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# **Project history**

### **StarWriter 1.0, 1986**

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INSTALL .
WRITER .001
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#### Early years (1980s)

- 1985: StarWriter for Z80 micros
- 1986: StarDivision founded in Germany
- Versions for Amstrad/Schneider Computers
  - CPC (CP/M operating system)
  - PC-1512 (MS-DOS)



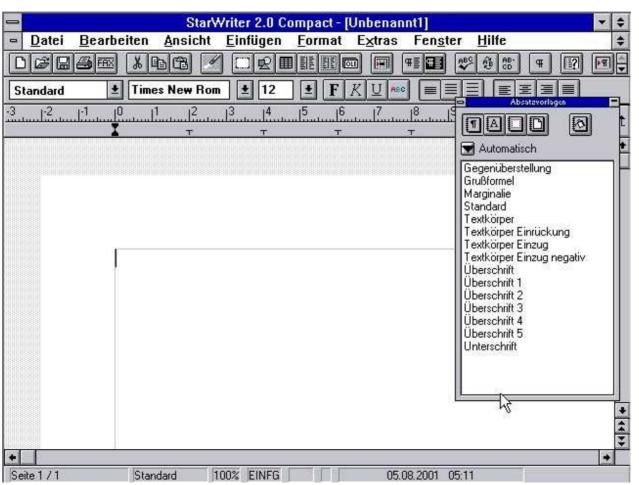
#### Consolidation (1990s)

- StarOffice suite created
- Versions for:
  - MS-DOS, Windows 3.1, 95, NT (Microsoft, PC)
  - OS/2 (IBM PC)
  - Classic Mac (Apple)
  - Solaris (Sun)
  - Linux (PC)

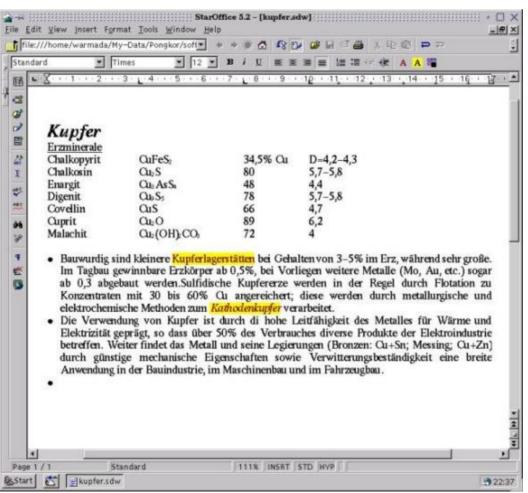
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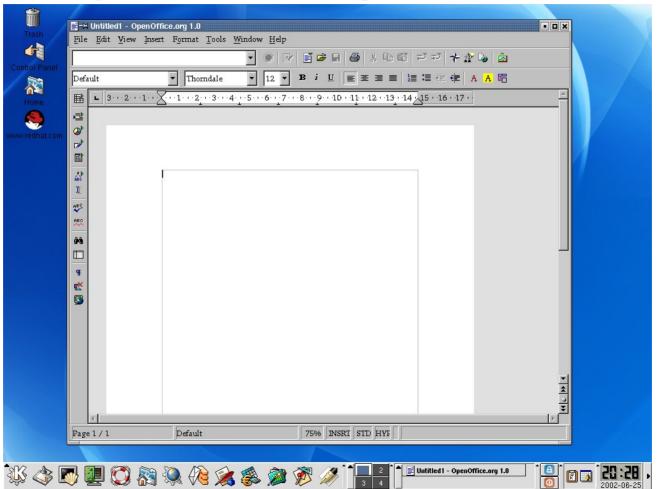
#### **StarOffice 5.2, 2000**



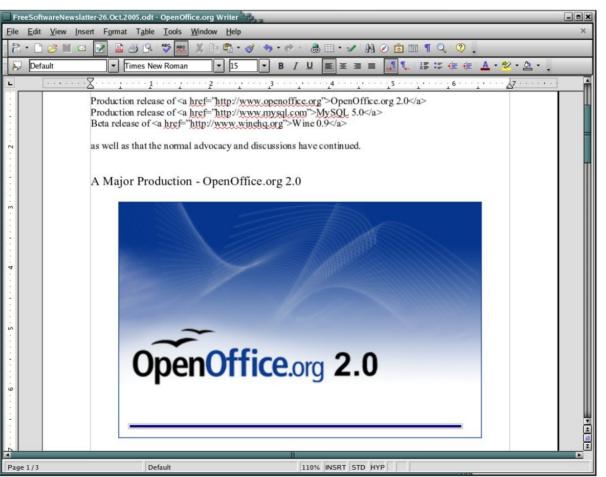
#### Under the Sun (2000s)

- 1999: Sun Microsystems acquires StarDivision for 60M\$
- 2000: Branded as OpenOffice, becomes Free Software
- 2002: OpenOffice 1.0
- 2005: OASIS standard, OpenOffice 2.0
- Consolidation as the main Linux office suite
  - Friction between Sun and the community

## OpenOffice.org 1.0, 2002



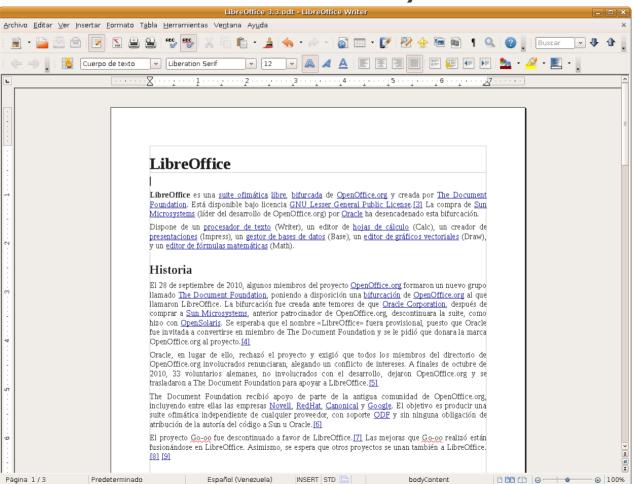
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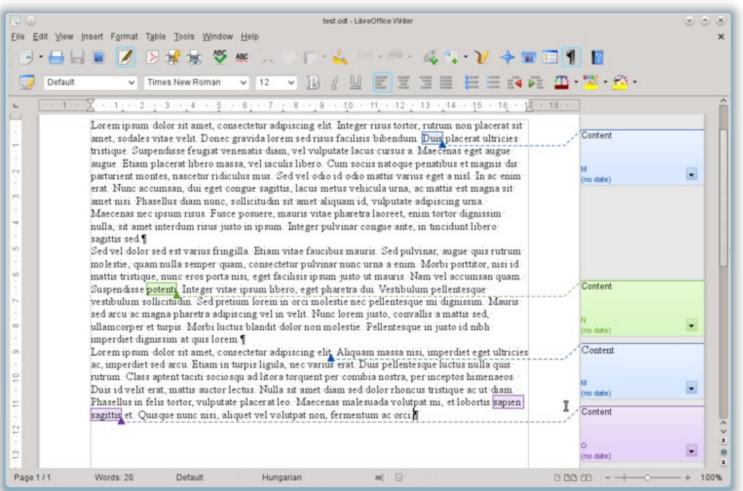
### LibreOffice and TDF (2010-today)

- 2010: Oracle acquires Sun
- Growing discontent in the community
- 2010: birth of LibreOffice and The Document Foundation
  - Community led, vendor independent
- 2011: Apache OpenOffice
  - Oracle transferred ownership to Apache Foundation

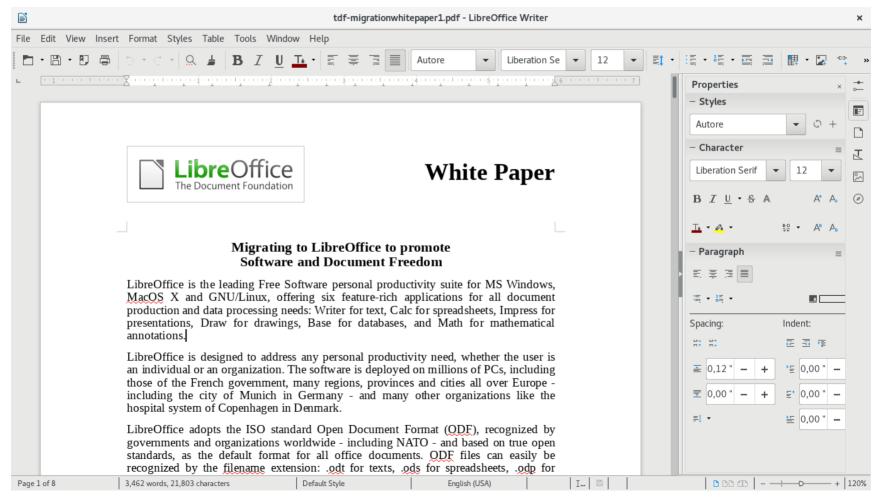
#### **LibreOffice 3.3, 2010**



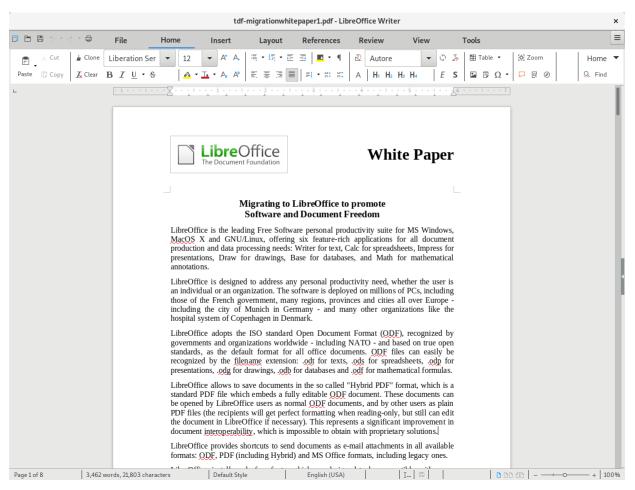
#### **LibreOffice 4.x, 2013-15**



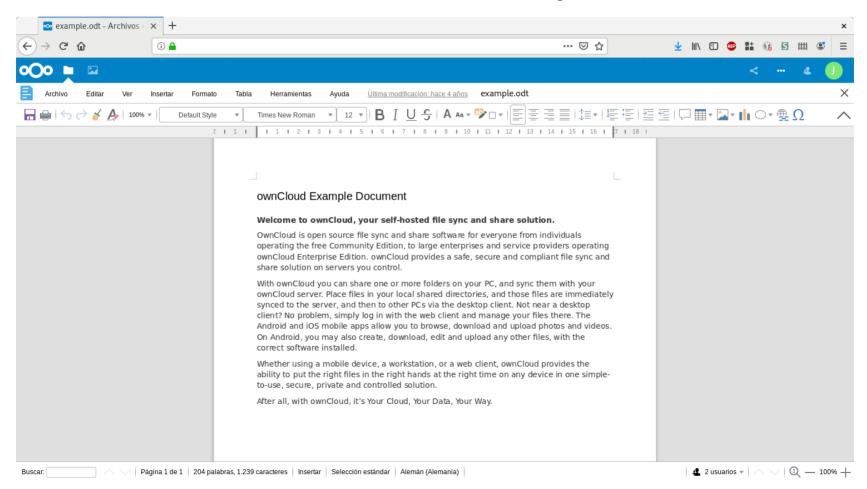
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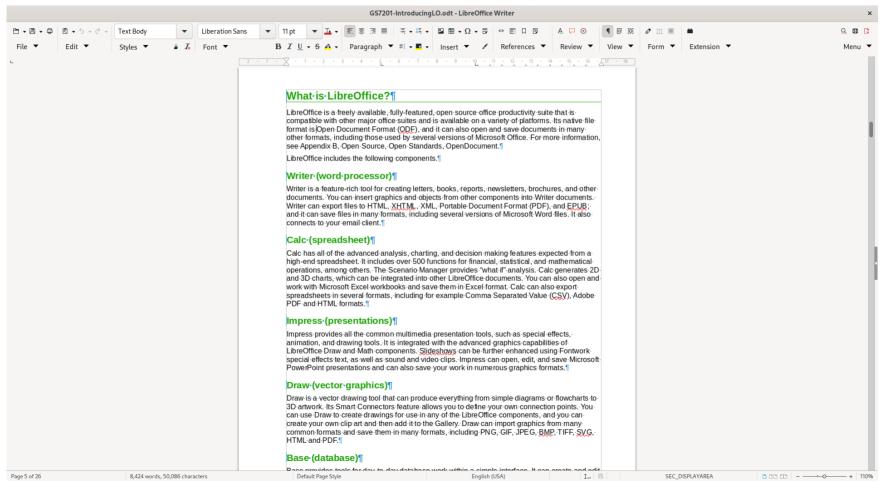
#### LibreOffice 6.x, 2018-2020



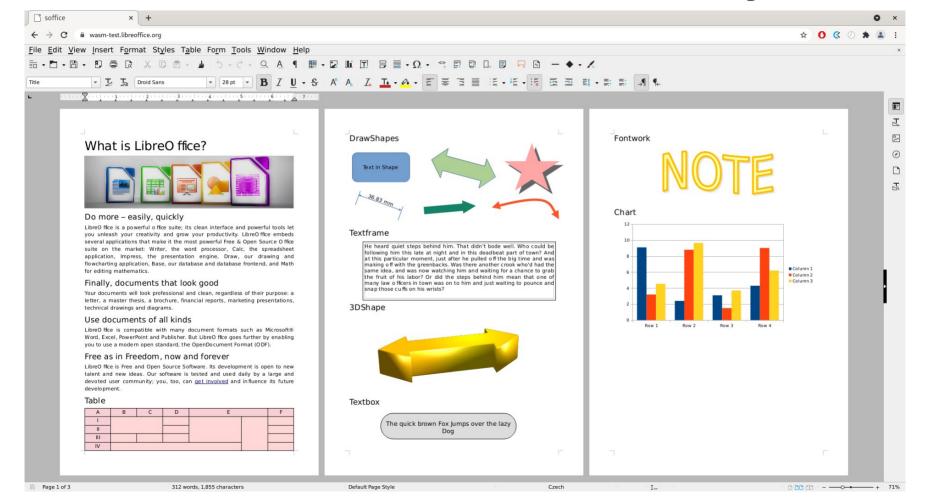
#### LibreOffice Online, 2019



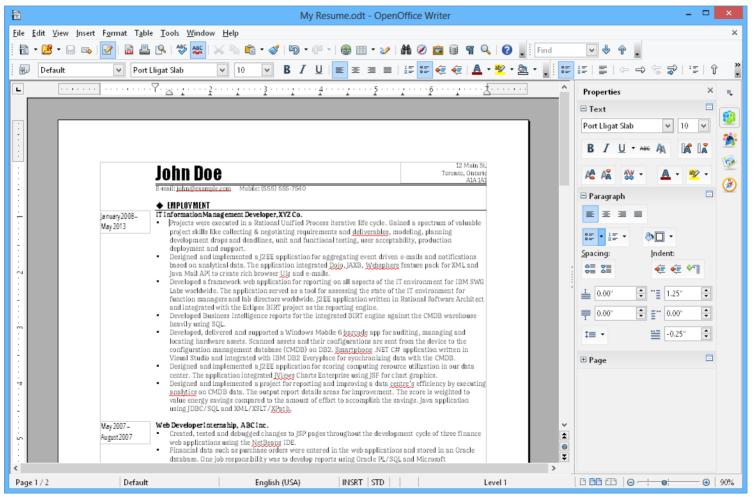
#### LibreOffice 7.x, 2020-



#### LibreOffice on WebAssembly



### Apache OpenOffice 4.1.7, 2019



The project today

#### **Development figures**

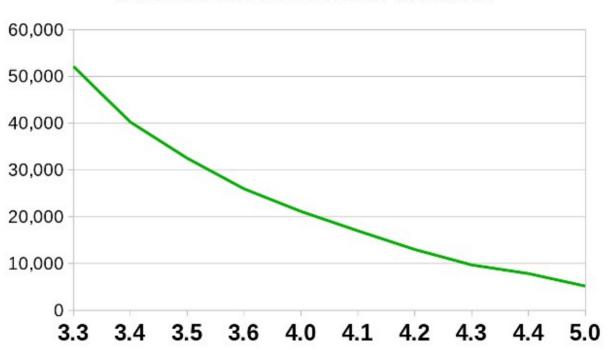
- Around 300 weekly commits by 50 different authors
- 9M lines of code
- ~30 years of history

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"Exact history was lost before Sept. 18th, 2000, but old source code comments show that Writer core dates back until at least November 1990."
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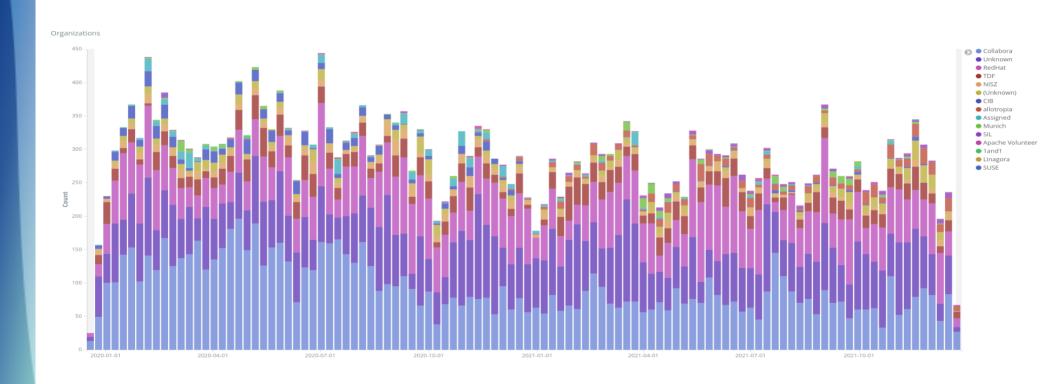
- Still 50000 lines of German code comments when LibreOffice was forked!
  - Bug closed in 2018

#### **Stats: German comments**

#### **Detected lines of German comment**



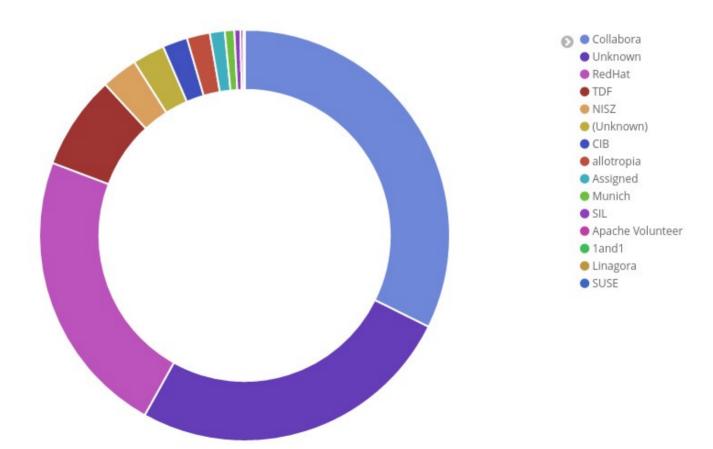
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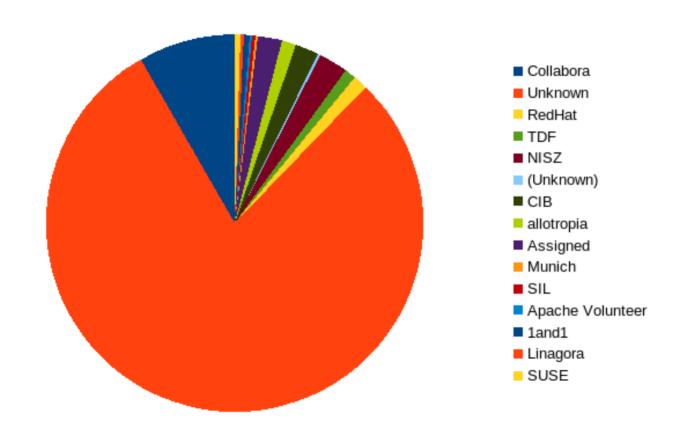


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#### Release calendar

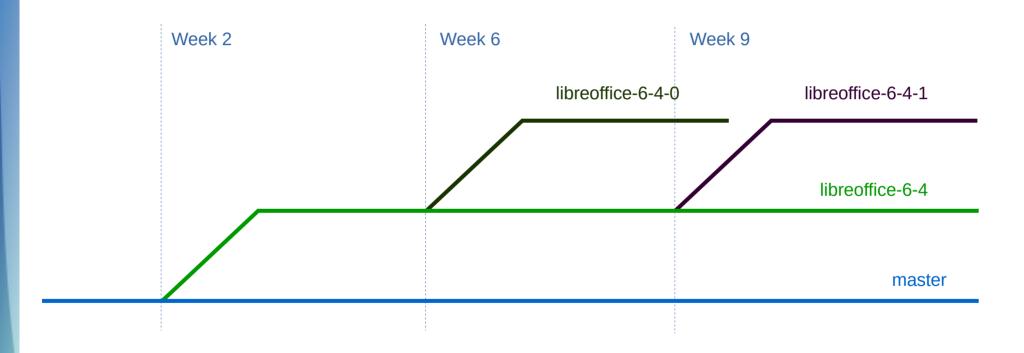
- Release early, release often
- Major release every six months (6.4.0)
  - Brings new features
- Minor release ~ every month (6.4.1, etc.)
  - Bugfixing only
- End of life: 9 months
- Always two versions coexisting
  - Right now: 7.2.4 and 7.1.8

#### Release calendar

- Example: plan for 6.4
  - https://wiki.documentfoundation.org/ReleasePlan

Release	Freeze	Publishing
6.4.0 (freeze: week 02)	Week 42 , Oct 14, 2019 - Oct 20, 2019	Week 05 , Jan 27, 2020 - Feb 2, 2020
6.4.1	Week 06 , Feb 3, 2020 - Feb 9, 2020	Week 09 , Feb 24, 2020 - Mar 1, 2020
6.4.2	Week 09 , Feb 24, 2020 - Mar 1, 2020	Week 12 , Mar 16, 2020 - Mar 22, 2020
6.4.3	Week 13 , Mar 23, 2020 - Mar 29, 2020	Week 16 , Apr 13, 2020 - Apr 19, 2020
6.4.4	Week 18 , Apr 27, 2020 - May 3, 2020	Week 21 , May 18, 2020 - May 24, 2020
6.4.5	Week 24 , Jun 8, 2020 - Jun 14, 2020	Week 27 , Jun 29, 2020 - Jul 5, 2020
6.4.6	Week 30 , Jul 20, 2020 - Jul 26, 2020	Week 33 , Aug 10, 2020 - Aug 16, 2020
6.4.7	Week 39 , Sep 21, 2020 - Sep 27, 2020	Week 42 , Oct 12, 2020 - Oct 18, 2020
End of Life	November 30, 2020	

#### **Branch model**



#### Organizing a community

- The Document Foundation umbrella
  - Owns trademarks
  - Collects donations
  - Provides services to community
  - Organizes events
  - Occasionally funds development

#### Organizing a community

- Communication channels
  - Mailing lists
  - IRC
  - Bug tracker and code review
- Committees and teams
  - Engineering Steering Committee
  - Design team
  - QA team

#### Organizing a community

 Ultimately, individuals and companies define the project priorities by providing effort

#### **Current lines of work**

- Mobile and cloud versions
  - LibreOfficeKit API
- Support more document types
  - OOXML, catching up MS Office releases
  - Document Liberation Project
- GPU-based rendering
- UX improvements (design team)
- Polish

# Architecture

#### **General considerations**

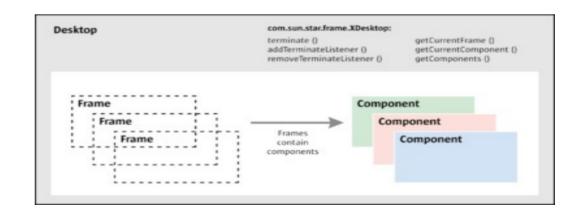
- There is not a global, application-wide design
  - Document filters: finite-state machine
  - VCL (visual components library): modeled after existing UI frameworks
  - Document model: Frame-Controller-Model

### Frame-Controller-Model

- Model
  - Represents an object from the document
    - Text, shapes, spreadsheet cells
- Controller
  - Interaction between the screen and the model
  - Observes the model
  - Manipulates the presentation but not the model
- Frame
  - Bidirectional communication between controller and UI
  - Hierarchical organization

### Other elements

- Component
  - Common interface between controller and frame
  - A frame can contain several components, which are either controllers of other frames
- Desktop
  - Hierarchy root frame
  - Specific interface



# **Dispatch framework**

- Communication interfaces between components and UI
- Commands expressed by a URL
- Implemented in frames and controllers
- Responsibility chain
  - Traverse the hierarchy until reaching the one implementing the command

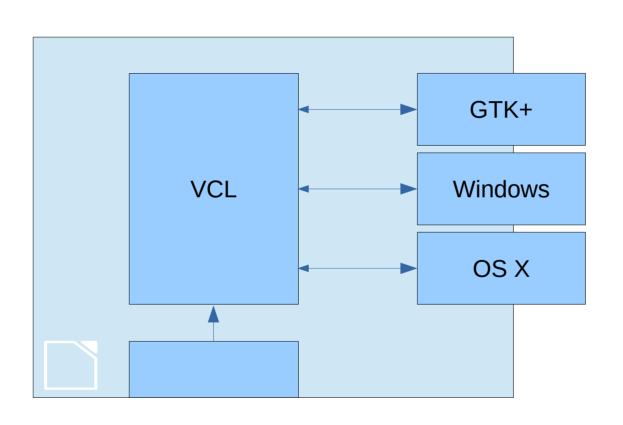
### Other considerations

- Sometimes, interfaces expose the Frame-Controller-Model architecture but the implementation does not match
  - Historical reasons: architecture was engineered over an existing code base
  - Need to provide uniform API

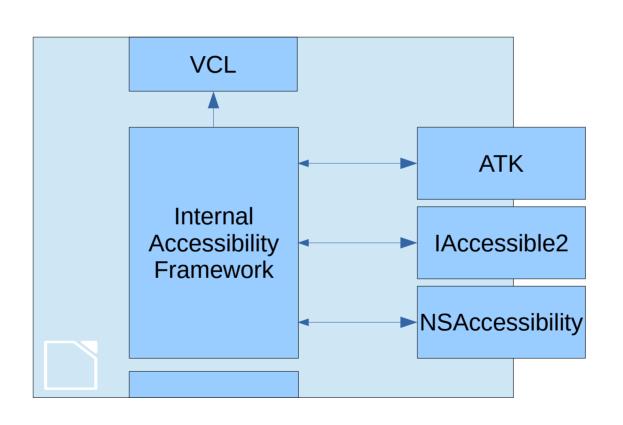
# Visual components library

- Abstract UI elements: buttons, menus, etc.
- Each abstract element wraps an actual element of a supported UI framework
- Several UI frameworks available, enabled in compile time
  - GTK+, Windows, OSX

# Visual components library



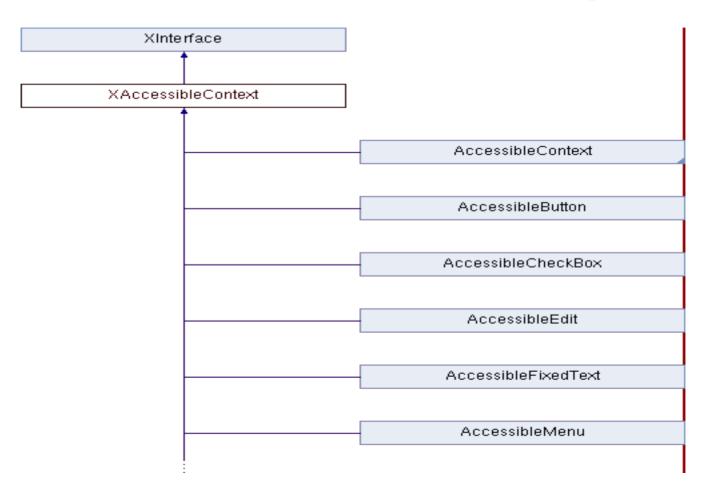
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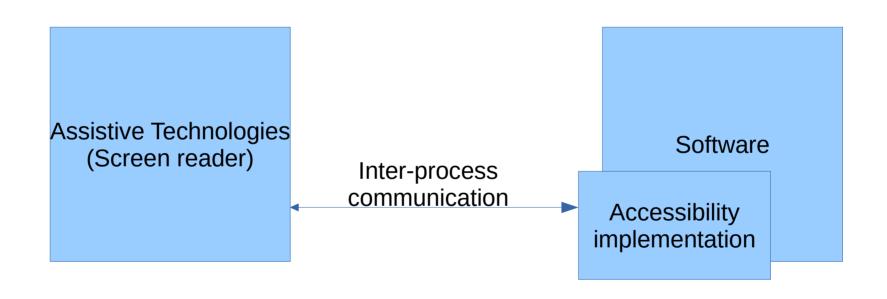
### **Accessibility framework**

- Abstract accessible elements: buttons, menus, etc.
- Accessible elements match members of the VCL and wrap native classes of the a11y framework
- Several frameworks available, enabled in compile time
  - ATK (Linux), IAccessible2 (Windows), NSAccessibility (OSX)

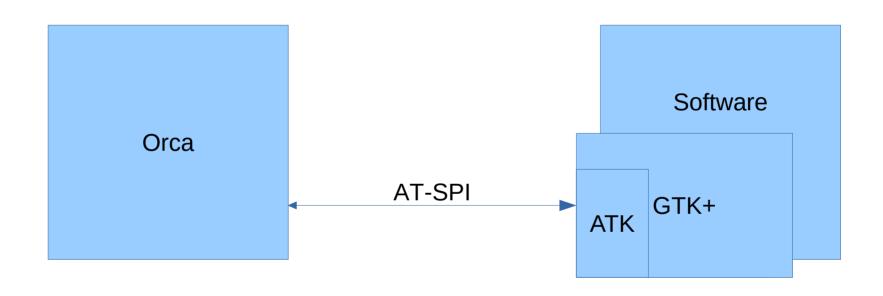
# Interfaces involved in a11y



### An abstract screen reader



# Screen reader (GNOME)



### Layers

LibreOffice core LibreOffice Accessibility framework **Application** layer LibreOffice ATK implementation ATK <-> AT-SPI bridge **Platform** AT-SPI registry (D-BUS) layer **Testing tools** Screen reader AT layer

# Quality assurance

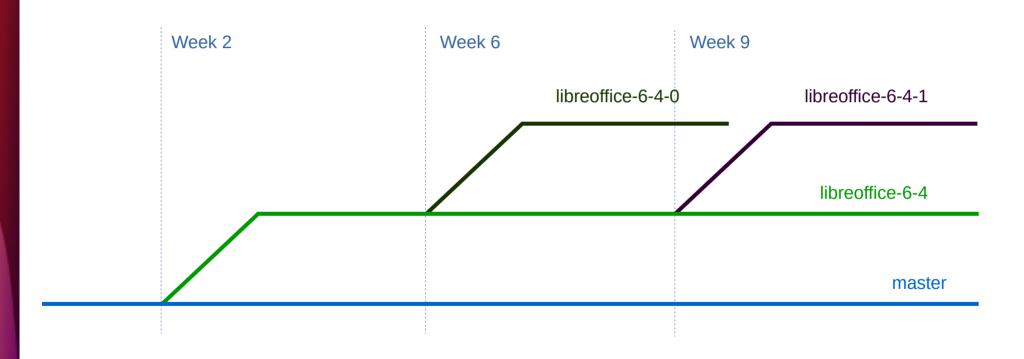
# **Techniques and tools**

- Peer review
- Unit tests
- Continuous integration
- Crashtests
- Static code analysis
- Bug triaging
   Regression detection tools
- Manual testing

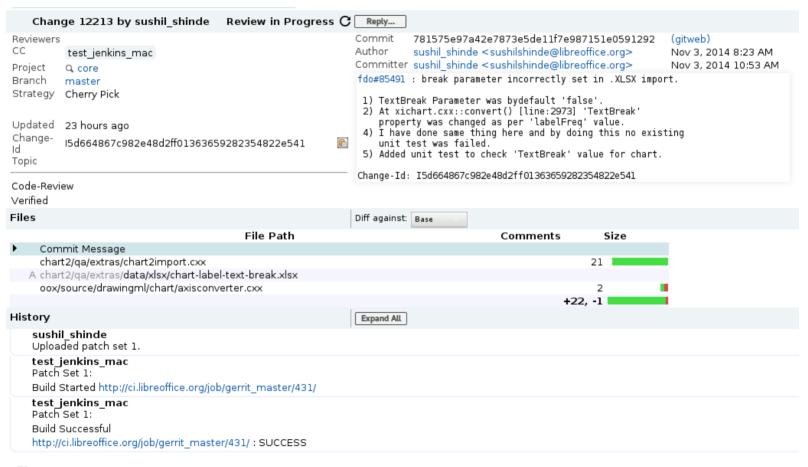
### Peer review

- master branch
  - Committers without review, 1 review for others
- libreoffice-6-4 branch:
  - Only bugfixing
  - +1 review in any case
- libreoffice-6-4-x branches:
  - Only patches from 6-4 branch
  - +2 reviews

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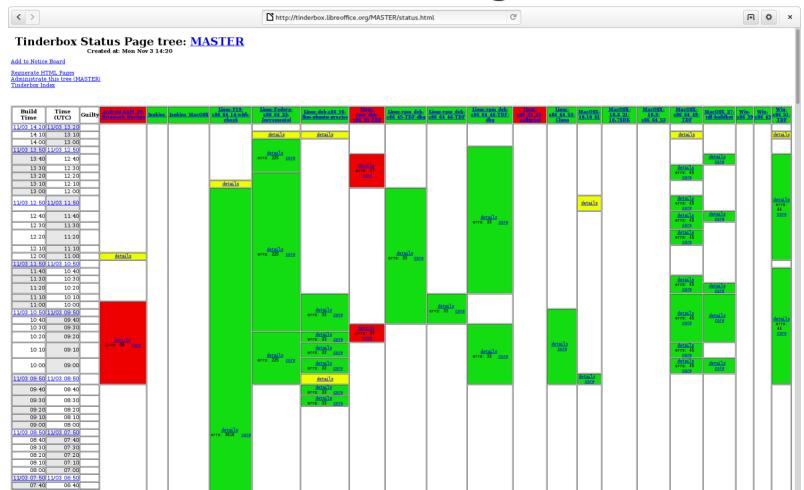
### **Unit tests**

- Check key elements in documents
  - Import
  - Import + export + import
- Variable coverage
  - Good coverage for new document formats
- No automated UI testing as for now

### **Continuous integration**

- Several machines are periodically compiling LibreOffice
  - Daily or several times per day
  - Also run unit tests
- Compile patches from code review
  - All patches tested before landing
- Different platforms
  - All supported platforms and some more (Android, iOS)
- Different compilation options

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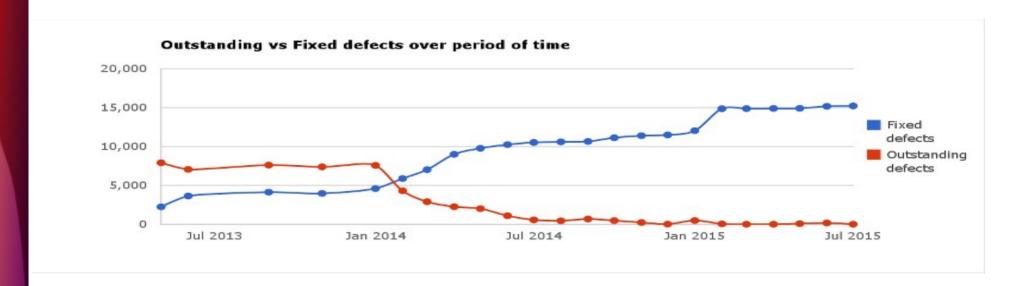
### **Crashtests**

- Check crashes when opening and saving documents
- Sample size: 92000 documents
  - Most come from bug reports
- Periodicity: weekly

### Static code analysis

- Tool Coverity Scan
  - Free for open source projects
- Detects: dead code, uninitialized variables, uncaught exceptions...
- Defect density reduced from 1,1 to ~0
  - Density measured in defects every 1000 lines
  - Average for similar sized projects: 0,71

### Static code analysis



# **Bug triaging**

- Periodically check bugzilla reports
  - Confirm bugs
  - Detect duplicates
  - Prioritize
  - Verify patches

### Regression detection tools

- Regression: a problem that was not present in previous versions
- Main tool to fix regressions: bisect
  - Binary search of the guilty commit
  - Recompilation cycle makes it unfeasible in LibreOffice
- LibreOffice tool: bi-bisect (binary bisect)
  - Binary repository from different development stages
  - Recompilation not necessary

### **Manual testing**

- List of tests to be manually run
  - Tool: MozTrap
  - Testing rounds for every pre-release (betas, release candidates)
- "Freestyle" testing
- Bug hunting sessions

¡Thank you!



