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Collabora Online & Nextcloud

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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



What is Collabora Online?

Documents + Spreadsheets + Slides

Viewing and Collaborative editing

Excellent interoperability with Microsoft formats

DOCX, DOC, RTF, XLSX, XLS, PPTX, PPT

Many other Import filters / Viewing for

PDF, Visio, Publisher ...

Powerful WYSIWG rendering

On-premise Integration with Nextcloud.

Architecture – a bet on CPU threads & network ...





Collabora Productivity

Free your business

The driving force behind putting #LibreOffice in the #Cloud.

Collabora

- >100 staff, Cambridge & Montreal
- Parent company 14 years old

Collabora Productivity - Office Productivity

- ~30 staff 6 years old (last week)
- 50% C'bra, 50% me

Shared mission / raison d'etre:

- Make Open Source rock: simple goal of the shareholders
- We re-invest your support into FLOSS software

Leaders in the LibreOffice Community

- ~300 developers/year, ~1000 contributors
- Collabora Online (DE) 20+ million docker images

Collabora Productivity: examples







One of the top three Italian banks **20,000** seats deployed in all their branch offices. Visionary cost savings.



Partner: STUDIOSTORTI SOLUZIONI OPEN SOURCE





Powerful document classification – eg. "top secret". Digital signatures and classification of paragraphs.



140 partners and growing ...



A seamless Nextcloud partnership

Nextcloud - an awesome partner

working together seamlessly and regularly

Product support & Professional Services.

- A single support partner with experts in Collabora Online
- No blame-game nightmares:

Bank: 5 people & 5 companies in the room.

- It is exactly not like that ... with us
- Single point of contact, and relationship.

We provide Service Level Agreement & place to file tickets



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The Collabora Online Vision

Full-feature, Open Source,

On-premise / hosted - control your data & apps ...

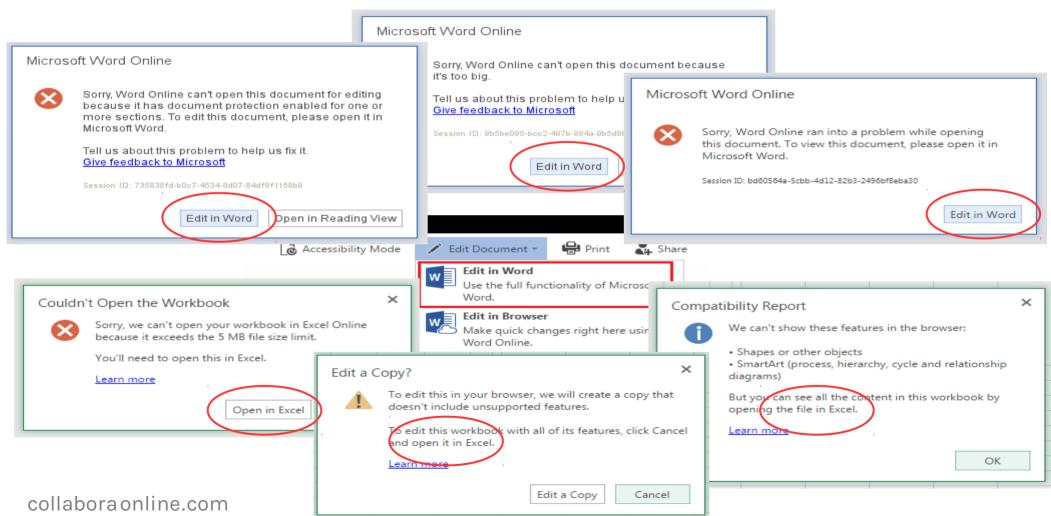
No compromises & flexible

Complements
Nextcloud's vision



MS Office Online browser a stop-gap ...

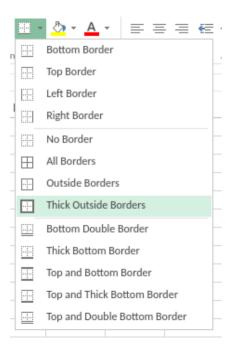




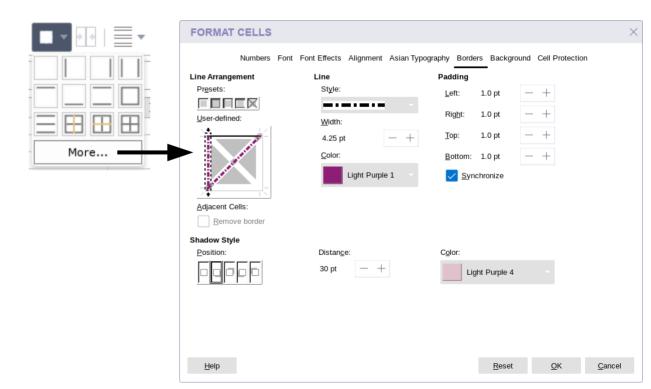


Full Feature → the things the feature matrix hides

The complete set of precanned border functionality in MS Online



The rich border UI in Collabora Online



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Interoperability & Collaboration

We have very powerful document interoperability

- Collabora Office → ~8 million LOC, MS Office ~30 million LOC
- Most mature Office code-base outside of Microsoft

"100% interoperability" - not a credible claim

- I was on the ECMA Technical Committee standardizing MS' XML formats.
- Interoperability a mix of: import, rendering, feature-set, export
- To edit you have to understand the format no reliable short-cuts.

Expectation here - we can win!

- Doing better than Google Docs, and Microsoft Online
- **Collaboration** is the key driver ...



Example: writer Rich Fields support ...

Fill out DOC / DOCX forms

tab through editable fields; skip protected sections



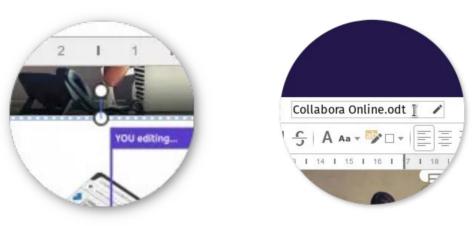
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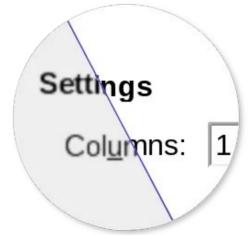
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Recent Improvements

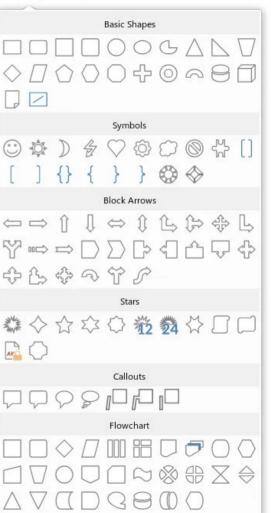
Significant Mobile & UX improvements













Blockchain / Vereign Integration



In co-operation with Vereign a Swiss open source company building a blockchain based self-sovereign identity and personal data store.

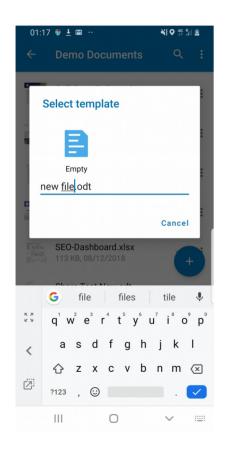
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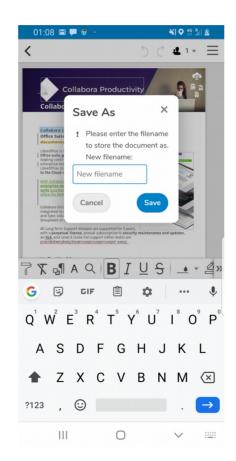


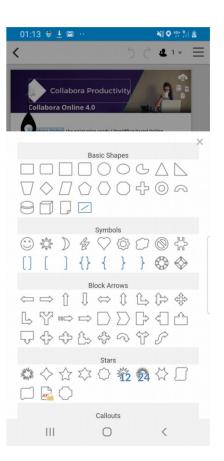
Nextcloud Mobile App



Better integration in your hands







Collabora Office Mobile - Q4

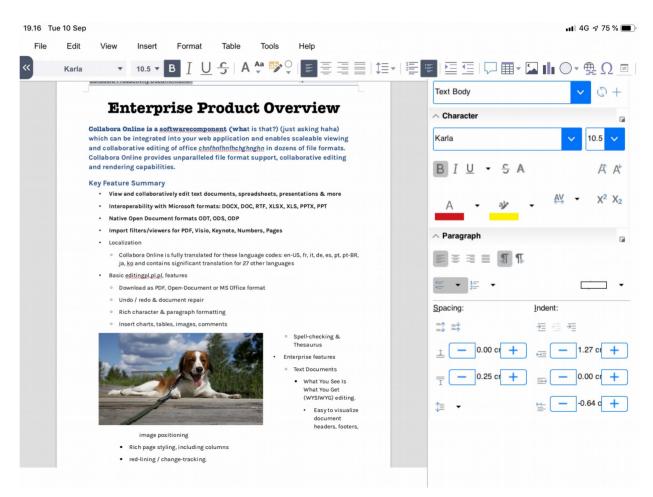


Native iOS version for tablets - with Adfinis

Co-Developed with Adfinis

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Beta in TestFlight





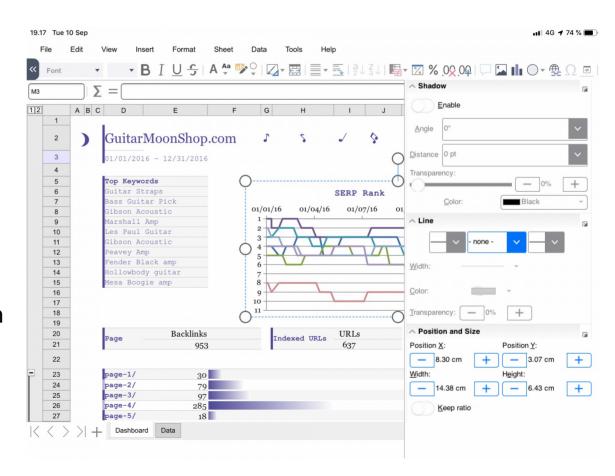
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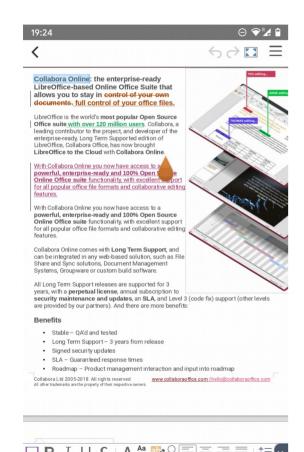
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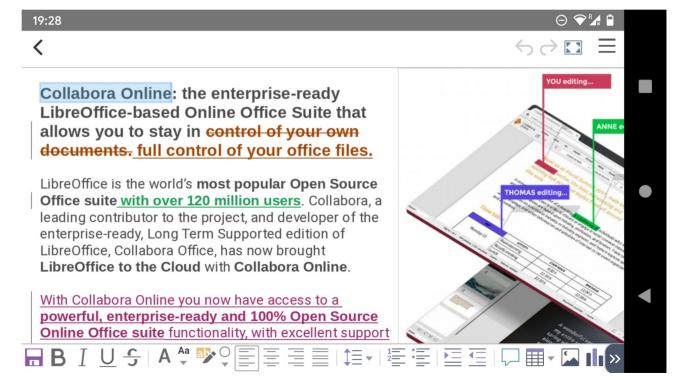
Buy Collabora Online, get a free iPad version thrown in free!





Online based Android app - in progress

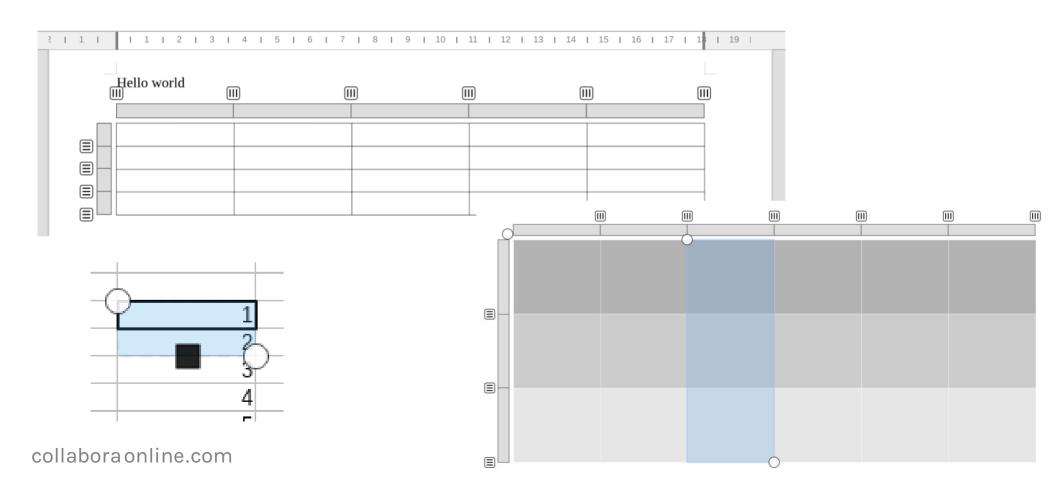




Implemented for Collabora Online 4.2 (due Q4)

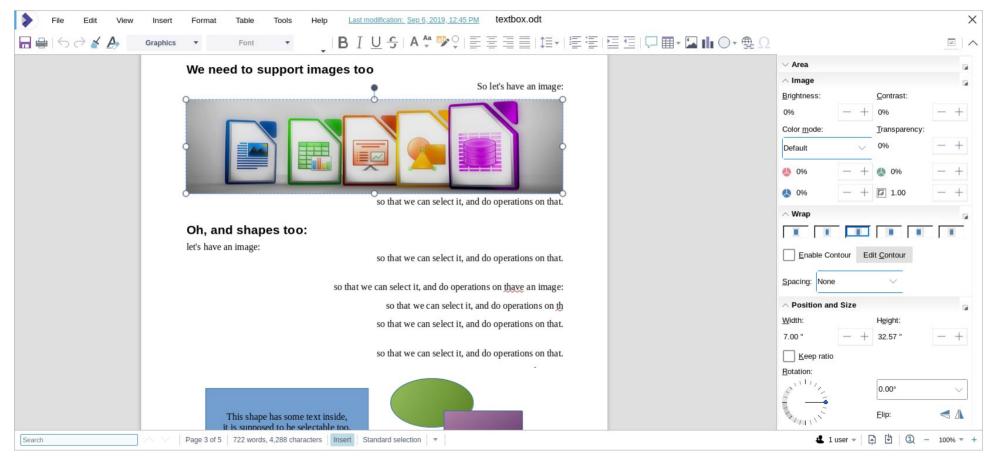


Many mobile wins: eg. touch resizing handles





Sidebar in Writer, Calc and Impress



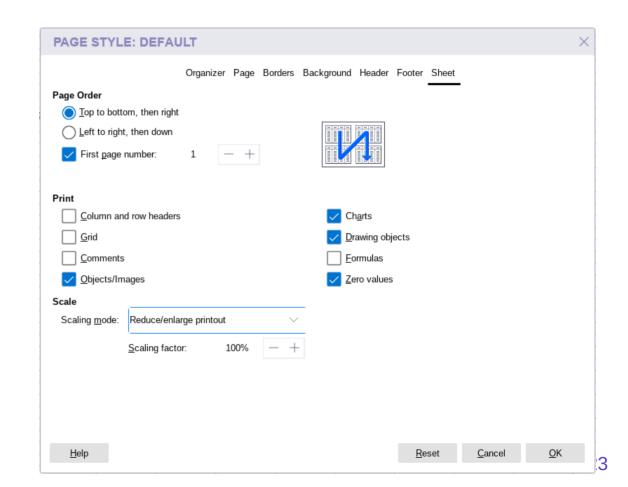
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Online / Widget theming implementation ...

Custom look & feel

- Custom SVG branding of individual widgets
- Building on native widget framework.
- ~easy to re-use for other platforms (volunteer?)





The pieces you can't see

Integration improvements

 Masses of new extensible API to embed Online into your application

Performance

- Loading time, dialog rendering time
- Improved PDF rendering
- Unipoll code simplification.
- Profiling infrastructure

UX / infra changes

- Many new dialogs converted to async
- Multi-window focus re-work.

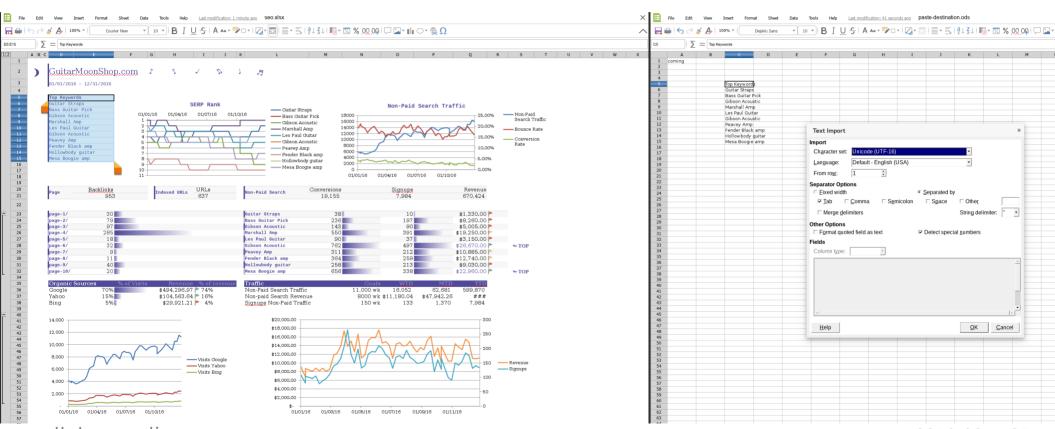
Security & Anonymization

- Anonymized logging
- 3rd party penetration testing

And much much more ...



Online – old-style copy/paste: text \rightarrow CSV import dlg.

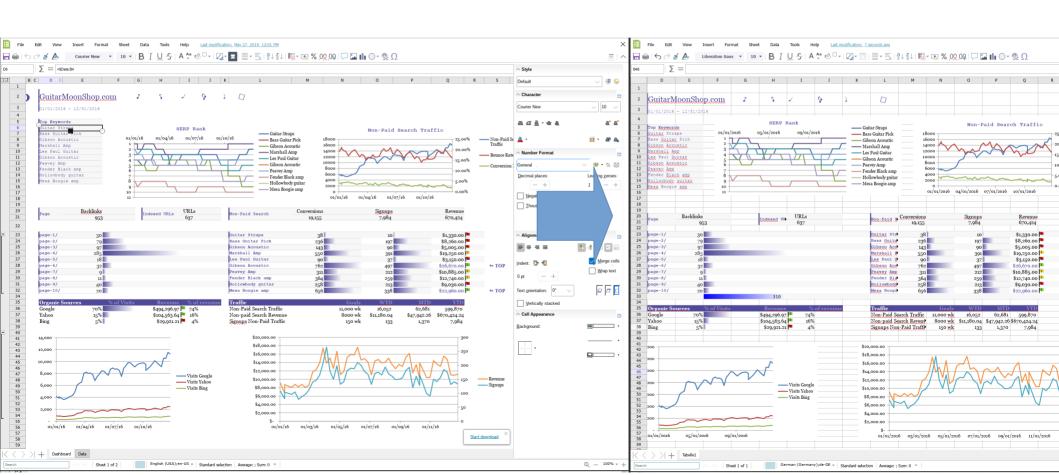


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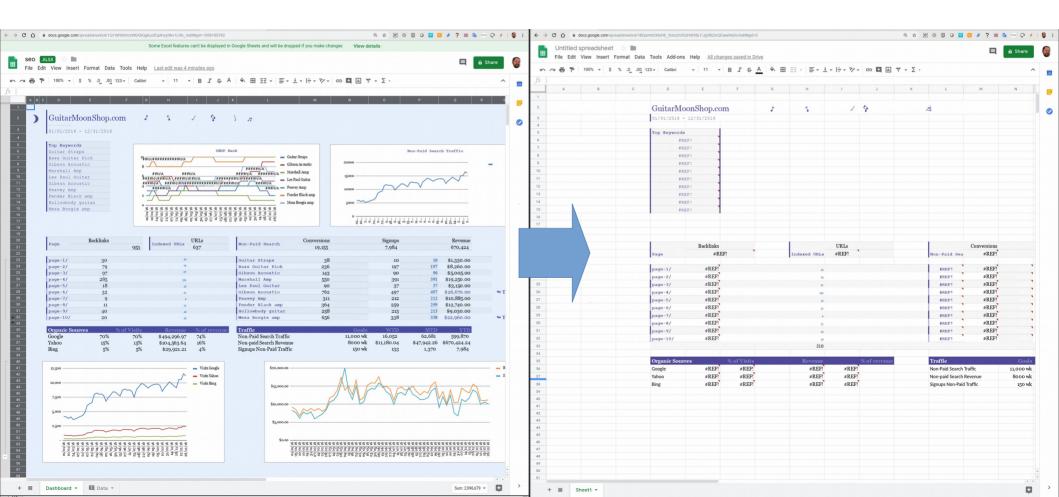


Afterwards (plus explicit chart copy)



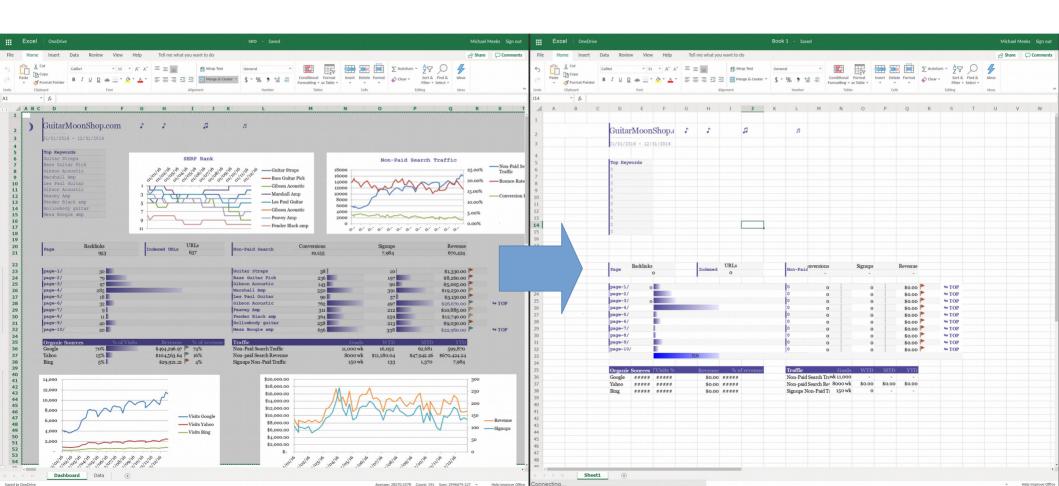


Just the basics ? Gdocs / Chrome comparison





Or: Office.com / Excel copy / paste ...





Interop: the best all-round implementation and constantly improving ...

A random feature: eg. bottom to top / left to right layout ...

power full LibreUmice-based online office that supports all major document, spreadsheet and presentation file formats, which you can integrate in your own infrastructure. Key features are collaborative editing and excellent office file format support.

Collabora Office is the enterprise office suite of LibreOffice, the world's most widely used Open Source office suite. We provide installation and administration utilities together with long term maintenance and contracted support to deliver successful deployments with expertise.

Integration with Nextcloud wins – in last year



Lots of lovely new things ...

RichDocuments goodness

- Federation & Global Scale [!]
- Secure View + Watermarking UI
- Template selector
- Integrated preview support
- File Renaming support
- Improved UI: Avatars outside
- Version integration with NC sidebar
- Insert image from Nextcloud
- Improved admin / options
- Performance improvements

Mobile / iOS & Android - direct editing

- Embedding Collabora Online
- Native print & Save As support
- Rich copy/paste integration
- Hide fullscreen, improved idle

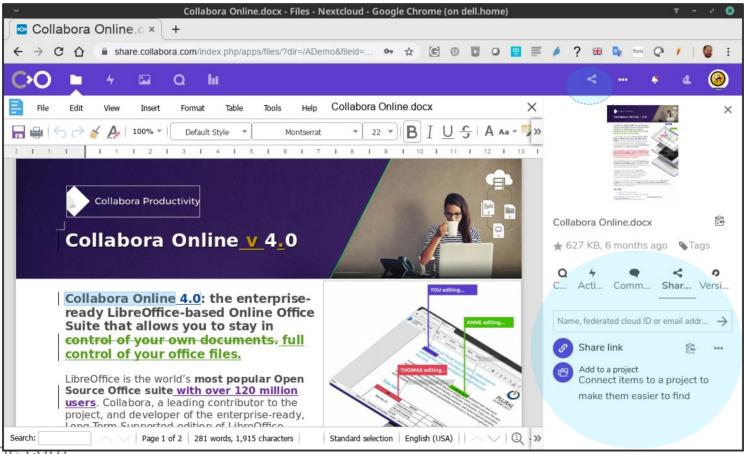
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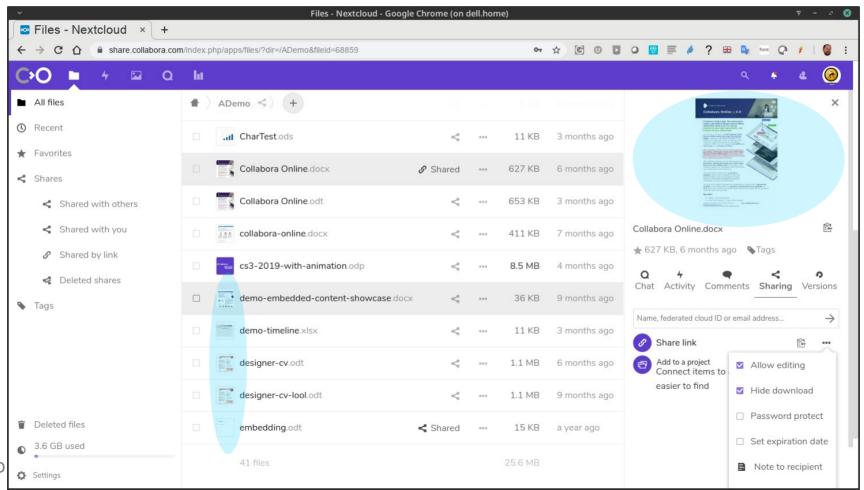
Easy sharing - close at hand ...



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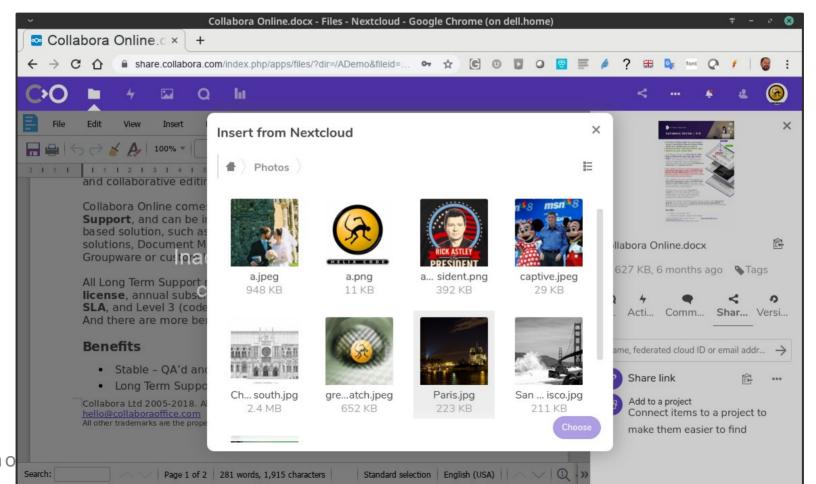


Collabora Online for thumbnailing





Directly insert images easily

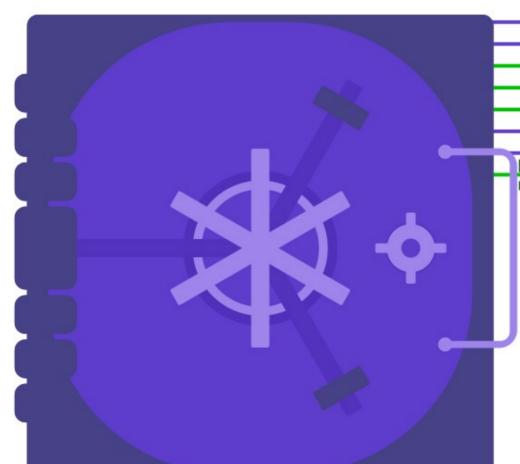


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Distinctives



Don't let your document data out of your site [sic]



on your premise / Private network

Virtual machine / Docker container

Seccomp-bpf ~no sys-calls

Extremely sparse filesystem

Chroot per document

Systematic load crash testing

Industry beating coverity score

LibreOfficeKit

rendering instance

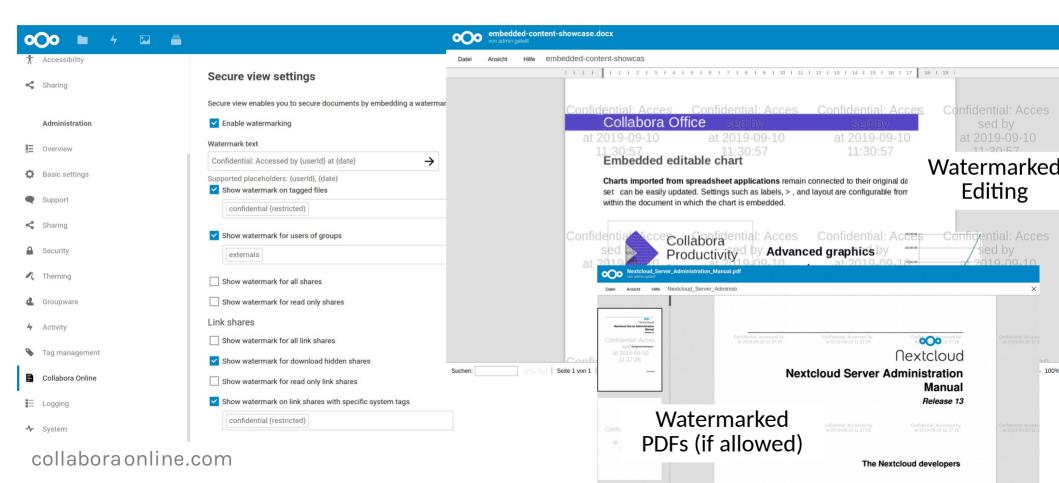
Document data is held in your server room.

Not sent to every single device to be controlled by the browser + JS + local debugger.

C'bra sends pixels to clients.



Secure View: [No] Download + watermarks



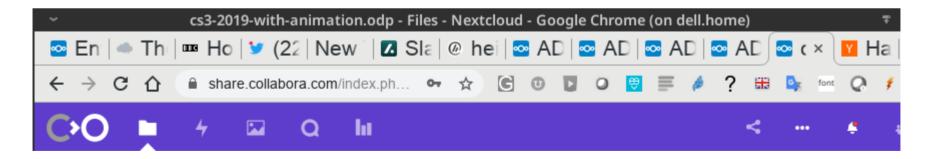


Simple, per-user pricing

Run as many servers / VMs as you need

Dynamically scale your workloads with Kubernetes

Beware of the Window + Tabpocalypse:



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Large deployments / HA pieces

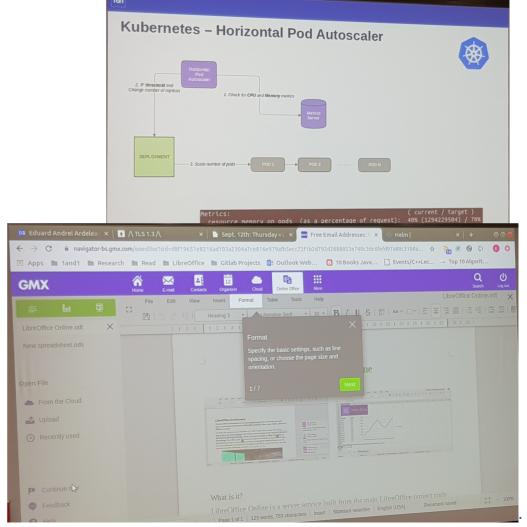
Scales with the network.

Simple architecture:

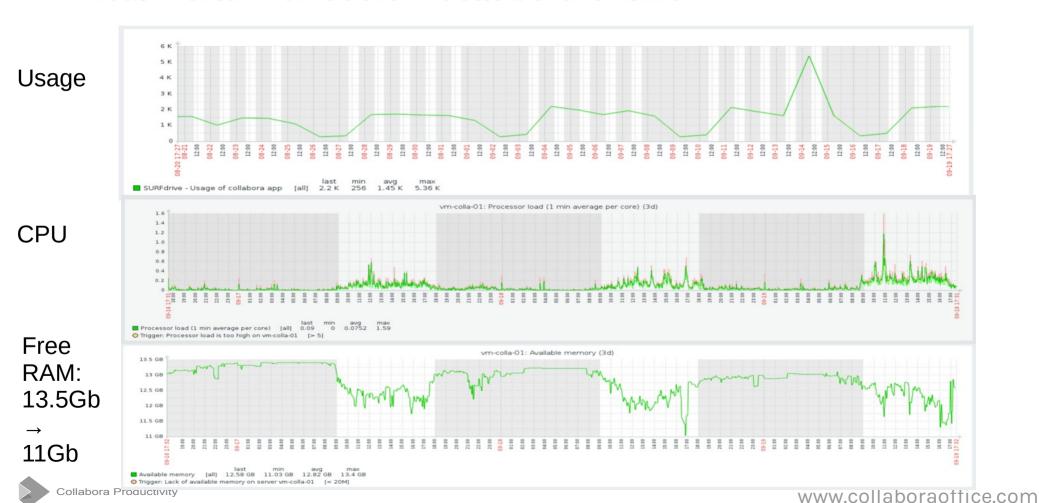
- No new HA Database
- No new message-bus
- No shared data storage

eg. 1&1 / GMX

~millions of users with access

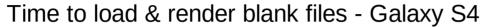


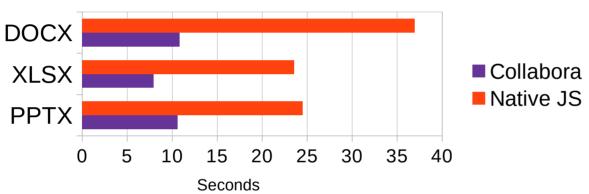
Real world: 40k users - Collabora Online





Do the work on battery, or in the data-center?



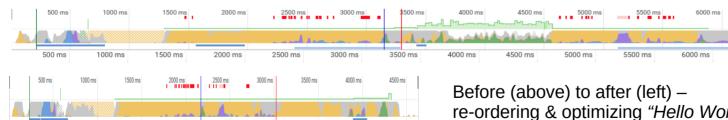


First cut pre-optimized numbers

With data: larger spreadsheets 10x faster → 1000X faster.

Threaded, GPU accelerated spreadsheet core

CPU



re-ordering & optimizing "Hello World" DOCX load - ~3.5s from start.

1000 ms

Open First + Community

Deep pool of volunteers & companies

Berlin based Stiftung

• 100% open code.

Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology





Conclusions

- Our mission applied
- Rich partnership with Nextcloud
- Georgeous, interoperable
 Document collaboration
- Seamless support with SLA

- Rapid improvement
- Long term support
- Scalable & easy to deploy
- Backed by large, diverse community & Berlin based Stiftung.
- Product Management today