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Bringing Collabora Online to your web app

... its easy!

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Collabora **Productivity**

"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



Collabora Online

Built with awesome LibreOffice Technology





a FOSS replacement for proprietary Online & Mobile Office suites.





What is Collabora Online?

Built on top of LibreOffice Technology:

→ Excellent interop with Microsoft

→ cf. Office 365 / Google Docs ...

On-premise Integration with your EFSS: ownCloud, Nextcloud, Seafile, EGroupware or LMS: Moodle, or chat: Mattermost

Over 50m pulls from

CODE Collabora Online

Development Edition

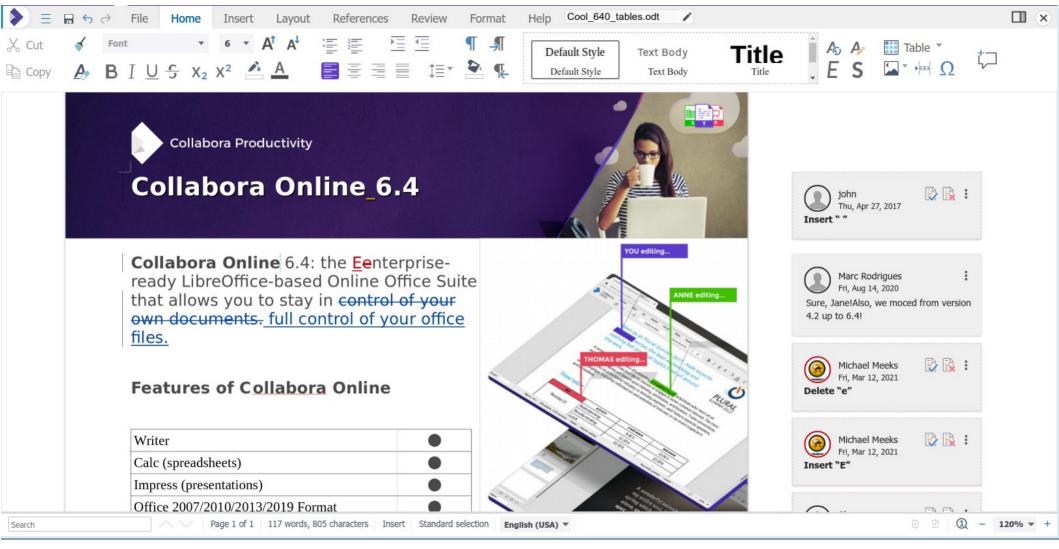
docker image

Freedom applied → FLOSS giving Digital Sovereignty

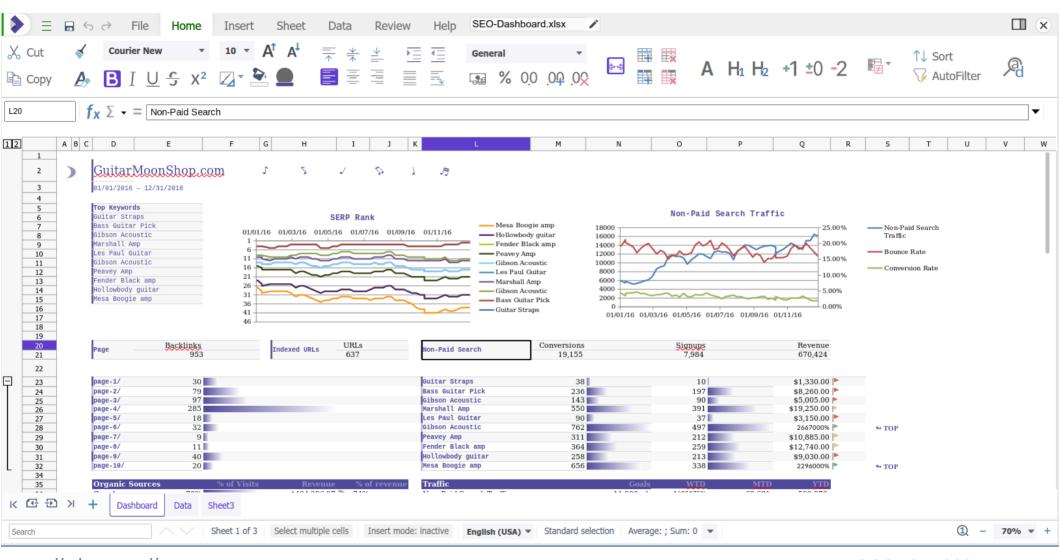
LibreOffice Technology

Pragmatism: "The best line of code, is the one we didn't have to write" x 10^7 lines

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

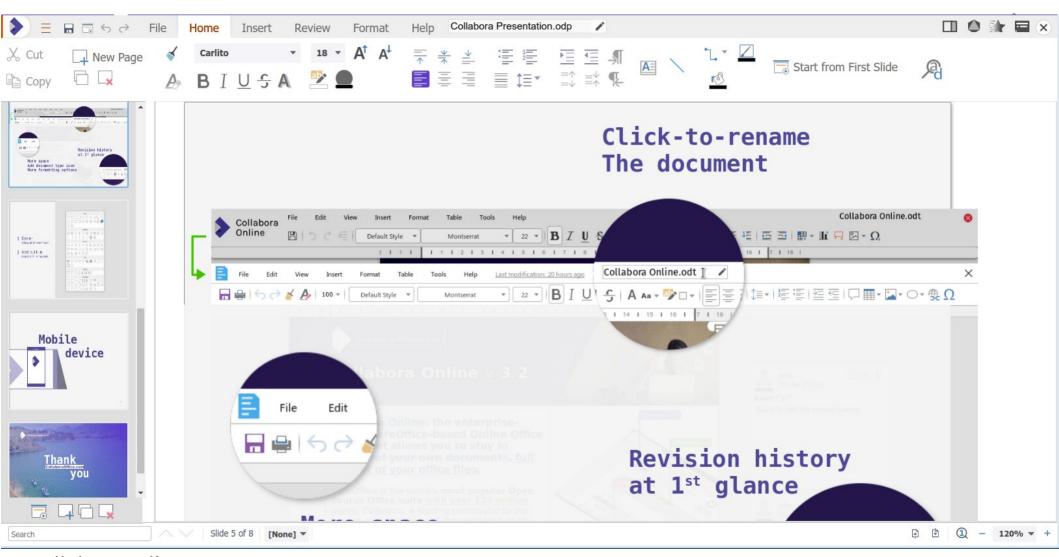


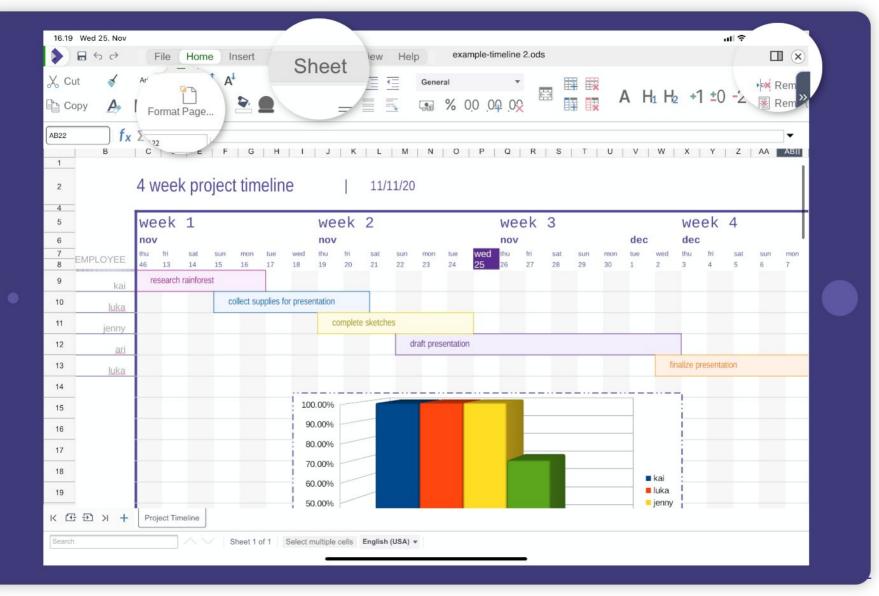
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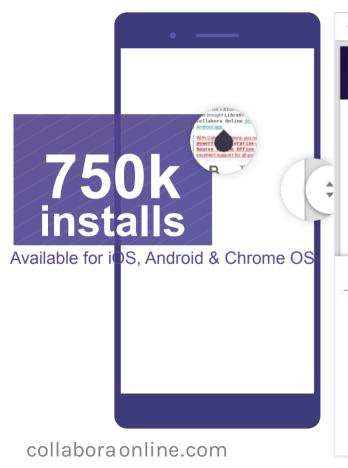


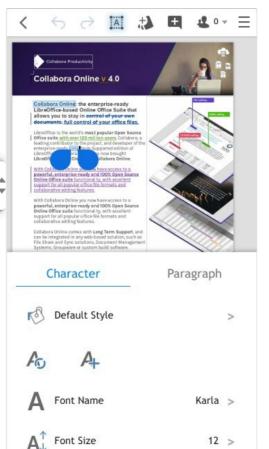


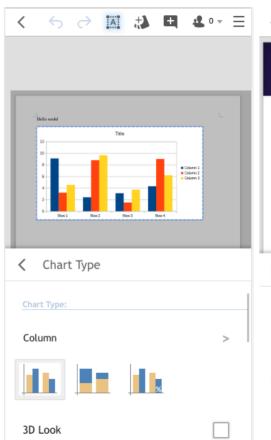




Re-use the online responsive UI for apps:









How to get it embedded into your app ...

START PRODUCT **GITHUB FORUM** CHAT

Collabora Online SDK

Search docs

Collabora Online SDK describes the main methods that allow you to interact with different Collabora Online components. Chose one of the following sections to learn more about the available SDK methods.



Install it on-premises



Create integration



sdk.collaboraonline.com

Frequently Asked Questions

High availability, fault tolerance, upgrade-ability?

Do the documents leave the server?

What is CODE? Are there non-development editions too?

Do the programs require an uninterrupted network connection?

Can I host your product on my own environment?

· Each document is served by a single node...

If you want a high availability setup, not only to provide extra

scalability, but also to provide redundancy against faults. Collabora

Online has a clean and attractive architecture - which scales with

your routing network:

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New

this

month

View all FAQ

Read more >



SDK → easy to re-use code templates:

"Hello World" skeleton integration(s)

- https://github.com/CollaboraOnline/collabora-online-sdk-examples/
- Apache v2 licensed for easy re-use

Growing set of languages:

- PHP
- NodeJS
- Python

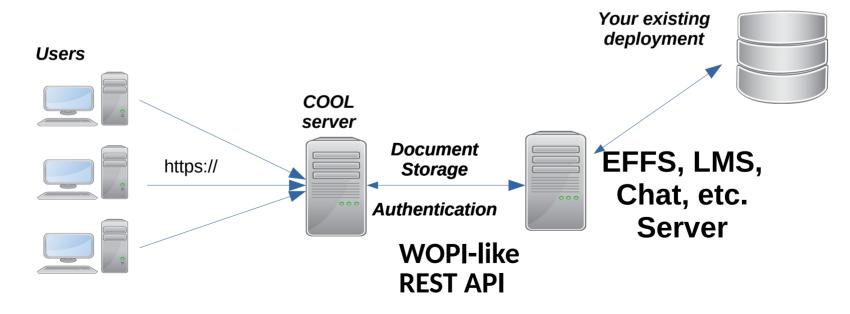
Extensive documentation too - but ... how does it work?



COOL: a state-less drop-in ~micro-service

Document data is loaded / stored back to 'you'

Authentication is managed by 'you' (not us)





REST-ful WOPI-like protocol: around an iframe

To download the file:

GET https://<WOPI host URL>/<...>/wopi*/files/<id>/contents?
 access_token=<token>

Upload back:

POST https://<WOPI host URL>/<...>/wopi*/files/<id>/contents?
 access_token=<token>

Just send the iframe your server's

- authentication token your REST interface will need
- file identifier your REST interface will need (as WOPISRC parameter).

CheckFileInfo to provide information about the file:

https://<WOPI host URL>/<...>/wopi*/files/<id>?access_token=<token>

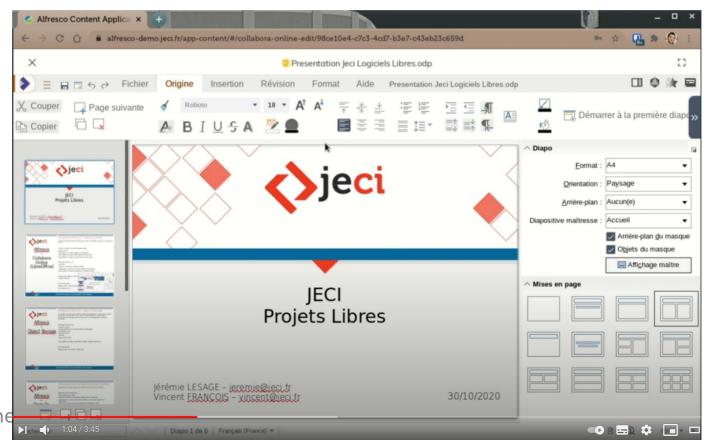
Some examples:

give in to peer pressure: all your friends have!



Alfresco - Java

Alfresco connector available thanks to jeci, Arawa, Magenta



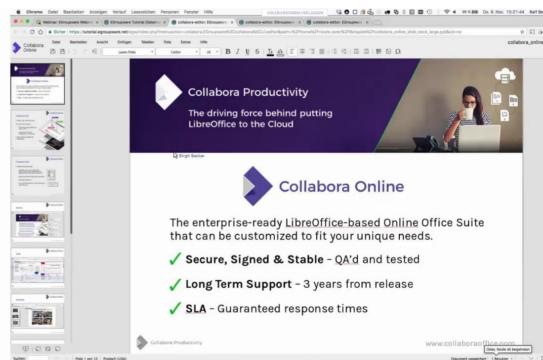
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Egroupware - PHP + JS

Connector available thanks to eGroupware from their repository

- https://github.com/EGroupware/collabora
- To match their integration needs, we have
 - Improved the printing in Firefox
 - Updated dockerfiles





Kolab - PHP

Connector available thanks to Kolab themselves.

https://git.kolab.org/source/wopi/

 To match their integration, we had to expose various functionality via postMessage

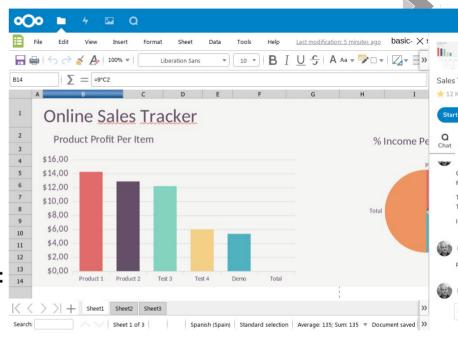
> Like closing all the views from the master view, downloading or printing



Nextcloud - PHP/JS

Connector originally developed by Collabora, but now with features from Nextcloud

- https://github.com/nextcloud/richdocuments
- Many features in the Online were implemented to match the Nextcloud's integration needs, like:
 - Specification of avatars in CheckFileInfo
 - Support for templates TemplateSource in CheckFileInfo
 - /hosting/capabilities for early check of whether a particular version supports some features or not
 - And many more...

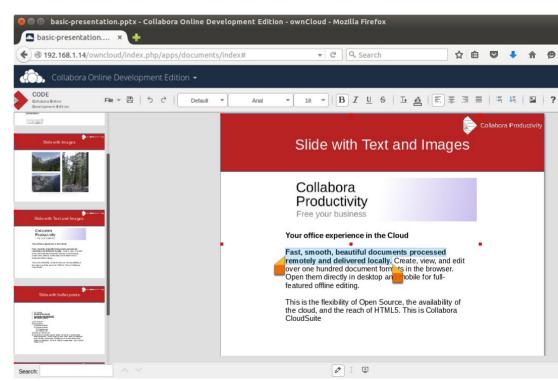




ownCloud - PHP + JS + GO / Python - OCIS

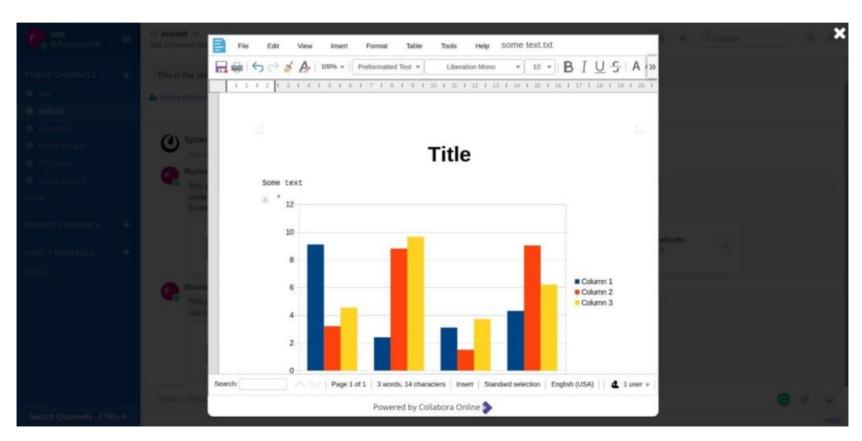
Originally implemented by Collabora, now with features from ownCloud & CERN

- https://github.com/owncloud/richdocuments
- To match their integration needs, we are improving Watermarking substantially
 - So that each user in a document can have a different, dedicated watermarked, secure view.





Mattermost - GO + JS



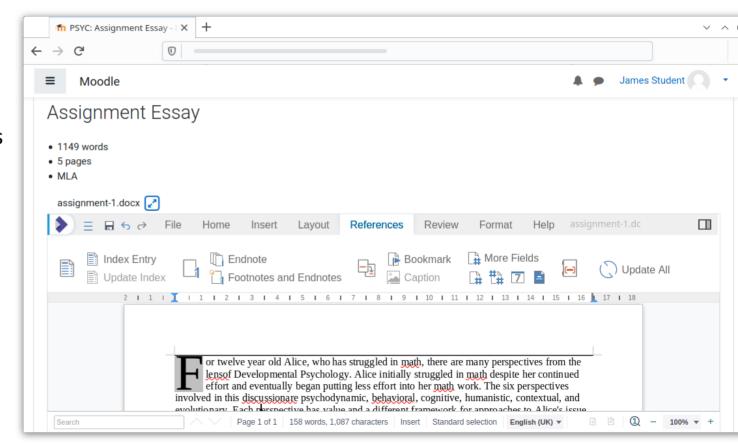


Moodle - PHP+JS - live document editing

Thanks to

- Michael Wuttke
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- Jan Dageförde -University of Münster.
- Davo Smith from Synergy Learning.

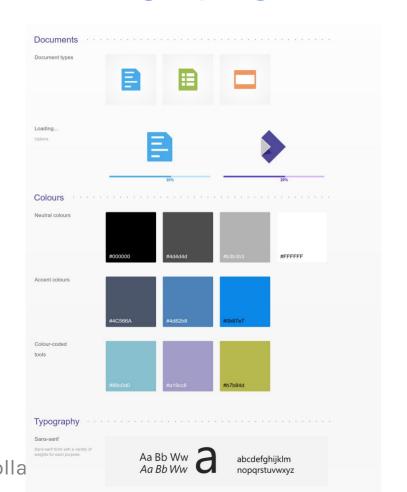


Beyond the basics

making it pretty too:



Getting style guide: a how-to ...



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ui_defaults: posted with the iframe:

<input name="ui_defaults" value="TextRuler=false;StatusBar=false"
type="hidden"/>

";" delimited options in a post field.

uiMode=classic/notebookbar - select menu/toolbars

StatusBar=false

- hide status bar

TextStatusBar=false

- hide status bar only for Text

other prefixes: Presentation/Spreadsheet

Sidebar=false

- hide sidebar by default

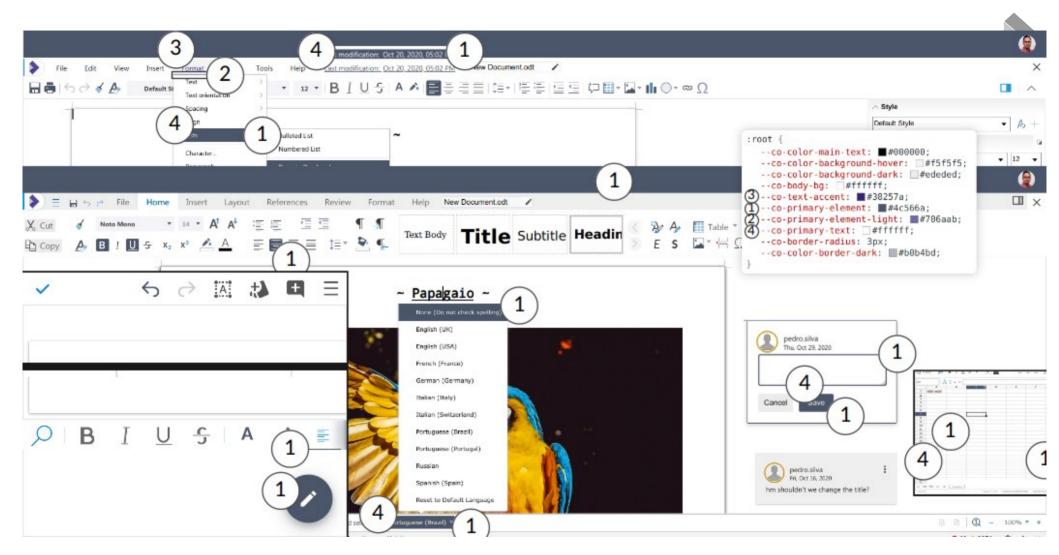
Ruler=false

- hide ruler by default ... etc.

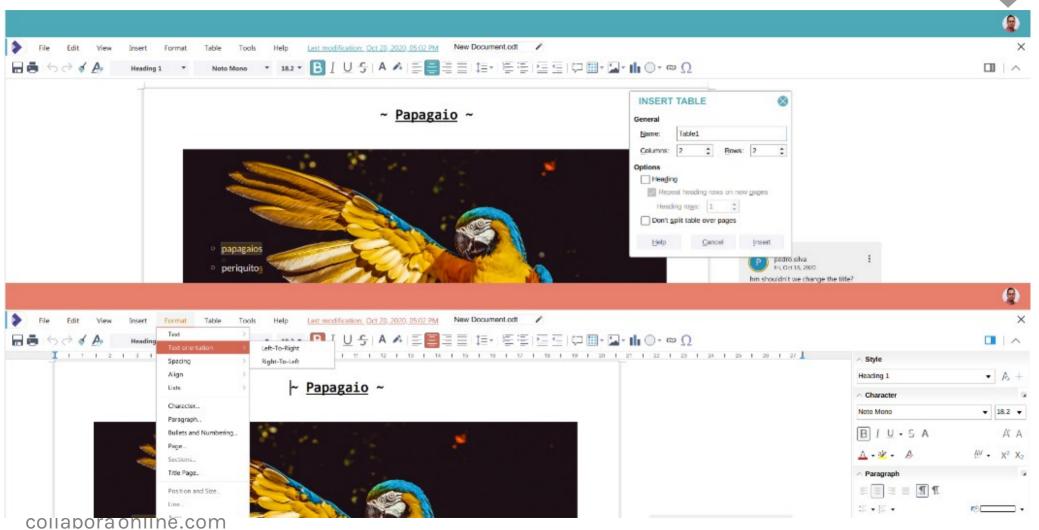


css_variables: posted with the iframe:

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<input name="css variables" value="co-color-main-text=#000;--co-body-bg=#FFF--co-txt-</pre>
accent=#38257a; "type="hidden"/>
      ":' delimited options in a post field, default (for now) are:
--co-primary-element: #4c566a
--co-primary-element-light: #706aab
--co-txt-accent: #38257a
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--co-body-bg: #ffffff
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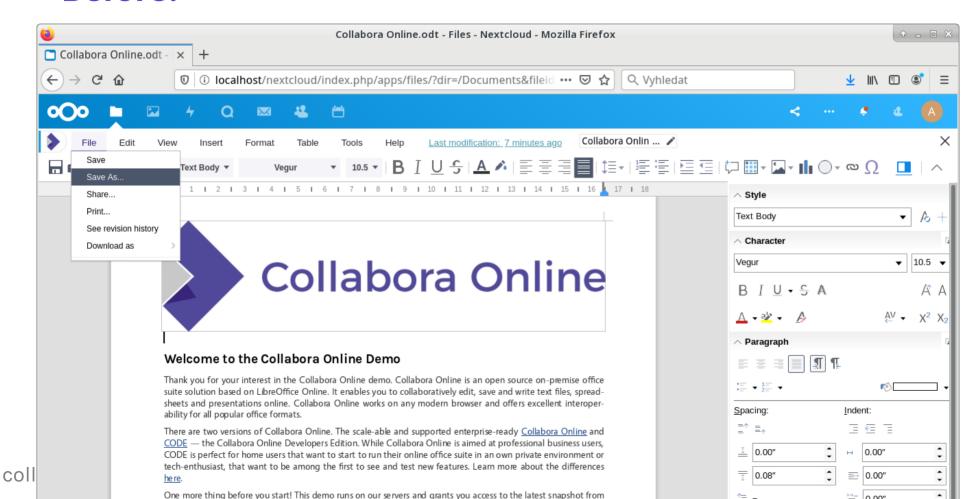






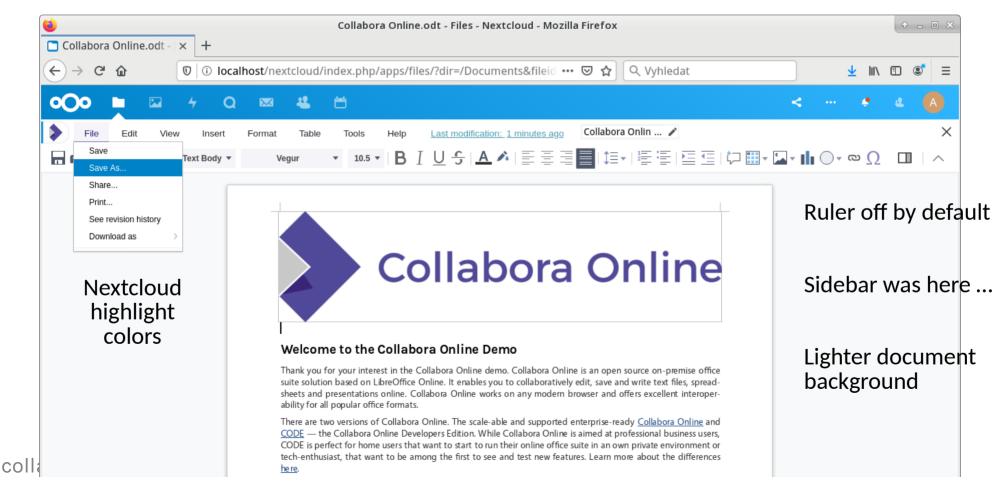


Before:





After: theming / palette & settings ...

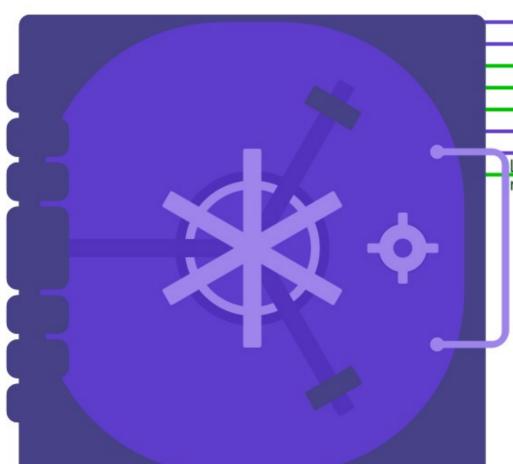


Securing & Scaling your docs



Security: pre-init, fork & drop capabilties ...

everyone in their own chroot + seccomp-bpf + ...



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

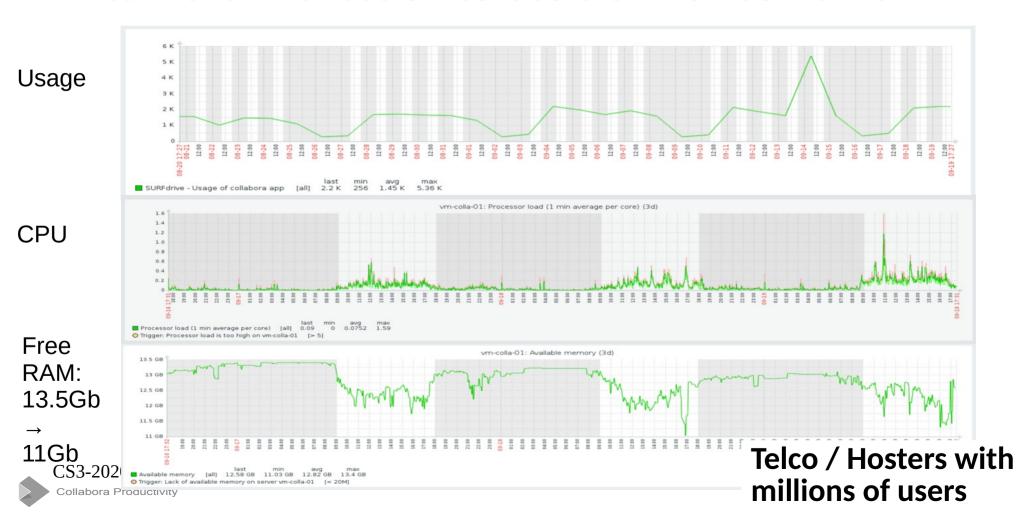
rendering instance

chroot

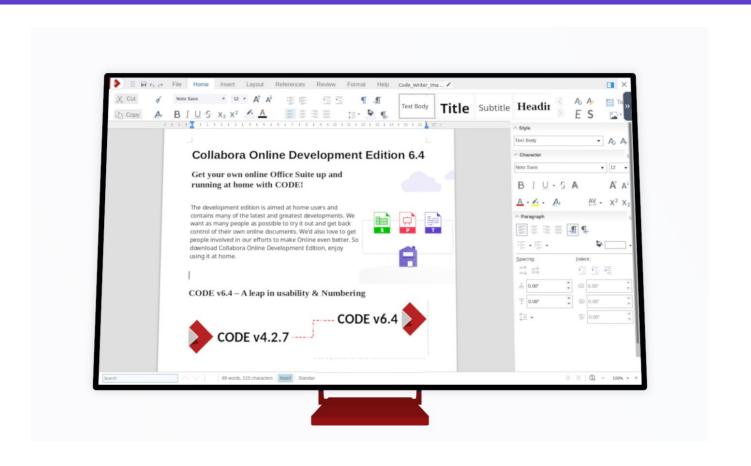
- no shell
- handful of NSS shared libraries, etc.
- fonts
- one document.

Pixels come out ...

Real world: ~45k users - Collabora Online - SURFdrive

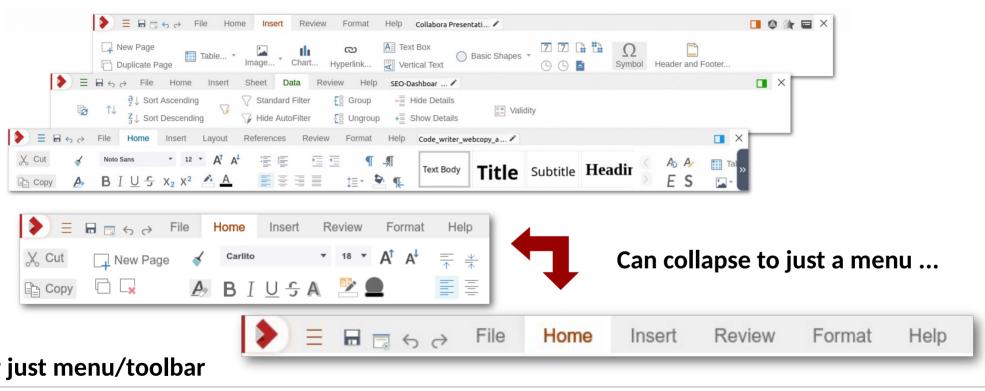


Collabora Online 6.4.0 New stuff

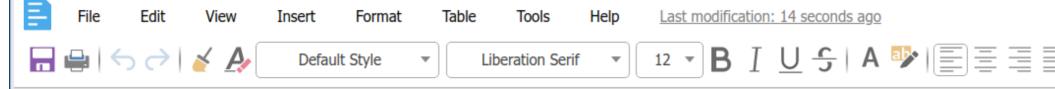


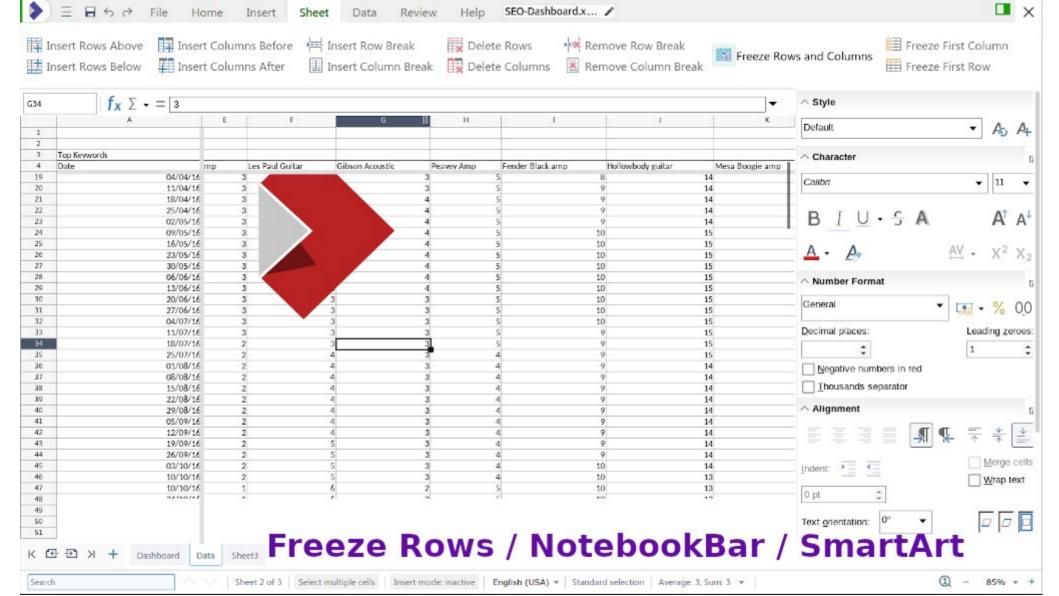


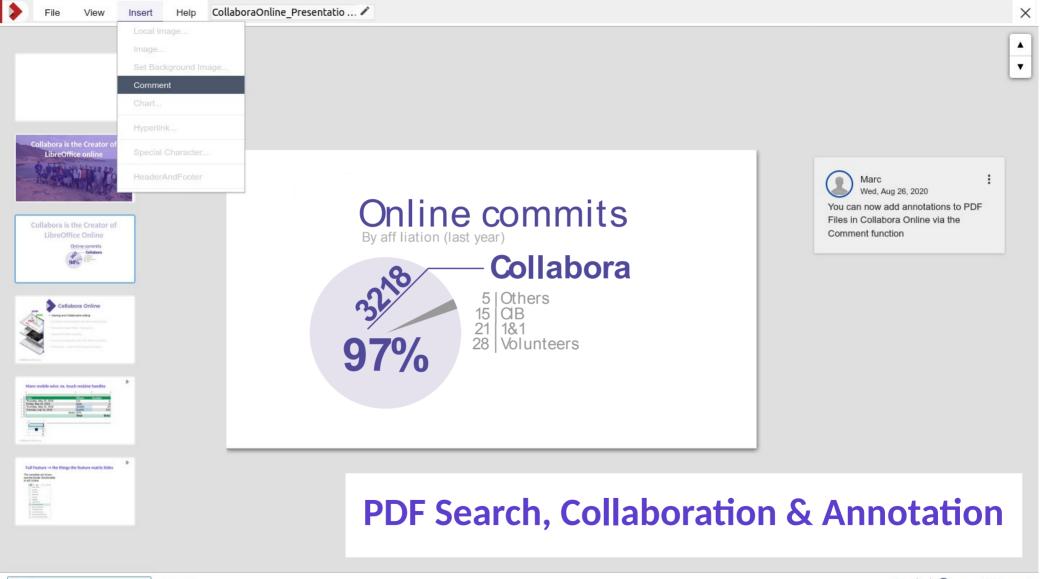
Eclectic Notebookbar UX choices: to taste

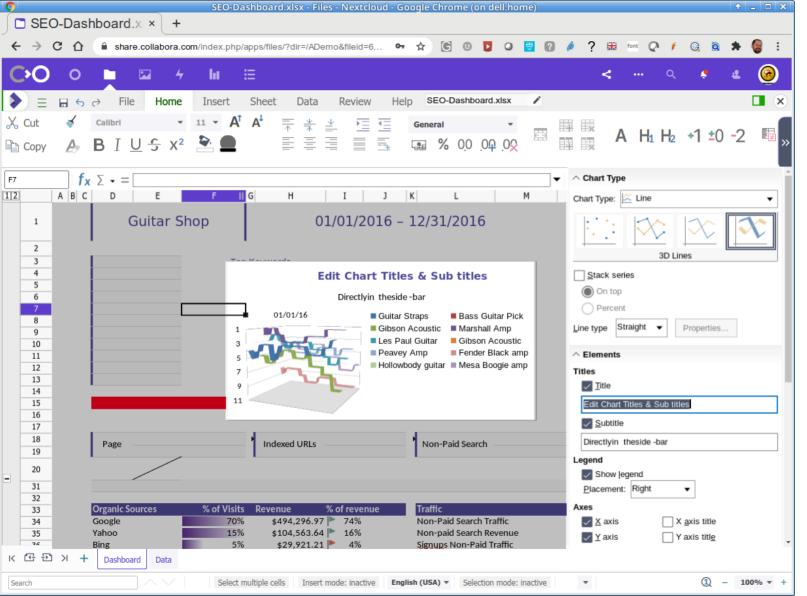


Or just menu/toolbar









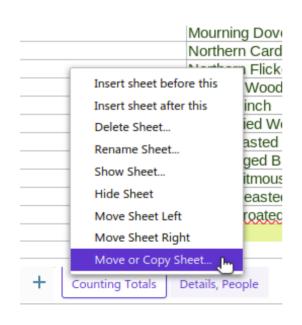


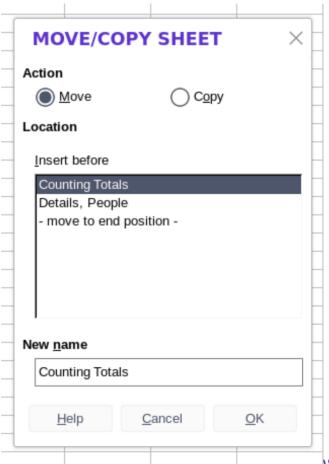
Improved chart editing sidebar functionality

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Calc: Improved sheet movement:

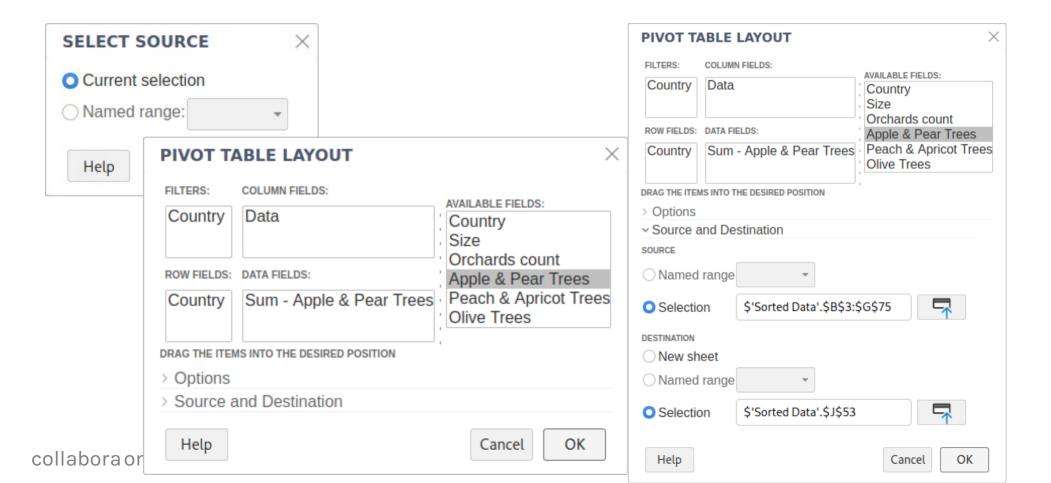




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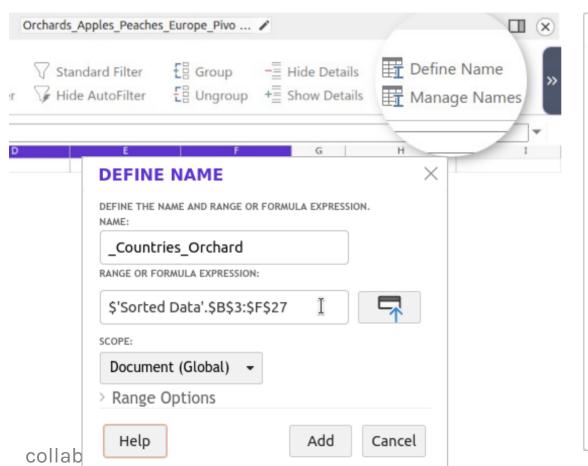


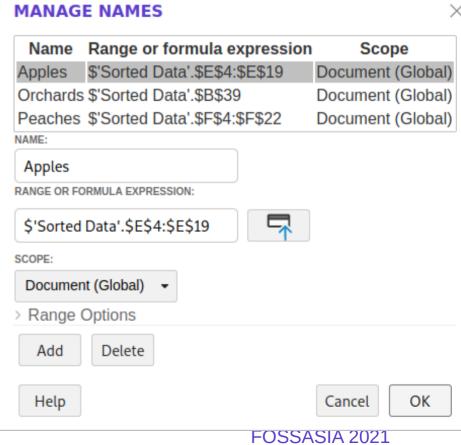
Calc: customize & create Pivot Tables





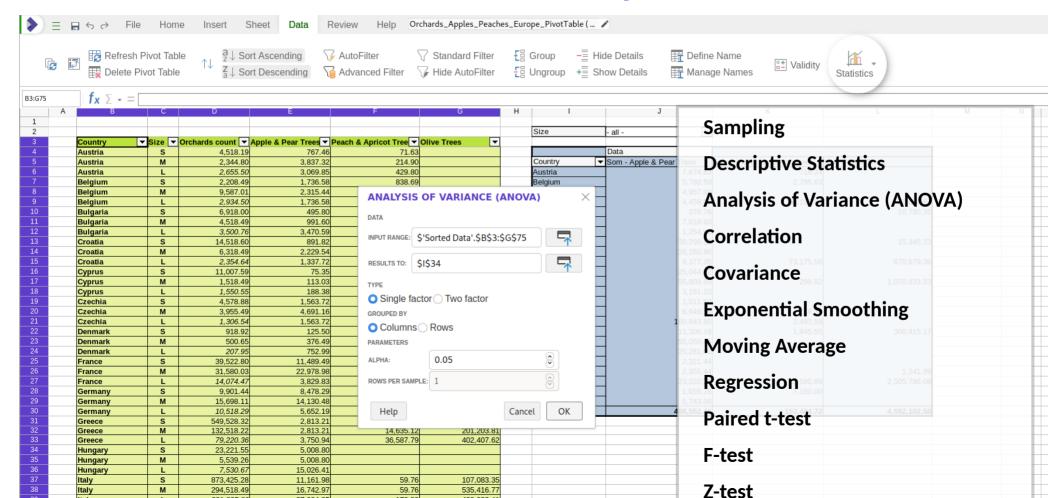
Calc: define & manage range names & print ranges







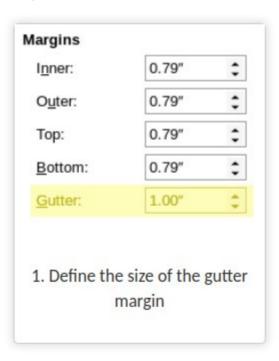
Calc: Statistical tools for data analysis

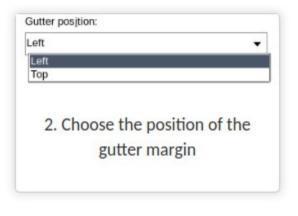


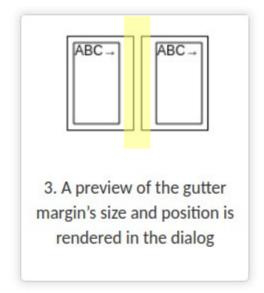


Gutter Margins - for Taiwan and elsewhere ...

Very useful for Government binding standards:





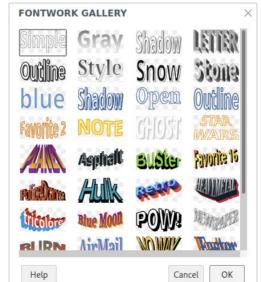


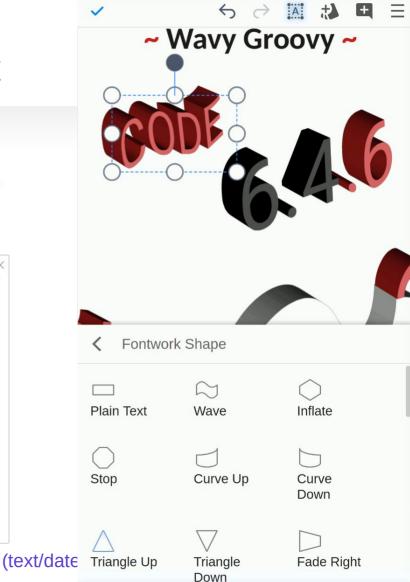
Bringing Draw to Online: Fontwork

Wavy & complex 3D text:











The pieces you can't see

Performance

- ~20% faster rendering time
- Faster interactive editing of cells
- Bind-mounting of document jails (instead of hard-linking)
- Improved watermark caching
- Slide content pre-fetching
- On-demand slide thumbnail fetching.
- Significant PDF rendering improvements
- Significant thumbnail / download speedups

Misc

- iOS multi-document support
- Substantial cypress automated test coverage.
- Cluster debugging / warnings ... check matching ServerIds

And much much more ...

- 3600+ commits.
- Innumerable bug-fixes & improvements

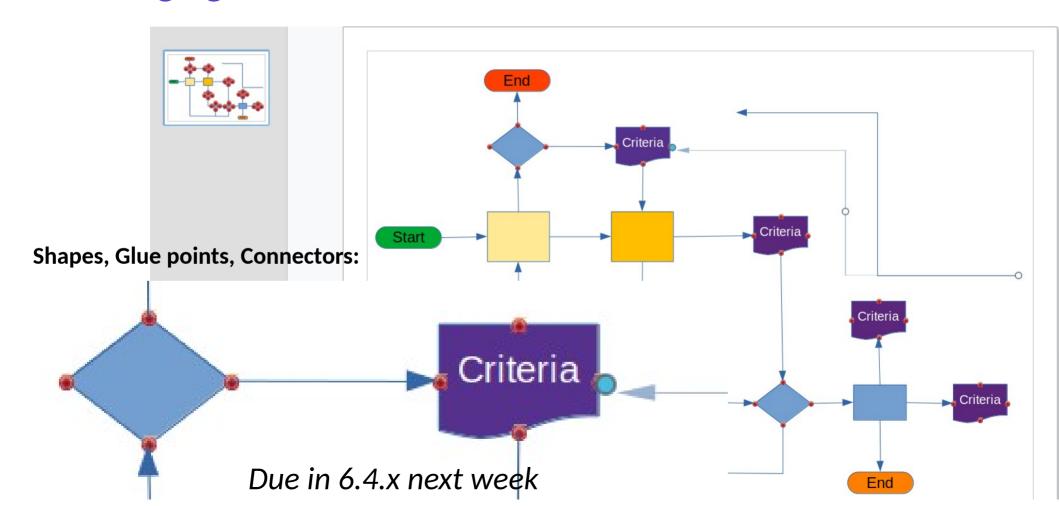
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Next ...

more rapid fire incremental goodness coming ~next week ...



Bringing Draw to Online: Connectors ...





Crisper rendering ... not just crispness

Better zoom handling

- With some devices, non-100% zoom, poor 'crispness'
 - Browser is interpolating; on Linux Chrome \rightarrow 97.7% device scale (1000/1024)
- Pure Canvas (still tile) rendering at pixel-grid scale
 - Dropping 'leaflet'; major code & dependency simplifications / shrink.
- Split panes on mobile / tablet devices
- Re-written in TypeScript → easier to maintain & scale

Enabling more future smarts:

• Rendering calc grid, page outlines, re-ordering pages etc. on the client



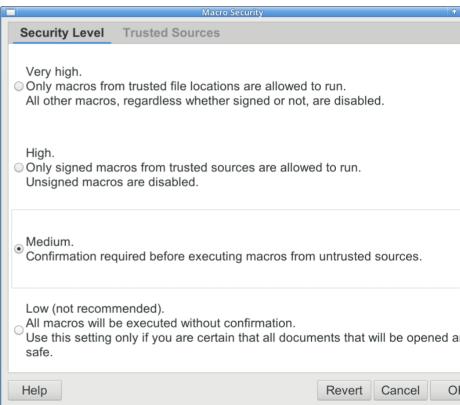
VBA / StarBasic - just an option (!)

Thoughts:

- Defaults → hard disabled by default (assumed)
- Sysadmin / distributor can configure trusted macros, or allow for the user



100%



Coming in 6.4.x in a week or two.





It's fun to get involved:

LibreOffice features:

http://www.libreoffice.org/

Code

https://git.libreoffice.org/core

Get involved:

- https://www.libreoffice.org/community
 Forum: /get-involved/
- C++, python, l10n and more
- https://translations.documentfoundation.org/

Collabora Online

https://collaboraonline.github.io/

Easy Hacks:

https://github.com/CollaboraOnline/online

• C++, Javascript, CSS, Design ...

https://hosted.weblate.org/projects/collabora-online/

https://forum.collaboraonline.com/

Weekly dev. meetings

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