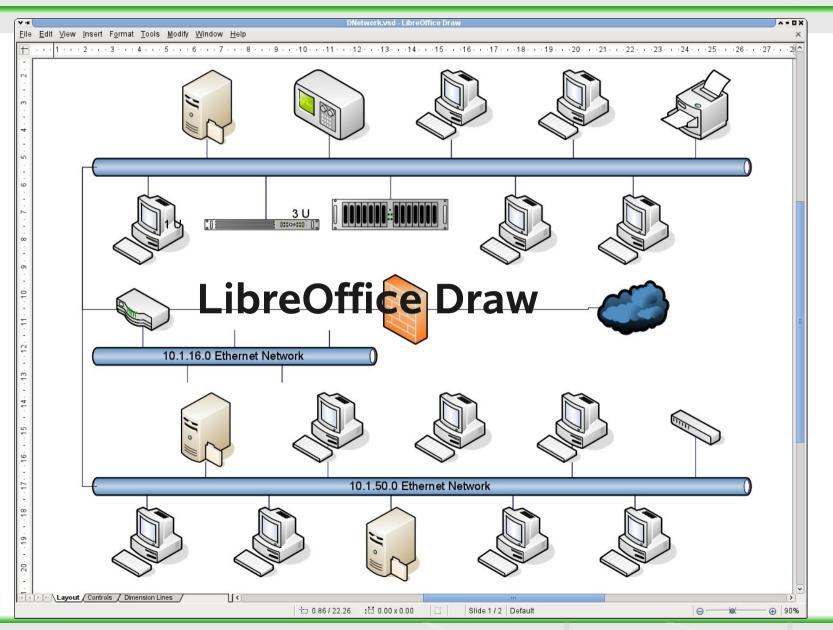
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LibreOffice 3.4 😑 😁 😁	Confirm File Format	
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### Pretty ~volunteer features #...



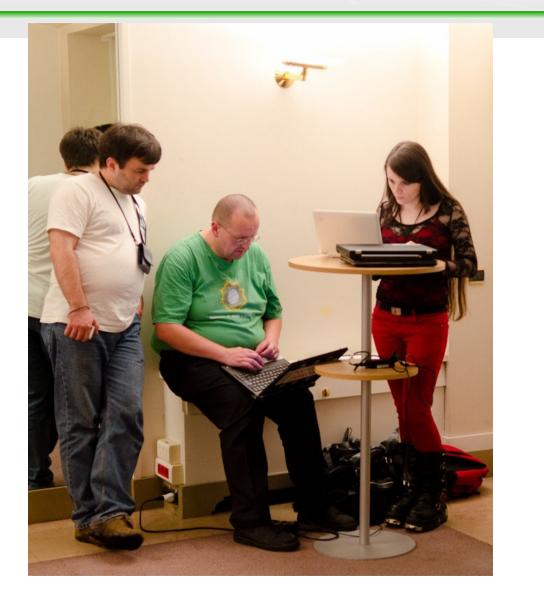
### Pretty ~volunteer features #...



### Visio – thanks to ...

Left to right: Valek Filippov Fridrich Strba Tibbylickle

Here pictured hacking on it in Paris at a party.



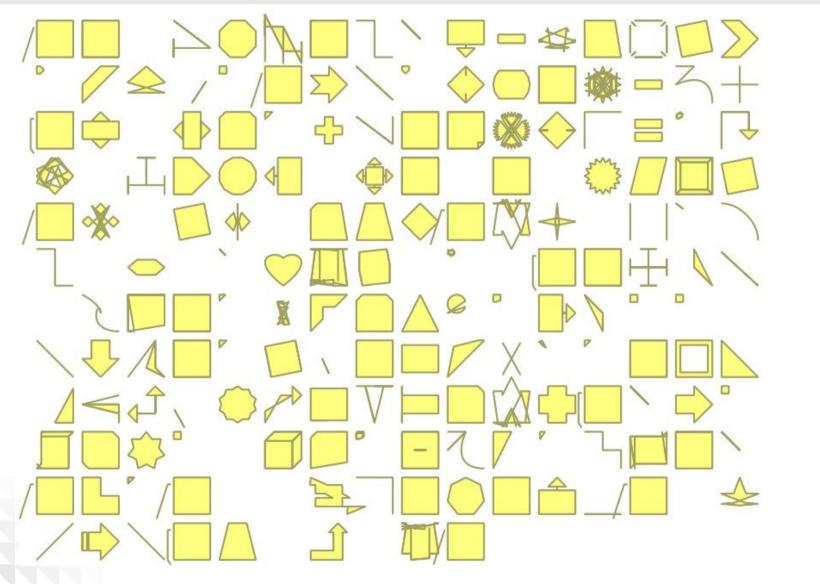
# Other notable heroics in 3.5 ...

- Lionel Elie Mamane
  - Volunteer 'Base' maintainer
  - Fixed dozens of critical bugs with help from
  - Julien Nabet, Korrawit Pruegsanusak, Thomas Arnhold
- Markus Mohrhard
  - Not satisfied with improving calc performance
  - Worked indomitably at expanding our unit test framework
  - Thanks to Markus, we have thousands of tests, exercising calc, impress, writer
  - We import, calculate and check spreadsheet formula during the build (and re-test all our CVEs docs), and much more.
  - Ran every calc bug document through valgrind prior to 3.5.0





### New Custom Shapes import ...



Before (in 3.4)

### New Custom Shapes import ...

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After (in 3.5) How it should look ! Thanks to Radek Doulik !

# Applying that to SmartArt ...

#### Thanks to Muthusuba Subramanian

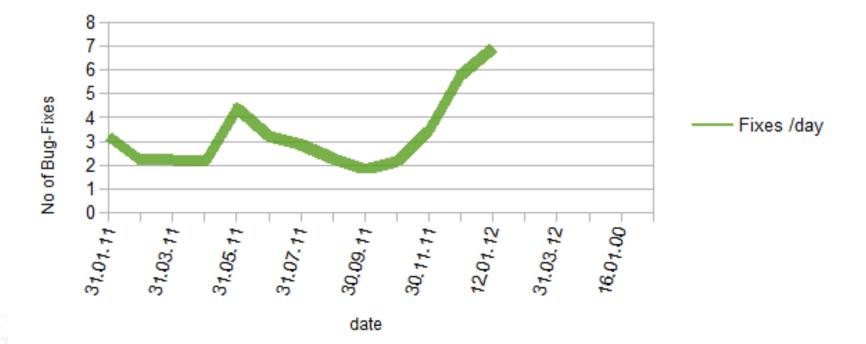


Rainer Bielefeld & team doing great work ...

Open bug count starting to plateaux / grow more slowly

Bugs changing to "Resolved FIXED" per day

monthly average



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#### Conclusions ...





- Code Sharing is nearly the silver bullet
  - Re-writing a huge Office suite is a pointless waste

#### LibreOffice is improving rapidly

- It's a fun place to hack and make a real difference ...
- strike a dis-proportionate blow for freedom here
- On-line & Android ports are coming along nicely.
- Thanks for all of your help and support !
  - **we rely on you**, to prove the power of Freedom with us.
  - to get people excited about Free Software they use ...
- Please do get involved and help us ...

*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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