

LibreOffice: Development and Future ...



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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





Agenda / outline

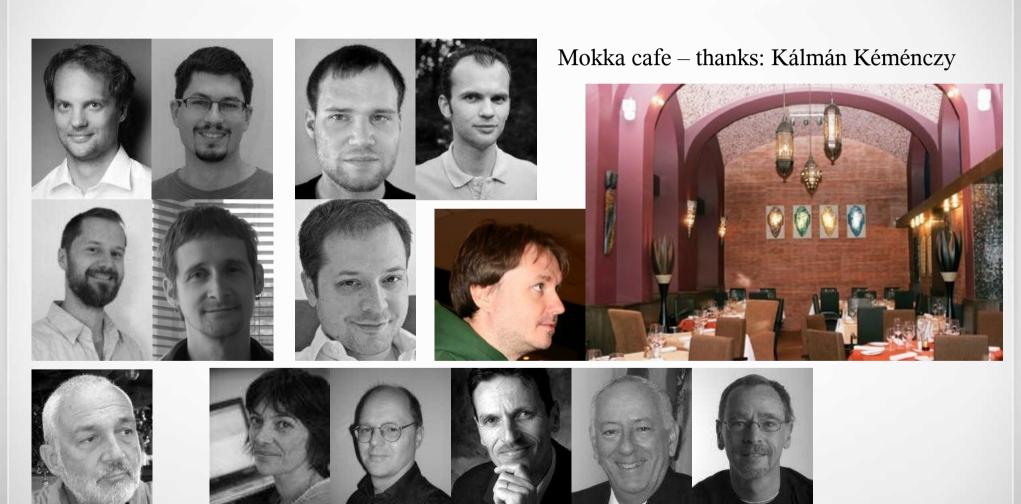
- The Hungarian contribution
 - people who speak your language ...
- Development update & details
- Sample bug fix
- Demos of the future / prototypes
 - LibreOffice on-line, on Android, Collaborative editing, liblibreoffice



Hungary's contribution to LibreOffice

LibreOffice: started here

Budapest, Sep 2, 2010



Outstanding Hungarian Contributors ...

- Andras Timar
 - ESC member, 110n leader
- Miklos Vajna
 - superstar interoperability hacker
- László Németh
 - spell, complex text, DTP,LibreLogo & more ...
- Gábor Kelemen
 - exemplary localisation
- Kálmán "KAMI" Szalai
 - Oxygen Office creator

- Robert Nagy
 - OpenBSD hacker
- János M. Uray
- Gergő Mocsi
- Ádám Csaba Király
- Tamás Zolnai
- Andras Bartek
- Istvan Turi
- Gábor Stefanik
- Bálint Dózsa
- Kálmán Kéménczy

- Bence Babati
- Dávid Vastag
- Szabolcs Dezsi
- Peter Rabi
- Gabor Jenei
- Bence Tomcsik
- Daniel Mihalyi
- Krisztian Pinter



Development distinctives

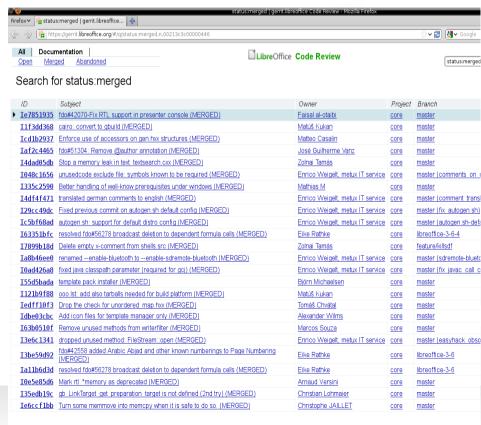
Permission free, low friction on-ramp

- Easy hacks page
 - We want your first patch to be non-controversial, and easy, so you're up-to-speed and included outright:
 - http://wiki.documentfoundation.org/Development/Easy_Hacks
 - **¬** changes are most welcome!
- Open Mailing lists
 - No subscription required
 - No Reply-To: mangling − '*I get a reply not just the list'*
 - Mail your patch and you're done ...
- Documentation http://docs.libreoffice.org/
 - **▼** 200+ READMEs files with overview in git modules ...
 - migration of comments to doxygen format



Gerrit – permission free commits

- Gerrit https://gerrit.libreoffice.org
 - Magic to turn an openID account (eg. Gmail)
 - Into no-ask git commit / push access to gerrit
 - Submit to patch queue backed by mailing-list
 - Code inclusion is: git fetch / cherry-pick FETCH_HEAD
 - Test build integration on it's way.
 - Thanks to Norbert Thiebaud Bjoern Michaelsen David Ostrovsky



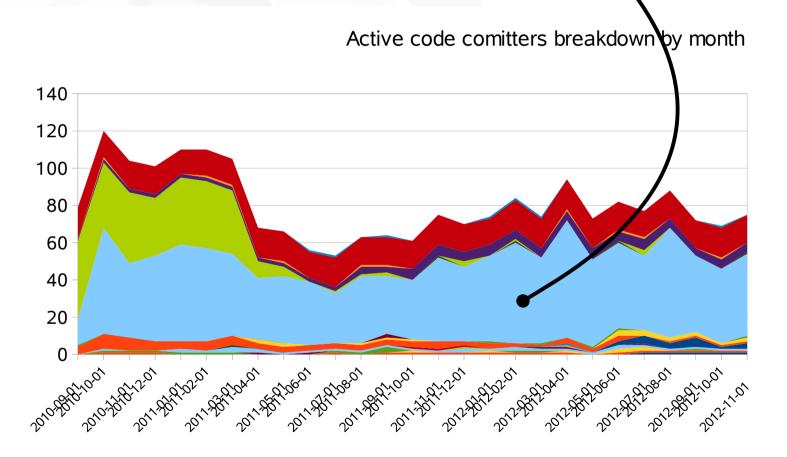


Code contributors ...

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■ Steadily diversifying and growing the team ...

New guys since we launched







Reliable out-of-master builds ...



Lots of big / fast / ccache enabled tinderbox slaves.

Android (x86, ARM), iOS, (many) Linux x86, x86_64, Windows, Mac

Building & up-loading binaries as well for QA.

Thanks to
Norbert Thiebaud
Bytemark & more



Large, fun and growing community

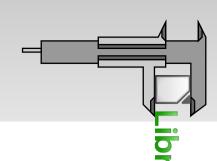
Many other contributors to enjoy working with:



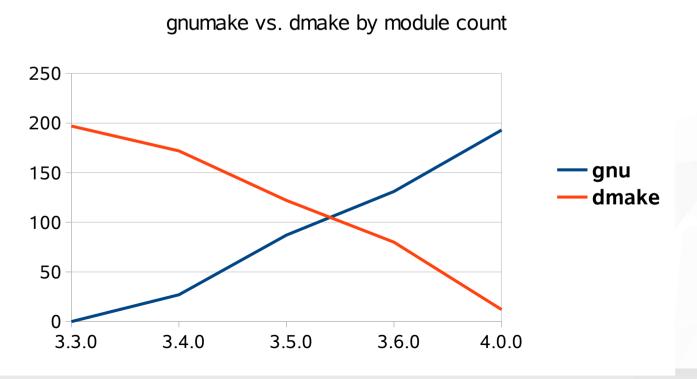


Making the code readable / hackable

Using a standard make tool (gnumake)



- Now complete work to kill 'dmake' − 4.1 is clean.
 - ▼ Faster, more standard & hack-able
 - Huge parallelism possible for builds on big-iron.
 - ▼ Enables library merging → one monster lib.



With thanks to

David Tardon

(RedHat)

Peter Foley,

Matúš Kukan

David Ostrovsky

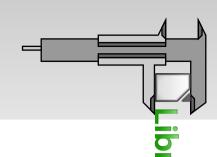
Pierre-Eric

Pelloux-Prayer

(Lanedo)

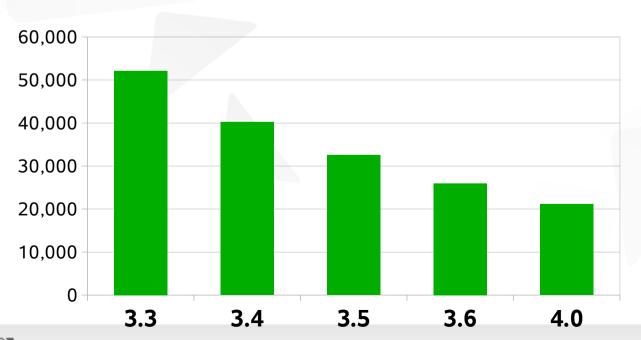
and more ...

Translating German Comments



- Makes things **significantly** easier for non-Germans ...
- **~20k lines** done **~20k to go** ~40%...
- **▼** Making the code more internationally accessible ...
 - Lots of comment translators distracted by code hacking...





With thanks to (recent translators):

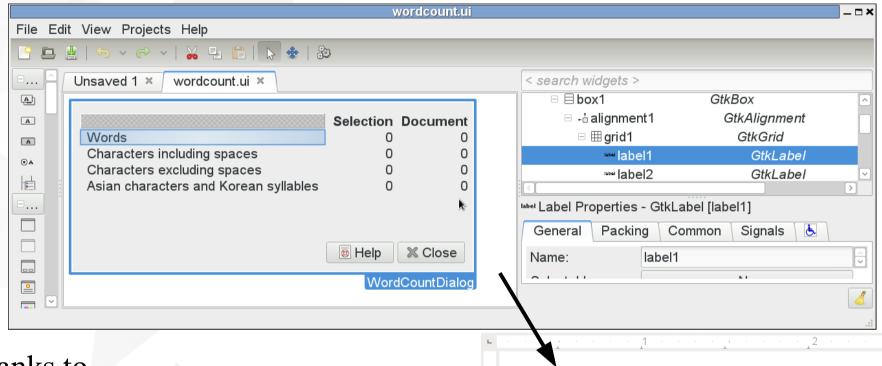
Philipp Weissenbacher
Philipp Riemer
Samuel Mehrbrodt
Enrico Weigelt
Lennard Wasserthal
Albert Thuswaldner
Oliver Günther
Markus Maier
Peter Baumgarten

and many more!



Catching up to 1995: layout





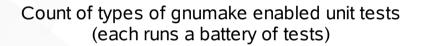
- Thanks to Caolan McNamara, Gokul, Joren De Cuyper
- Sizing, positioning, Designer tweaking, much improved 110n
- Start of a long process:

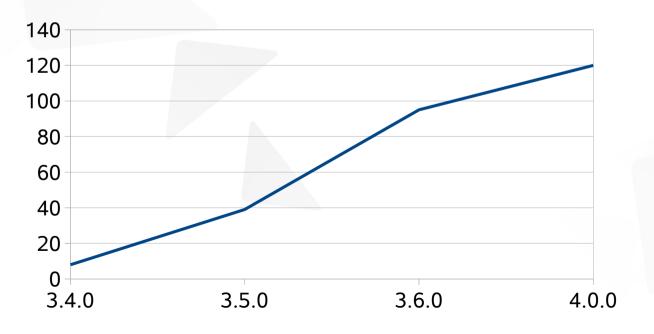


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Characters excluding spaces	0	10
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Unit testing for quality ...

- Improved quality through unit testing
 - ▼ Coverage & number of tests increasing rapidly
 - ▼ security regressions, document layout, formulae calcs etc.





With many thanks to

Markus Mohrhard
(above)

Miklos Vjana

Kohei Yoshida (SUSE)

Artur Dorda

Daniel Bankstone

(GSOC)

Caolan McNamara

Michael Stahl

(Redhat)

And many more

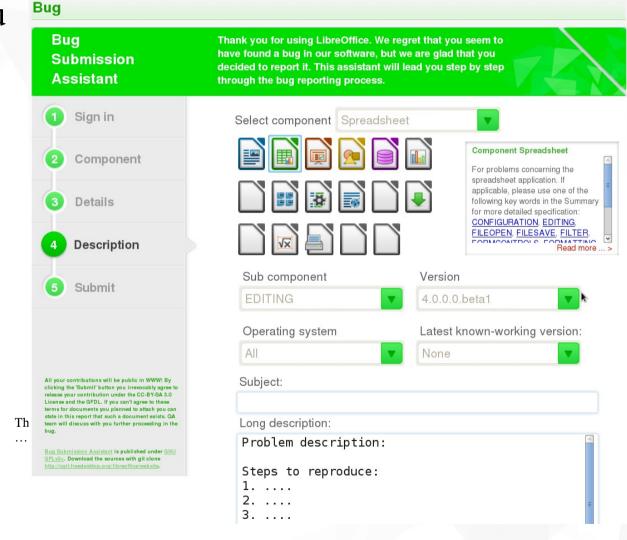
Who got tired of fixing

The same bugs ...



Bugzilla Assistant on freedesktop

- Connected to Help menu "Send Feedback"
 - pre-populates version, component, etc. for you
- Avoids ~unusable default bugzilla / file bug UI
- Thanks to: Loic Dachary & Rob Snelders





Release often, and predictably on-time ...

- A time based, six-monthly release train ...
 - **▼ synchronized** with the Linux distributions cadence
 - ▼ ie. a normal Free Software project
 - ▼ rapid fire, (monthly) bug-fix releases: ~1x per 2 weeks.
- Any bugs only **partially fixed**: can be re-fixed in < a month.

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.

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3.3 Family	3.3.2		3.3.3			3.3.4					
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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	4.0	2 4 1			3.4.3	3.5	5.0	3.5.1	
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Worked examples of a fix

The problem: a bug ...

"My Document doesn't work"

An RTF document it doesn't import properly; missing an image.



Carlo.rtf - LibreOffice Writer

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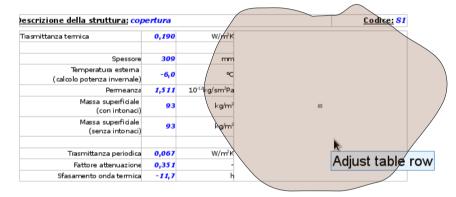
CALCOLO DELLA TRASMITTANZA CONTROTERRA secondo UNI EN ISO 13370

Pavimento appoggiato su terreno:

AV 2 contro terra		Codice: P2
Area del pavimento	67,47	m²
Perimetro disperdente del pavimento	38,00	m
Spessore pareti perimetrali esterne	390	mm
Conduttività termica del terreno	2,00	W/mK

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Stratigrafia:

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-	Resistenza superficiale esterna	-	-	0,040	-	-	-
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2	Impermeabilizzazione in cartone catramato	2,00	0,500	-	1600	1,00	
3	OSB3	25,00	0,150	-	850	2,10	-
4	Intercapedine debolmente ventilata Av=600 mm²/m	50,00	-	-	-	-	-
5	USB Elephant	0,60	0,220	-	397	1,70	33
6	DUROCK C 80 mm	80,00	0,038	-	150	1,03	1
7	HARDROCK ENERGY 80 mm	80,00	0,036	-	110	1,03	1
8	Barriera vapore in fogli di polietilene	1,00	0,500	-	980	1,80	100000
9	Legno di abete flusso perpend. alle fibre	25,00	0,120	-	450	2,70	643
10	Legno di abete flusso perpend. alle fibre	25,00	0,120	-	450	2,70	643
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Legenda simboli

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Paragraph

Heading 2

Subtitle

Subtle Em... Emphasis

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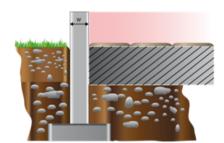
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Descrizione della struttura: copertura 0,190 W/m²K Trasmittanza termica Spessore 309 mm Temperatura esterna -6,0 °C (calcolo potenza invernale) 1,511 10⁻¹²kg/sm²Pa Permeanza Massa superficiale 93 kg/m² (n intonaci) Massa superficiale 93 kg/m² (senza intonaci) 0,067 W/m²K Trasmittanza periodica

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R V	Fattore di resistenza alla diffusione del vanore in cano asciutto	_



Digging deeper for a solution:

Turns out to be un-related to RTF
A badly formed PNG image ...
Data chunk has a completely bogus length

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+ // fdo#61847 truncate over-long, trailing chunks
  const sal_Size nStreamPos = mrPNGStream.Tell();
  if( nStreamPos + mnChunkLen >= mnStreamSize )
    return false;
+ mnChunkLen = mnStreamSize - nStreamPos;
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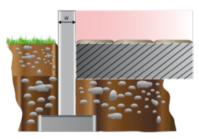


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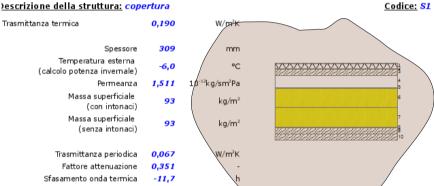


A satisfying fix on master. Not all that easy of course.

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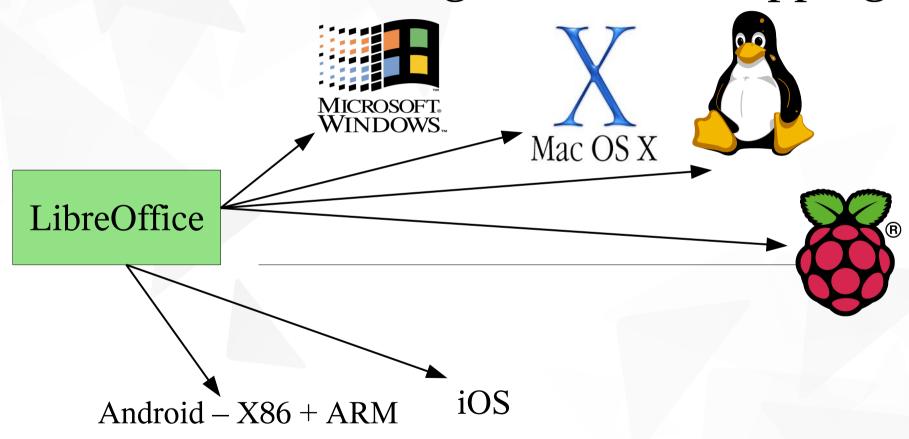


Future / research pipeline ...

(or some things we're slowly working on)

Targetting many platforms ...

Current tinderbox targets: not all shipping

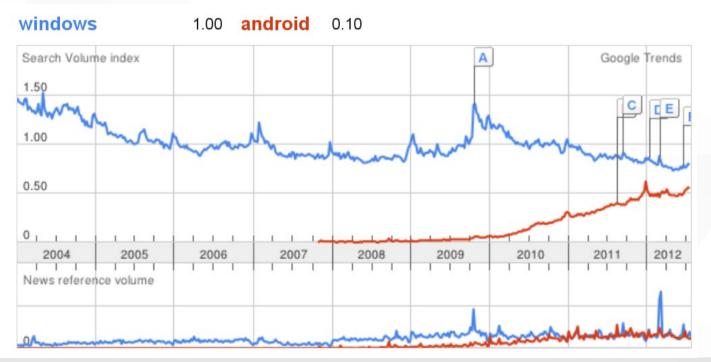




Android & mobile platforms (something in your pocket)

Who did all of this?

- I'm a fraud! The real work & glory should be addressed to:
 Tor Lillqvist's hours of toil
- Why do it ? futures ...

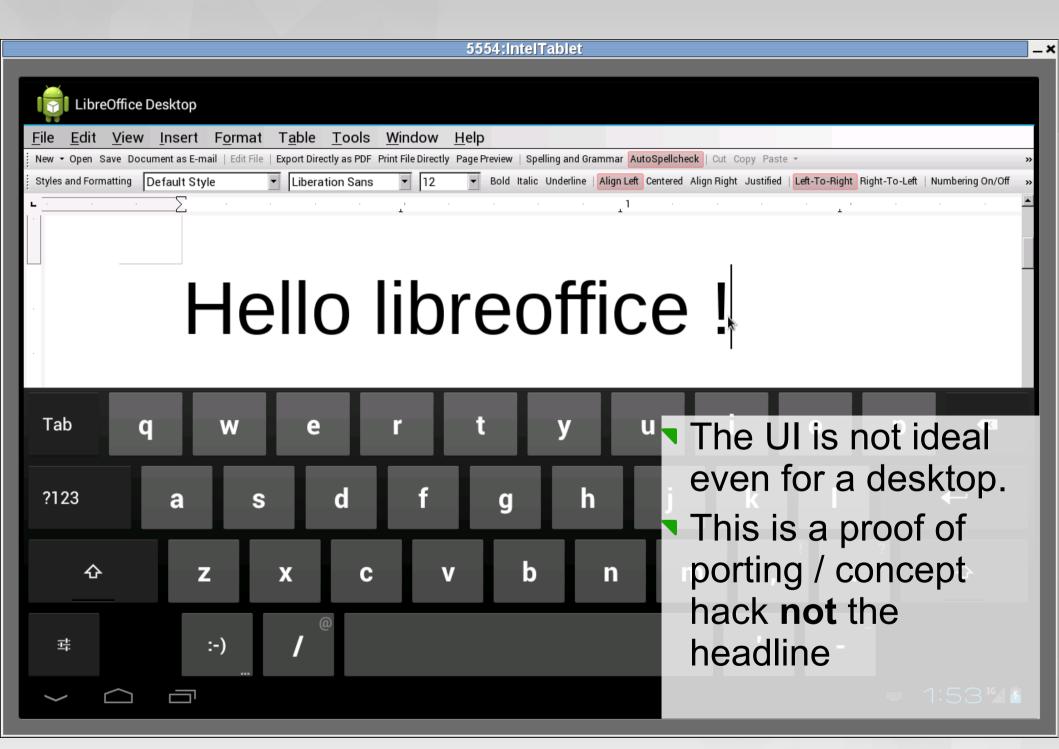




The man himself ...

Thanks to: http://trends.google.com/







VisioFile.vsd

MS00X.docx

■ Iain Billett's GSOC project

fields.doc

ODF-spec-part.

■ an android viewer app ...

image.odt

with a document collection manager / shell

pagination.odt

MS00X.xlsx

Flower Office Presentation

Date: Freitag, 21. Juli 2006 Time: 10:00 - 12:30 a.m. Location: Room 103

> Saargalerie Building A3 66125 Saarbrücken

Type of meeting First Presentation

Meeting called by Flower Power Company

Chairperson Product Manager

Attendees IRMs of the European Commiss

Topics

Num	Topic	Responsible	Time
1.	Presentation of the company	Executive director	10:00
2.	Presentation of Flower Office	Product manager	10:30
3.	Demonstration of Flower Office	Marketing staff	11:30
4.	Answers and Ouestions	Product manager	12:00

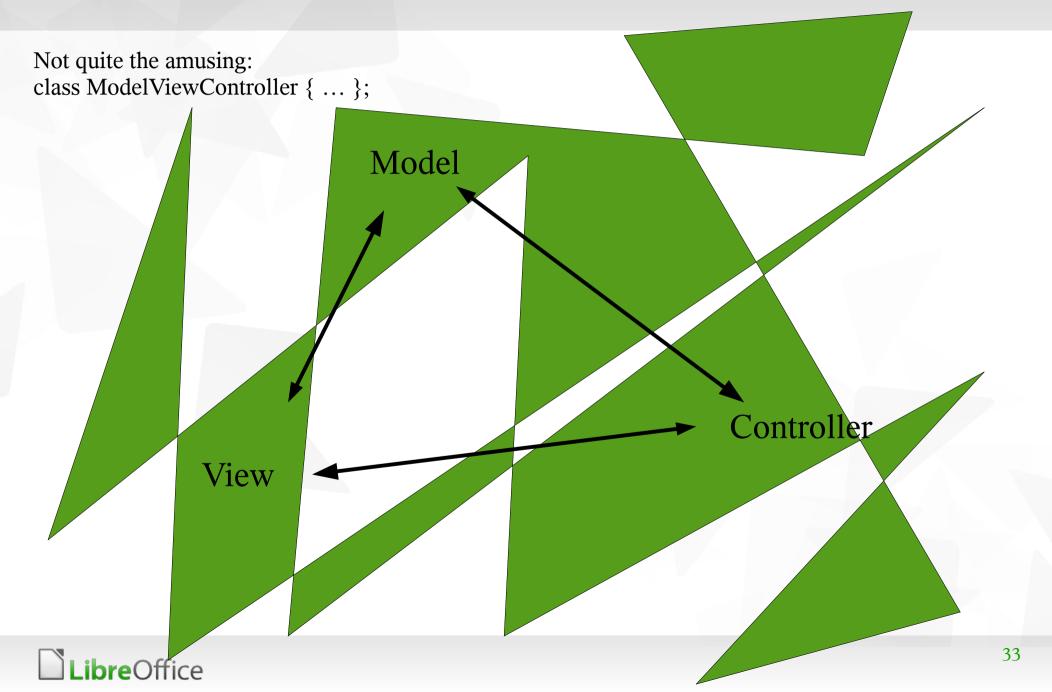
- Pages are rendered to textures by something like a 'liblibreoffice'
- The Java native app renders textures / page numbnails etc.



Interactive Collaboration

with a rare view of our architecture

Actual simplified internals diagram



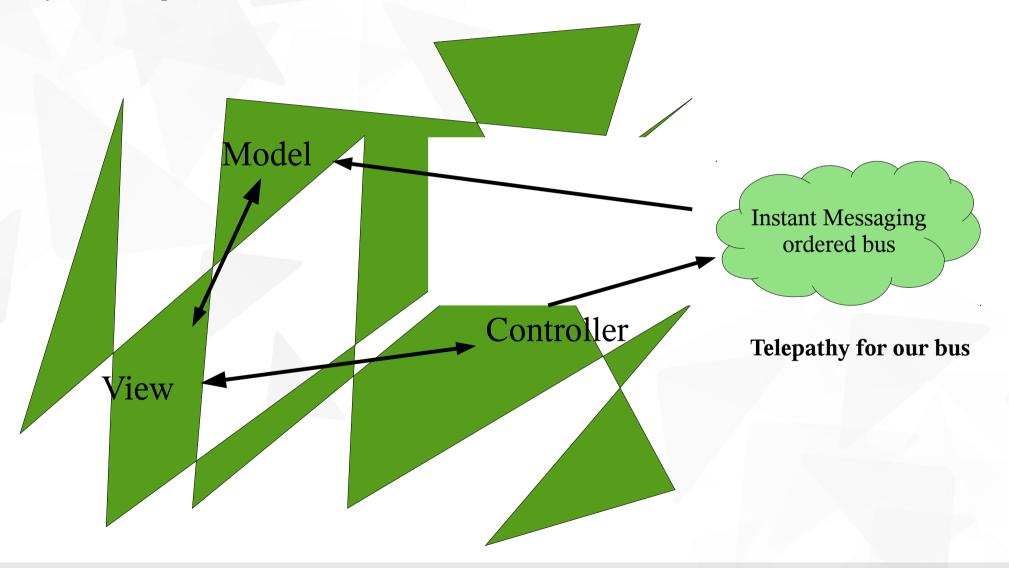
So what can we do?

- Make some hard up-front design decisions:
 - Ordering is King
 - It doesn't matter what you do but
 - always do everything, everywhere in the <u>same order</u>, on <u>every client</u> – and we will have consistent documents.
 - Interactive conflicts can be dealt with by users as they occur: both edit the same cell, and see who wins ...



Collaboration prototype design:

By no means perfect but functional.





Some consequences

- Constraints:
 - cell editing is applied asynchronously ...
 - ▼ eg. enter "foo" in A1
 - edit sent to the IM bus
 - user moves to another cell
 - apply all messages from IM bus in order
 - "foo" entered into A1 ...
 - ▼ Potential latency issue
- Implementable is feasible in linear time
 - No blue-sky monster re-work necessary ...
- **▼ DEMO** Thanks to:

Matus Kukan (GSOC), Will Thompson (Collabora), Eike Rathke (RedHat), Michael Meeks (SUSE)



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 ...

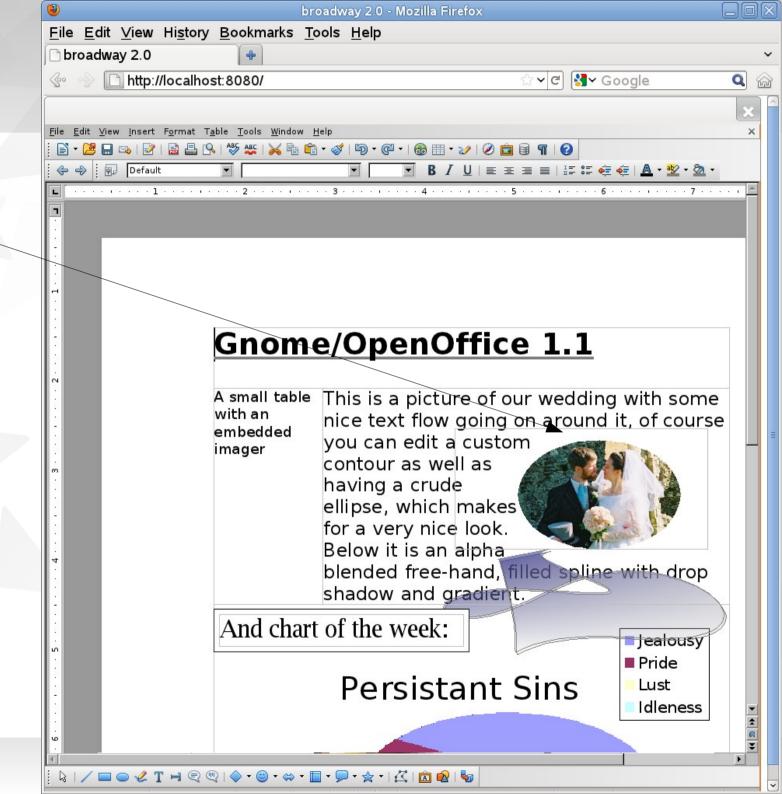


- Uses gtk+ 3's / broadway backend to render (via some javascript shims) in the browser:
 - All intelligence and rendering on the 'server' app.
 - **▼** broadway.js < 3k LOC ...
- Still a prototype
 - ▼ rendering performance improving, but lumpy in places.
- This approach allows a full-feature experience
 - ▼ 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.



Example:

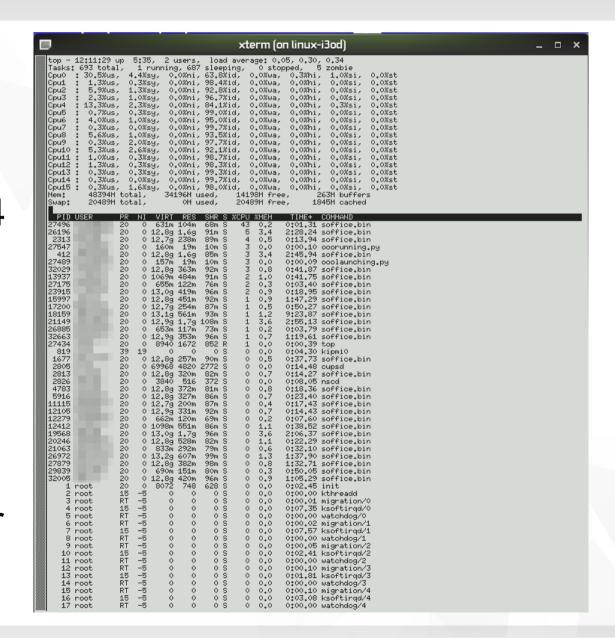
Custom contoured picture, with text fill





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.





LibLibreOffice ...
Encouraging wider re-use ...

LibLibreOffice – prototype ...

- A tiny static library
 - At run-time, dynamically links / exposes LibreOffice functionality
- A virtual / abstract & much simplified programming interface:

- ▼ Planned for document conversion, Document indexing
- Ultimately for a tiled document renderer for 'Documents'



Conclusions ...



- **¬** LibreOffice is growing & executing
 - Improving for developers: still lots to do ...
 - Improving for users: still a long way to go ...
- **¬** We have fertile work for new contributors
 - Want to make a real difference? Apply here ...
- **¬** Please do get involved in whatever way you can:
 - **¬** Bug triage, QA, coding, web-design ... appreciated.
 - **¬** Thank you for your support!

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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