LibreOffice Design Team

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Who is the Design/UX Team

- Group of people who love LibreOffice & UX / Design
- No rigid structure
  - Just do design / UX related stuff in LibreOffice, and you are part of the Design team :-) 
- IRC, bugzilla, git repository, mailing list
  - #libreoffice-design on FreeNode as the primary communication channel
  - design@global.libreoffice.org
  - Weekly G+ hangouts to discuss
Design Team Concepts

- Platform for conflict resolution
- Results oriented
- Effective communication
- Inclusive nature
- Open to change
Conflict Resolution

• In many cases, people have different views what is better in UX / Design
• To resolve, we try to find consensus
• If that fails, we search for:
  – Usage statistics / patterns
  – HIG – building our own now (previously GNOME)
• If there is a code contribution, don't block it
  – Revert in the worst case
Results Oriented

- Task is finished when in the git repository
  - We are not here to project crystal castles that nobody would be able to implement
- Everybody is encouraged to push his/her improvements himself/herself! :-)
- Gerrit, the (code) review system
  - Needs a bit of technical knowledge; still the setup is easy, low entry barrier
- Don't worry, we'll gladly help you should you have trouble setting it up
Effective Communication

- Avoid bikeshedding!
- Bugzilla is usually the entry point
  - People reporting problems / feature requests / …
- But that can easily become a long discussion
  - Important to move it to a faster media (IRC/call)
- Weekly G+ hangouts
  - Everybody welcome, open to all
  - Get early to #libreoffice-design on FreeNode before the meeting to get the invite
Inclusive Nature

• Maybe you don't even know you are part of the design team ;-)  
  – We collect & report weekly about all UX / Design improvements that happened in the LibreOffice git repository

• All contributions much appreciated
Open to Change

• Changing user interaction is hard
  – Necessary to be careful about breaking of existing workflows
• But cleanups / removal of (access to) features is important
• If something looks like a good idea
  – Do it – and watch for problem reports
  – Revert if we get push-back
In Action

LibreOffice 4.4
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LIBREOFFICE EVER

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And 5.0 only continues the trend...
Icons: Sifr and Breeze

- Sifr thanks to: Ahmad H. Al Harthi, Issa Alkurtass, Matthias Freund, Norah A. Abanumay and more
- Breeze: A completely new theme thanks to Uri Herrera (Nitrux, S. A.), Andreas Kainz (KDE e. V.), Jonathan Riddell (Kubuntu), Jan Holešovský (Collabora), Yousuf Philips, and Andrew Dent
Templates

- Coding thanks to: Efe Gürkan Yalaman, GSoC
- New templates thanks to: Alexander Wilms, Edmund Laugasson, Jun NOGATA, Michael Kovarik, Péter Szathmáry, Zirk
Reworked Toolbars

- All the toolbars reworked to contain the most used features: Jay Philips

- Change tracking toolbar thanks to: Samuel Mehrbrodt, Jay Philips
Improved Context Menus

- Thanks to: Jeffrey Stedfast, Yousuf Philips, Babu Vincent, Samuel Mehrbrodt
New Color Selector

- Thanks to: Krisztian Pinter (GSoC 2014), Tomaž Vajngerl, Maxim Monastirsky, Adolfo Jayme Barrientos
Better Dropdown in Toolbars

- Thanks to: Maxim Monastirsky, Yousuf Philips, Jan Holesovsky
Improved Work with Styles

- Style dropdowns thanks to: Szymon Kłos, Samuel Mehrbrodt
- Style previews in the sidebar thanks to: Tomaž Vajngerl, Collabora
Crop an Image

- Now it is possible to crop images using mouse, thanks to: Philippe Jung
What's Next

- No strict schedule, depends on what people are working on (and if they finish that)
- Help appreciated – if you are interested in hacking the UI, let us know, we have many easy & harder programming & non-programming tasks
- **Design UX roadmap**
  - Work in progress we know of – Jay is tracking the status
Help Appreciated

- Non-programming
  - Improving icons, improving dialogs, collecting usability feedback, reorganizing menus, ...
- Programming
  - Wide range of interesting bits to work on – from one line easy hacks, to large reworks
  - Easy Hacks with topic "UI"
- Join #libreoffice-design on irc.freenode.net, and we'll help you get started
How to Get Involved

- design@global.libreoffice.org
- #libreoffice-design on irc.freenode.net
- https://wiki.documentfoundation.org/Design
- Weekly meetings – via G+ hangouts / phone
- Or just participate in one of our Design contests!

Join us – it's fun! :-)

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