Collabora Online & LibreOffice

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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

COLLABORA

- ~150 staff, Cambridge & Montreal
- Our parent company – started in 2005
- Leading Open Source Consultancy

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- Spun out of SUSE in 2013
- ~50 staff
- Focused fully on office productivity & digital sovereignty
- ISO 9k1 & 27k certified

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Collabora's mission:

Make Open Source ROCK

Shared mission / raison d'etre:

- Make Open Source rock

- This is the goal of our shareholders

What does that mean?

- We re-invest your support into FLOSS software, and into our partners

- All our code is open

- **Organic & Self funded:**

  - **no magic money tree**

  - **have to find & fix problems**

Our Products

Collabora Online

- Digital Sovereignty
  - "Secure Document Collaboration, Controlled by You"
- Develop, support, maintain, sustain
  - Built with LibreOffice technology
  - Highly scalable, interoperable, collaborative editing, in your browser
  - SLA & Level 3 code-fix support
  - Product Management interaction
  - Go-to market via partners

Collabora Office

- Branded version of LibreOffice
  - Foundation for Online
  - Annual release eg. CO 2023.05
  - PC / Mac / Linux

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- Consultancy & Support services
  - Bespoke consultancy or
  - Pre-paid, fixed-price L3 bug-packs

  ~25% of business

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Collabora Online
Built with LibreOffice technology
Rich, interoperable, collaborative editing, everywhere

~105 million docker image downloads

Support in numbers ...

- Around ~800 support tickets per year opened
  - And then closed.

- Under ~30 open in the pipeline concurrently
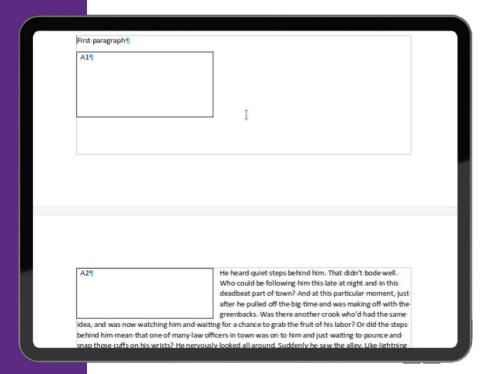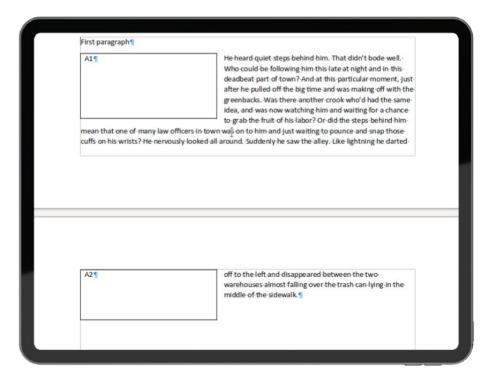 - Receiving clarification / feedback.

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What have we been doing?

Lots of improvements since last year!

Multi-page Floating Tables

Before (left)
After (right)

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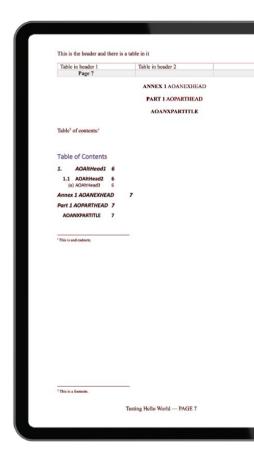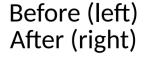LibreOffice®

Continuous Endnotes

- Better support for continuous / inline endnotes

- Improved interoperability
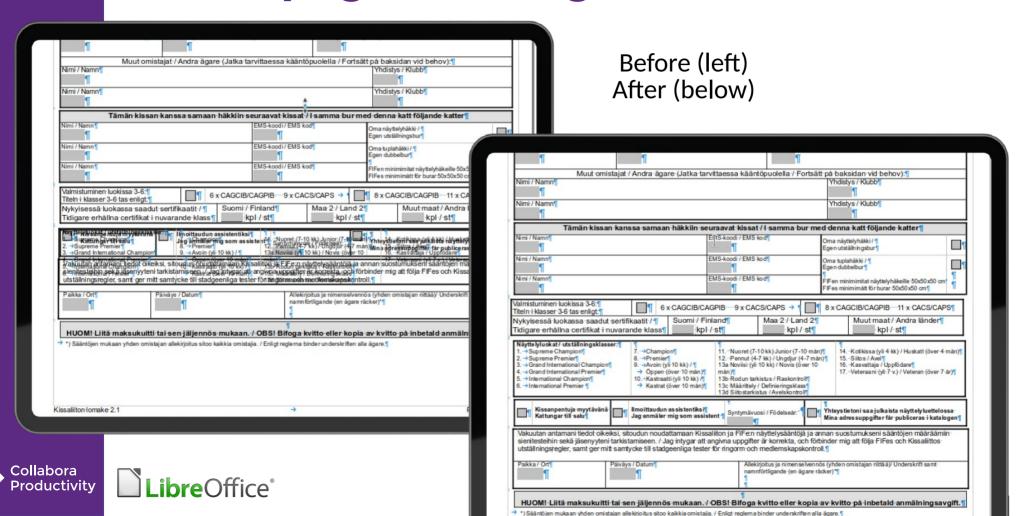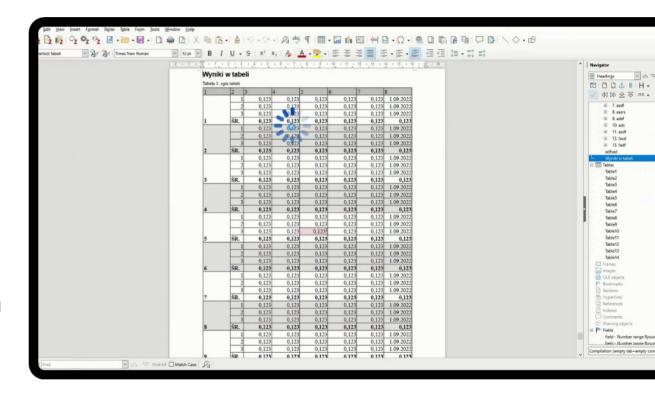

Black: LibreOffice rendering
Red: Reference rendering

Before (left)
After (right)

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Multi-page Floating Tables

Before (left)
After (below)

~100x Faster Tables

- **Incorrect layout produced for tables with merged cells split over pages**

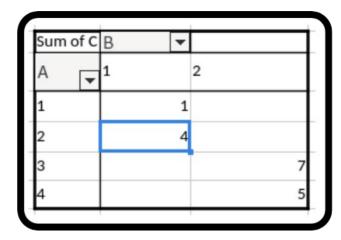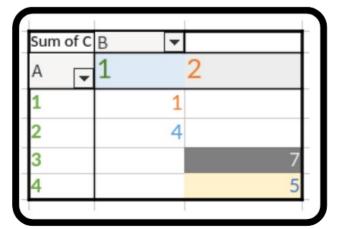- **Would hang pasting cells up to 2 minutes**

- **Now opens with no lag**

Improved OOXML Pivot Tables

- Pivot tables now show cell formatting

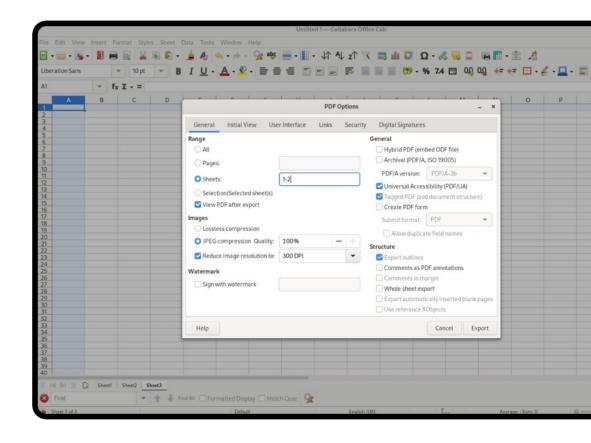- Survives round trip import/export

Before (above)
After (below)

Export sheet range

- Further improvements to powerful export options
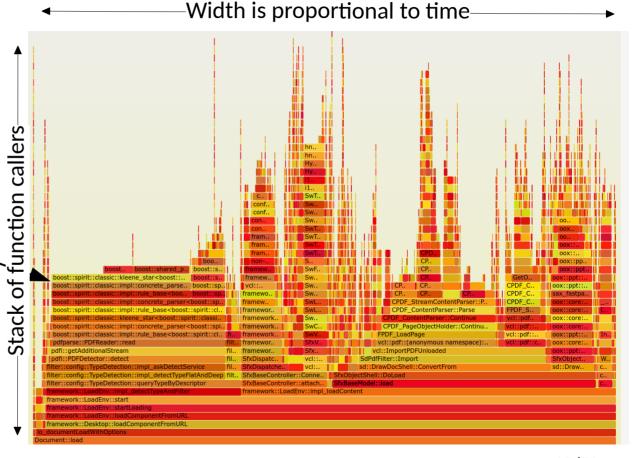
Long Running Demo Profiles: A Week

What does it mean?

- 17% of a week of profiling:

- Detecting: "is it a Hybrid PDF"?

- Unbelievably wasteful
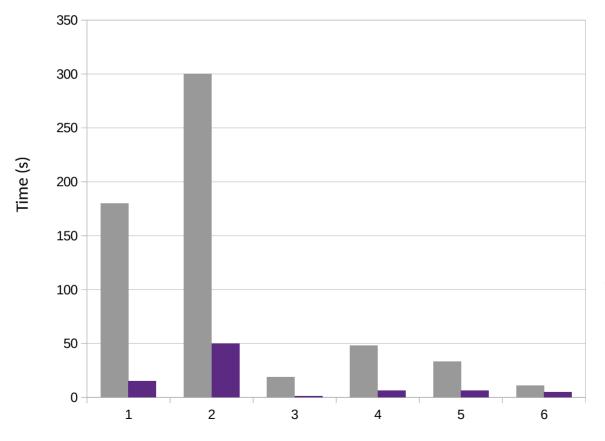
- Get and analyze these weekly

Width is proportional to time

Stack of function callers

Performance Tuning

1) Use less GetItemSurrogates in SwTable::UpdateFields

   Speeds up loading a large document with lots of nested tables from **several minutes** to **under 15s**

2) tdf#152104 speed xls->ods convert part 1

   We now have 16k columns, so storing a flat array of columns where most of them are empty is bad for performance

   Rather store a sorted data-structure of all the ranges, reduces time from **over 5 mins** to **~50s**

3) tdf#161210 speed xls load

   Instead of applying row styles to all 16384 columns, only apply them to columns that have data

   That takes the load time for this file from **19s** to **1s**

4) tdf#144208 speedup doc with lots of redline

   This takes load time from **48s** to **6s**

5) tdf#160706 speed up loading conditional formatting rule in XLS (4)

   speed up the matching of duplicates in CellAttributeHelper by using std::set and partial sorting by name

   Takes load time from **33s** to **6s**

6) tdf#160399 speed up print preview
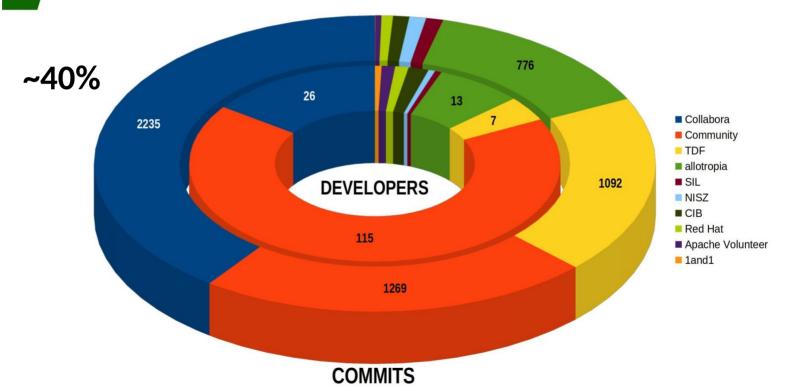
   takes time from **11s** to **5s**

Lots more work!

- Legal numbering
- Copy and paste between Calc and Google Sheets
- AutoFill called via UNO commands
- Faster PPTX opening with custom shapes
- Enter in empty list ends the list
- Improved SVG and multi-page TIFF support
- Many performance improvements
- Code cleanup & upgrading ...
- Bug fixes
- And much more...

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And a lot more work ...

Commits for LibreOffice 24.8 (#)

~40%

DEVELOPERS
- 26
- 13
- 7
- 776
- 2235

COMMITS
- 115
- 1269
- 1092

Legend:
- Collabora
- Community
- TDF
- allotropia
- SIL
- NISZ
- CIB
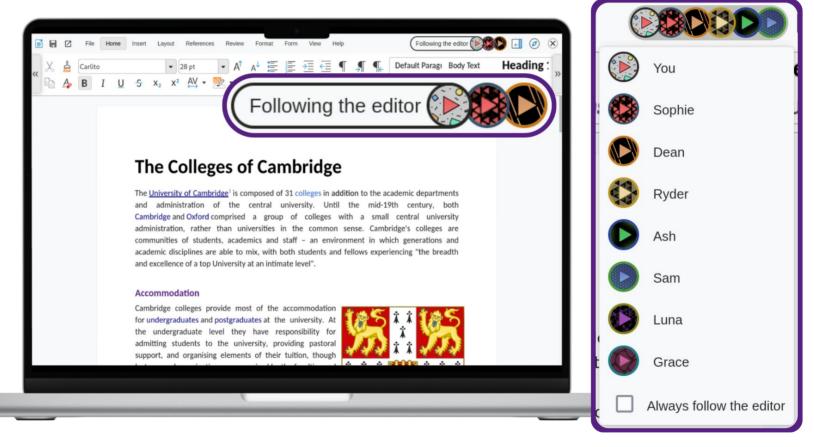- Red Hat
- Apache Volunteer
- 1and1

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Reference: https://blog.documentfoundation.org/blog/2024/08/22/libreoffice-248/

What's new in Collabora Online?
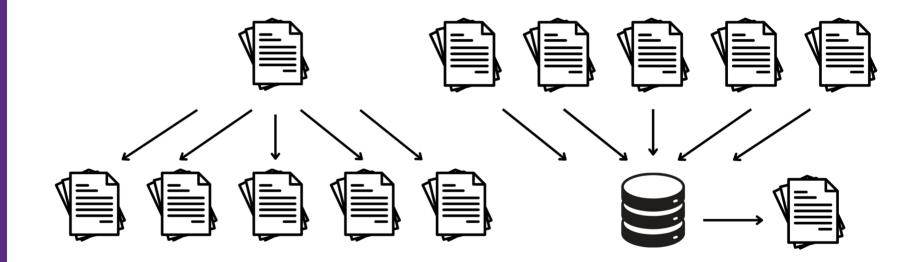
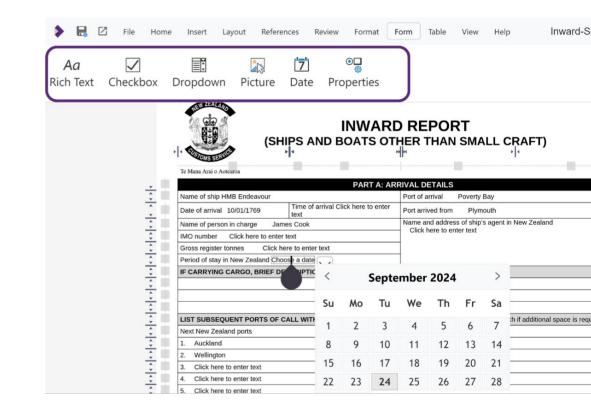Lots of improvements since last year!

Follow the Editor

Automatic Documents

Automatic Documents

- Create final PDFs

  or

- Create prefilled ODP/DOCX documents to continue working on

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Automatic Documents

- With simple JSON

  – Add/remove file properties

  – Create 'Custom Properties'

Automatic Documents

Example Integration: Nextcloud
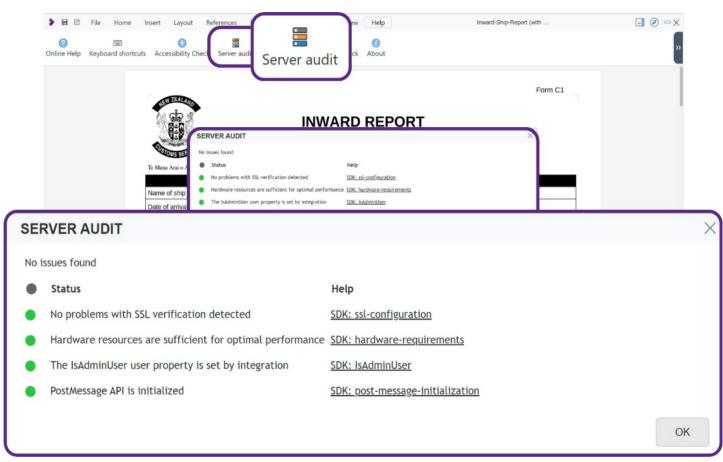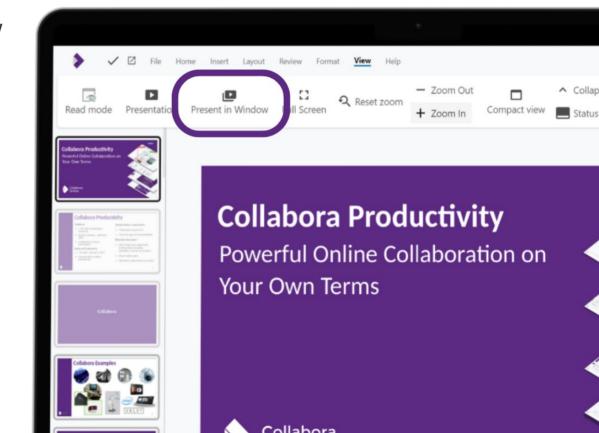
Server Misconfigurations?

Present in Window

- New option to present slides in a new window (as opposed to a full-screen presentation)

  – Useful for video conferencing and large screens

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Search for help

- Find what you need straight away

Clearer Tracked Changes

Auto Align and Ruler Bar

3D Transitions

Interactive Objects

Performance Tuning

- Reduced time to load graphic heavy Impress slide decks, and comment heavy Calc spreadsheets.

Impress Full Screen Presentation Generation
60 graphics heavy slides. Wall clock time.

- 22.05
- 23.05

Seconds

Calc XLSX Comments Load
1000 Rows, 30 Columns, 2500 Comments. Wall clock time.

- 22.05
- 23.05

Seconds

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COOL:
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Rich, interoperable, secure,
performant, collaborative editing,

everywhere.

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Use cases

SDIS 57

- Departmental Fire and Rescue Service (SDIS) 57

  – Equipped 5,000 people

    - 900 professional firefighters

    - 4,000 volunteers

  – Replacing its ageing file server with Nextcloud + COOL without the need for extensive training

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Case Study

Extinguishing Barriers of a Diverse Workforce

OpenText Filr

- Recently integrated 25,000 user media company with Filr and 'Content Editor' (Collabora Online)

  - "We have many different verticals who are running our solution from European parliaments and worldwide parliaments, police forces, educational institutions, retail, manufacturing…"

  - "If organisations are using off-cloud-based storage, putting Filr and indeed Collabora into that environment is very easy"

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Case Study

How Filr Solved Document Security Issues with Collabora Online

Antecedent

- To demonstrate if students have invested the required time and effort that would prove they are in fact the author of a unique work
    - Tracks the time spent on each line or paragraph
    - Information is presented to teachers and examiners as heatmaps or interactive documents

- Comprehensive file history also demonstrates the essay's evolution over time
    - Teachers can see which part of the document was being edited when
    - How many words were inserted or written during certain time periods
    - Or even replay the entire document creation process.

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Antecedent
WRITING ANALYTICS

Case Study

When AI Detection Isn't Enough

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Some reflections

TDF → free beer or free freedom ?

- I support and encourage TDF to ship LibreOffice for Desktop as now, as a free (beer) download (doh!)

- I support charging for convenience in app-stores
  - it funds good work at TDF

- This is fundamentally not at issue.

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Peace Making – some research:

Understanding: most critical is:

- *"Getting them to sit down and listen to each other and hear each other's story"* (Andrew White)
  - Active listening even.

Listen to both sides

- *"the 1st to present his case seems right - until another comes forward and questions him"* – Proverbs 18:17

Go & talk !

- Explore the options / break down false dichotomies...

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The last year @
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Open Source,
Open First

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- **~100 From the last 12 months - thank you for your contribution!**

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and more over the last year...

- Administration
- Art / Design
- Marketing
- Management
- Finance
- Personnel Operations
- Project Management
- Sales
- Sysadmin
- Tech Support / QA
- Translation

A huge honour for me to work alongside & try to serve such a great set of people

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Find your partner today!
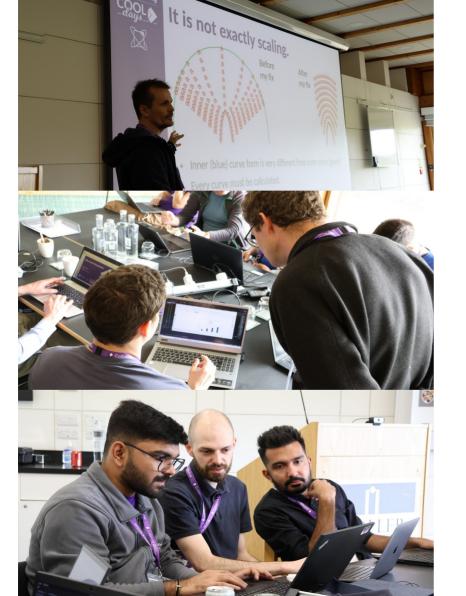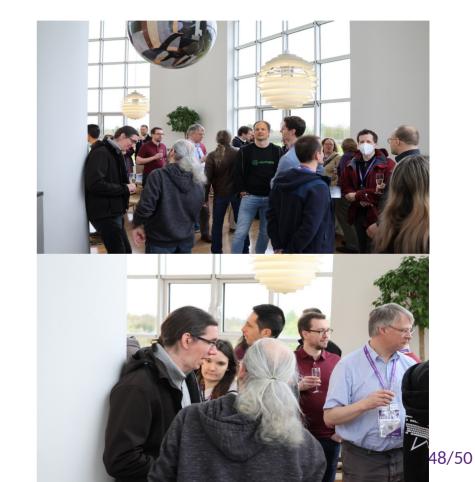
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COOL Days - Team Building

COOL Days 2024

JUNE, 2025

**COOL DAYS
HACKFEST
TEAM BUILDING**

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Come work with us …

- We're (still) hiring:
  - Senior Designer / Front-end developer
  - C++ Engineers & interns ...
  - Marketing automation role
  - Support / QA engineering

- Collabora has more:

  https://www.collabora.com/careers.html

  Open Source all day, every day

Talk to me if you're interested

Work from anywhere roles

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Our pleasure to sponsor the conference

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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: 27