



# LibreOffice

The Document Foundation



# LibreOffice UX Advantages

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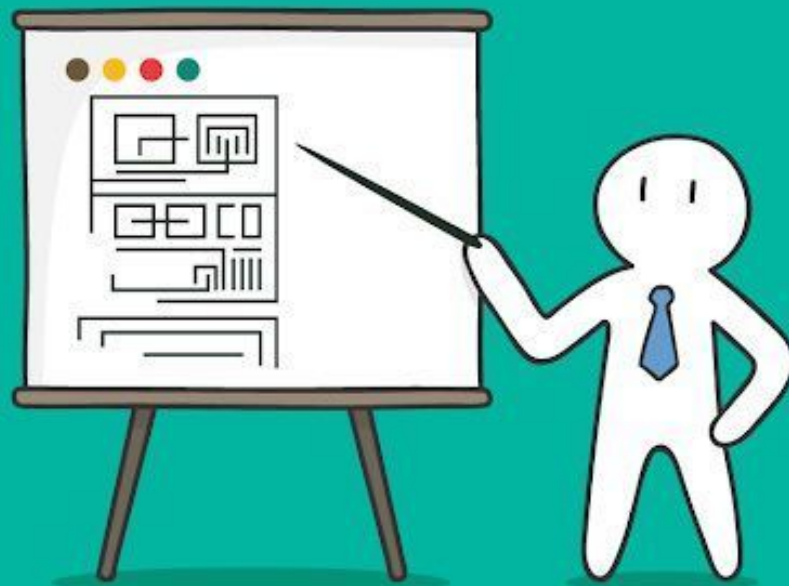
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Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the universe is winning.

*Anonymous UX Volunteer*

**"A USER INTERFACE IS LIKE A JOKE.  
IF YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT,  
IT'S NOT THAT GOOD"**

- Martin LeBlanc, CEO of Iconfinder



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2018

## WHAT'S NEW IN LIBREOFFICE 6.1 REGARDING USER EXPERIENCE

By [The LibreOffice Design Team](#) On 8 August 2018 In [Design](#), [Icon Design](#), [User Experience](#), [User Interface](#), [Visual Design](#)

The LibreOffice community regularly publishes new releases, and the latest version, 6.1, is released in August 2018. The design team worked hard to make this release as shiny as it deserves; here's what we did.

### Background images

LibreOffice ships some images by default to fill the background of shapes....

13 Comments

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## LibreOffice Design Team Blog

# User's Perceptions

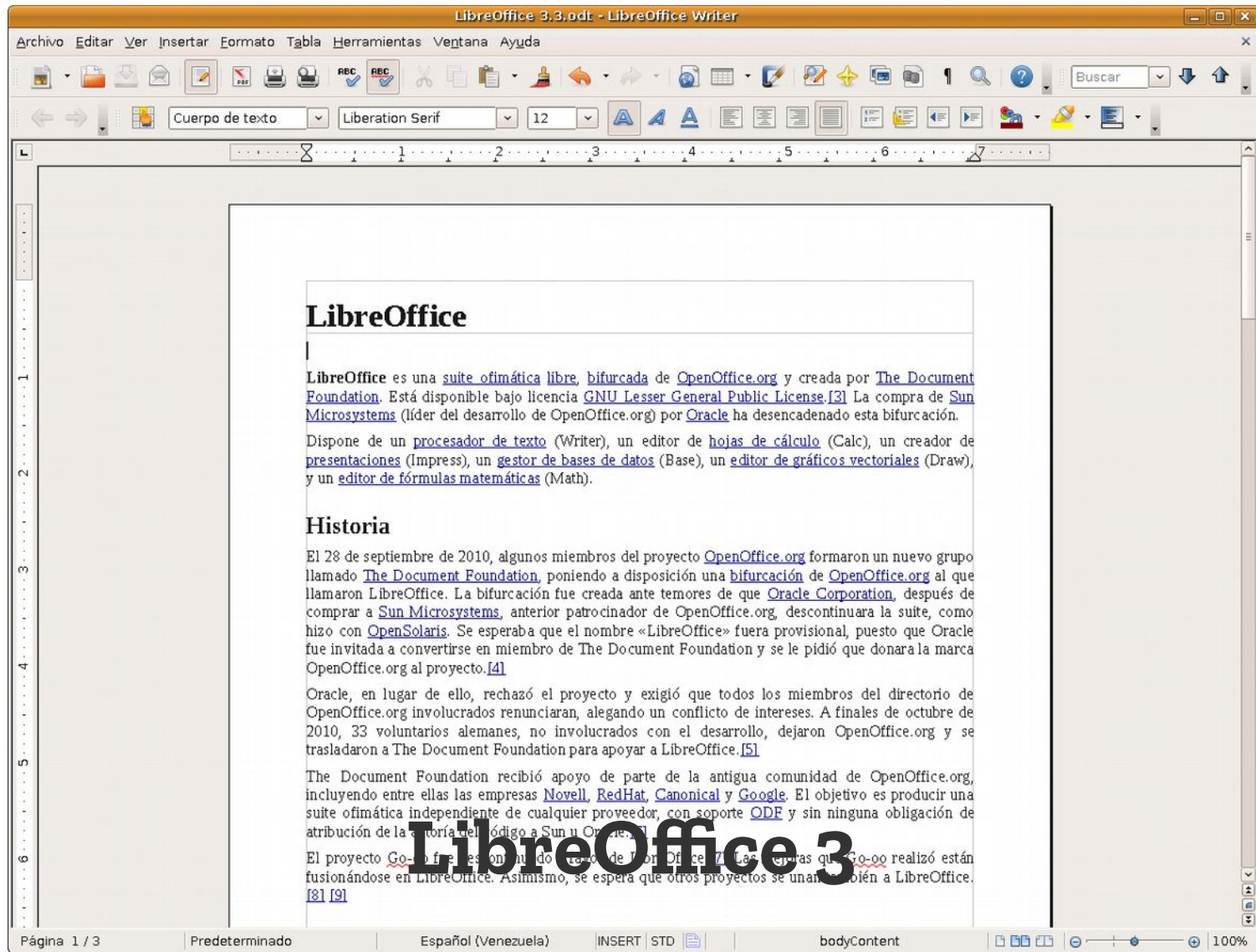


# LibreOffice UX

Some random comments:

- Goes back to the 80s
- I cannot use it as it is so old
- If only the UX were nice enough
- They should adopt the ribbon ...
- I cannot work with that old UX

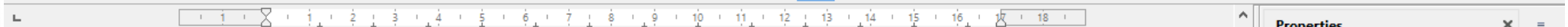
# Software Reality







Default Style Baskerville Old Face 12



# A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM

Take this kiss upon the brow!  
 And, in parting from you now,  
 Thus much let me avow —  
 You are not wrong, who deem  
 That my days have been a dream;  
 Yet if hope has flown away  
 In a night, or in a day,  
 In a vision, or in none,  
 Is it therefore the less gone?  
 All that we see or seem  
 Is but a dream within a dream.

I stand amid the roar  
 Of a surf-tormented shore,  
 And I hold within my hand  
 Grains of the golden sand —  
 How few! yet how they creep  
 Through my fingers to the deep,  
 While I weep — while I weep!  
 O God! Can I not grasp  
 Them with a tighter clasp?  
 O God! can I not save  
 One from the pitiless wave?  
 Is all that we see or seem  
 But a dream within a dream?

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 EDGAR ALLAN POE

**Properties**

**Character**

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**Paragraph**

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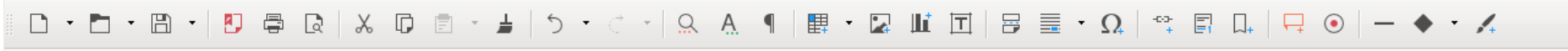
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LibreOffice is a [free and open source office suite](#), developed by [The Document Foundation](#). It was [forked](#) from [OpenOffice.org](#) in 2010, which was an open-sourced version of the earlier [StarOffice](#). The LibreOffice suite comprises programs for word processing, the creation and editing of spreadsheets, [slideshows](#), diagrams and drawings, working with [databases](#), and composing mathematical slideshows slide shows slide-shows slides hows slides-hows slideshow slides slipshod snowshoes sluttish saltshaker

LibreOffice uses the [OpenDocument](#) file format as its native format and its OpenOffice.org cousins [Apache OpenOffice](#) and [NeoOffice](#) now also supported by all major competing office suite applications (e.g. Microsoft Office). LibreOffice is also compatible with other major office suites (e.g. [Apple iWork](#)) of import/export filters. The LibreOffice suite supports a wide range of layout features and formatting options not fully supported in the filters.<sup>[10]</sup> LibreOffice also includes [Microsoft Windows, OS X](#) and [Android](#)<sup>[11]</sup>. It is the default office suite of [Ubuntu](#) and [Fedora Linux](#). LibreOffice was downloaded approximately 5 million times from unique downloading addresses from May 2010 to May 2014 to 5 million of those being from [Ubuntu](#).

## Features

### Included applications

Module	Notes
<a href="#">Writer</a>	A <a href="#">word processor</a> with similar functionality and file support to <a href="#">Microsoft Word</a> or <a href="#">Microsoft Word 2003</a> . It also supports <a href="#">OpenDocument Text (ODT)</a> and <a href="#">OpenDocument Text Template (ODT)</a> files.

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- slides-hows
- slideshow
- slides
- slipshod
- snowshoes
- sluttish
- saltshaker
- Ignore
- Ignore All
- Add to Dictionary
- Spelling and Grammar...
- Always correct to >
- AutoCorrect Options...
- Set Language for Selection >
- Set Language for Paragraph >

**Properties**

– **Styles**

Text Body

– **Character**

Liberation Serif 12

B I U S A A I T

– **Paragraph**

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# LibreOffice 5

**#abetterlibreoffice**

## First Draft of Fundraising Campaign

What we are selling: support of LibreOffice global community

### TO DO LIST

#### A. → Resources

- A.1. → Dedicated website (suggested domain: [abetterlibreoffice](#))
- A.2. → Social media: use @libreoffice Twitter handle, create [abetterlibreoffice](#) FaceBook page, use @libreoffice LinkedIn group
- A.3. → [#abetterlibreoffice](#) proud supporter stickers and swag (t-shirt, hoodie, mug)

#### B. → Fundraising Pitch (Italo)

- B.1. → Complete “sales” info on the fundraising project
- B.2. → Background with all details on the LibreOffice software project
- B.3. → What the LibreOffice projects does, who it helps, why it matters to the world and the donor, where is heading
- B.4. → Number of people involved in the project and their geographical position
- B.5. → Personal profiles of volunteer contributors from different regions
- B.6. → Estimated reach of the LibreOffice fundraising project

# LibreOffice 6

### Properties

#### Style

Text Body

#### Character

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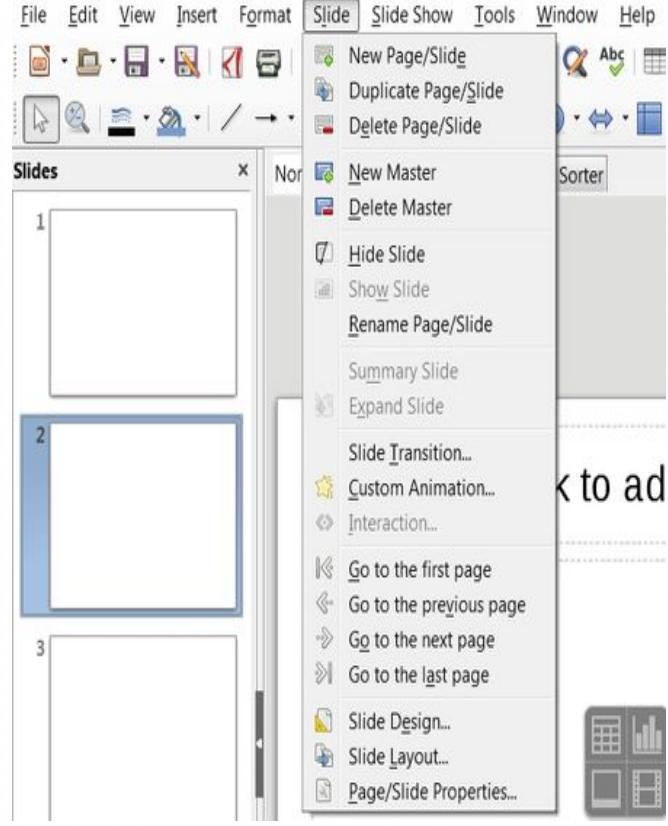
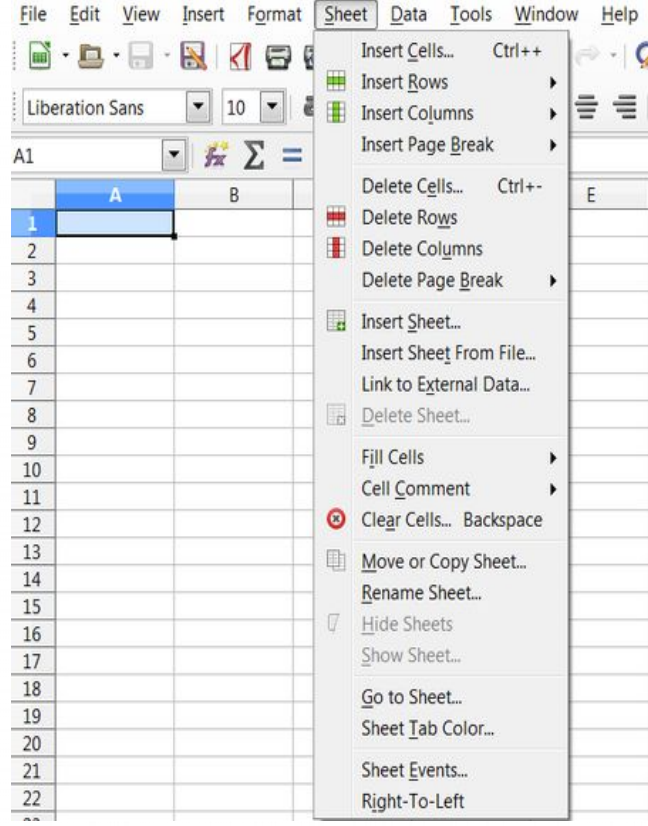
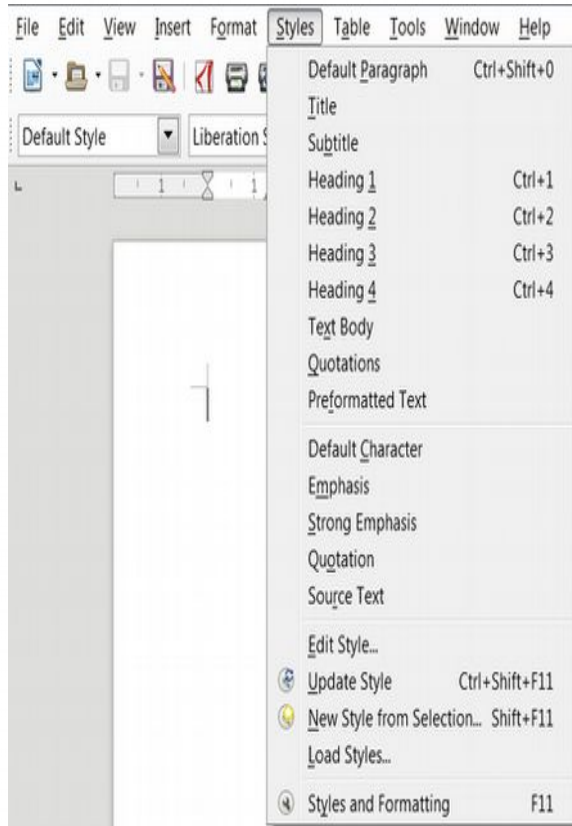
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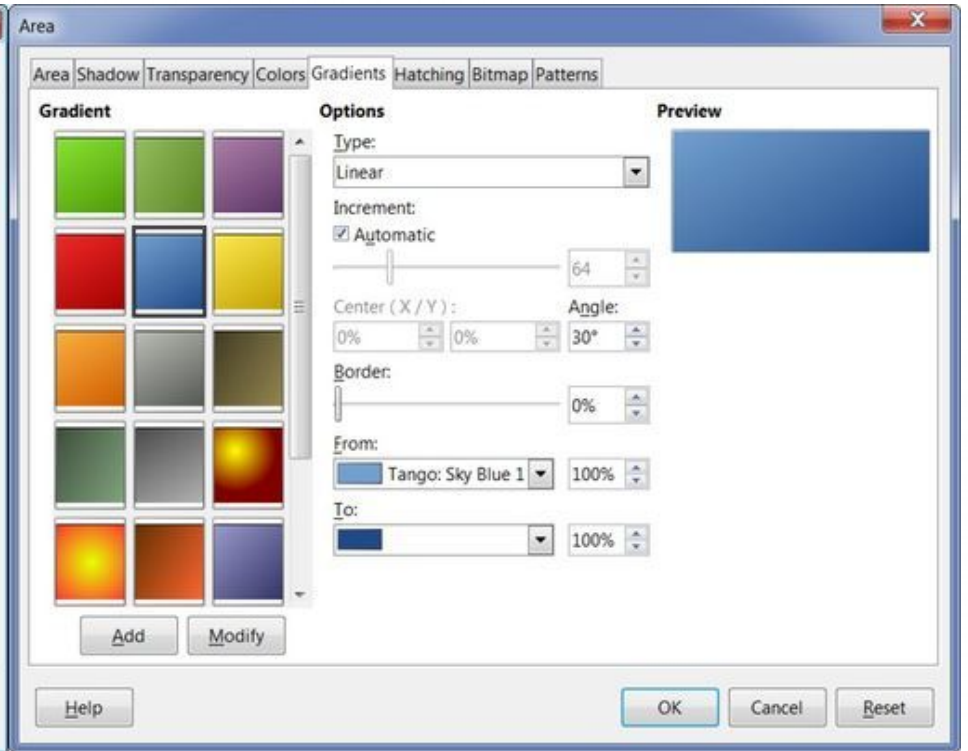
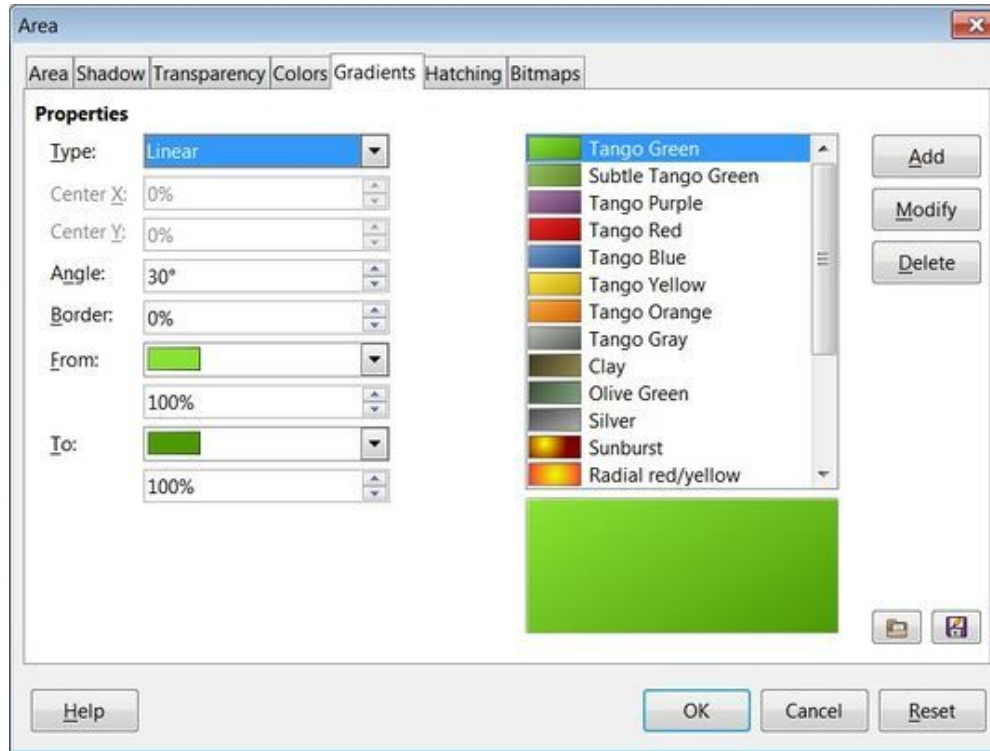
# New UX Features Last 2 Years



New menus: Styles in Writer, Sheet in Calc, Slide in Impress



## New Chart Sidebar

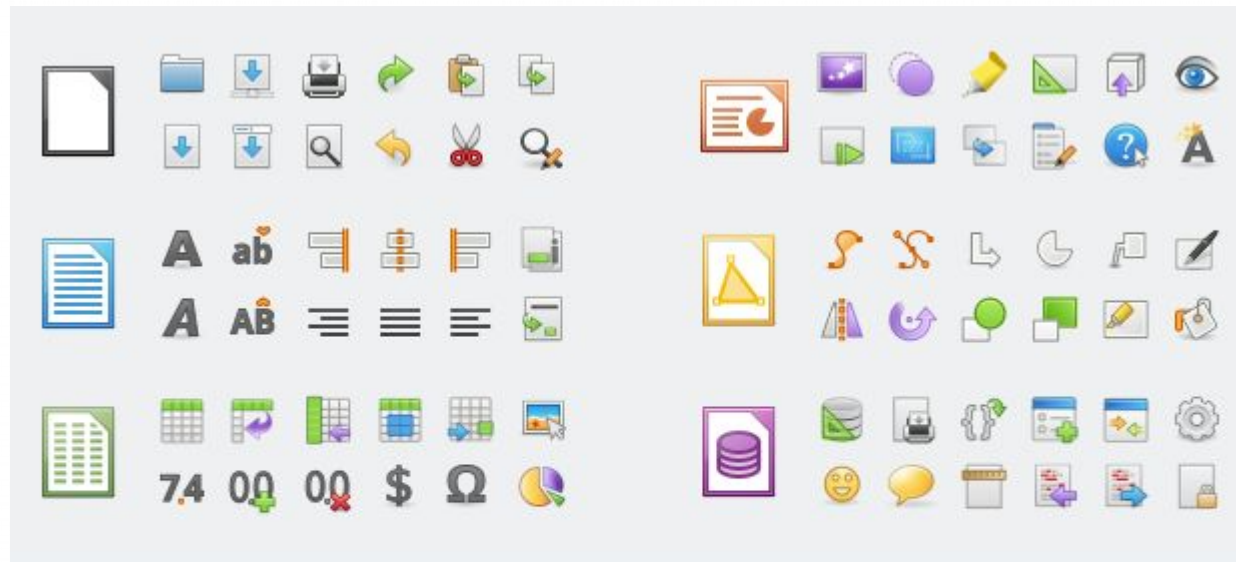


Redesign of Colors, Gradients, Hatching and Bitmap tabs



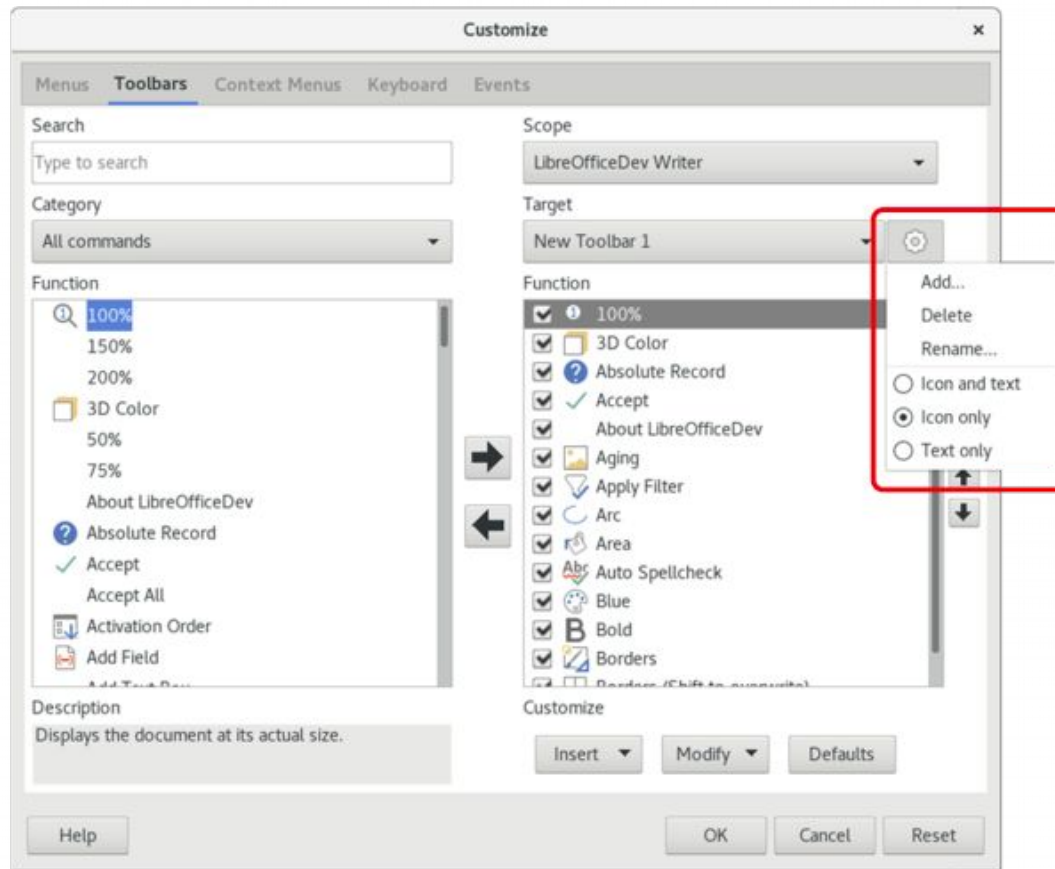
## Special Characters dialog





## Elementary Icon Set

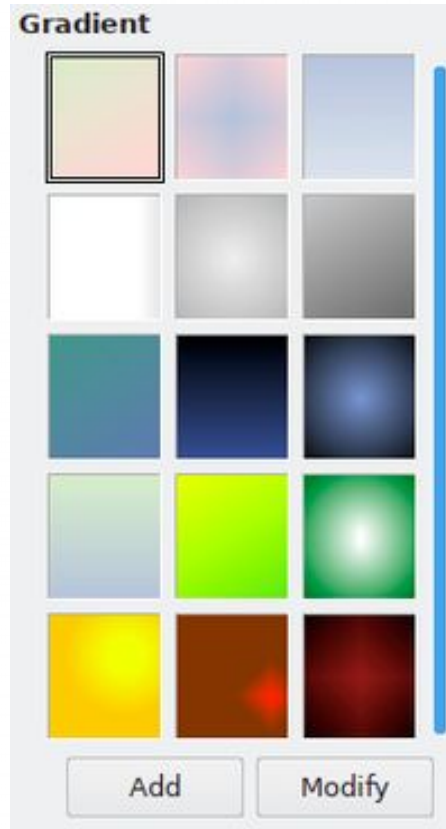




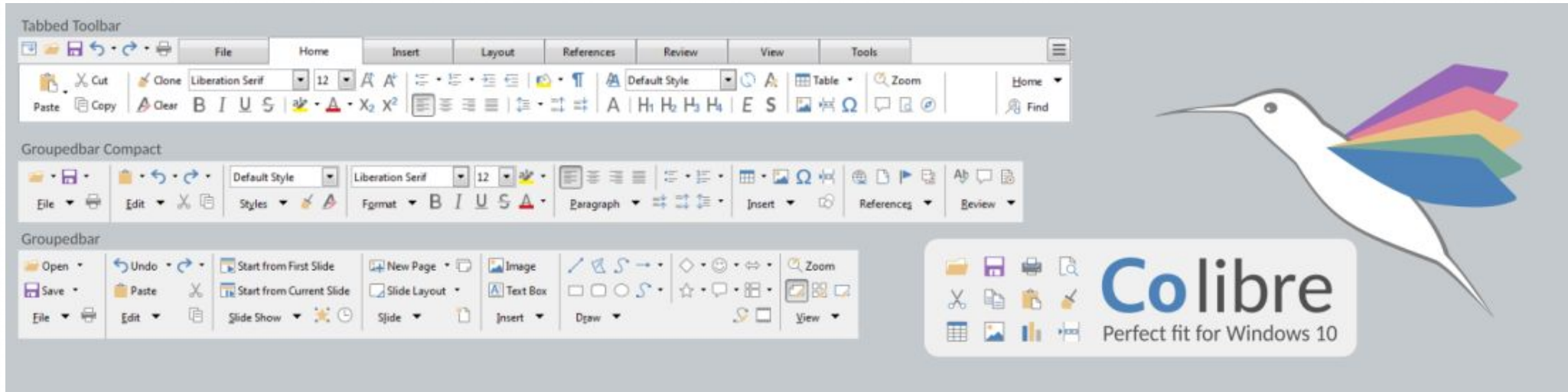
## Rework of Customize dialog



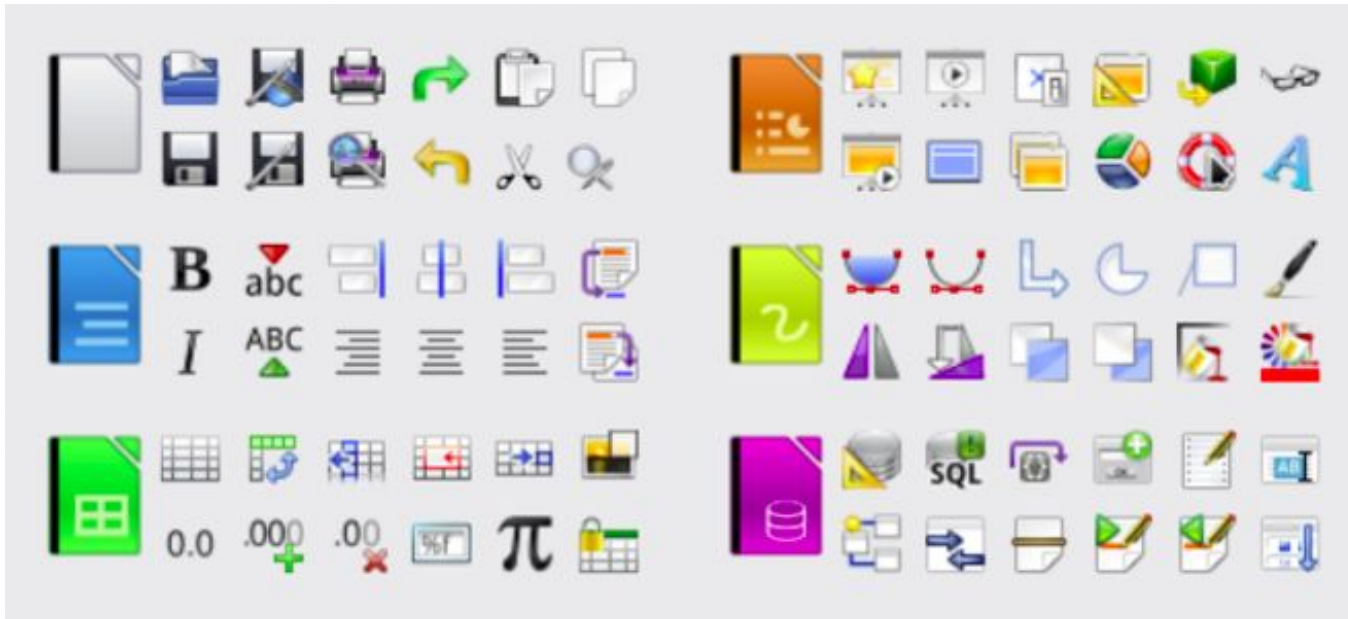
## Notebookbar Variants



## New Default Gradients



## New Colibre Icon Set



Karasa Jaga icon theme for  
**LibreOffice**  
16px | 22px | 32px

## New Karasa Jaga Icon Set



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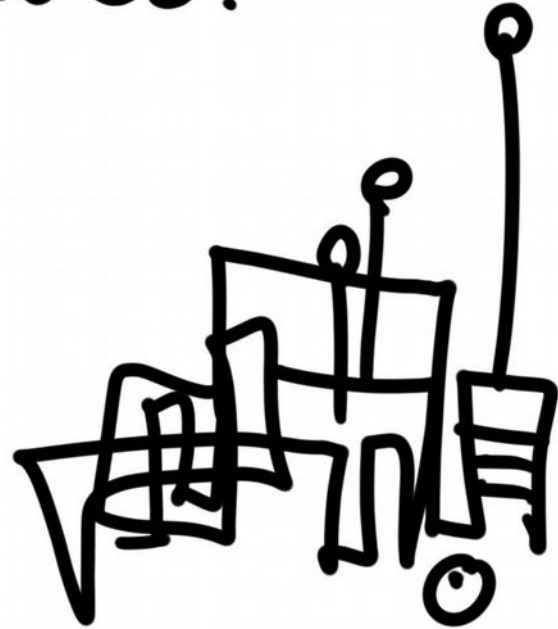
# Plus of LibreOffice UX

- Flexible, with different options
- Can be optimized for every screen size
- Can be customized to suit user needs
- Constantly improving
- Coherent evolution path, no retraining needs
- Based on ergonomics, not on marketing



it's not what  
the software does.  
it's what the  
user does.

@hugh



# Questions ?



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