Collabora Online: Secure on-premise collaborative editing

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“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls...” - Jeremiah 6:16
Collabora Online
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Built with awesome LibreOffice Technology

Rich, secure, interoperable collaborative documents, on-premise.
Development: at pace

the last year
Collabora Online Development Edition 6.4

Get your own online Office Suite up and running at home with CODE!

The development edition is aimed at home users and contains many of the latest and greatest developments. We want as many people as possible to try it out and get back control of their own online documents. We'd love to get people involved in our efforts to make Online even better. So download Collabora Online Development Edition, enjoy using it at home.

CODE v6.4 – A leap in usability & Numbering

CODE v6.4
Eclectic Notebookbar UX choices: to taste

Can collapse to just a menu ...
Classic mode retained: configurable & default ...
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Online commits
By affiliation (last year)

Collabora

3218
97%

Others
5
QB
15
1&1
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Volunteers
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PDF Search, Collaboration & Annotation
Real Secure View of PDFs send only *pixels* ...

Enable Secure View
Set default share permissions for all users (available for shares without edit permission)
- can print/export
- Secure View (with watermarks)

Set watermark text for Secure View. To include the user email address dynamically, use the \{viewer-email\} variable. Click outside the text field to save.

Strictly confidential. Only for \{viewer-email\}

Granular permissions
- Edit, Print, Share, Download
- Watermarked PDFs if print allowed.

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Online 6.4.x ... rapid fire incremental goodness
Improved chart editing sidebar functionality
Calc: Improved sheet movement:

- Expanded MOVE/COPY SHEET dialog
  - New options for inserting sheets before or after
  - Move or Copy Sheet...

- Sheet movement options:
  - Move Sheet Left
  - Move Sheet Right
  - Insert sheet before this
  - Insert sheet after this
  - Delete Sheet...
  - Rename Sheet...
  - Show Sheet...
  - Hide Sheet

- New sheet name:
  - Counting Totals

- Location:
  - Insert before
    - Counting Totals
    - Details, People
      - move to end position
Calc: customize & create Pivot Tables
Calc: define & manage range names & print ranges

**DEFINE NAME**

- **NAME:** _Countries_Orchard
- **RANGE OR FORMULA EXPRESSION:** $'Sorted Data'.SB$3:SF$27
- **SCOPE:** Document (Global)

**MANAGE NAMES**

- **Name:** Apples
- **Range or formula expression:** $'Sorted Data'.E$4:$E$19
- **Scope:** Document (Global)

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Calc: Statistical tools for data analysis

Sampling
Descriptive Statistics
Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)
Correlation
Covariance
Exponential Smoothing
Moving Average
Regression
Paired t-test
F-test
Z-test
The pieces you can’t see

Performance

- 20%+ faster rendering time
- Faster interactive editing of cells
- Bind-mounting of document jails (instead of hard-linking)
- Improved watermark caching
- Slide content pre-fetching
- On-demand slide thumbnail fetching.
- Significant PDF rendering improvements
- Significant thumbnail / download speedups

Misc

- iOS multi-document support
- Substantial cypress automated test coverage.
- Cluster debugging / warnings ... check matching ServerIds

And much much more ...

- 3600+ commits.
- Innumerable bug-fixes & improvements
UX integration:
Letting you dress your integration to match (cf. blog)
Getting style guide: a how-to ...
ui_defaults: posted with the iframe:

```
<input name="ui_defaults" value="TextRuler=false;StatusBar=false" type="hidden"/>
```

‘;’ delimited options in a post field.

- `uiMode=classic/notebookbar` – select menu/toolbars
- `StatusBar=false` - hide status bar
- `TextStatusBar=false` - hide status bar only for Text

- `Sidebar=false` - hide sidebar by default
- `Ruler=false` - hide ruler by default … etc.
css_variables: posted with the iframe:

```html
<input name="css_variables" value="co-color-main-text=#000;--co-body-bg=#FFF--co-txt-accent=#38257a;" type="hidden"/>

‘;’ delimited options in a post field, default (for now) are:
--co-primary-element: #4c566a
--co-primary-element-light: #706aab
--co-txt-accent: #38257a
--co-primary-text: #ffffff
--co-border-radius: 3px
--co-body-bg: #ffffff
--co-color-main-text: #000000
```
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Welcome to the Collabora Online Demo

Thank you for your interest in the Collabora Online demo. Collabora Online is an open source on-premise office suite solution based on LibreOffice Online. It enables you to collaboratively edit, save and write text files, spreadsheets and presentations online. Collabora Online works on any modern browser and offers excellent interoperability for all popular office formats.

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One more thing before you start! This demo runs on our servers and grants you access to the latest snapshot from

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Before:
After: theming / palette & settings ...

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Nextcloud highlight colors

Ruler off by default

Sidebar was here ...

Lighter document background
Mobile 6.4.x ...

*bringing goodness to your phone*
### 4 week project timeline

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- Nov: 28-29, Dec: 2
- Nov: 30, Dec: 3
- Dec: 4
Android: start of a Dark Mode for the Online shell.
500k installs
Available for iOS, Android & Chrome OS
Chrome Books:
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Collabora Online comes with Long Term Support and can be integrated in any web-based solution, such as File Share and Sync solutions, Document Management Systems, Groupware or custom build software.

All Long Term Support releases are supported for 3 years, with a perpetual license, annual subscription to security maintenance and updates, an SLA, and Level 3 (code fix) support (other levels are not committed to, but there are more benefits).
Making it easy to try out

*Simple setup for home users* ...
Quick try-out: built-in demo servers ...

Please make sure you understand that the following will happen if you set up the Collabora Online demo.

- The service will send users documents to Collabora and/or third party demo servers.
- This service is not intended for production use, hence the documents will show tile watermarks.
- The demo service may be under heavy load, and its performance is not representative in any way of the performance of an on-premise installation.
- These servers are used for testing and development, and may run test versions of the software. As such they may crash, burn, and re-start without warning.
- The users documents will not be retained by a third party after their session completes except in exceptional circumstances. By using the service, the user gives permission for Collabora engineers to exceptionally use such document data, solely for the purpose of providing, optimizing and improving Collabora Online. Such document data will remain confidential to Collabora and/or any third party providing a demo server.

At the first use and after an update, each user will get the warning, explaining all the above.

I agree, and use the demo server  I will setup my own server

Use a demo server

You can use a demo server provided by Collabora and other services.

Select a demo server

- Friprogramvarusyndikatet — Sweden
- Collabora Productivity Ltd. — Ireland
- Collabora Productivity Ltd. — North California, USA
- Collabora Productivity Ltd. — Tokyo, Japan
- Collabora Productivity Ltd. — São Paulo, Brazil

Easy to test your new integration against
Built-in demo servers: iff safe & route-able ...

Use a demo server

You can use a demo server provided by Collabora and other service providers for giving Collabora Online a try.

*Your NextCloud setup is not capable of connecting to the demo servers because:*

- it is a local setup (localhost)
- it uses an insecure protocol (http)

*For use cases like this, we offer instructions for a [Quick tryout with Nextcloud docker](https://collaboraonline.com/).*
Better: Nextcloud Hub / AppImage install ...

A lovely, simple one-click install ...

- A small / fast PHP forwarding proxy & an AppImage
- Please upgrade to a faster, native server quickly ...

Use your own server

Collabora Online requires a separate server acting as a WOPI-like Client to provide editing capabilities.

Use the built-in CODE - Collabora Online Development Edition

Easy to install, for personal use or for small teams. A bit slower than a standalone server and...
Polling websocket-aliikes over keep-alive’d https://
Next ...

more rapid fire
incremental goodness
Roadmap – for partners & customers

Collabora moved our development to github:

- https://collaboraonline.github.io/
- https://github.com/CollaboraOnline/online  - follow the commits ...
- https://forum.collaboraonline.com/
  - Questions & Minutes of our (public) weekly calls – get involved ...

In-progress: Beauty & Polish ...

- Canvas based front-end re-work: slicker & crisper
- JS dialog / sidebar rendering ... → client-side chrome
- Async auto-saving
For twelve year old Alice, who has struggled in math, there are many perspectives from the lens of Developmental Psychology. Alice initially struggled in math despite her continued
Distinctives

Thing you don’t get elsewhere
Digital Sovereignty
or: *don’t let your document data out of your site* [sic]

Document data is held in your server room.

Not sent to every single device to be controlled by the browser + JS + local debugger.

C’bra sends pixels to clients.
Simple: setup, pricing, support

“Are you sure you only need a load-balancer for HA?”

“Nothing to ask, followed the docs, easy to setup, if only all my problems were that easy”

As many servers & connections & VMs as you need

Dynamically scale your workloads with Kubernetes

Beware of the Window + Tabpocalypse: pay just once per user ...
Collabora and LibreOffice
Online commits
By affiliation (last year)

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Over 50m pulls from CODE Collabora Online Development Edition docker image
Moving our development to github

Clear brand story

- Helps to drive investment and avoid user / customer confusion
- Unwinds long running source of conflict at TDF

Removing reminder for users

- CODE no longer has a warning on >20 users

Continue to support, work on LibreOffice ~ 98%

Similar to Nextcloud/ownCloud/pydio/seafile/etc.

- A clear flow of users through their projects
- An obvious place for support
- Clear credit given in the product name
- No complex structures necessary.

FLOSS company assets: cash + their brands

- ROI is important → in marketing.
On a mission:

Focused on your Office.

Making Open Source ROCK
Thank you! to all our users, partners & supporters

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Open Source, Open First

Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock for ever! I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And though this body has been destroyed yet in my flesh I will see God, I myself will see him, with my own eyes - I and not another. How my heart yearns within me. - Job 19: 23-27