LibreOffice Online & the Cloud

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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

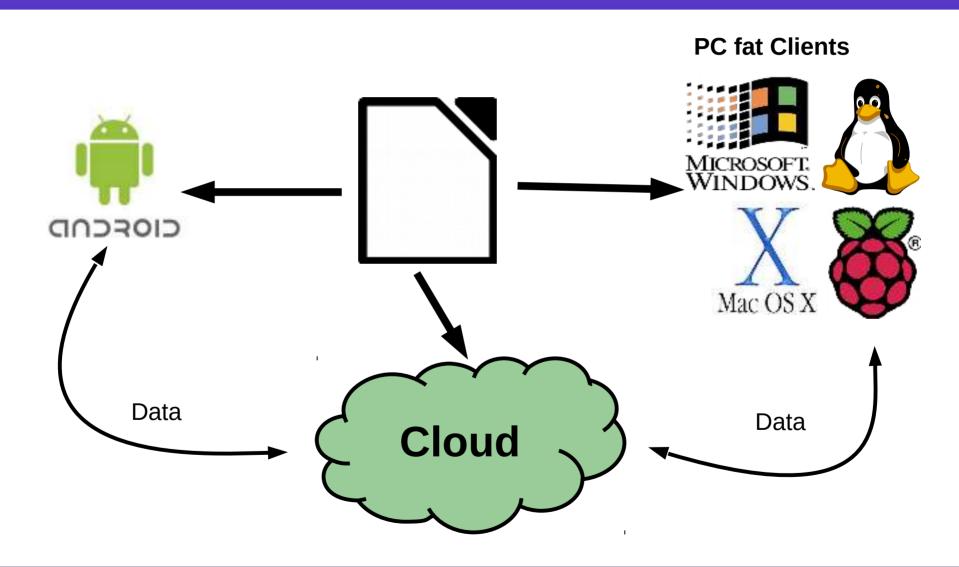


Talk Overview

- The goal Ubiquity
 - PC, Mobile, Cloud
- PC update
- Android / Mobile bit
- Cloud Grist
 - Architecture
 - Security
 - Integration
- Conclusion



LibreOffice Ubiquity ...

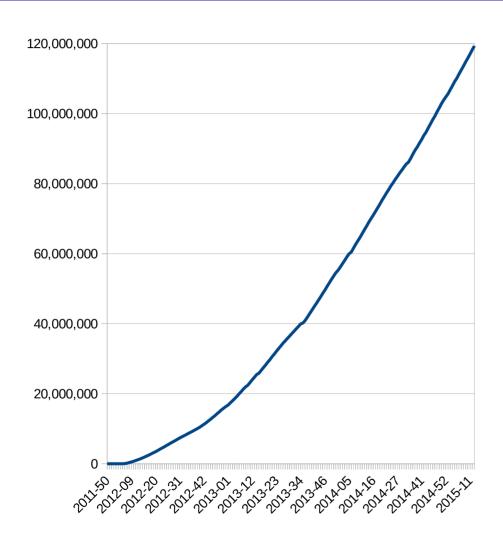




Achieving Ubiquity



The PC part of the story ...

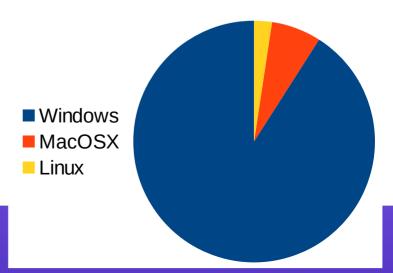


Tracking direct download Update Ping origins.

Excludes all Linux Distributions downloads

~120m so far (+ Linux)

This time last year was ~65m





There is no silver-bullet (but code re-use is nearly it)



LibreOfficeKit – re-using a core

- A very simple C & C++ API for LibreOffice
- Exposes the core value of LibreOffice:
 - File format filters
 - Tiled rendering (converting documents to pixels)
 - Exposes editing, selections etc.
- A very simple ~header-only API no linking
 - fully abstract: fn pointers, opaque structs etc.
 - No sockets opened, no plugins / simple init.
 - Global error messages.
- LibreOffice Online, Android, 'loconv' built on this.



Android / Editing



Android Editing Work ...

- Infrastructural work for tiled editing funded by TDF & our donors.
 - Also implemented **OwnCloud** remote-filesystem plugin demonstration
 - Done by Collabora & Igalia
- Not creating a perfect UI, but infrastructure for document editing.
- Built on previous Viewer Work from Collabora / Smoose.
- Ideal client for Cloud Data ...





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The numbered list is on the second page:

- 1. First.
- 7. Second.
- 3. Third!

We need to support images too



Oh, and shapes too:

Let's have a shape with text; we need to be able to select the text inside the shape, but also the various individual shapes too:

This shape has some text inside, it is supposed to be selectable too.



And this is all for Writer

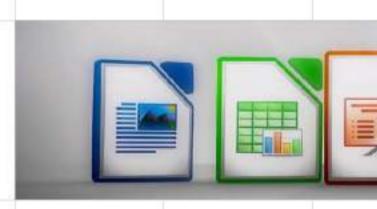
As much as the above looks as trivial use cases, internally they mean that basically everything has to work, and in fact much more documents (and more complex ones) will

easy to evaluate & test the development against.

Grab me for a demo ... Or checkout the appstore ...

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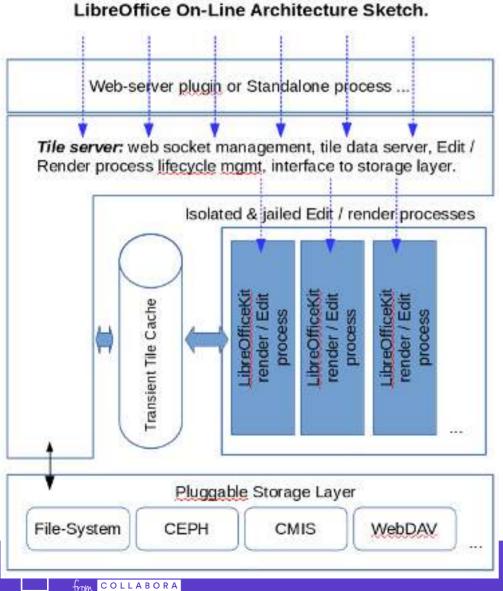
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LibreOffice Online

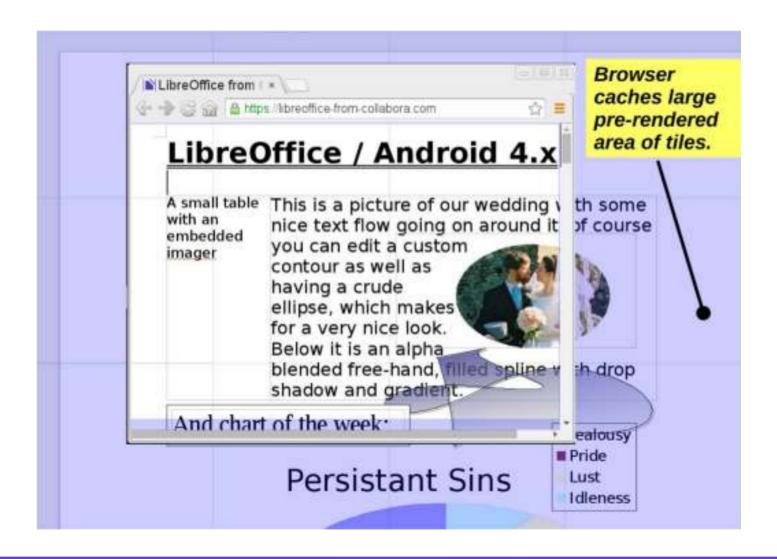


Architecturally ...



- Strong process isolation in chroots
- Tile caching, to release LibreOffice processes
- Javascript frontend based on Leaflet.

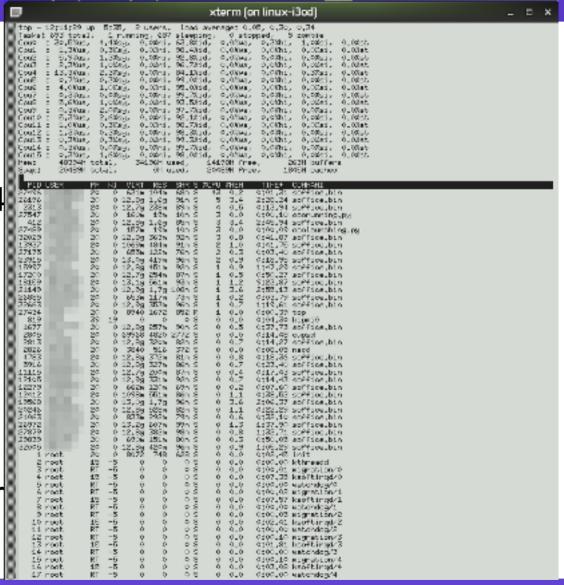
Tiles cached in client





Performance Background #1

- 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.





Performance Background #2

- Tile caching server
 - Avoids need to retain dedicated loaded document state, RAM, etc. for quiescent Office.
 - A serious problem:
 - How many un-closed tabs do you have ?
 - Render tiles → return to idle.
- Tiles pushed into the client for rapid & smooth panning



Security: the onion ...

Layered approach to protecting infrastructure ...

Document Data Isolation into chroots

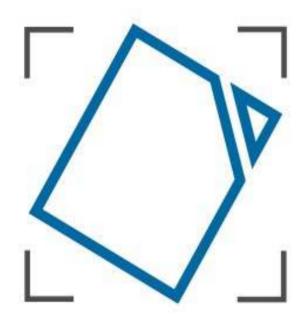
seccomp-bpf? ~no syscalls ...
extremely sparse filesystem
chroot per document / user ...

systematic load crash testing
Industry beating coverity score.

LibreOfficeKit rendering instance



Deep Document Support

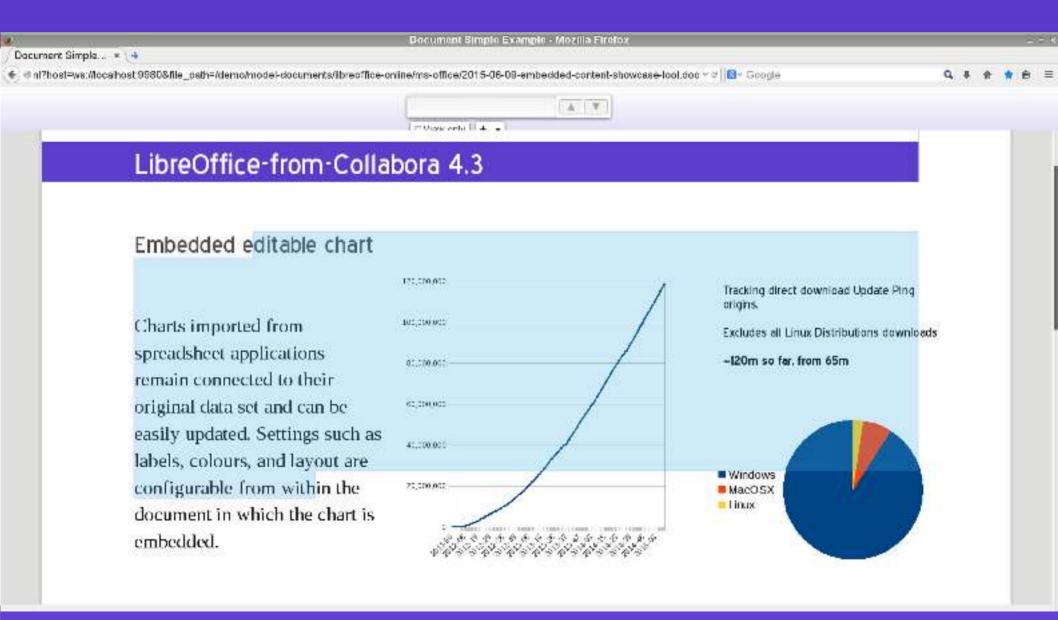


Document Liberation

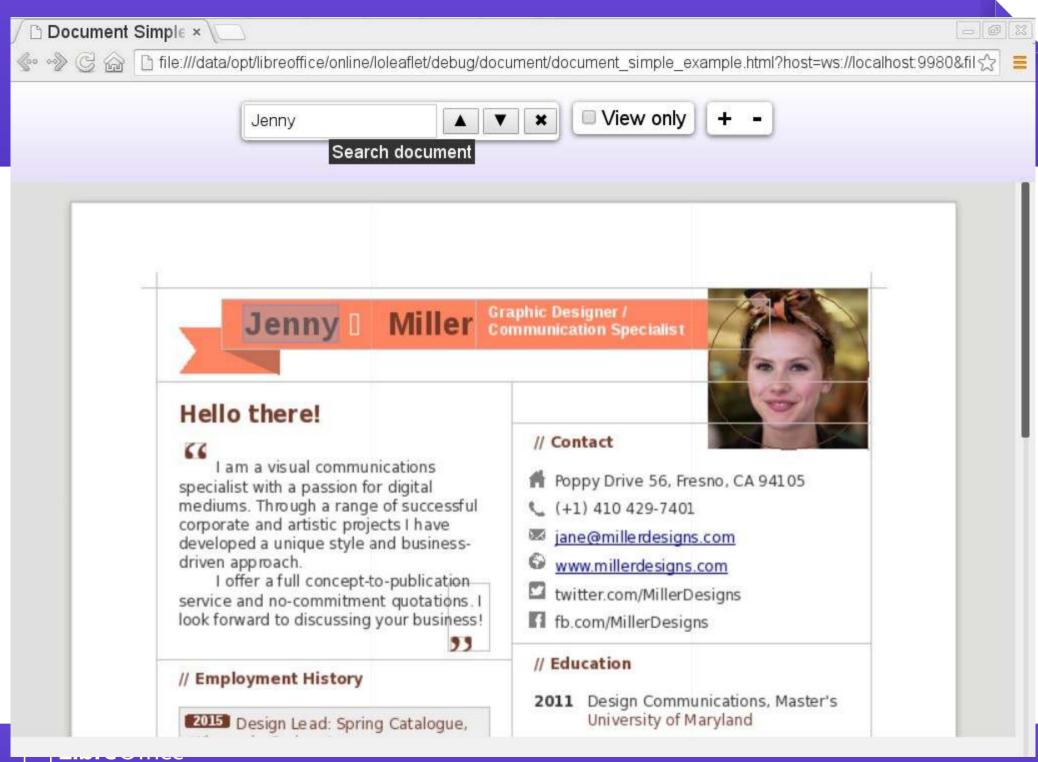
- Document Liberation
- Core Office formats:
 - ODT, ODS, ODP ...
 - DOC, DOCX, XLS, XLSX ...
- And deeper:
 - Visio, Keynote, Publisher, Works, Corel Draw, Adobe Pagemaker, Freehand ...
- The multi-tool folding knife ...

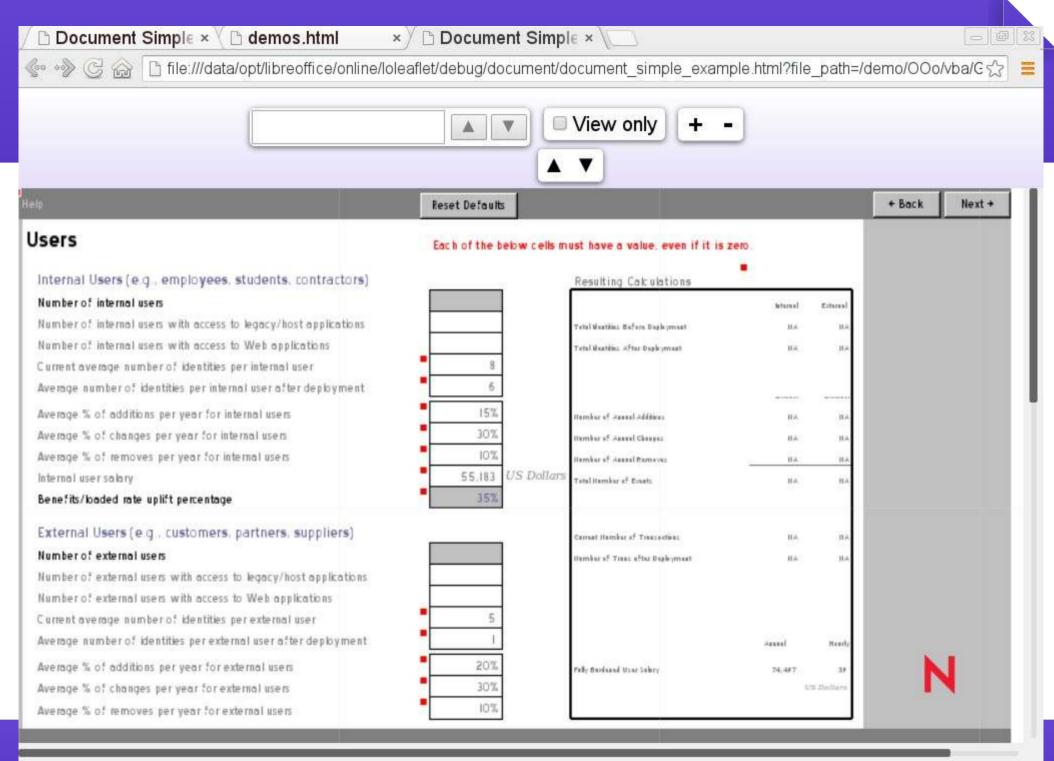


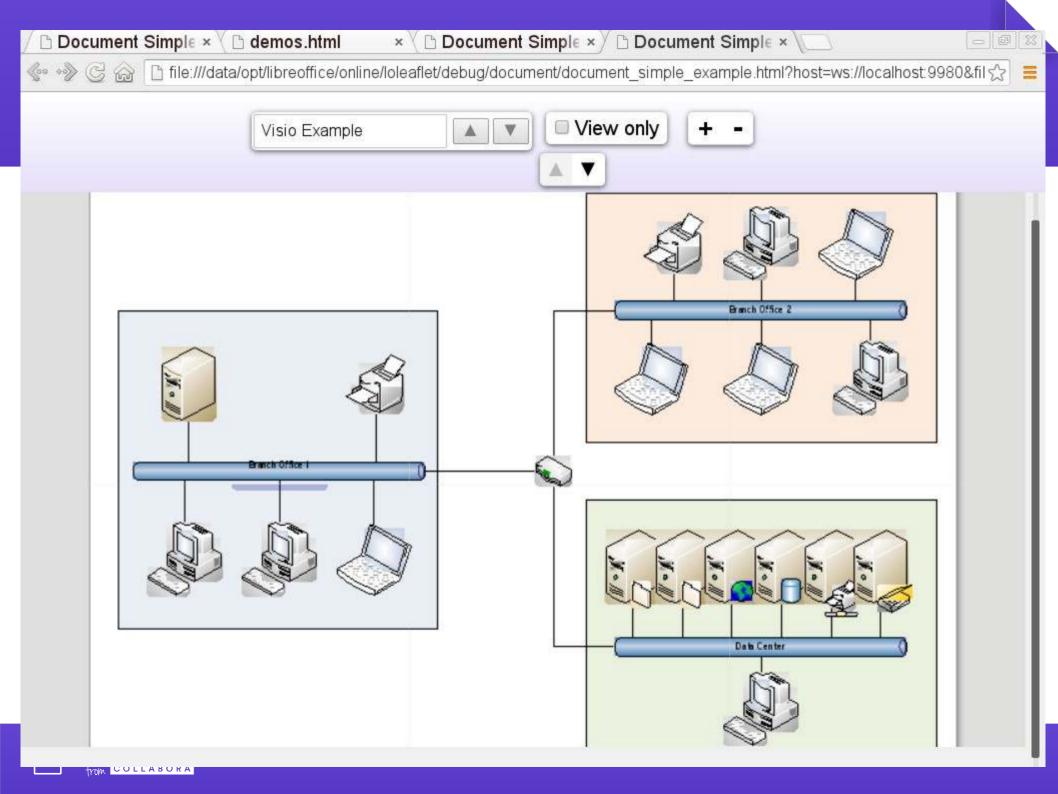
Demos











A take from our sponsor:

Press release:

https://libreoffice-from-collabora.com/icewarp-and-collabora-are-working-on-lib reoffice-online-document-editing-an-open-source-alternative-to-google-apps-office-365/

- IceWarp with its enterprise solutions background and over 14 years
 of expertise will help LibreOffice to accelerate the development
 towards a real product which can be reused by the open source
 community in a wide range of deployment scenarios.
- By creating a free alternative that any provider can implement without restrictions, the companies aim to restore fair competition to a market dominated by monopoly suppliers, to drive innovation, compatibility and interoperability through open formats, across all platforms and for everybody.
- "Creating alternatives is in our DNA. In the same way customers were looking for Exchange alternatives and made IceWarp what it is today, they will be seeking Google Apps alternatives and we will be ready."
 - Adam Paclt, IceWarp CEO



A completing puzzle ...

- LibreOffice Online:
 - 8million+ lines of code
 - Fundamental format, rendering, core functionality improvements, fixes etc. ...



Conclusions

- LibreOffice Online is coming ...
 - Checkout IceWarp's implementation
 - Get support & development services from Collabora or ... get stuck in yourself:
 - Become part of an exciting story that is still at the beginning: our best days are ahead of us ...
 - Lots of opportunities to contribute ...
- Thanks to all who support us in the Free Software Community – we can't do it without you.
- Thanks to all who engage constructively in the ecosystem to support and fund our work.

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



