How to debug the Online conveniently

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Agenda

- GtkTiledViewer
- Chrome inspector, remote mobile debugging
- Integrations webview debugging
- Browser-sync
- Eslint compatibility checking

LibreOffice GtkTiledViewer

- Instead of JS client there is a Gtk application
- For debugging the core code in "Online mode"
- Using normal gdb like in desktop case

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Chrome inspector, remote mobile debugging

- For debugging JS code in the browser
- Works like a normal debugger
- Has the console for printing
- Network ta for watching the requests and responses
- To debug remotely the session on Android device enable USB debugging

Console, requests...

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How to enable debugging in Android

For Android 4.2 or newer the Developer options are hidden by default

- Go to Settings > About
- Tap the Build number seven times to make Settings > Developer options available
- Then check the USB Debugging
- On linux adding udev rules is needed https://github.com/M0Rf30/android-udev-rules

Integrations

- In the browser just an iframe \rightarrow Chrome inspector
- In the Android application needs the build with a webview debbuging enabled:

if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= Build.VERSION_CODES.KITKAT) {
 WebView.setWebContentsDebuggingEnabled(true);

Browser-sync

- Before restart was required to refresh JS or HTML and CSS → long time to see even a small change
- Partial solution: when edited in real time in Chrome
 - developer needs to manually copy all changes to the original files
 - easy to forget something
- Browser-sync allows to automatically reload the view if served file was changed
- Integrated on Hackweek sponsored by Collabora Productivity

Video...

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Browser-sync: how it works

• Setup a proxy for application



Request the refresh

Browser-sync: File change indication

• Needed change in makefile to add symbolic links in the destination directory instead of copy for source files



Browser-sync: how to enable

- Use --enable-browsersync switch to configure the project (and do make clean)
- You should see the confirmation in the summary:



- Then run server in one console: make run -jN
- And run browser-sync in another: make sync-writer

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Eslint - compatibility checking (upcoming)

- JS code doesn't run on all the browsers in the same way
- There are functions that doesn't work on some browsers (eg. Internet Explorer, include)
- I extended eslint to check compatibilities and warn about not supported syntax



Eslint – compatibility checking

Configuration:

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.eslintrc - used in warn mode to not be annoying
"compat/compat": "warn"
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.browserslistrc - list of browsers to check, fluent syntax:

"> 0.5%, last 2 versions, Firefox ESR, not dead"

"not ie <= 8"
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