Introducing The Contributor's World of LibreOffice

LibreOffice
The Document Foundation

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Objectives

- To show

    - how easy it is for anyone to contribute

    - first-hand experience with open source community

    - Why you have to contribute

- To improve LibreOffice development

Introduction to LibreOffice (LibO)

- A free software office suite

- A fork of OpenOffice.org (OOo)

- Developed by The Document Foundation on 28th Sept 2010

- Available on Linux, Windows and Mac OS X

- Compatible with other major office suite

Comparison of LibO and MS Office

Purpose	Microsoft Office Suite		LibreOffice Office Suite	
	Description	Format	Description	Format
Word Processing	MS Word	.doc(x)	LibO Writer	.odt
Presentation	MS PowerPoint	.ppt(x)	LibO Impress	.odp
Spreadsheet	MS Excel	.xls(x)	LibO Calc	.ods
Diagramming	MS Visio	.vsd	LibO Draw	.odg
Database	MS Access	.accdb	LibO Base	.odf

Read more about .ODF format: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenDocument_Format#Standardization
http://3monkeyweb.com/3monkeys/2006/12/29/openoffice-odfodt-compared-to-microsoft-word-doc/

Why Contribute to LibO?

- Ensure future improvement to LibO

- Collaborate with talented people

- Good opportunity to learn something new

- Great exposure working in an open-source community

Areas where You Can Get Involved

- Developers

- Quality assurance (QA)

- User experience & visual design

- Localizers

- Marketers

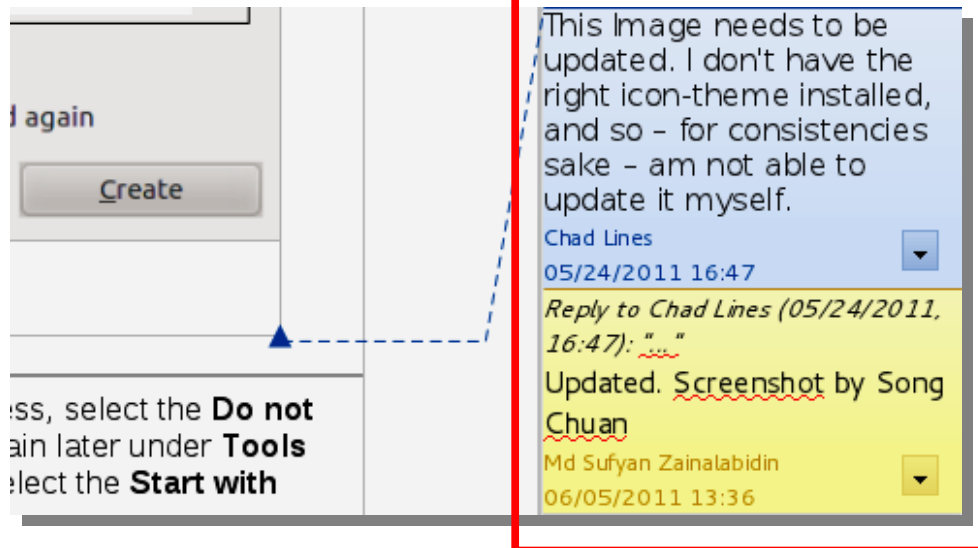- Web Admins

- Donors

- **Documenters**

What did We Do?

- **Authoring**
  write documentation

- **Indexing**
  maintain and update cross referencing

- **Screenshot Production**
  maintain and update screenshots

- **Proofreading, reviewing and editing**
  review documentation to ensure quality work

- And many <u>MORE</u>!

Proofreading, Reviewing & Editing

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Updated. Screenshot by Song Chuan

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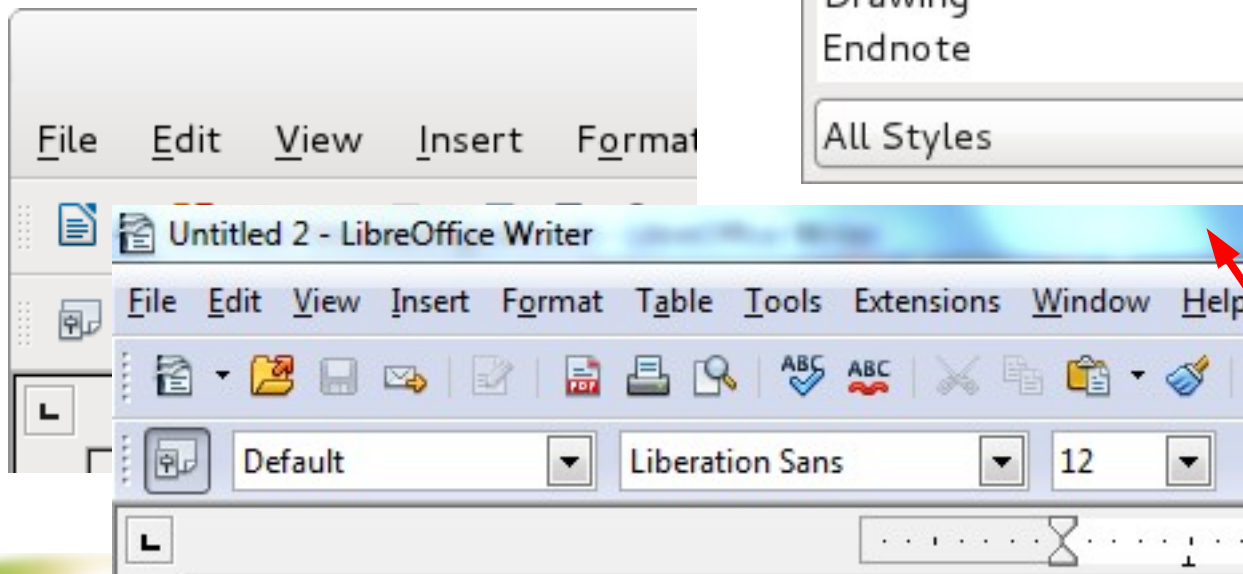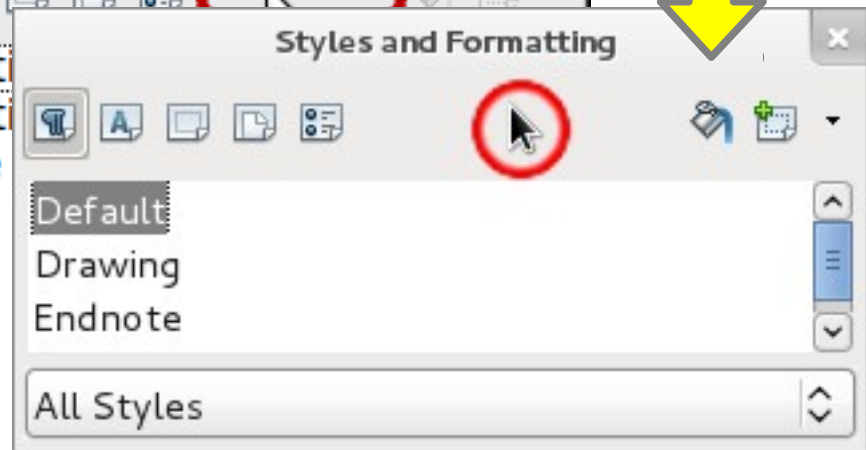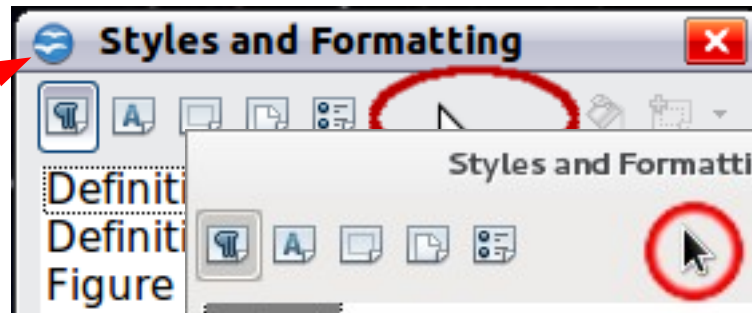
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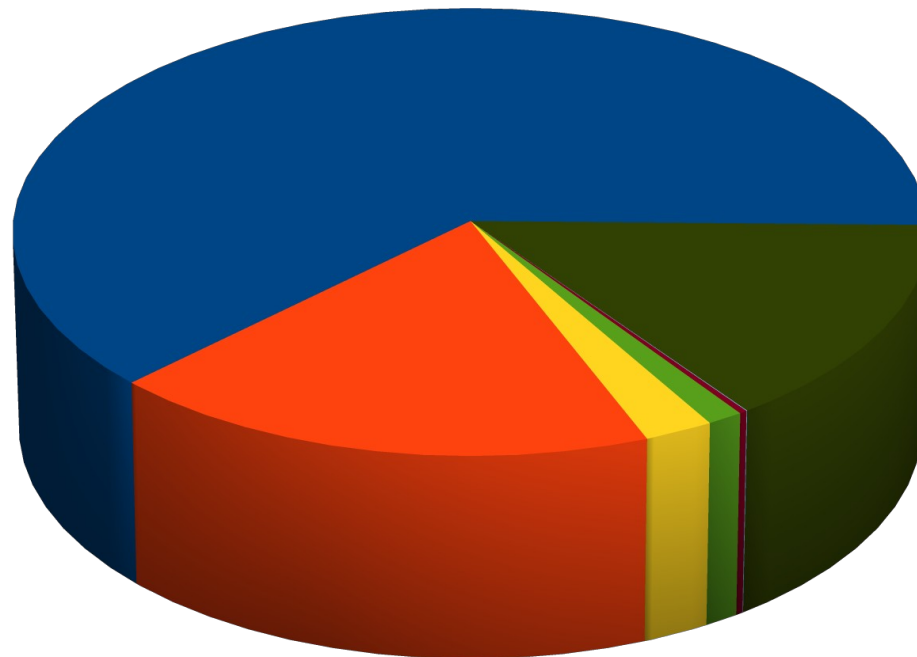
Screenshot Production

OpenOffice Logo

Windows Vista Title bar

Percentage of Office Suites Used

- ■ MS Office (72%)
- ■ OOo (21.5%)
- ■ WordPrefect Office (2.7%)
- ■ Apple iWork (1.4%)
- ■ SoftMaker Office (0.3%)
- ■ KOffice (0.03%)
- ■ Others (17.1%)

Poll as of Jan 2010

http://www.webmasterpro.de/portal/news/2010/01/25/verbreitung-von-office-programmen-openoffice-ueber-21.html

Software used

- LibreOffice 3.3.2

- Alfresco ECM

- GIMP Image Editor

- Inkscape Graphics Editor

Why Would You Care?

- Good, quality documentation benefits you

  - Showcase LibreOffice's many features to users.

  - Guide new & existing users

- Drive the development of LibreOffice

  - "many eyes make bugs shallow"

How to Sustain Project Post-Course?

- Promote to family, friends and everyone

    - Word of mouth

    - Blogging

- Join the marketing team!

- Leave your footprint on LibO

Challenges

- Difficult to interact with members due to different timezone

- Familiarize with LibreOffice and other software used

- Very few active documenters

Online collaboration

- Main LibreOffice website: http://www.libreoffice.org/, in particular the Documentation page, http://www.libreoffice.org/get-help/documentation/ . The documents referenced on that page are actually stored on the wiki.

- Wiki, http://wiki.documentfoundation.org/Documentation. Here we coordinate our work and place copies of published documents for easy download by users.

- Mailing List, documentation@global.libreoffice.org. We communicate subject through email.

- Alfresco, http://alfresco.libreoffice.org/, which is a content management system which we store documents during development.

- Blog, http://libodocs.wordpress.com/. Here we announce new and updated documents and publish tips and articles about using LibreOffice. Any member of the Docs team can get a blog login and contribute to the blog. More info on contributing to the blog is coming soon.

Books published

- Getting Started with LibreOffice 3 Guide

- LibreOffice Writer Guide

- LibreOffice Impress Guide (soon)

- ….

Extras
http://www.libreoffice.org/about-us/credits/

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Q & A

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