
Easy Hacks to Improve Writer - OOXML Interoperability

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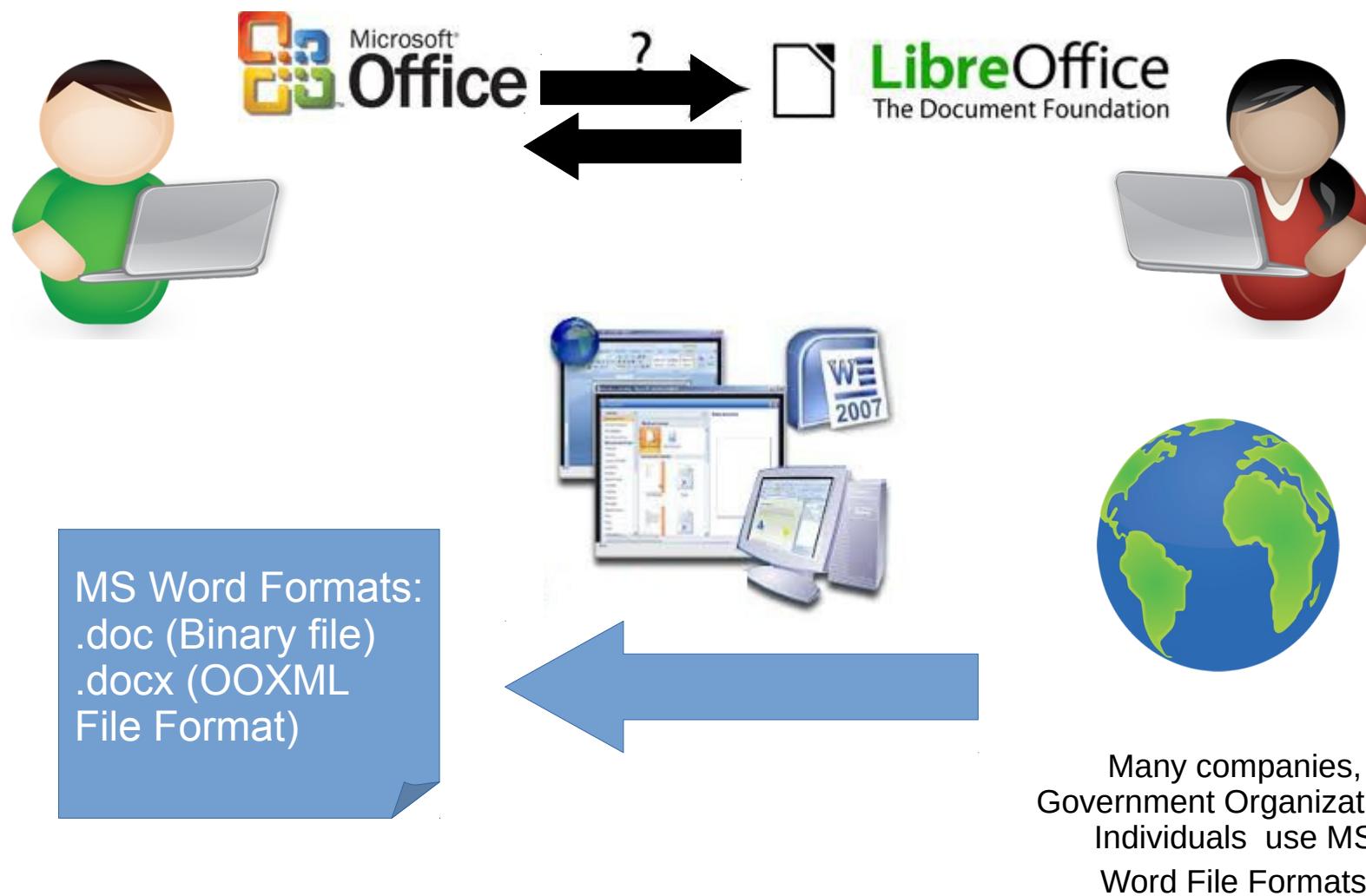
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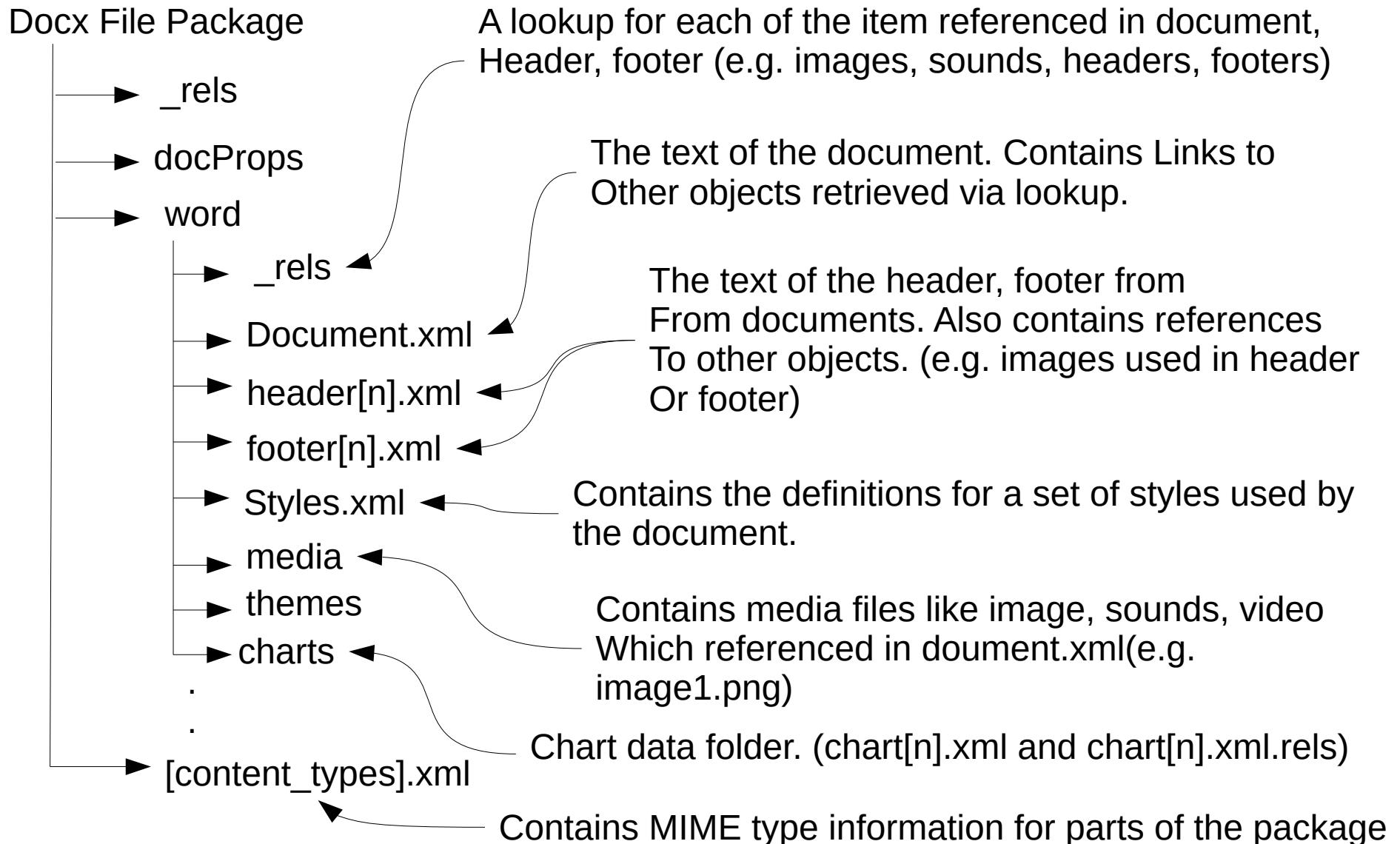
Interoperability



OOXML and ECMA-376

- Office Open XML (OOXML)
 - Microsoft Office 2007 and later versions (like 2010, 2013) uses OOXML format.
- The ECMA-376 Standard
 - This Standard defines OOXML's vocabularies and document representation and packaging details.
 - Specifications are freely available on the ECMA website.

DOCX File Structure



Challenges In 'File Import'

- LibreOffice crash
- Data loss
- LibreOffice hangs

File Import – Crash issues

- Reasons can be-
 - Programming mistakes
 - Null pointer check
 - Memory Leaks
 - Some issues in import filters
 - Some specific combinations of data

Analyzing Crash

- Optimize File
 - Check MS Office version (2007/2010/2013) using which file is created
 - Use “Divide and conquer” method to optimize file
 - Try to optimize file upto 1-2 pages with minimum data on it
- Identify XML part which is causing error
- Try to Identify MS Office feature which is causing error
 - If confirmed, try to create .doc (binary version) file with same feature and check whether that file works
- Locate parsing and mapping of XML elements in import filters to identify root cause

Crash - Example

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The screenshot shows a file explorer on the left listing several XML files: _rels, document.xml, endnotes.xml, fontTable.xml, footer1.xml, footnotes.xml, numbering.xml, settings.xml, and styles.xml. The main window displays the content of document.xml. A yellow curly brace highlights a section of XML code starting with `<m:oMath>` and ending with `</m:oMath>`. An orange oval labeled "Problematic xml area" encloses this same highlighted code block.

```
<w:p w:rsidR="001F0534" w:rsidRDefault="001F0534" w:rsidP="001F0534">
<w:pPr>
<w:spacing w:line="360" w:lineRule="auto" />
</w:pPr>
<m:oMathPara>
<m:oMath>
<m:r>
<w:rPr>
<w:rFonts w:ascii="Cambria Math" w:hAnsi="Cambria Math" />
</w:rPr>
<m:t>
k≠j..
</m:t>
</m:r>
</m:oMath>
</m:oMathPara>
<w:bookmarkStart w:id="0" w:name="_GoBack" />
<w:bookmarkEnd w:id="0" />
```

Resolving Crash - Example

```
--- a/starmath/source/parse.cxx
+++ b/starmath/source/parse.cxx
@@ -884,11 +884,13 @@ void SmParser::NextToken()

    sal_Int32 nTxtStart = m_nBufferIndex;
    sal_Unicode cChar;
+
    // if the equation ends with dot(.) then increment m_nBufferIndex till end of string only
    do
    {
        cChar = m_aBufferString[ ++m_nBufferIndex ];
    }
-
-    while ( cChar == '.' || rtl::isAsciiDigit( cChar ) );
+    while ( (cChar == '.' || rtl::isAsciiDigit( cChar )) &&
+            ( m_nBufferIndex < m_aBufferString.getLength() - 1 ) );
+
    m_aCurToken.aText = m_aBufferString.copy( nTxtStart, m_nBufferIndex - nTxtStart );
    aRes.EndPos = m_nBufferIndex;
```

Code reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/9840>

File Import – Types Of Data Loss

- Feature loss (ex. Text, shapes etc)
- Feature property loss (ex. Colors, line styles etc)
- Incorrect values (ex. Shape size, position etc)

File Import – Reasons For Data Loss

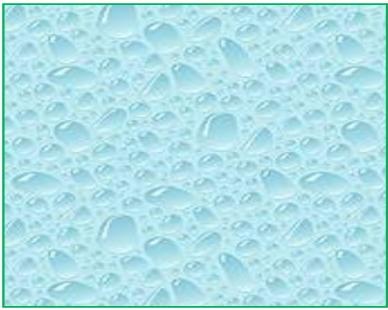
- MS Office feature is not supported
 - Implement feature support
 - Grab-bag
- XML Nodes not handled
- XML elements not mapped properly
- Properties lost in shape conversions
(SwXShape → SwXTextFrame)

File Import – How To Fix Data Loss

- Check XML Schema of missing feature
- Check ECMA 376 specs of missing properties
- Check XML properties are available in `model.xml`
- Identify LibreOffice UNO Properties for missing data
 - Insert similar feature in LibreOffice and check properties that represent missing effects
 - Create .doc file with same data
 - Use XRAY tool to check properties
- Locate handling of those XML properties in dmapper
- Check XML values are properly mapped with UNO properties
 - Hard-code UNO Properties to verify quickly

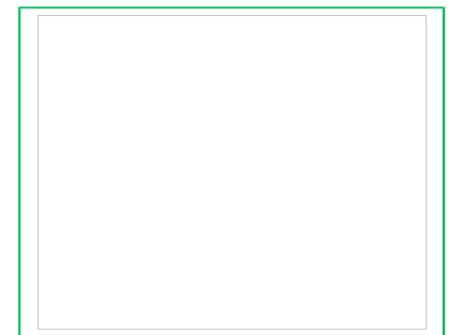
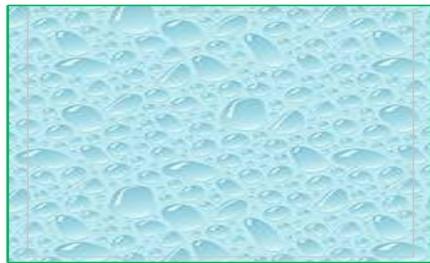
Data Loss Example - shape

- TextBox Background image loss



← Original TextBox fill

LO rendered before FIX →



← LO rendered after fix

Data Loss Example - shape

- Set proper UNO Property
 - “FillBitmapURL” property for shape
 - “BackGraphicURL” property for TextFrame
- Handled “BackGraphicURL” property in export if it is textframe

Code Reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/7259>

Data Loss Example - Table

The screenshot shows a LibreOffice Writer document window. At the top, there's a toolbar with various icons for text and table operations. Below the toolbar is a clipboard area showing a table with three columns: C1, Col2, and Column3. The table contains the following data:

C1	Col2	Column3
1	2	3
4444444444	5	6
7	8	9

A blue oval labeled "Original table Auto width" points to the clipboard table. Another blue oval labeled "How LO rendered" points to the table within the document window, which appears identical to the original.

Below the main window, three smaller windows are displayed side-by-side, each showing a different state of the table:

- LO Rendering After Fix:** Shows the table with the same data as the original.
- LO : Export Before Fix:** Shows the table with the same data as the original.
- After Fix:** Shows the table with the following data:

C1	Col2	Column3
1	2	3
4444444444	5	6
7	8	9

Below the "After Fix" window, the text "File saved on LO after fix." is visible.

Data Loss Example - Table

XML Comparison

Original	LO Exported this..	Fixed
<pre><w:tblGrid> <w:gridCol w:w="1443" /> <w:gridCol w:w="612" /> <w:gridCol w:w="1019" /> </w:tblGrid></pre>	<pre><w:tblGrid> <w:gridCol w:w="1782" /> <w:gridCol w:w="732" /> <w:gridCol w:w="1225" /> </w:tblGrid></pre>	<pre><w:tblGrid> <w:gridCol w:w="1442" /> <w:gridCol w:w="612" /> <w:gridCol w:w="1020" /> </w:tblGrid></pre>
<pre><w:tcPr> <w:tcW w:w="0" w:type="auto" /></pre>	<pre><w:tcPr> <w:tcW w:type="dxa" w:w="1782" /></pre>	<pre><w:tcPr> <w:tcW w:w="0" w:type="auto" /></pre>

Code Reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/7593/>

<https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/7594/>

Challenges In 'File Export'

- MS Office not able to open 'saved file'
- Data loss
- LO crash

File Export – Types Of Corruptions

- Invalid XML values exported
 - XML values are not exported as per ECMA specs

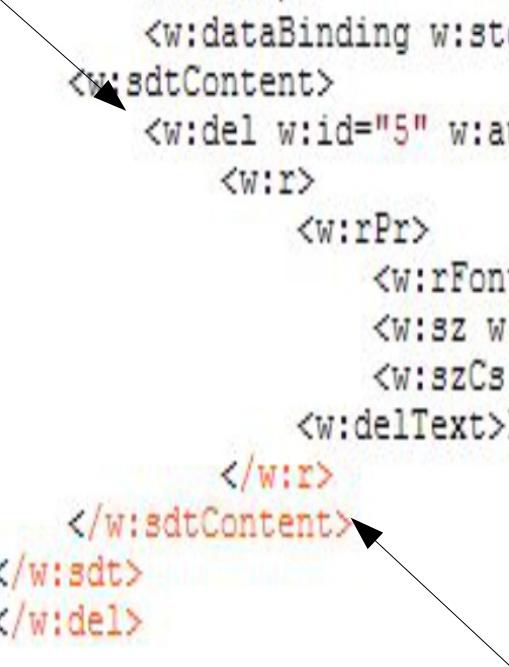
```
-<c:view3D>  
  <c:rotX val="308" />  
  <c:rotY val="13" />  
  <c:rAngAx val="0" />  
  <c:perspective val="40" />  
</c:view3D>
```

ECMA specs : valid
values for rotX are
between [-90,90]

File Export – Types Of Corruptions

- XML tag mismatch – Start and End tag not matching

```
<w:sdt>
  <w:sdtPr>
    <w:text/>
    <w:dataBinding w:storeItemID="{6C3C8BC8-F283-45AE-878A-BAB7291924A1}" w>xpath="
<w:sdtContent>
  <w:del w:id="5" w:author="Surbhi Tongia" w:date="2013-11-29T16:18:00Z">
    <w:r>
      <w:rPr>
        <w:rFonts w:eastAsia="" w:cs="" w:ascii="Cambria" w:hAnsi="Cambria"
        <w:sz w:val="32" />
        <w:szCs w:val="32" /></w:rPr>
        <w:delText>Iuhdsfuihdsiuch</w:delText>
      </w:r>
    </w:sdtContent>
  </w:del>
```



File Export – Types Of Corruptions

- Missing target relationship entry
- Missing relationship file (ex. header.xml.rels)
- Exported 0 bytes file (Mostly in case of images/media folder contents)

```
-<w:r>
  -<w:rPr>
    </w:rPr>
  -<w:object>
    -<v:shape id="ole_rId3" style="width:217.5pt;height:59.25pt" o:ole="">
      <v:imagedata r:id="rId4" />
    </v:shape>
    <o:OLEObject Type="Embed" ProgID="Word.Picture.8" ShapeID="ole_rId3"
      DrawAspect="Content" ObjectID="_1533437120" r:id="rId3" />
  </w:object>
-</w:r>
```

Relationship is present
in header.xml



But header.xml.rels file
Is missing

File Export – Types Of Corruptions

- Invalid hierarchy

- Text box exported inside the another textbox

```
    while( nAktPos < nEnd );
+     // Word can't handle nested text boxes, so write them on the same level.
+     +m_nTextFrameLevel;
        EndParagraph(ww8::WW8TableNodeInfoInner::Pointer_t());
+     -m_nTextFrameLevel;
    }
    m_pSerializer->endElementNS( XML_w, XML_txbxContent );
}
```

Easy
Hack

File Export – Corruption Issues

Ms Office seems to have an internal limitation of 4091 styles and refuses to load “.docx” with more styles.

```
+#define MSWORD_MAX_STYLES_LIMIT 4091;
+
void MSWordStyles::OutputStylesTable()
{
    m_rExport.bStyDef = true;
@@ -699,6 +701,14 @@ void MSWordStyles::OutputStylesTable()
    m_rExport.AttrOutput().StartStyles();

    sal_uInt16 n;
+   // HACK
+   // Ms Office seems to have an internal limitation of 4091 styles
+   // and refuses to load .docx with more, even though the spec seems to allow that;
+   // so simply if there are more styles, don't export those
+   // Implementing check for all exports DOCX, DOC, RTF
+   sal_uInt16 nLimit = MSWORD_MAX_STYLES_LIMIT;
+   nUsedSlots = (nLimit > nUsedSlots)? nUsedSlots : nLimit;
+
    for ( n = 0; n < nUsedSlots; n++ )
    {
        if (m_aNumRules.find(n) != m_aNumRules.end())
```

Analyzing File Corruption

- Validate exported docx file
 - Use OpenSDK tool to validate file (For windows only)
- Compare content of exported file with original file
 - Use OOXML tool to compare file
- Check ECMA specs of invalid XML property
- Check relID's are exported properly
 - Relationship target is present in rels xml file
 - Check target file is available in exported file
- Search for export part of invalid XML in export files e.g. `docxattributeoutput`, `docxsdrexport` etc.

File Export – Reasons For Data Loss

- Features rendered properly are mostly preserved in export
- Reasons for Data loss can be-
 - Mapping of UNO Properties to OOXML properties
 - Invalid data conversion (from LO property to MSO valid XML value as per ECMA)
 - e.g. Rotation Angle, Dashed Borders etc
 - Required XML part is missing in exported file
 - e.g. Fill properties from shape XML Schema

File Export - How To Fix Data Loss

- Compare exported and original file
 - Verify XML schema for missing feature or properties of missing feature are exported
- Check export code for missing XML part.
 - Search for xml tag “XML_elementname” e.g. XML_rot. In export classes.
 - Check xml parts are written under right parent elements.

Data Loss - Example

- Numbered list is not preserved

- Original XML - <w:lvlText w:val="%1" />
- Exported XML - <w:lvlText w:val="" />

} Numbering.xml

The image displays three Microsoft Word windows side-by-side, illustrating the state of a numbered list before and after a fix.

- Original data:** The leftmost window shows a numbered list from 1 to 5 followed by their corresponding text: "One", "Two", "Three", "Four", and "Five".
- Before Fix:** The middle window shows the same numbered list, but the text entries are missing ("One", "Two", "Three", "Four", and "Five").
- After Fix:** The rightmost window shows the numbered list restored, with each number followed by its respective text ("One", "Two", "Three", "Four", and "Five").

Code reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/8768/>

LibreOffice Hang Issues

- LibreOffice Hangs while opening/saving docx file
- Reasons can be -
 - Removed required UNO Properties
 - PROP_PARA_LINE_SPACING
 - Code reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/9560>
 - Not handled some required XML attributes
 - Code reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/8632/>
 - Memory Leaks
 - Code Reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/6850>

Some Useful Tools

- Xray Tool
- OOXML Tools (Chrome Browser plug-in)
- Open XML SDK Productivity tool. (for windows)

XRAY Tool

Xray Rev 6.0 en

Properties Methods Services Interfaces Listeners

SwXTextGraphicObject

Display A...Z Details Ligne indicated by the caret API Doc ? Xray Configuration

Initial object com.sun.star.uno.XInterface You may select and copy the displayed lines

Property name	Data Type	Value	Comments
FrameInteropGrabBag	[]struct	<empty>	
FrameStyleName	string	"Graphics"	
Gamma	double	1	
Graphic	object		
GraphicColorMode	integer	0	
GraphicCrop	struct		
GraphicFilter	string	" "	
GraphicIsInverted	boolean	False	
GraphicRotation	integer	0	
GraphicURL	string	<...>	
Height	long	2469	
HoriMirroredOnEvenPages	boolean	False	
HoriMirroredOnOddPages	boolean	False	
HoriOrient	integer	2	
HoriOrientPosition	long	0	
HoriOrientRelation	integer	0	
HyperLinkName	string	" "	

OOXML Tools

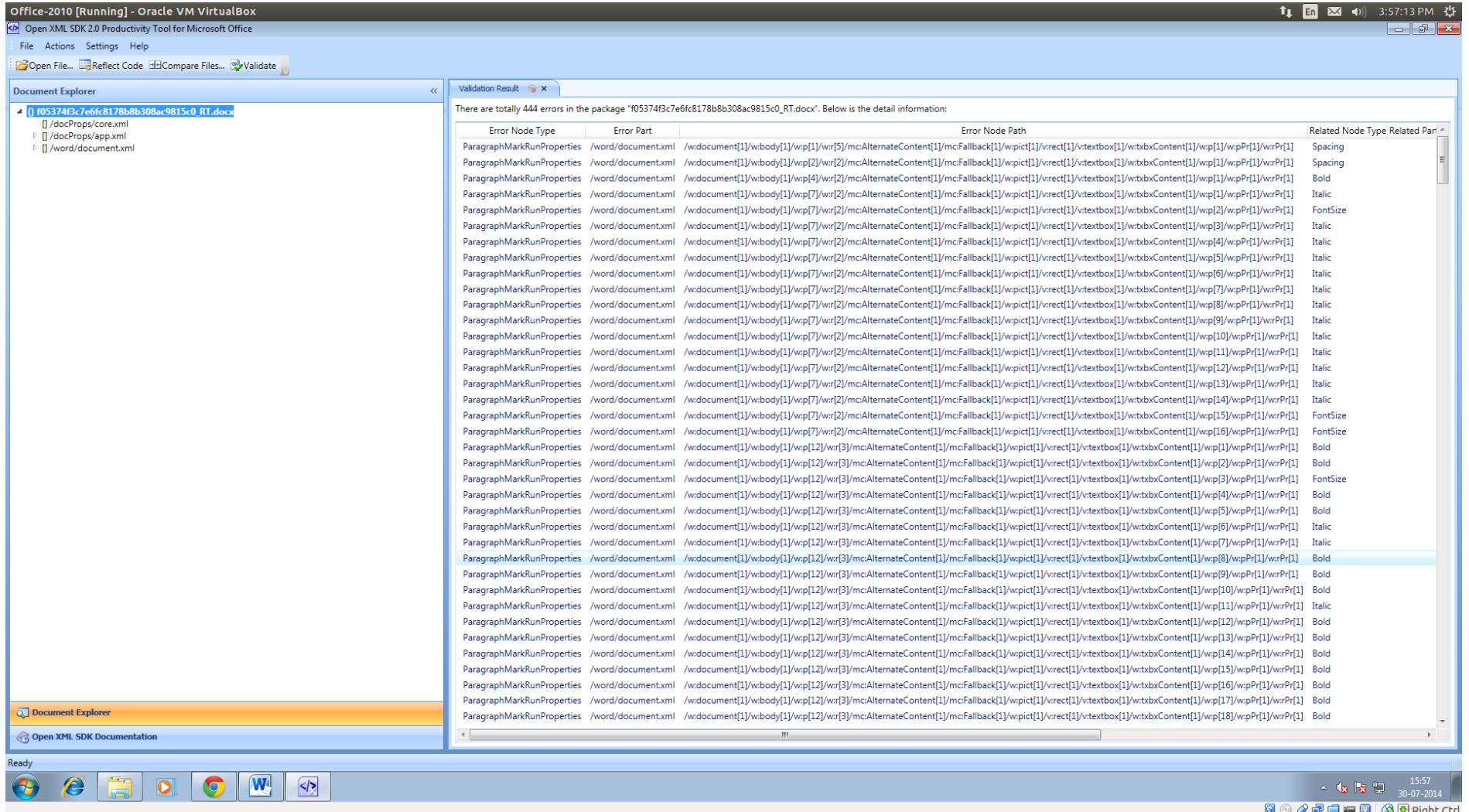
developed by Atul Moglewar from Synerzip.

The screenshot shows a web-based application for comparing Microsoft Word documents. It has two main sections: '170_Original.docx' on the left and '170_Original_RT.docx' on the right. Each section displays a hierarchical list of XML files with their corresponding file paths. The 'Content_Types.xml' file is highlighted in blue in both sections. The 'rels/.rels' file is also present in both sections. Other files listed include '_rels/.rels', 'customXml/_rels/item1.xml.rels', 'customXml/item1.xml', 'customXml/itemProps1.xml', 'docProps/app.xml', 'docProps/core.xml', 'word/_rels/document.xml.rels', 'word/document.xml', 'word/fontTable.xml', 'word/media/image1.wmf', 'word/media/image2.wmf', 'word/settings.xml', 'word/styles.xml', 'word/theme/theme1.xml', 'word/webSettings.xml', and 'word/media/image3.wmf'. A yellow callout box in the bottom right corner contains the text: '• Drag and drop • Compare two files'.

File Path (170_Original.docx)	File Path (170_Original_RT.docx)
[Content_Types].xml	[Content_Types].xml
_rels/.rels	_rels/.rels
customXml/_rels/item1.xml.rels	customXml/_rels/item1.xml.rels
customXml/item1.xml	customXml/item1.xml
customXml/itemProps1.xml	customXml/itemProps1.xml
docProps/app.xml	docProps/app.xml
docProps/core.xml	docProps/core.xml
word/_rels/document.xml.rels	word/_rels/document.xml.rels
word/document.xml	word/document.xml
word/fontTable.xml	word/fontTable.xml
word/media/image1.wmf	word/media/image1.wmf
word/media/image2.wmf	word/media/image2.wmf
word/settings.xml	word/settings.xml
word/styles.xml	word/styles.xml
word/theme/theme1.xml	word/theme/theme1.xml
word/webSettings.xml	word/media/image3.wmf

- Drag and drop
- Compare two files

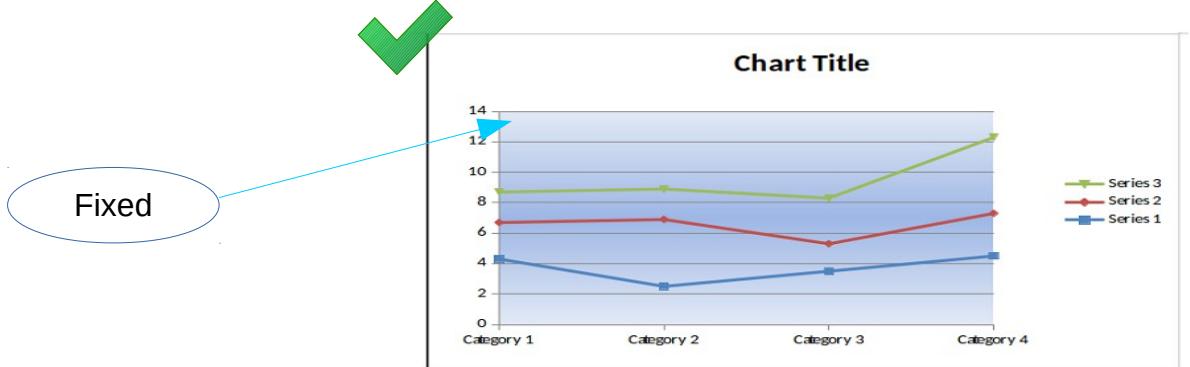
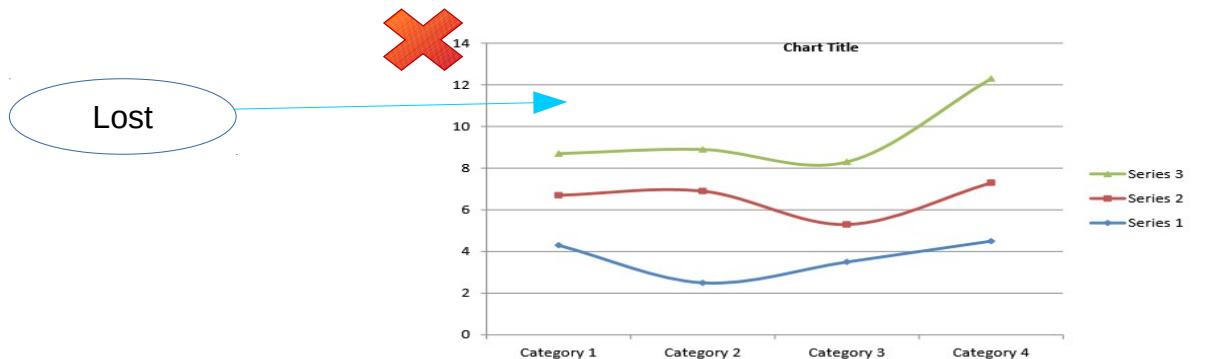
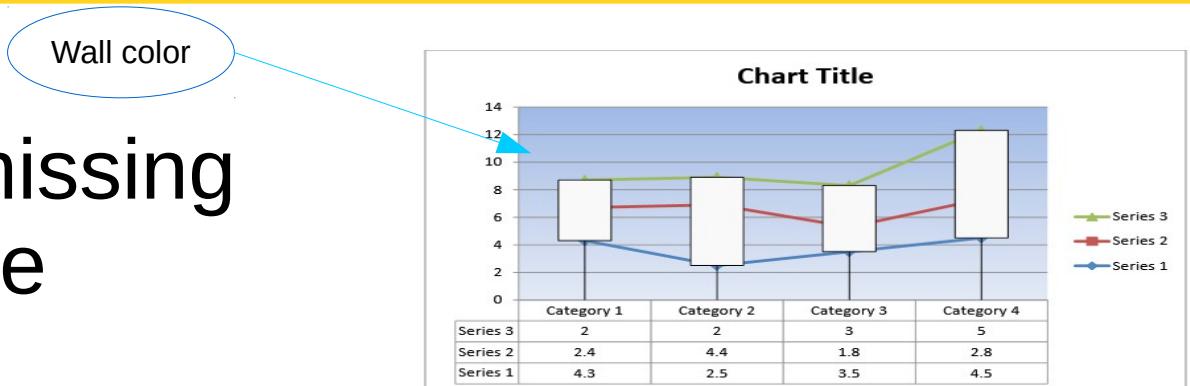
Open SDK Tool



More Examples

Chart

- Wall Color was missing From exported file



Chart

Original XML for Chart Wall Color

```
<c:plotArea>
  <c:layout />
  +<c:lineChart> </c:lineChart>
  +<c:catAx> </c:catAx>
  +<c:valAx> </c:valAx>
  +<c:dTable> </c:dTable>
  -<c:spPr>
    -<a:gradFill>
      -<a:gsLst>
        -<a:gs pos="0">
          -<a:schemeClr val="accent1">
            <a:tint val="66000" />
            <a:satMod val="160000" />
          </a:schemeClr>
        </a:gs>
        -<a:gs pos="50000">
          -<a:schemeClr val="accent1">
            <a:tint val="44500" />
            <a:satMod val="160000" />
          </a:schemeClr>
        </a:gs>
        -<a:gs pos="100000">
          -<a:schemeClr val="accent1">
            <a:tint val="23500" />
            <a:satMod val="160000" />
          </a:schemeClr>
        </a:gs>
        </a:gsLst>
        <a:lin ang="5400000" scaled="0" />
      </a:gradFill>
    </c:spPr>
  </c:plotArea>
```

LO : Export before fix

```
<c:plotArea>
  <c:layout />
  +<c:lineChart> </c:lineChart>
  +<c:catAx> </c:catAx>
  +<c:valAx> </c:valAx>
  -<c:spPr>
    -<a:ln>
      <a:noFill />
    </a:ln>
  </c:spPr>
</c:plotArea>
```



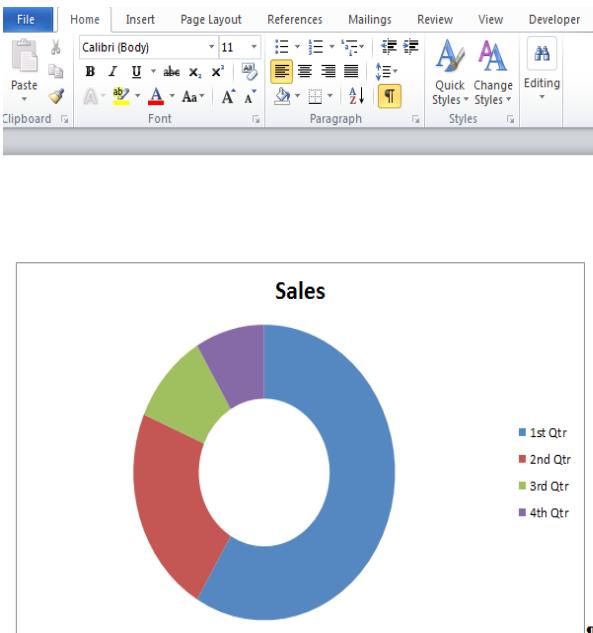
Export After Fix

```
<c:plotArea>
  <c:layout />
  +<c:lineChart> </c:lineChart>
  +<c:catAx> </c:catAx>
  +<c:valAx> </c:valAx>
  +<c:dTable> </c:dTable>
  -<c:spPr>
    -<a:gradFill>
      -<a:gsLst>
        -<a:gs pos="0">
          <a:srgbClr val="e0e8f5" />
        </a:gs>
        -<a:gs pos="50000">
          <a:srgbClr val="9ab4e4" />
        </a:gs>
        -<a:gs pos="100000">
          <a:srgbClr val="e0e8f5" />
        </a:gs>
        </a:gsLst>
        <a:lin ang="5400000" />
      </a:gradFill>
    -<a:ln>
      <a:noFill />
    </a:ln>
  </c:spPr>
</c:plotArea>
```

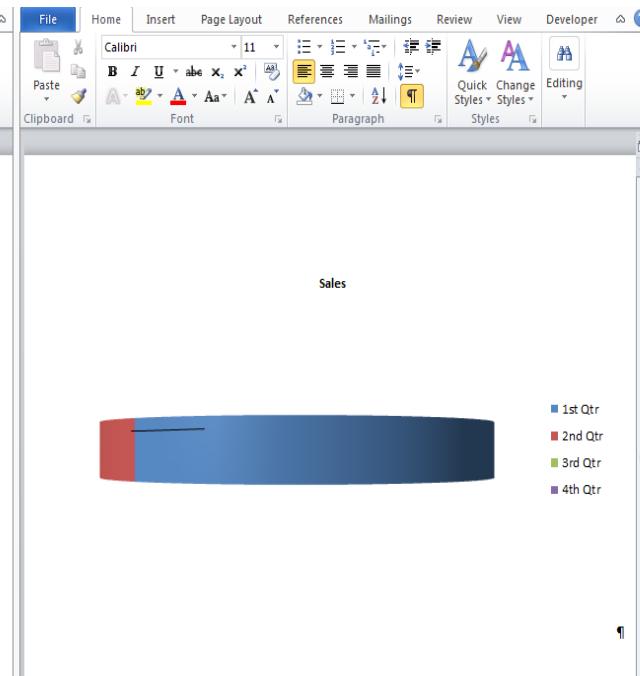


Code References : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/7739>
<https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/7792>

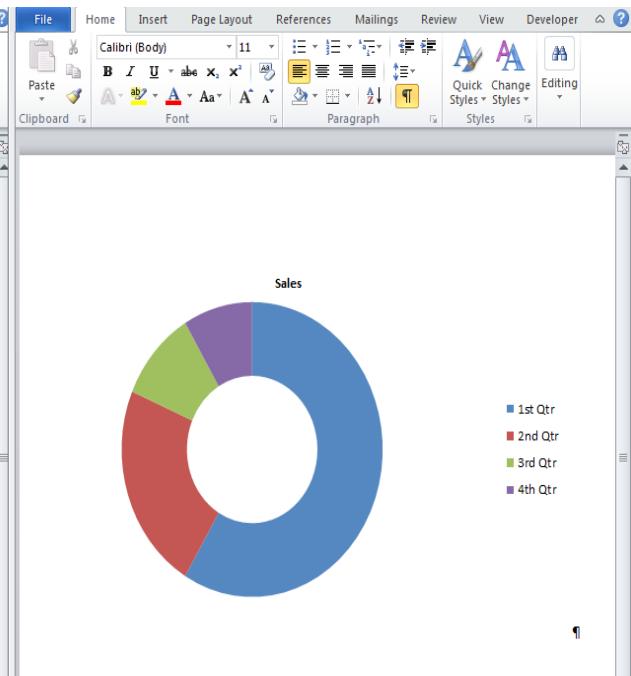
Doughnut chart



Original chart



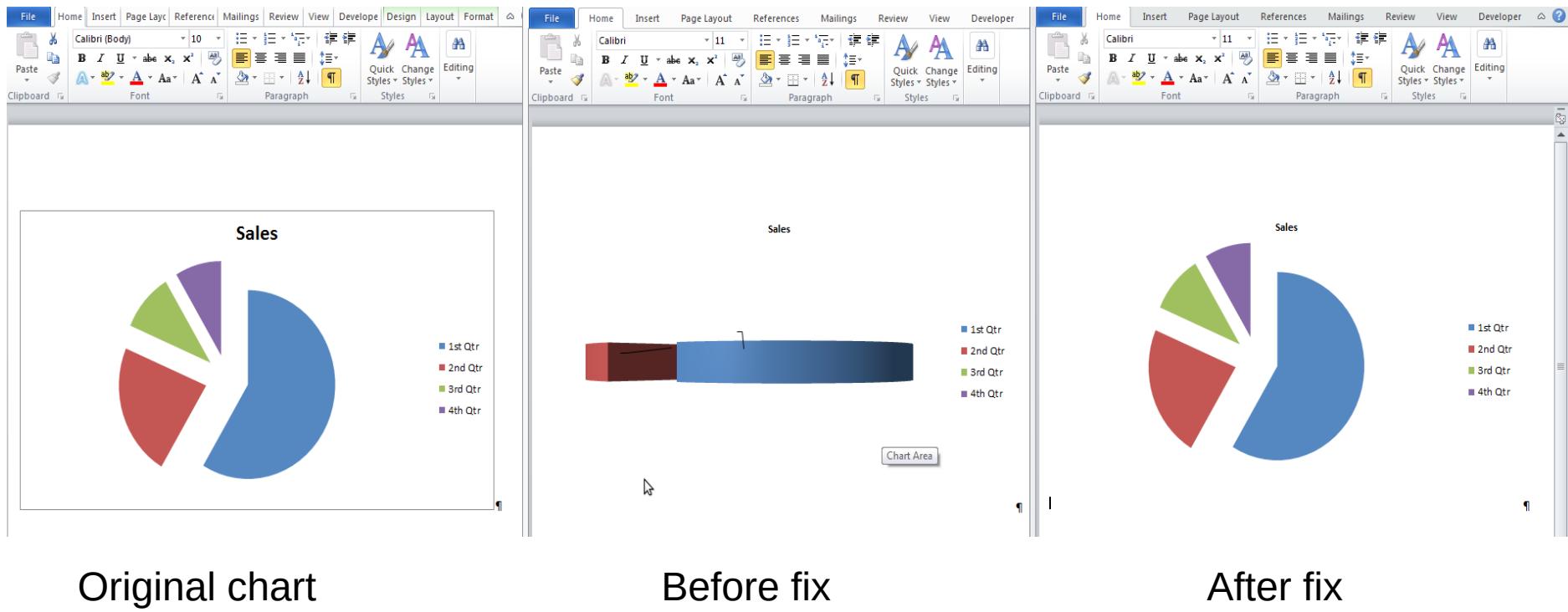
Before fix



After fix

Code Reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/6924>

Exploded Pie Chart



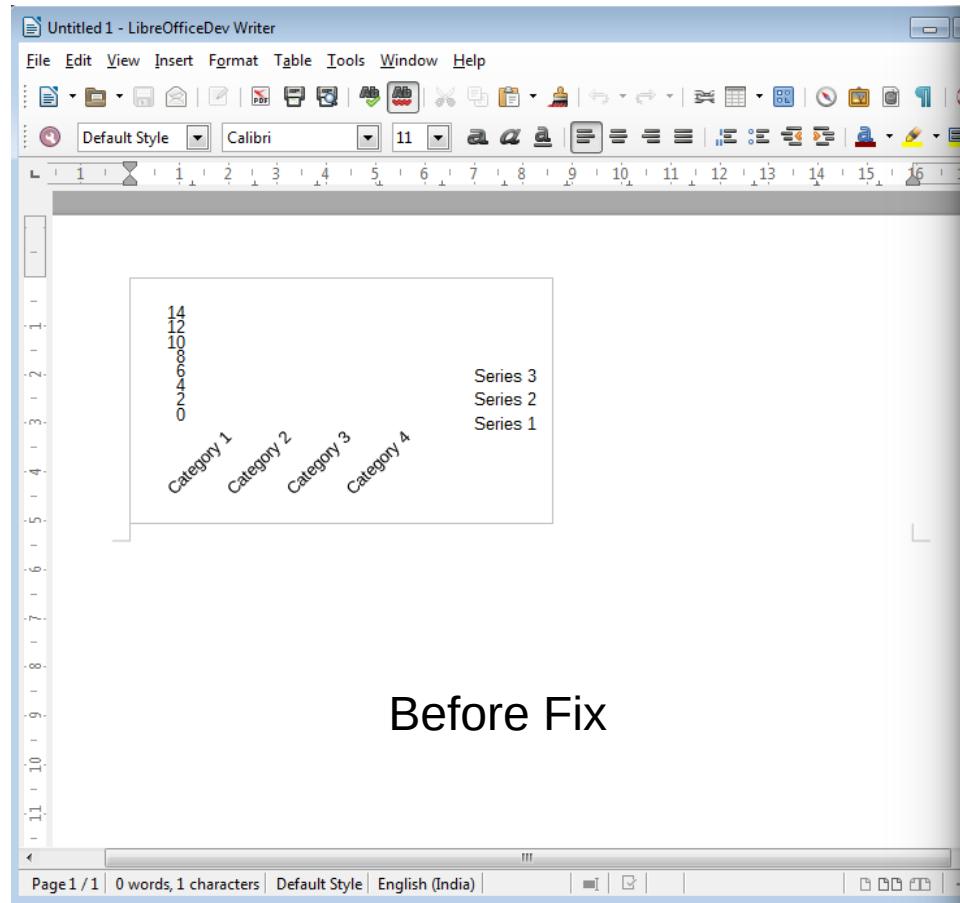
Original chart

Before fix

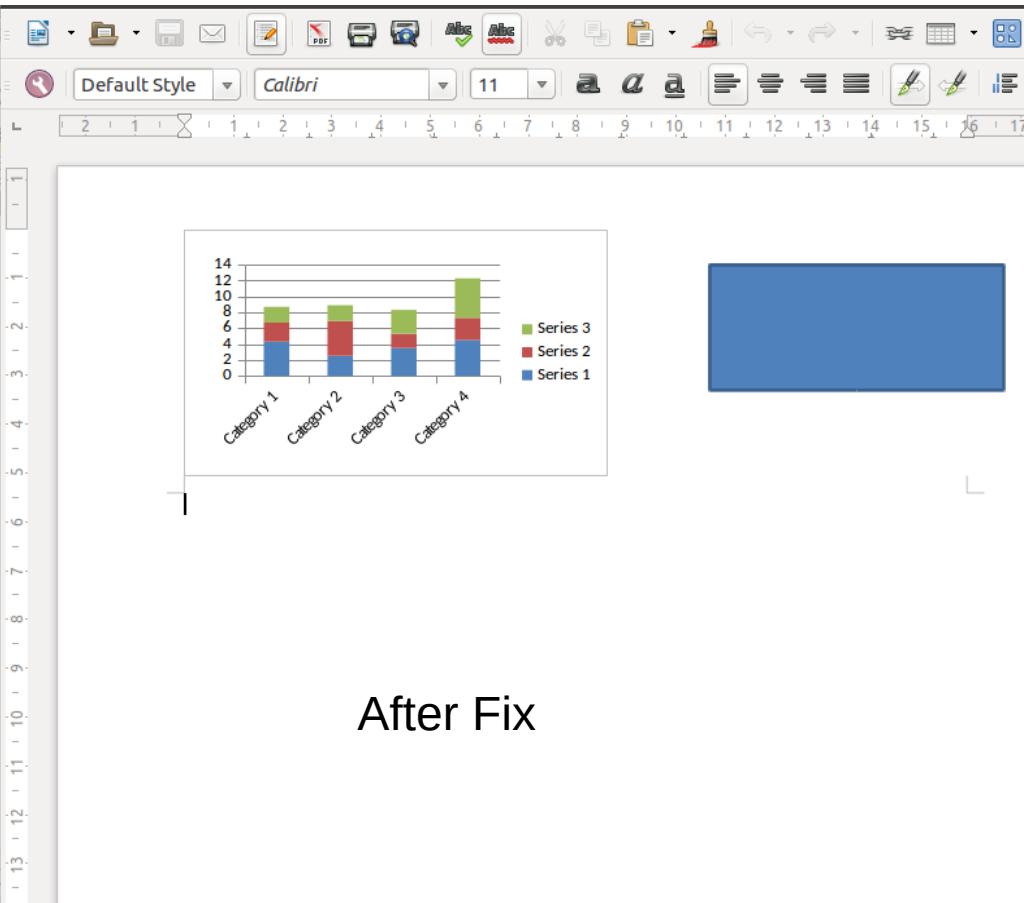
After fix

Code Reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/6924>

Shapes in header



Before Fix



After Fix

Fields

Original XML

```
-<w:p w:rsidR="004F18D3" w:rsidRDefault="004F18D3" w:rsidP="004F18D3">
  -<w:r>
    <w:fldChar w:fldCharType="begin" />
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
    -<w:instrText xml:space="preserve">
      COMPARE \* MERGEFORMAT
    </w:instrText>
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
    <w:fldChar w:fldCharType="separate" />
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
    -<w:rPr>
      <w:b />
      <w:bCs />
      <w:noProof />
      <w:lang w:val="en-US" />
    </w:rPr>
    -<w:t>
      Error! Missing test condition.
    </w:t>
    </w:r>
  </w:p>
```



Before Fix

```
-<w:p>
  -<w:pPr>
    <w:pStyle w:val="Normal" />
  </w:pPr>
  -<w:r>
    -<w:rPr>
      <w:b />
      <w:bCs />
      <w:lang w:val="en-US" />
    </w:rPr>
    -<w:t>
      Error! Missing test condition.
    </w:t>
    </w:r>
  </w:p>
```



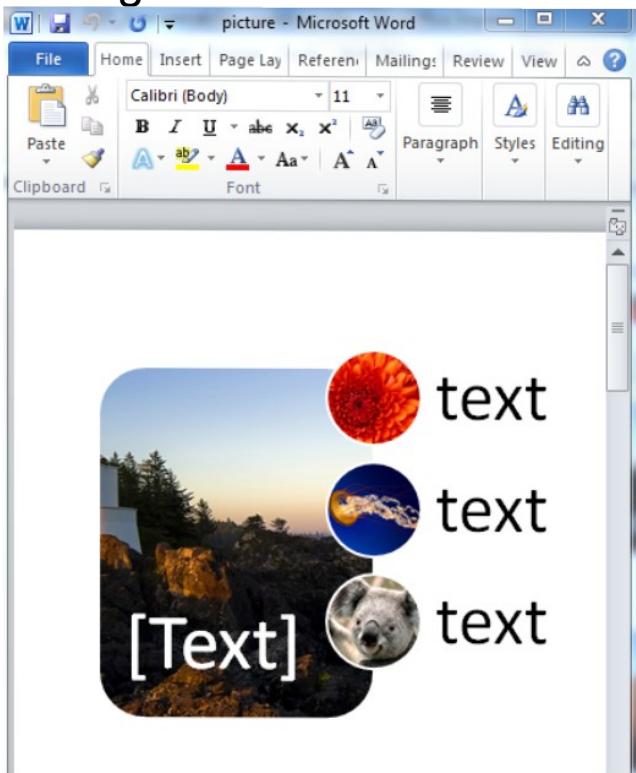
After Fix

```
-<w:p>
  -<w:pPr>
    <w:pStyle w:val="Normal" />
  </w:pPr>
  -<w:r>
    <w:fldChar w:fldCharType="begin" />
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
    -<w:instrText>
      COMPARE \* MERGEFORMAT
    </w:instrText>
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
    <w:fldChar w:fldCharType="separate" />
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
    <w:bookmarkStart w:id="1" w:name="__Fieldmark__13_852140493" />
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
    <w:rPr />
  </w:r>
  -<w:r>
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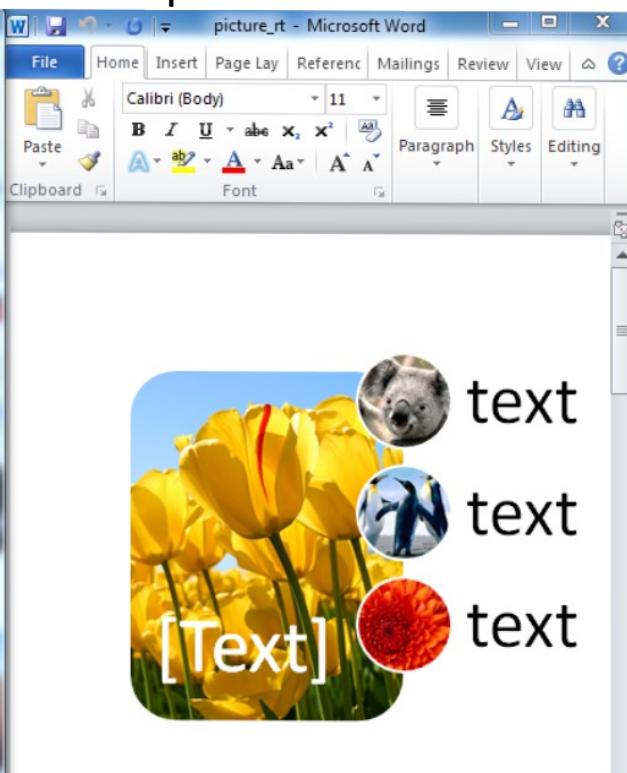
Smart Art

Image Fills in smart are exported properly.

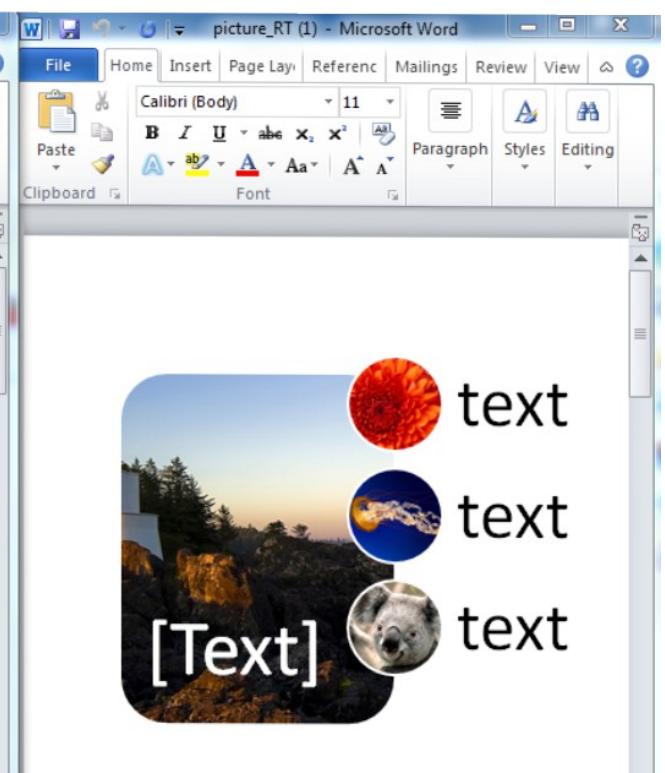
Original File



LO Export : Before Fix



After Fix



Code reference : <https://gerrit.libreoffice.org/#/c/9121>

Synerzip's Contribution

- ~250 patches submitted by synerzip in last 1 year.
- 50+ scenarios of crash/corruption fixed.
- 270+ bugs filed on [BugZilla](#).
- 200+ bugs resolved.

Team Synerzip



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