

Lets think about the Future !

LibreOffice Online

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A glimpse into the future:

“In the future, Cloud computing **will be**
the **only** choice”

“Successful businesses may soon have no
chief executive, no headquarters, and no
IT infrastructure”

The Telegraph [interviewing](#) Nick Martindale

Another glimpse into the future:

“App Stores: the future of desktop apps ?”

“Over 300,000 iPhone and iPad apps and 10 billion downloads later, Apple has taken the concept to the desktop”

APC Mag

Mix and match client apps ...

- ▢ Web / SaaS / cloud-on-line everything
 - ▢ solve the deployment problems nicely
 - ▢ often add **cool** collaborative features wiki-style
 - ▢ Major **regressions; WYSIWYG, off-line access** eg.
- ▢ App Stores
 - ▢ **wildly** popular: Apple, Intel, Amazon, Microsoft etc. ...
 - ▢ Apple: 5 million downloads per day (~2bn per year?)
 - ▢ We should do that on Linux ! - oh ...
- ▢ So just '**mash**' the two together !
 - ▢ Web App – App-Stores ...
 - ▢ I'm just 'installing' my Web-App etc. etc.

Searching for the magic bullet !
(how we keep finding fakes)

Have we found the magic bullet ?

*“you can easily realize a **ten-fold** productivity improvement just by using language:
[insert: Lisp, Smalltalk, Java, C#, ...]”*

*“it will all be **so** simple that feral children
and trained monkeys will write software for free !”*

*I also some prime waterfront real-estate
that is unbelievably cheap !*

We have something similar ...

CODE RE-USE ...

(you know, the thing no-one wants to do)

- ▶ The best line of code, is the one we didn't have to write.
- ▶ Free Software makes this **easy**
 - ▶ cf. Proprietary 'Components', version mgmt. etc. etc.
 - ▶ we actually get quite a lot of this right

But re-writing is such fun !
Collaboration & re-use is boring !

A quick history of (failed) Office re-writes ...

- ▀ MicroPro's WordStar vs. WordStar 2000
 - ▀ MicroPro – once biggest S/W company in the US !
 - ▀ WordStar - #1 Office suite in 1980's
 - ▀ killed the company by re-writing / duplicating their product
- ▀ Corel Office (in Java)
 - ▀ beautiful Java technology demonstration in 1997
 - ▀ never shipped final version, squandered cash & position
- ▀ Microsoft: Pyramid ... - wikipedia

*Word 6.0 was the second attempt to develop a common code base version of Word. The first, code-named **Pyramid**, had been an **attempt** to **completely rewrite** the existing product. It was **abandoned** when it was determined that it would take the development team **too long** to **rewrite** and then **catch up** with all the new capabilities that could have been added in the same time without a rewrite.*

Not a terribly new idea:

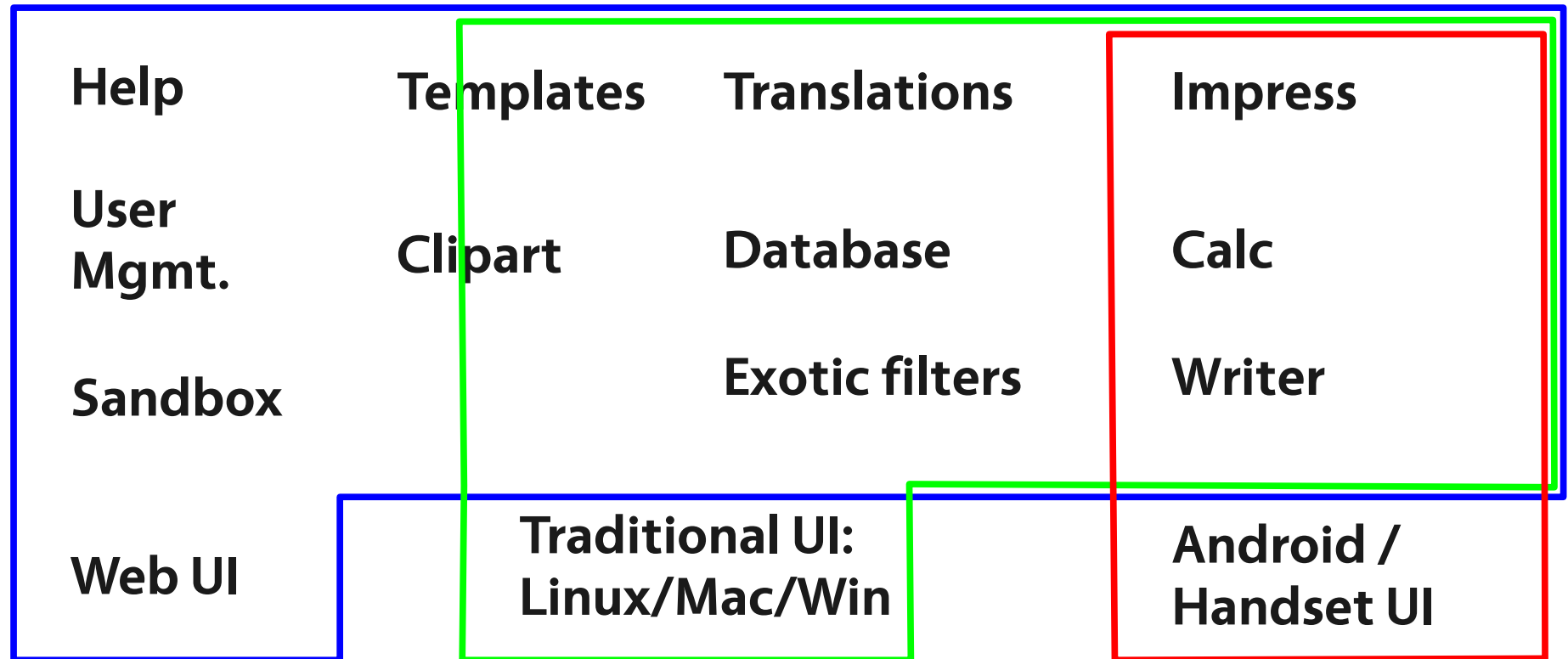
*“Every kingdom divided against itself
will be **ruined**, and every city or
household divided against itself **will
not stand**” -Matthew 12 ~30AD*

A different approach ...

- ▀ Re-write in Javascript message
 - ▀ Corel heard ~this before
 - ▀ ~10 million lines of type-unsafe JavaScript not a win.
 - ▀ perhaps you disagree, if so please go for it ... elsewhere.
- ▀ Telephone companies don't believe in themselves:
 - ▀ Where is your address book ?
 - ▀ How about your photos ?
 - ▀ WHAT ? You have a big whack of flash & a monster CPU in your (increasingly fat) phone ? Why ?
 - ▀ Your phone GPU has that many transistors !
 - ▀ Why is it not all 'in the cloud' ? - with your

A design that re-uses code ...

- ▶ Cut one feature to share the rest: the off-line web app



- ▶ 95% of code shared, most featureful is the web app !

What a crazy plan !?

- ▀ It is possible eg. Linux Kernel ...
 - ▀ Substantially the same code on your:
 - ▀ Phone
 - ▀ Super-Computers
 - ▀ Cluster of doom ...
- ▀ The joys of sharing a common code-base ...
 - ▀ Rendering bug fix → fixes everyone
 - ▀ Interoperability / import fix → every platform benefits
 - ▀ Performance wins for small devices:
 - ▀ Notice that 15%+ of CPU on startup is config parsing
 - ▀ And 20% of that config is 'Label descriptions' fix it!

The joys of sharing a code-base

- ▀ Build / Debug 95%+ on the fastest hardware...
- ▀ Interoperability / import fix → every platform benefits
- ▀ UI improvements:
 - ▀ Touch usable / pretty style selection eg.
 - ▀ Mouse-wheel to zoom vs. pinch
- ▀ Device blurring:
 - ▀ Intel / Ultrabooks → now with touch screens ...
 - ▀ Android 'detachables' with keyboards.



More joys: Performance ...

- ▶ Android – can only cope with 96 shared libraries ...
 - ▶ This 'impress' - ~100 libO specific shared libraries.
 - ▶ Android has ~45 system libs we need to link.
 - ▶ Matus Kukan's – GSOC project ...
 - ▶ Faster linking for all, better, smaller code via LTO ...
- ▶ Performance wins for small CPU / devices:
 - ▶ Notice that 15%+ of CPU on startup is config parsing
 - ▶ And 20% of that config is 'Label descriptions' fix it!
- ▶ Full Page rendering for accelerated panning / Web Office

LibreOffice on-line ...
(getting pixels to users)

Cloud Office / HTML5 prototype...

- ▀ Rendering using the **HTML5 Canvas** ...
- ▀ Communication using Web-Sockets (**now with v7**)
 - ▀ very simple plain-text event / control protocol
 - ▀ **compressed png** for screen updates ...
- ▀ Bandwidth usage **low** for simple tasks:
 - ▀ We can see what is re-rendered as we type:
 - ▀ But really as we type a character: only **this** is sent:
 - ▀ And that tiny rectangle is png compressed ...
 - ▀ CopyArea on the client for scrolling.

Hello World this is me typi



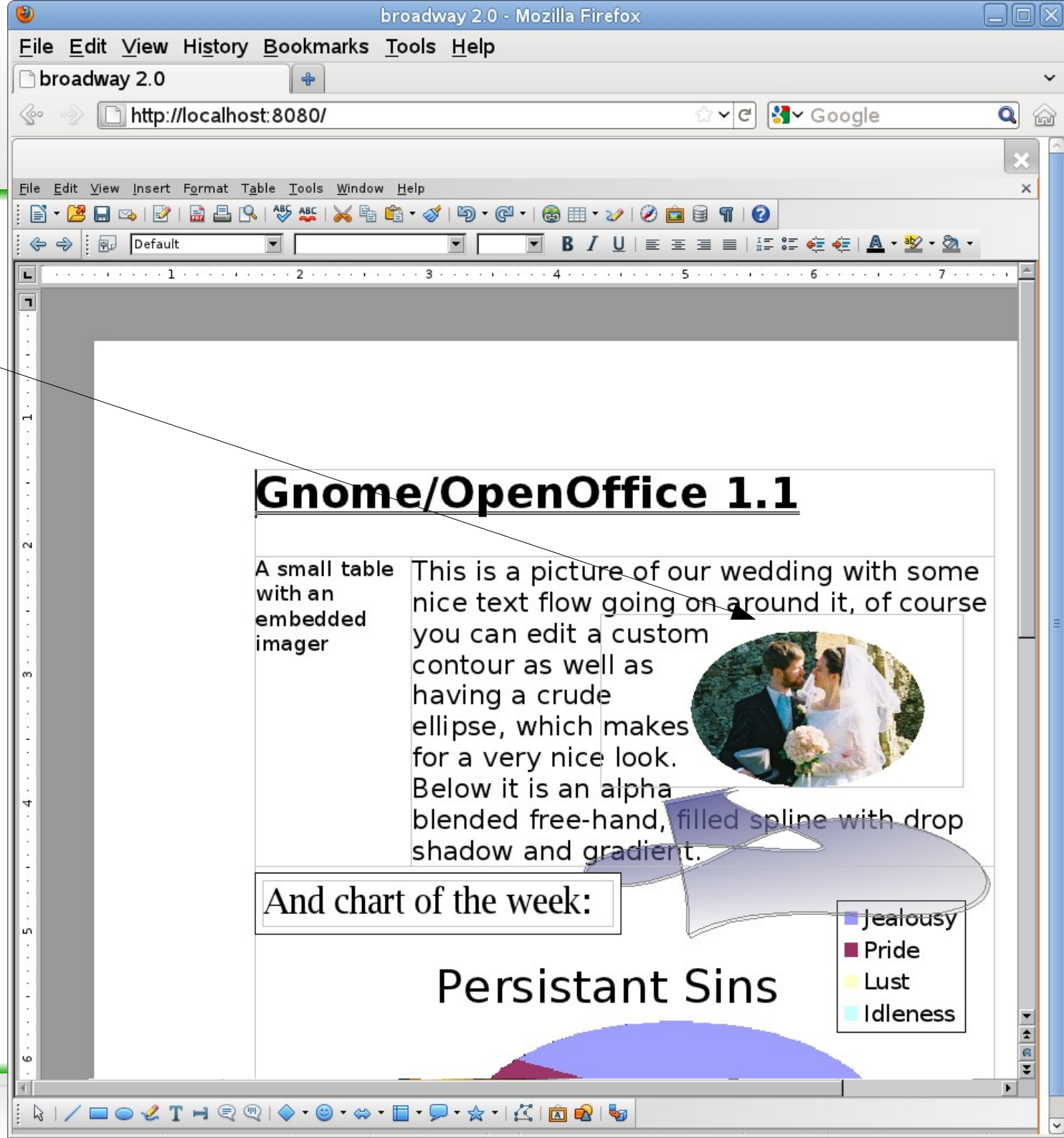
Cloud Office ... technologies ...



- ▀ Uses gtk+ 3's / broadway backend to render (via some javascript shims) in the browser:
 - ▀ All intelligence and rendering on the 'server' app.
 - ▀ **broadway.js** - < 3k LOC ...
- ▀ **Still a prototype**
 - ▀ rendering performance improving, but lumpy in places.
- ▀ This approach allows a full-feature experience
 - ▀ ie. complex text-layout, large, complex spreadsheets, WYSIWYG (eg. edit your footnotes on the page), VBA macros, Pivot Tables etc.
- ▀ Also a number of challenges:
 - ▀ Good APIs for printing etc.

Example:

Custom contoured
picture, with text fill



Example:

VBA macro driven
spreadsheet button
workflow that proves
Novell costs you
less :-)

broadway 2.0 - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

broadway 2.0

http://localhost:8080/

Google

Insert Format Tools Data Window Help

Updated: March 5, 2004

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return on investment (ROI)
calculator for Novell® Nsure
secure identity management solutions

Gartner Consulting was commissioned by Novell to conduct an unbiased, third-party assessment of the ROI of Novell Nsure secure identity management solutions. The objective of the study was to assess organizations who have demonstrated thought leadership, a positive impact on the business, and potential quantifiable financial savings as the result of a secure identity management deployment. This case study applied the Total Value of Opportunity (TVO) ROI methodology, designed by Gartner, to develop the results. The methodology-based results and their use by Novell should not be deemed an endorsement of any Novell product or service, data, or sales technique. Gartner disclaims all warranties, expressed or implied, of the fitness of results for a particular purpose. Methodology results should not be deemed as an industry average and may vary from published Gartner research.

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LibreOffice

It can't possibly perform!

- ▶ 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.

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xterm (on linux-i3od)
top - 12:11:29 up 5:35, 2 users, load average: 0.05, 0.30, 0.34
Tasks: 693 total, 1 running, 687 sleeping, 0 stopped, 5 zombie
Cpu0  : 30.5%us, 4.4%sy, 0.0%ni, 63.8%id, 0.0%wa, 0.3%hi, 1.0%si, 0.0%st
Cpu1  : 1.3%us, 0.3%sy, 0.0%ni, 98.4%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.0%si, 0.0%st
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Cpu5  : 0.7%us, 0.3%sy, 0.0%ni, 99.0%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.0%si, 0.0%st
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Cpu15 : 0.3%us, 1.6%sy, 0.0%ni, 98.0%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.0%si, 0.0%st
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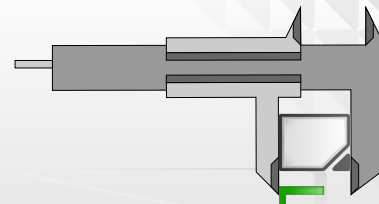
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Show me the code !

- ▀ Shipping out of the box in LibreOffice 3.5
 - ▀ Work continues on master; -plenty- to fix.
- ▀ To use a modern browser ie. v7 websockets
 - ▀ you need master gtk3+
 - ▀ or an update to openSUSE 12.1
- ▀ Otherwise – that's it:
 - ▀ `git clone git://anongit.freedesktop.org/libreoffice/core`
- ▀ Hacking help **very much** appreciated
 - ▀ Plenty of VCL/gtk3/rendering bugs
 - ▀ no browser required.
 - ▀ Funky – tunnelling Browser Javascript ↔ server UNO
 - ▀ Improved performance & page render / pushing

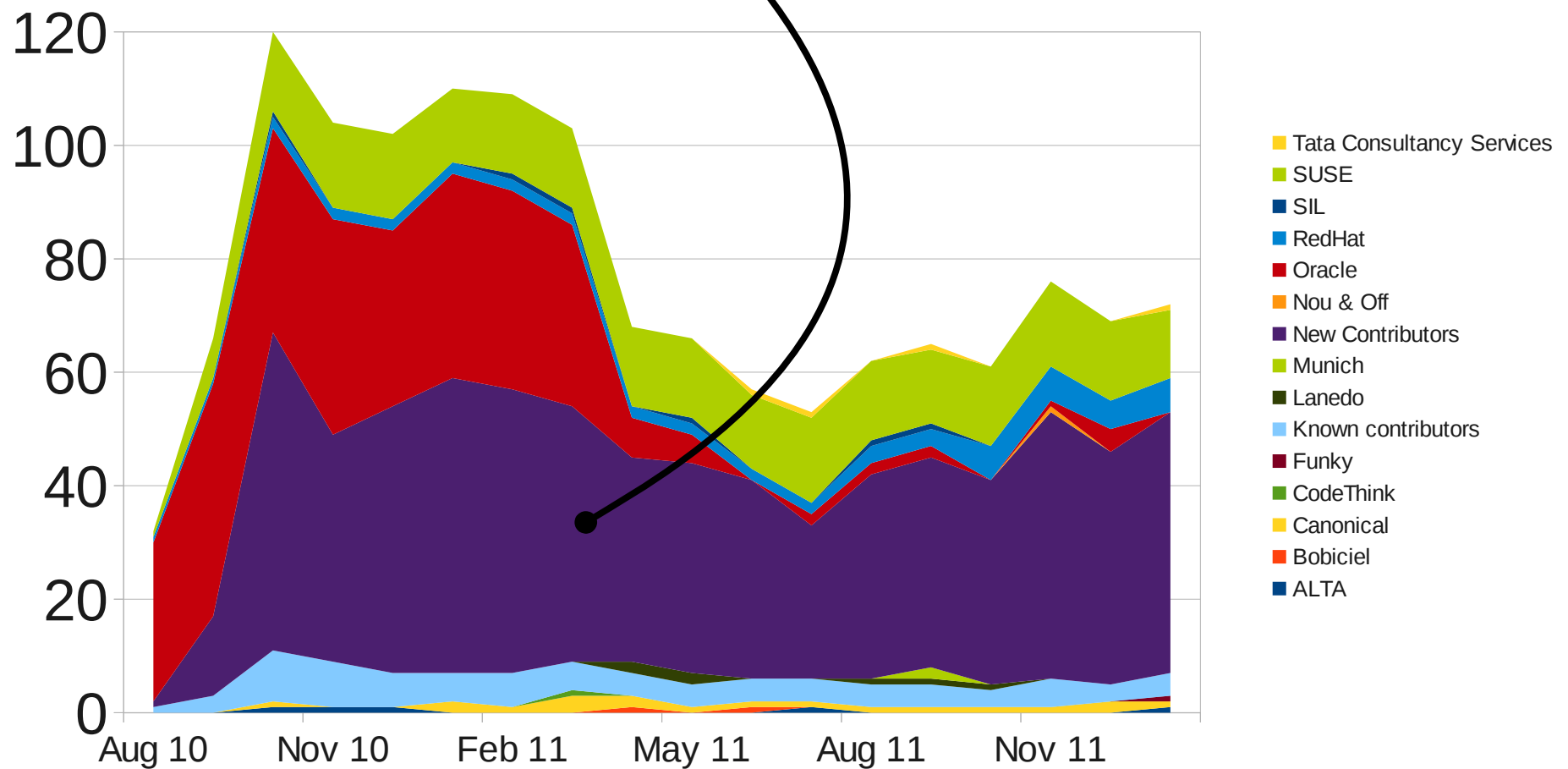
LibreOffice Progress

Including new contributors ...

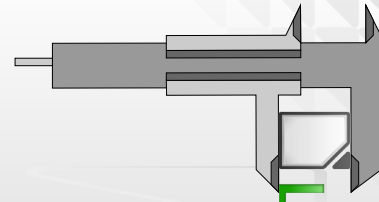


- Steadily diversifying and growing the team ...

New guys since we launched

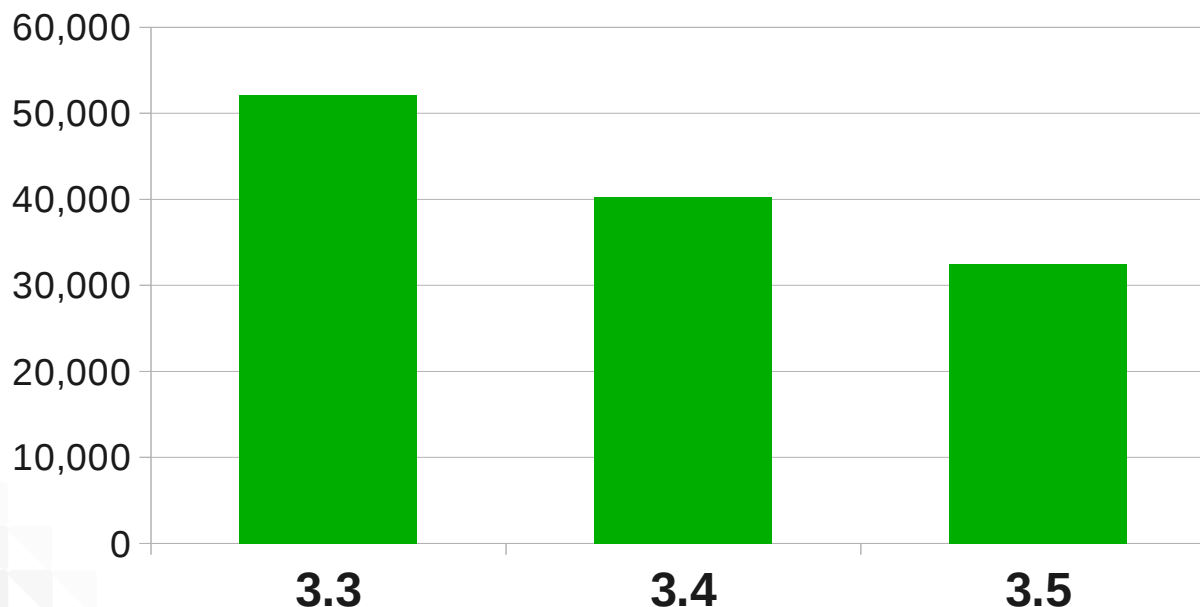


Translating German Comments



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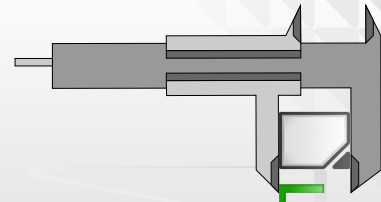
- ▶ Making things **significantly** easier for non-Germans ...
- ▶ We removed or translated **~20k lines** of these so far
- ▶ We still have **32k to go**: done mostly by new guys ...
- ▶ **If you speak German – please help**
Detected lines of German comment



With thanks to (recent translators):

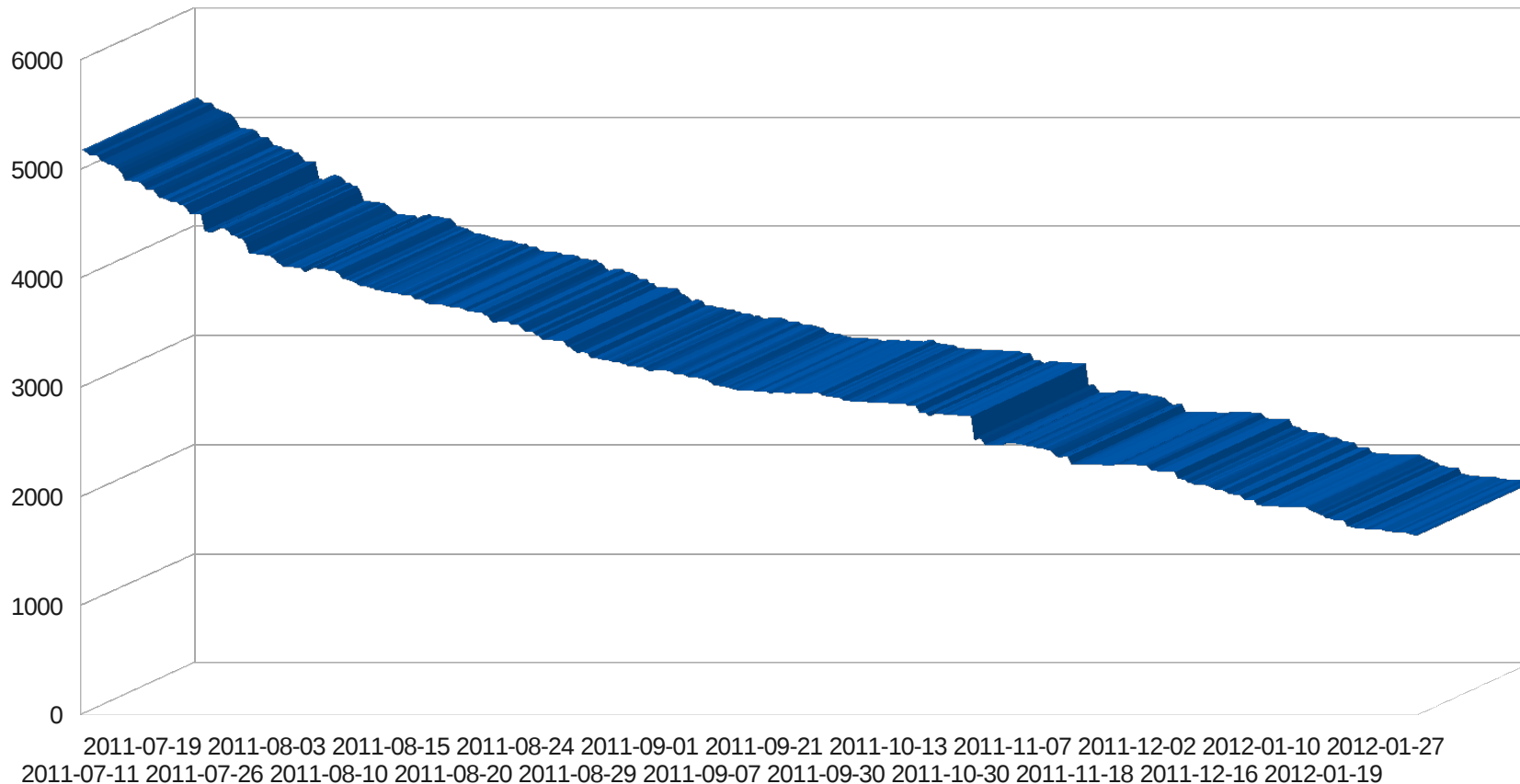
Philipp Weissenbacher
Luc Castermans
Mike Whiteley
Christina Rossmann
Winfried Donkers
Michael Stahl
Tim Hardeck
Noel Grandin
Matteo Casalin
Cor Nouws
and many more !

Removing totally unused code ...



- ▀ Shrinking the LibreOffice's bloat footprint
- ▀ making real progress ... 5000+ methods to ~1650

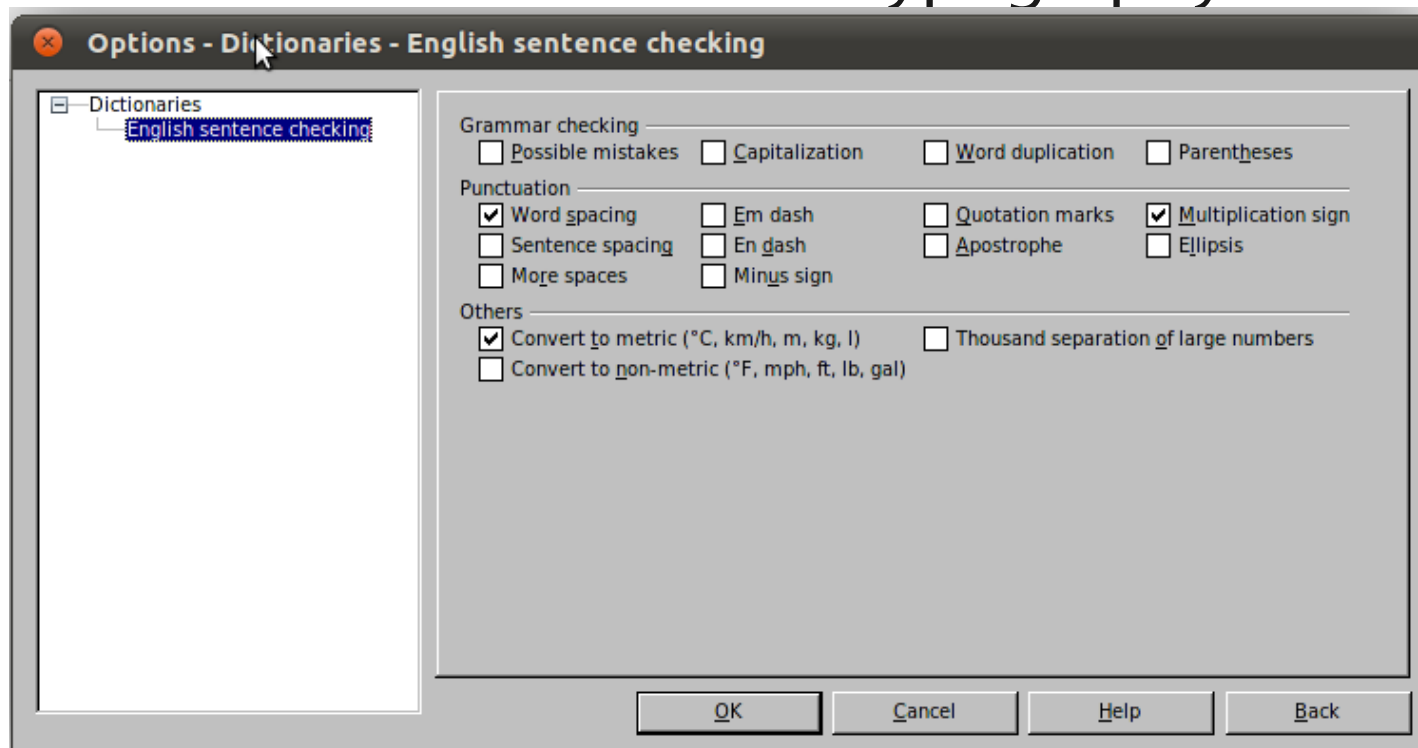
Remaining unused method count



Volunteer features in 3.5 ...



- ▶ László Németh
 - ▶ bundled 'lightproof' (python) **grammar checker**
 - ▶ Avoids ~10 second Java bootstrap at bad times.
 - ▶ Sexy Linlibertine font features / typography wins



Desktop publishing in LibreOffice

TEREMTÉS KÖNYVE Teljes képernyő

EZDETKOR **True small caps** az eget és a földet. ⁴A föld puszta volt és üres, sötétség borította a mélységeket, és Isten lelke lebegett a vizek fölött. ³Isten szólt: „Legyen világosság”, és világos lett. ⁴Isten látta, hogy a világosság jó. Isten elválasztotta a világosságot a sötétségtől. ⁵**Optical weighting (Caption)** ⁵Az Isten nevezte Isten, a sötétséget pedig éjszakának. Azután este lett és reggel: az első nap. ⁶Isten újra szólt: **Language specific kerning** ⁶Ék szilárd boltozat, és alkosson válaszfalat a vizek között.” Úgy is lett. ⁷Isten megalkotta a szilárd boltozatot, és elválasztotta vele a boltozat fölötti és a boltozat alatti vizeket. ⁸Isten a boltozatot égnek nevezte. Erre este lett és reggel: a második nap. ⁹Isten ismét szólt: „Gyűljenek össze az ég alatti vizek egy helyre és emelkedjék ki a száraz.” Úgy történt. ¹⁰**Proportional numbers** ¹⁰Isten nevezte. az összefolv...

Optical weighting (Display) ¹gyümölcsöt érlel, hogy táplavadjainak, az ég madarainak mozog és lélegzik, minden zö...
Úgy is történt. ³¹Isten látta, h...
alkotott. Este lett **Ligatures** a...

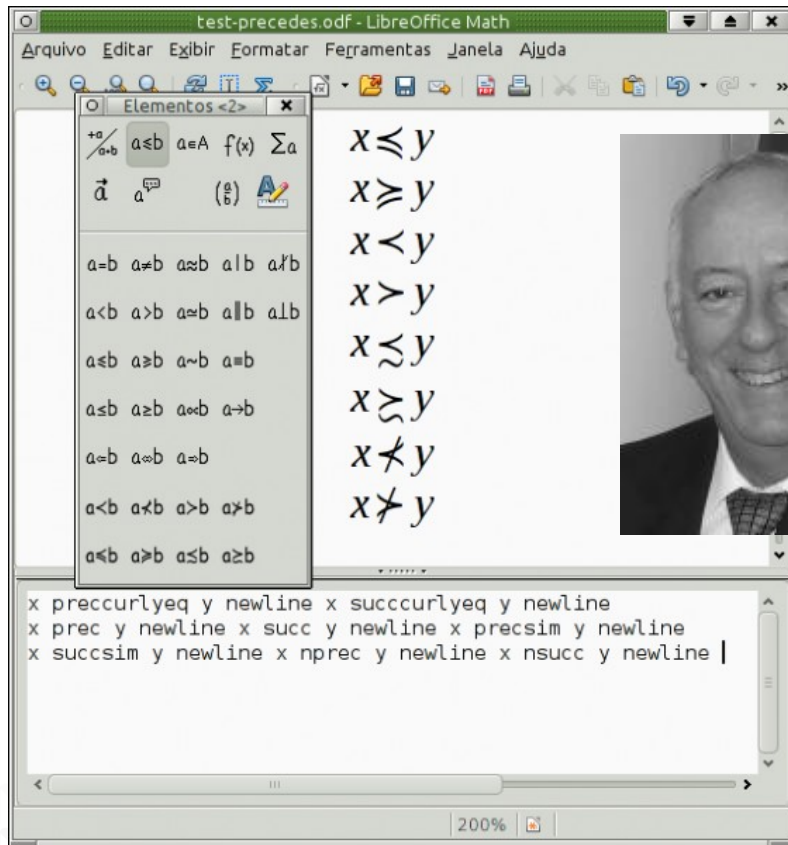
² ¹Így készült el a föld és a...
együtt. ²Isten a hetedik napon...
tott. A hetedik napon meg...
végzett. ³Isten megáldotta és...
pot, mert azon megpihent eg...
⁴Ez a története az ég és a föld...
folyt. ⁴Azon a napon, amiko...
még nem v...

Hanging punctuation

Pretty volunteer features #2 ...

Olivier Hallot

Game theory bits



Khaled Hosny

Much improved RTL
widget theming support

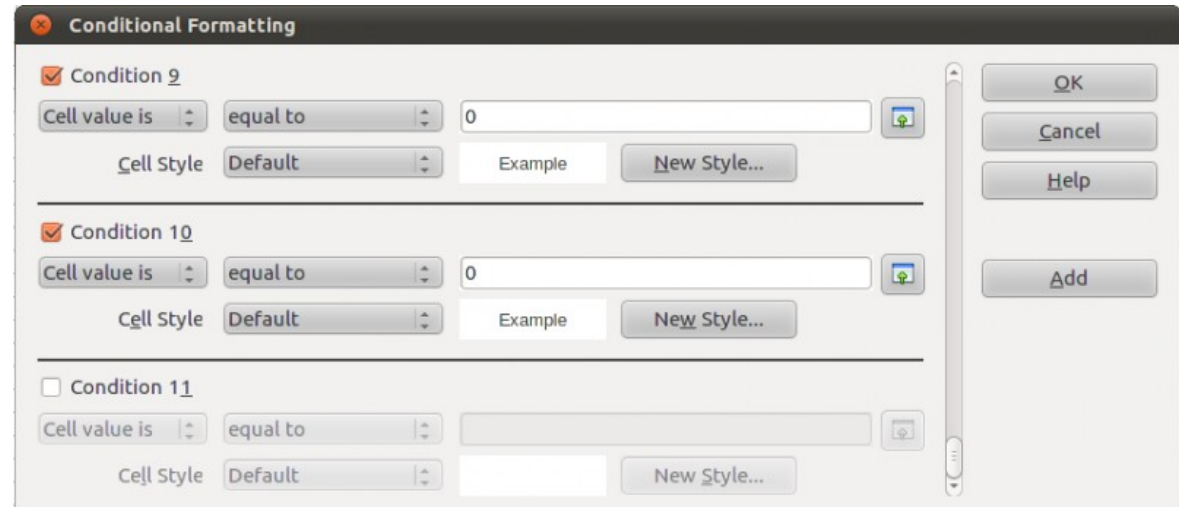


3.4

3.5

Pretty volunteer features #3 ...

Unlimited rules for
conditional formatting:
Robert Dargaud

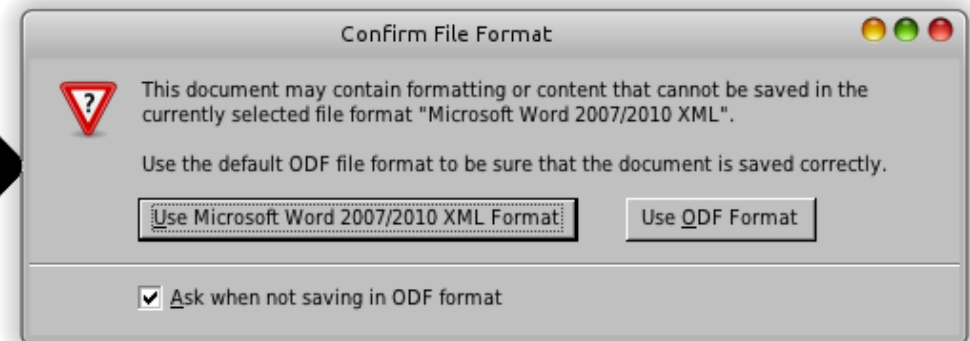
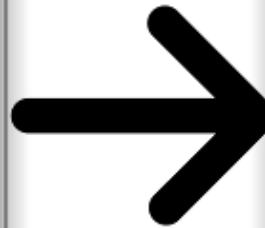


Non sucking "Save As"

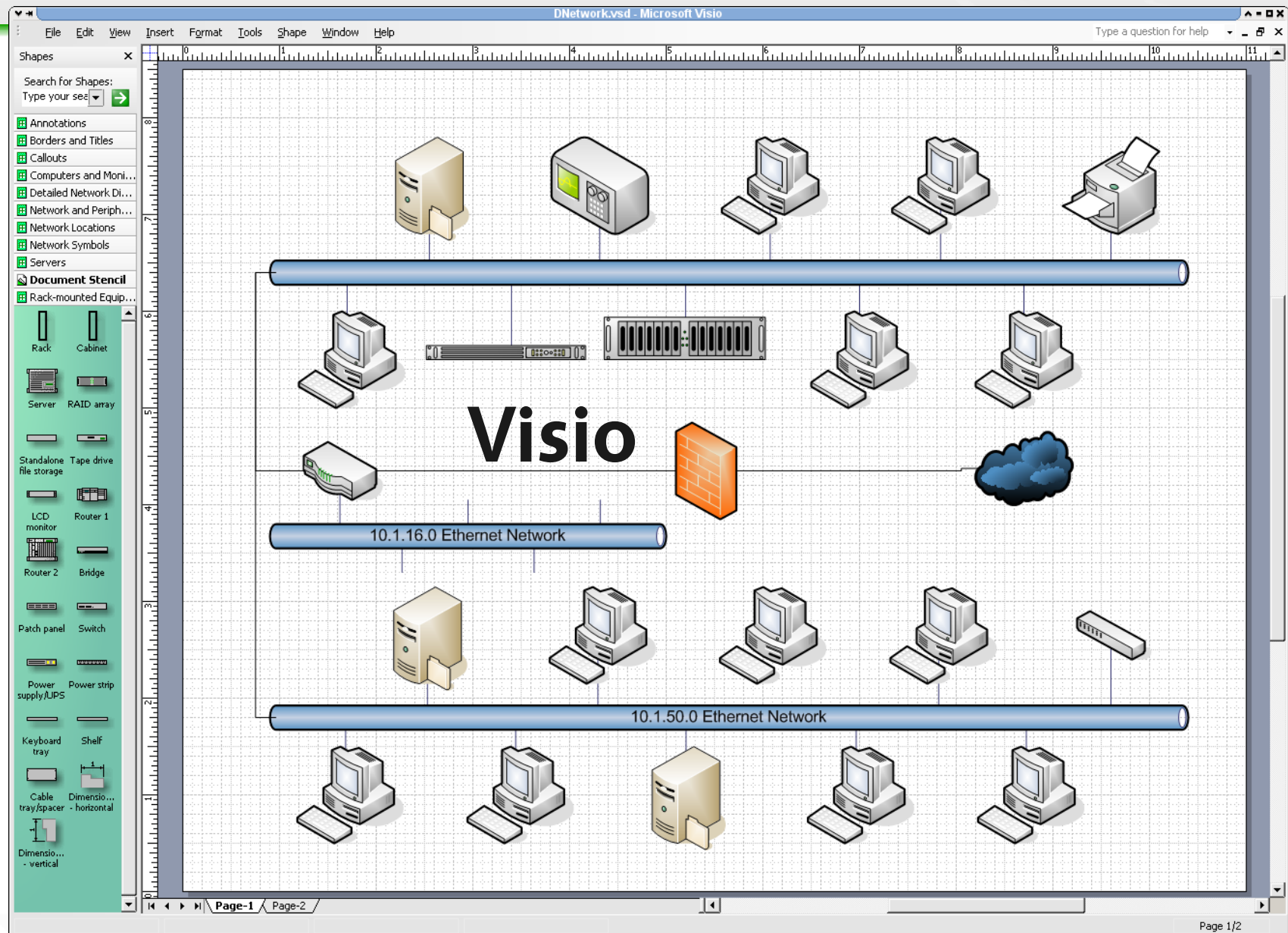
Josh Heidenreich, Andras Timar, William Gathoye

 LibreOffice 3.4

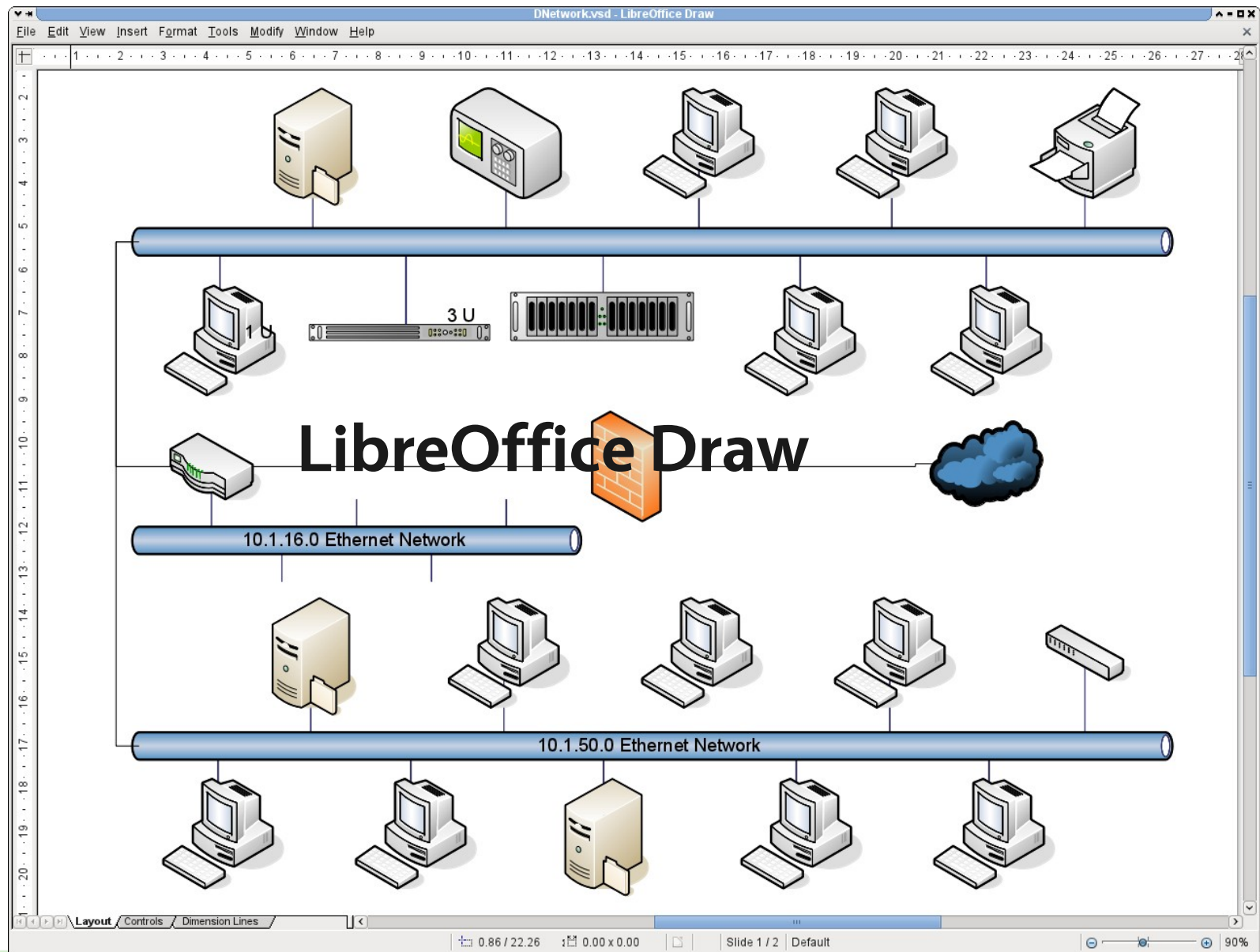
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Pretty ~volunteer features #...



Pretty ~volunteer features #...



Visio – thanks to ...

Left to right:
Valek Filippov
Fridrich Strba
Tibbylickle

Here pictured
hacking on it in
Paris at a party.



Other notable heroics in 3.5 ...

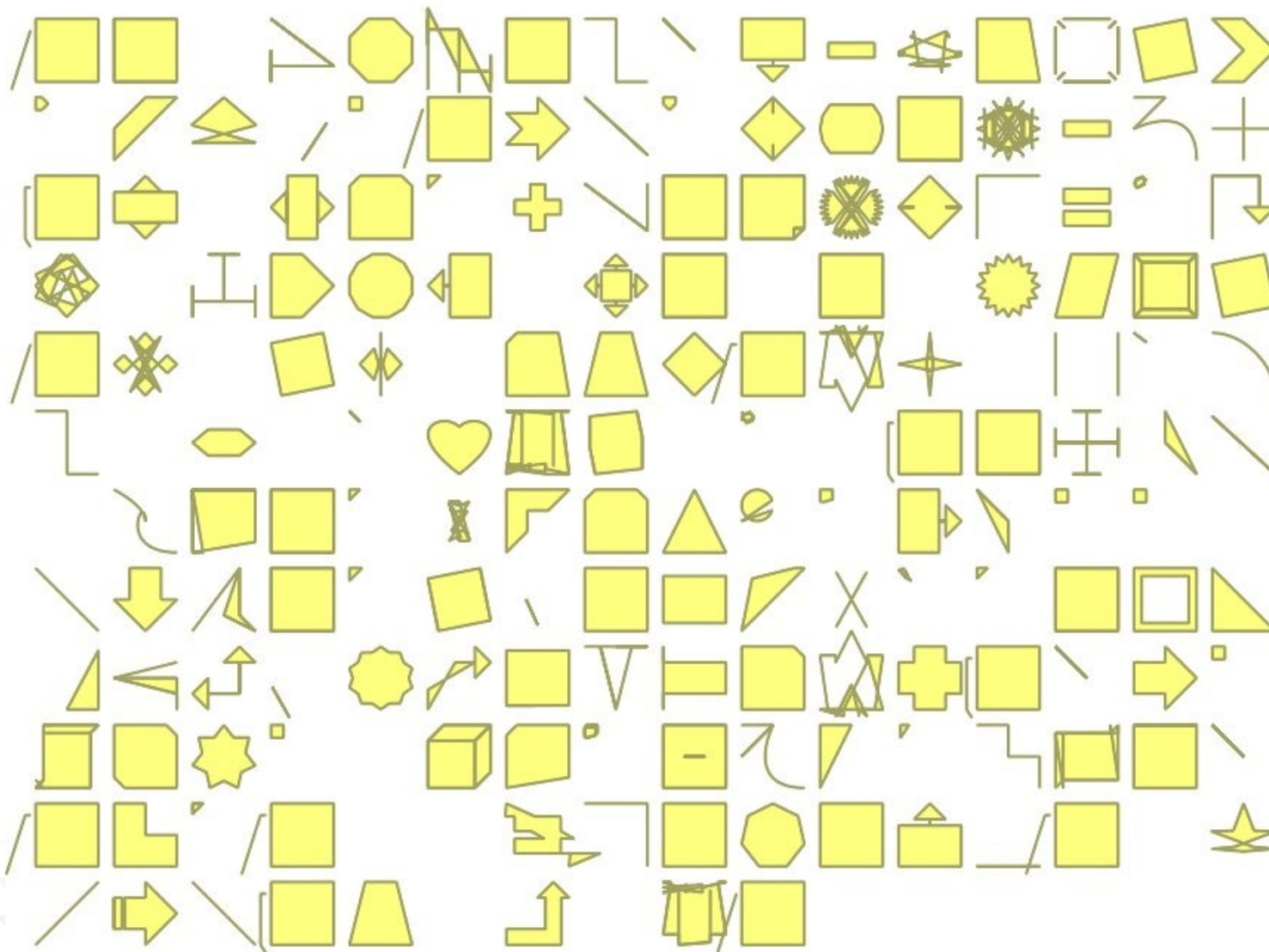
- ▶ Lionel Elie Mamane
 - ▶ Volunteer 'Base' maintainer
 - ▶ Fixed dozens of critical bugs with help from
 - ▶ Julien Nabet, Korrawit Pruegsanusak, Thomas Arnhold



- ▶ Markus Mohrhard
 - ▶ Not satisfied with improving calc performance
 - ▶ Worked indomitably at expanding our unit test framework
 - ▶ Thanks to Markus, we have thousands of tests, exercising calc, impress, writer
 - ▶ We import, calculate and check spreadsheet formulae during the build (and re-test all our CVEs docs), and much more.

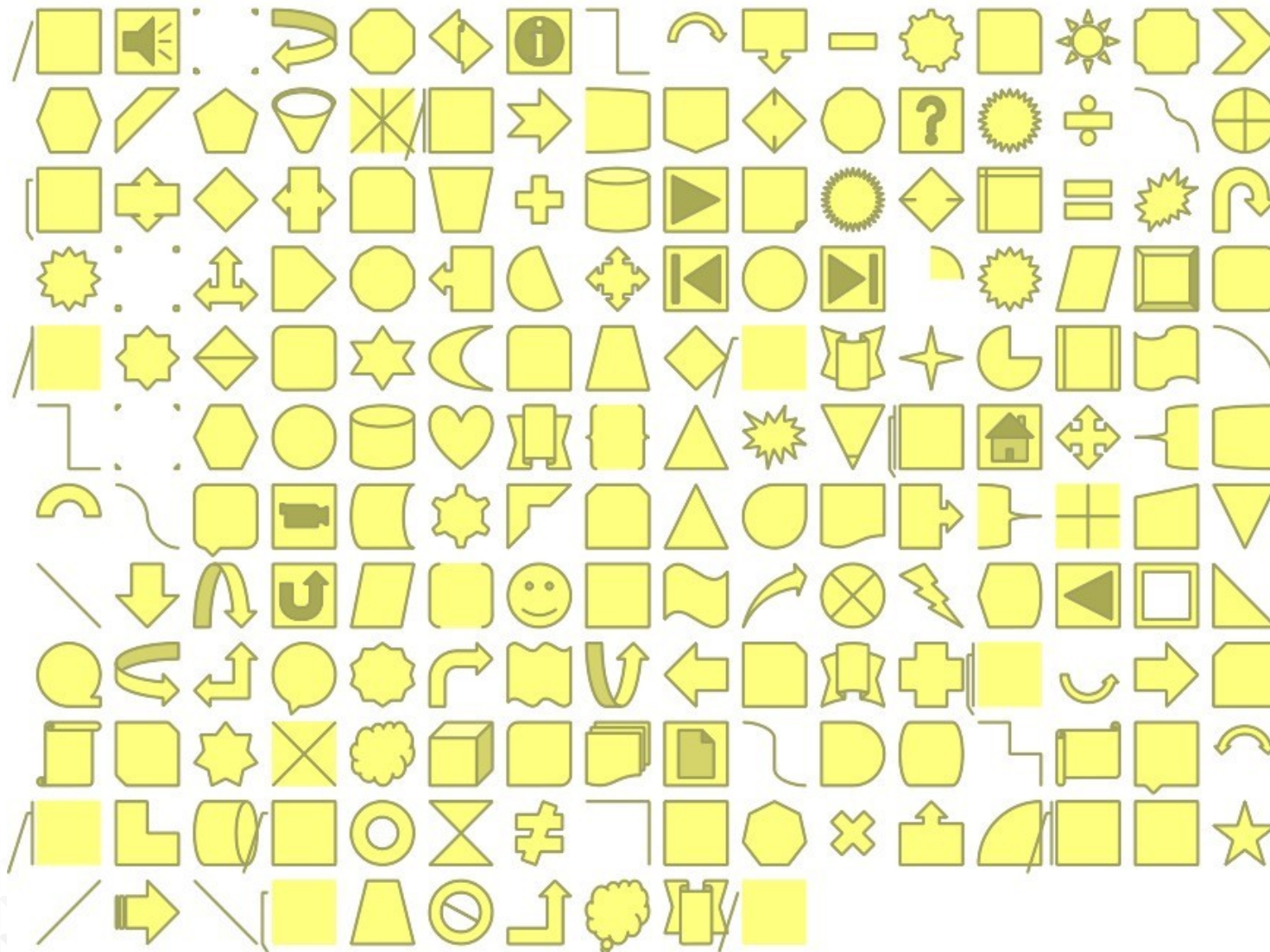


New Custom Shapes import ...



Before
(in 3.4)

New Custom Shapes import ...



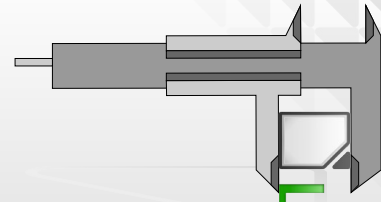
After
(in 3.5)
Thanks to
Radek
Doulik !

Applying that to SmartArt ...

Thanks to Muthusuba Subramanian



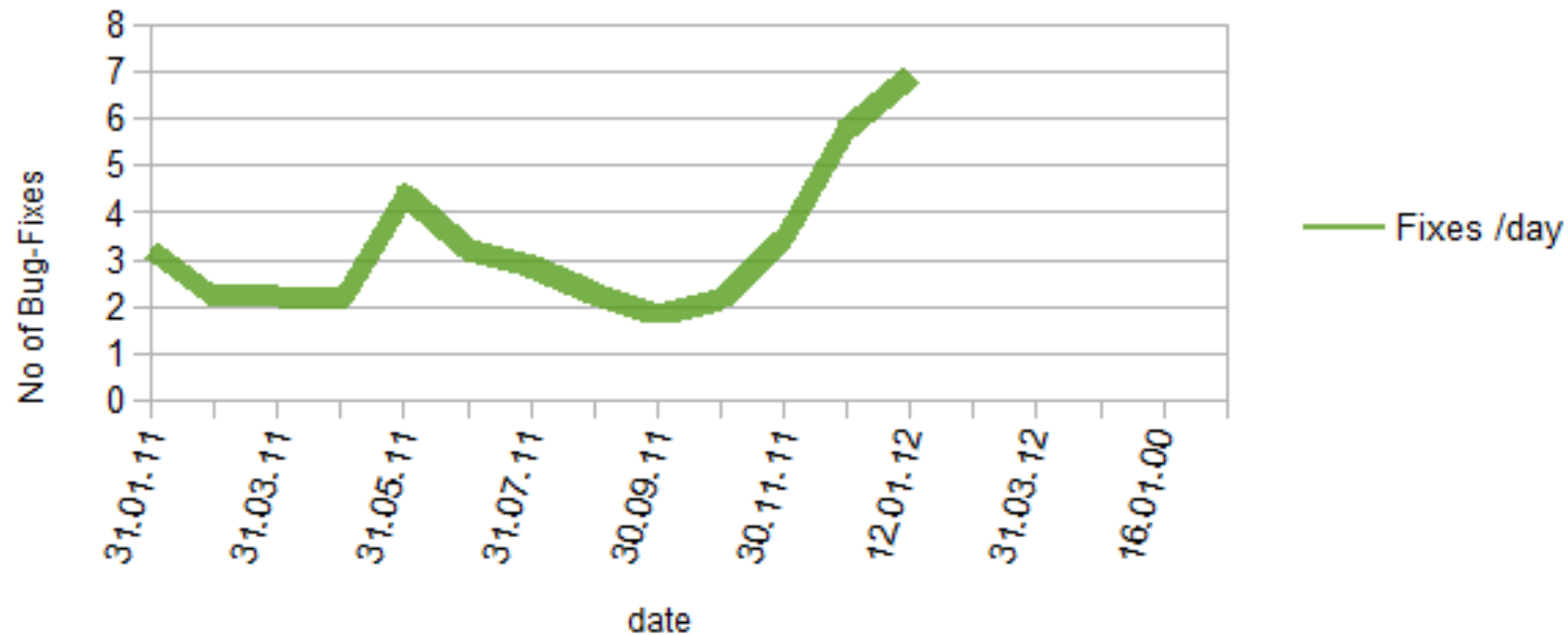
QA / Bug fixing - release time ...



- ▶ Rainer Bielefeld & team doing great work ...
- ▶ Open bug count starting to plateau / grow more slowly

Bugs changing to "Resolved FIXED" per day

monthly average



Thanks for your attention!

And now to your questions