The Document Foundation: a Sustainable Independent Free Software Project

First Thought

When you come to a fork in the road, take it

Yogi Berra

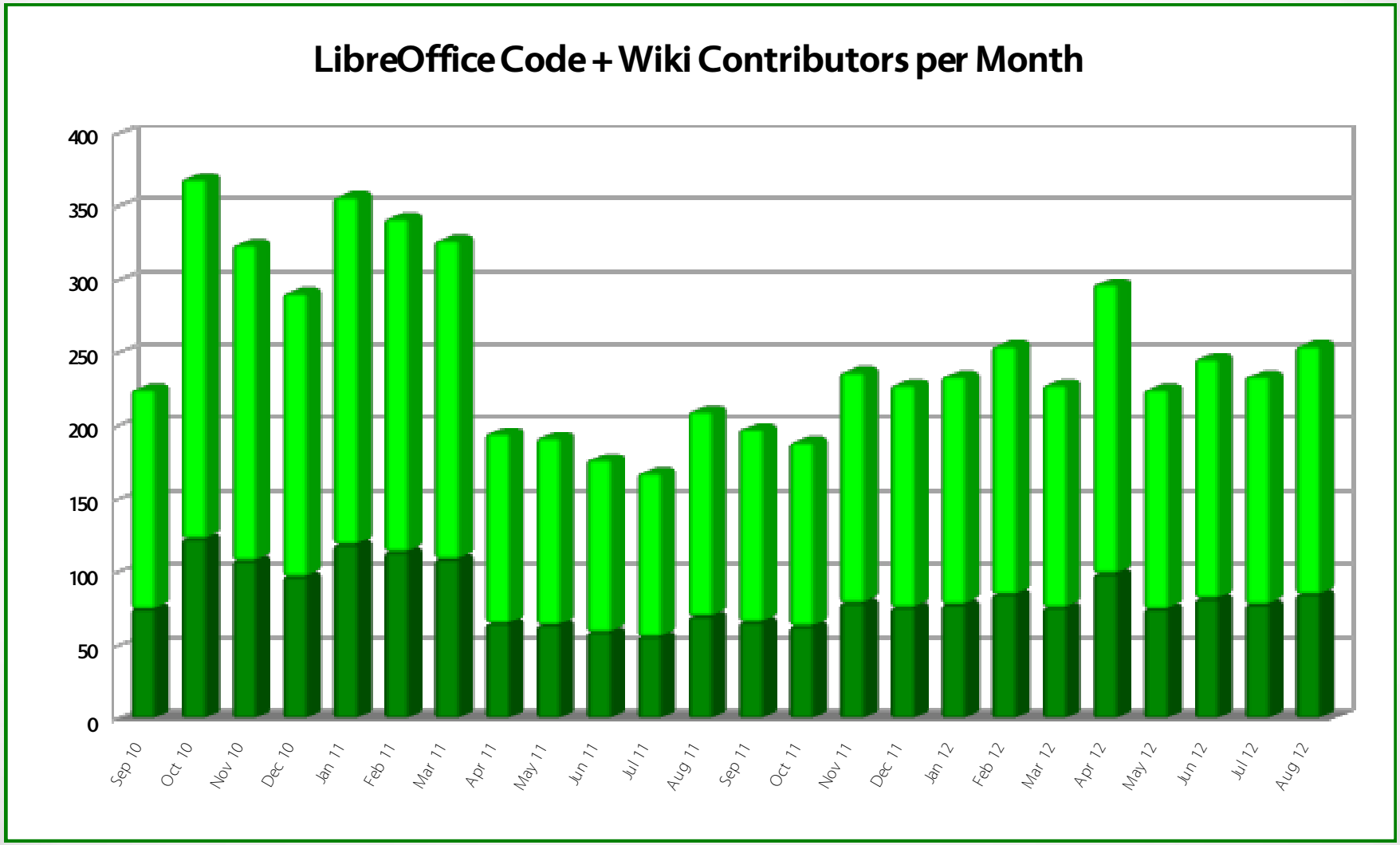
Some Fun to Warm Up the Atmosphere

LibreOffice #1

it's my pleasure to announce
that according to NAIF* Metrics
LibreOffice is the fastest growing
free software project in the world

* Native American Inflated Figures

Code + Wiki Contributors



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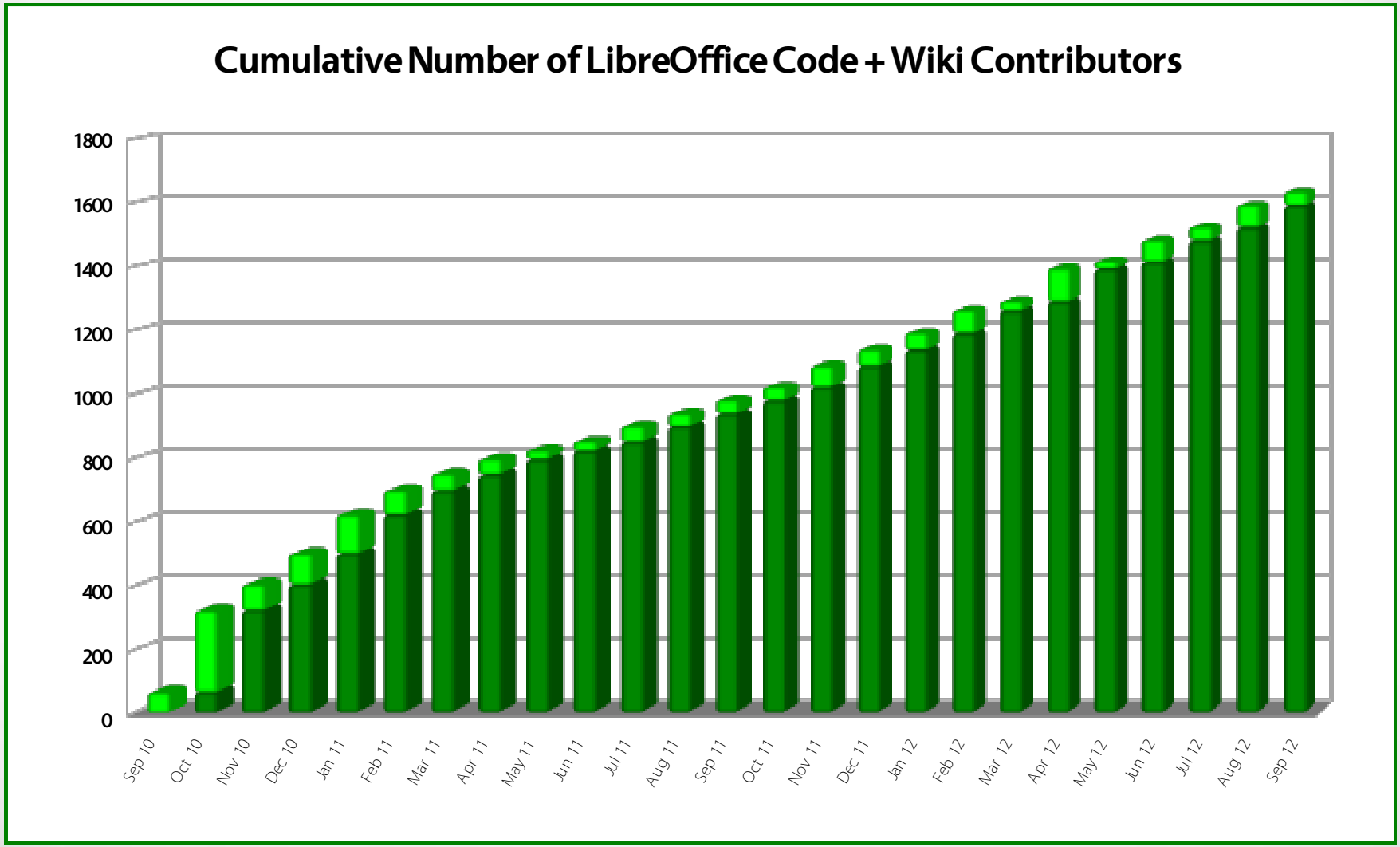
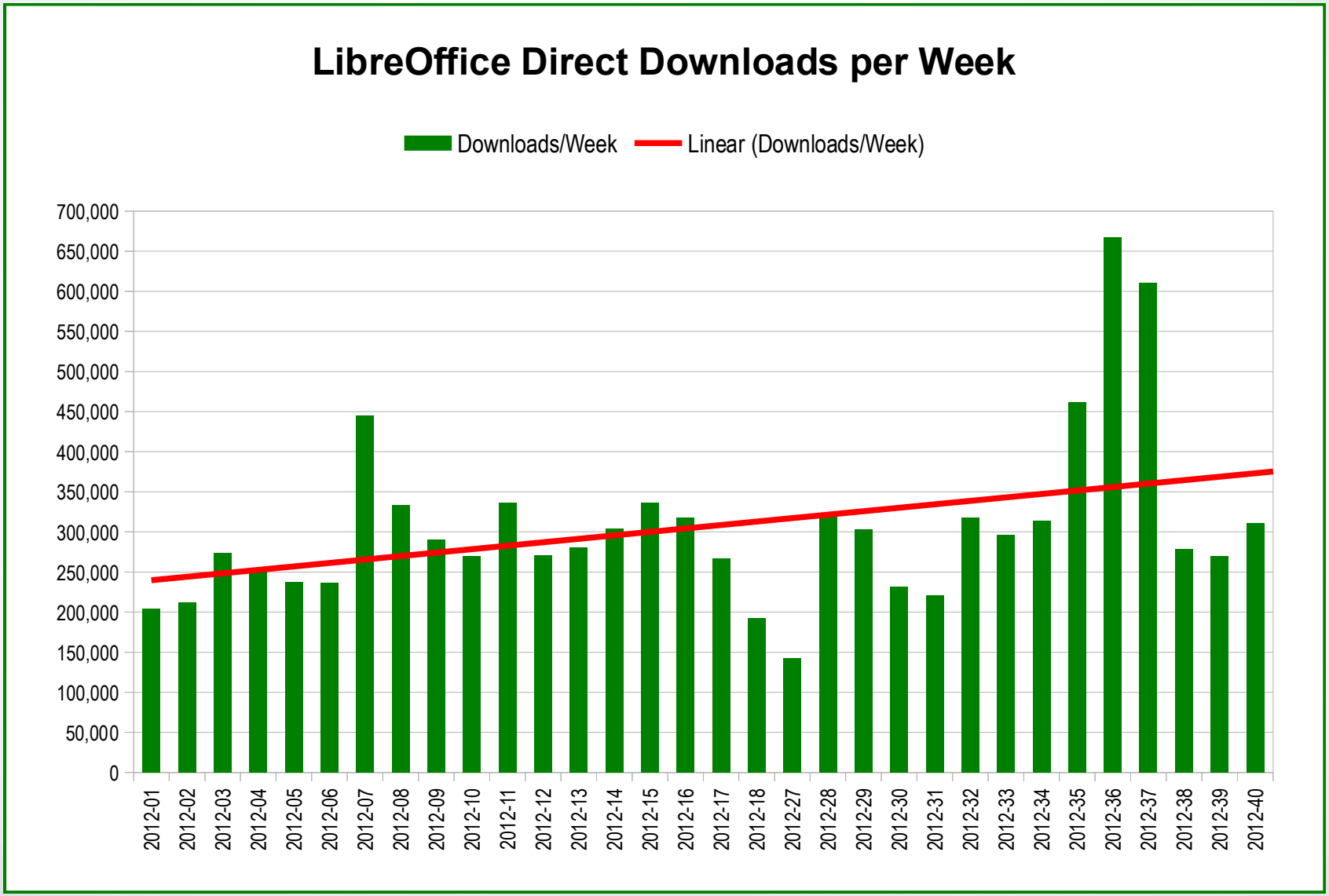


LibreOffice is Growing

Growth of Download Numbers



City of Munich loves LibreOffice

After careful risk-assessment, the capital of Munich has decided to migrate from OpenOffice to LibreOffice.

In favour of that decision, among others, was the greater flexibility of the project regarding consumption of open source licenses.

Beyond that, Munich wants to rely on large and vibrant communities for any Open Source product it employs.

Kirsten Böge, head of public relations

Regione Umbria loves LibreOffice

Limerick loves LibreOffice

MimO loves LibreOffice

Las Palmas loves LibreOffice

Chicago Public Library loves LibreOffice

Using Computers at CPL

All Chicago Public Library locations offer computers with free Internet access and LibreOffice software. LibreOffice is an open-source office suite compatible with Microsoft Office. The following LibreOffice components are available:

- Writer: A word processor similar to Microsoft Word or WordPerfect.
- Calc: A spreadsheet program similar to Microsoft Excel or Lotus 1-2-3.
- Impress: A presentation program similar to Microsoft PowerPoint.

Chicago Public Library

Creating a Document

Learn more about using LibreOffice to create and type documents.

Getting Started with LibreOffice »
User guides to LibreOffice.

LibreOffice Calc »
Video tutorials provide tips for using the spreadsheet program in LibreOffice.

LibreOffice Writer »
Video tutorials to learn how to use the word processing program in LibreOffice.

Estimated Number of Users

Linux: 30 million users (90% of desktop Linux)

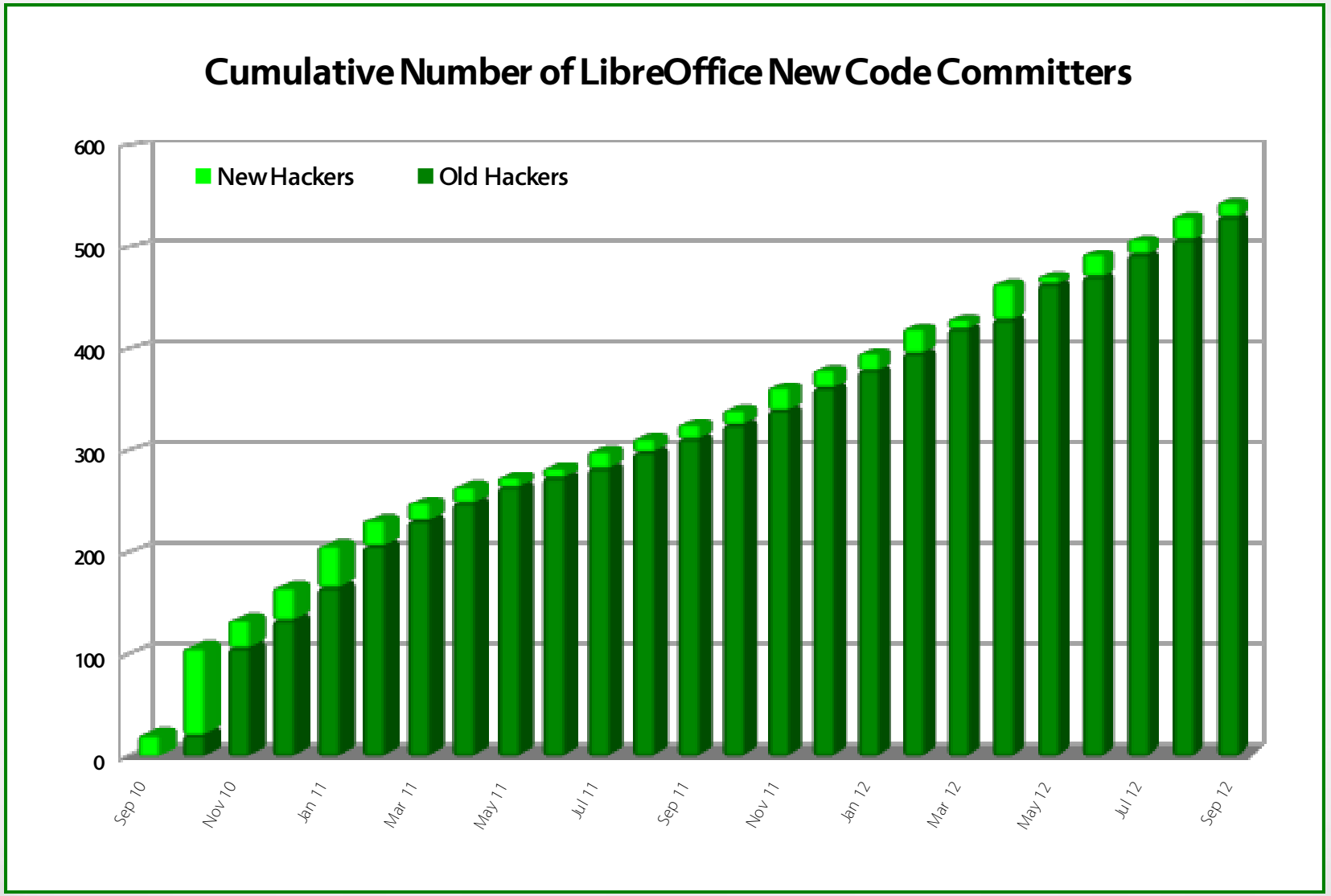
Windows + MacOS: 20 million downloads from TDF mirrors
+ millions of installations from covermount CDs and websites
+ corporate deployments using their own packaging

60 million users (estimated)

LibreOffice Development

DEVELOPERS

Incredible Growth of New Code Committers



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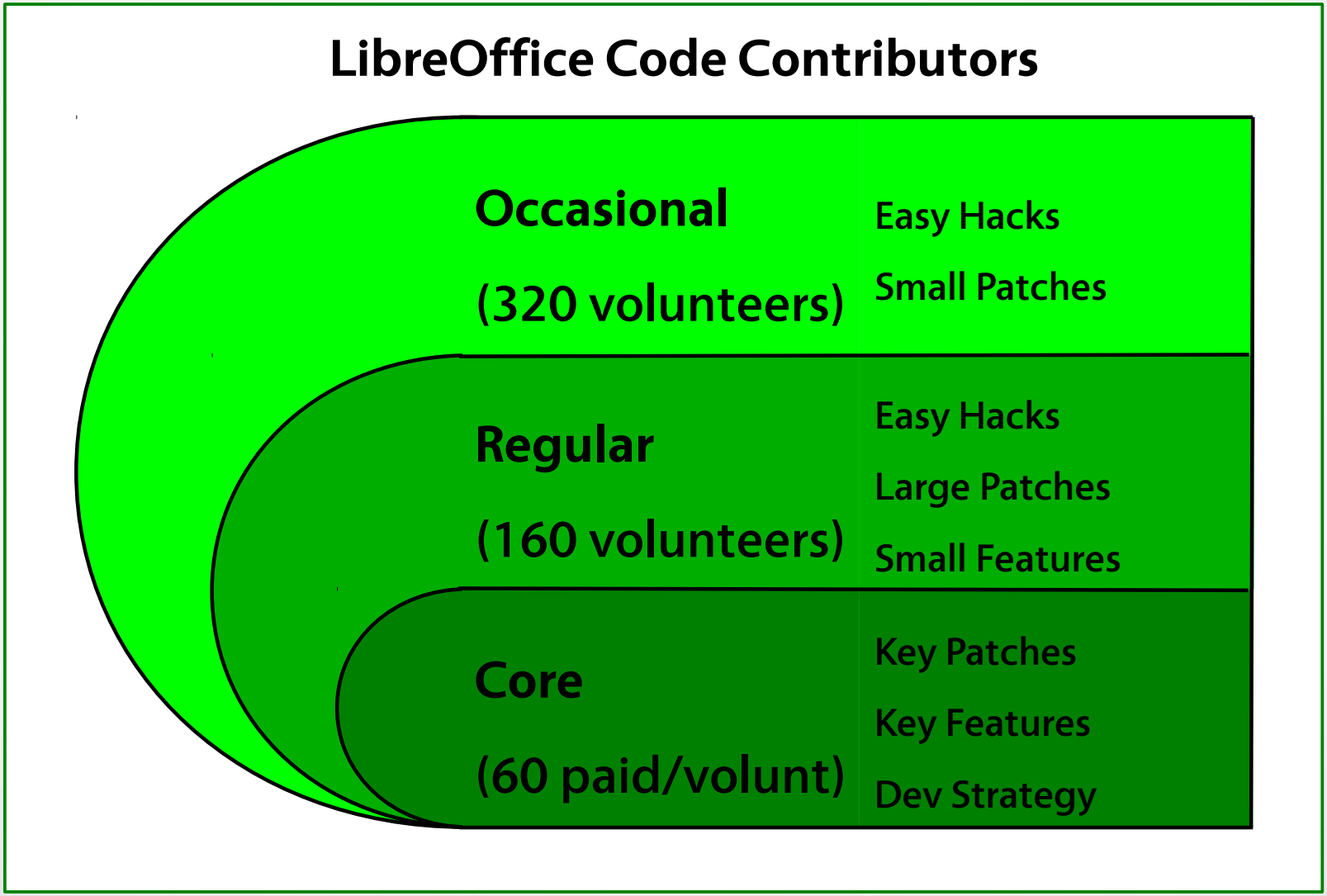

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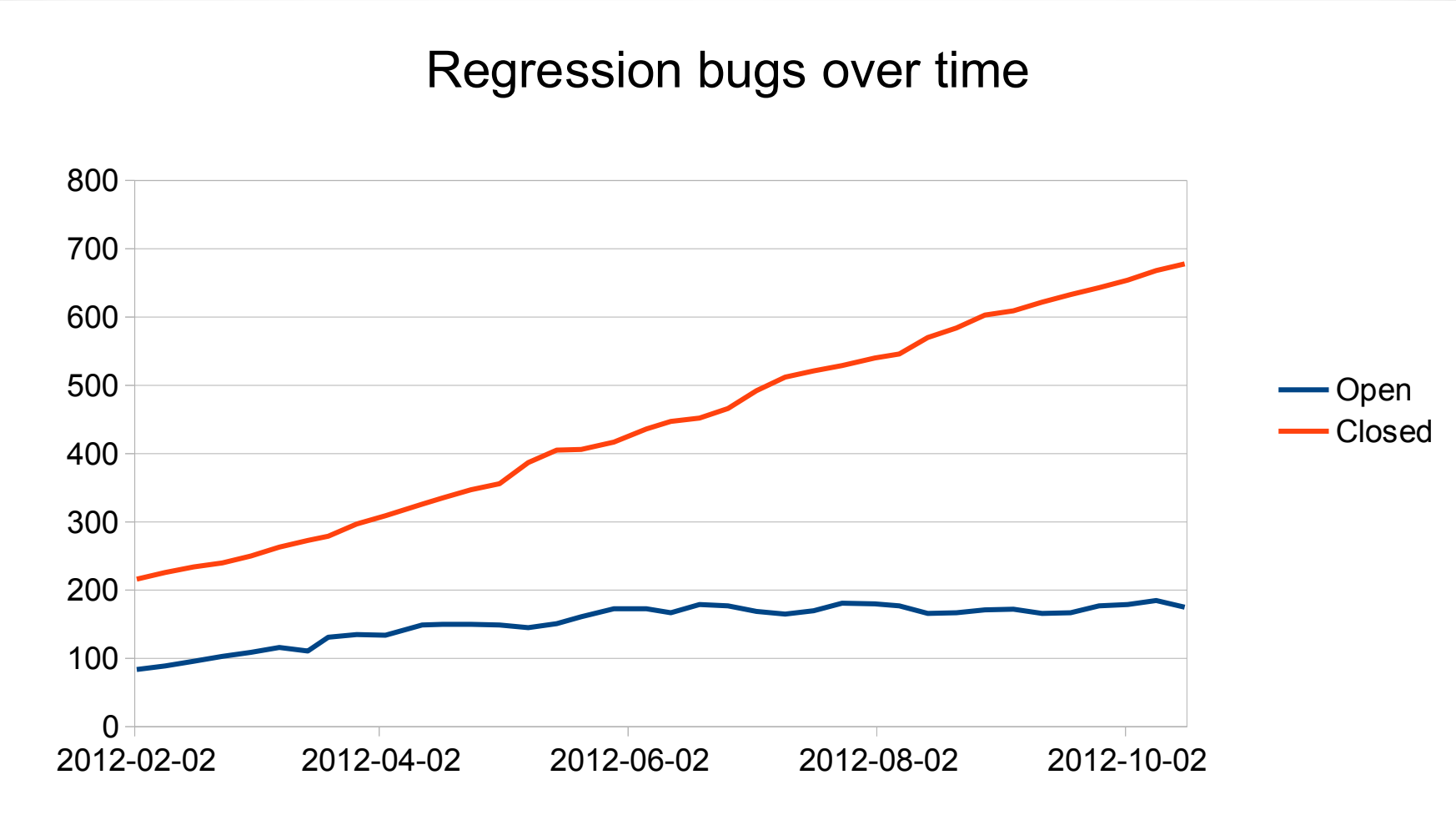

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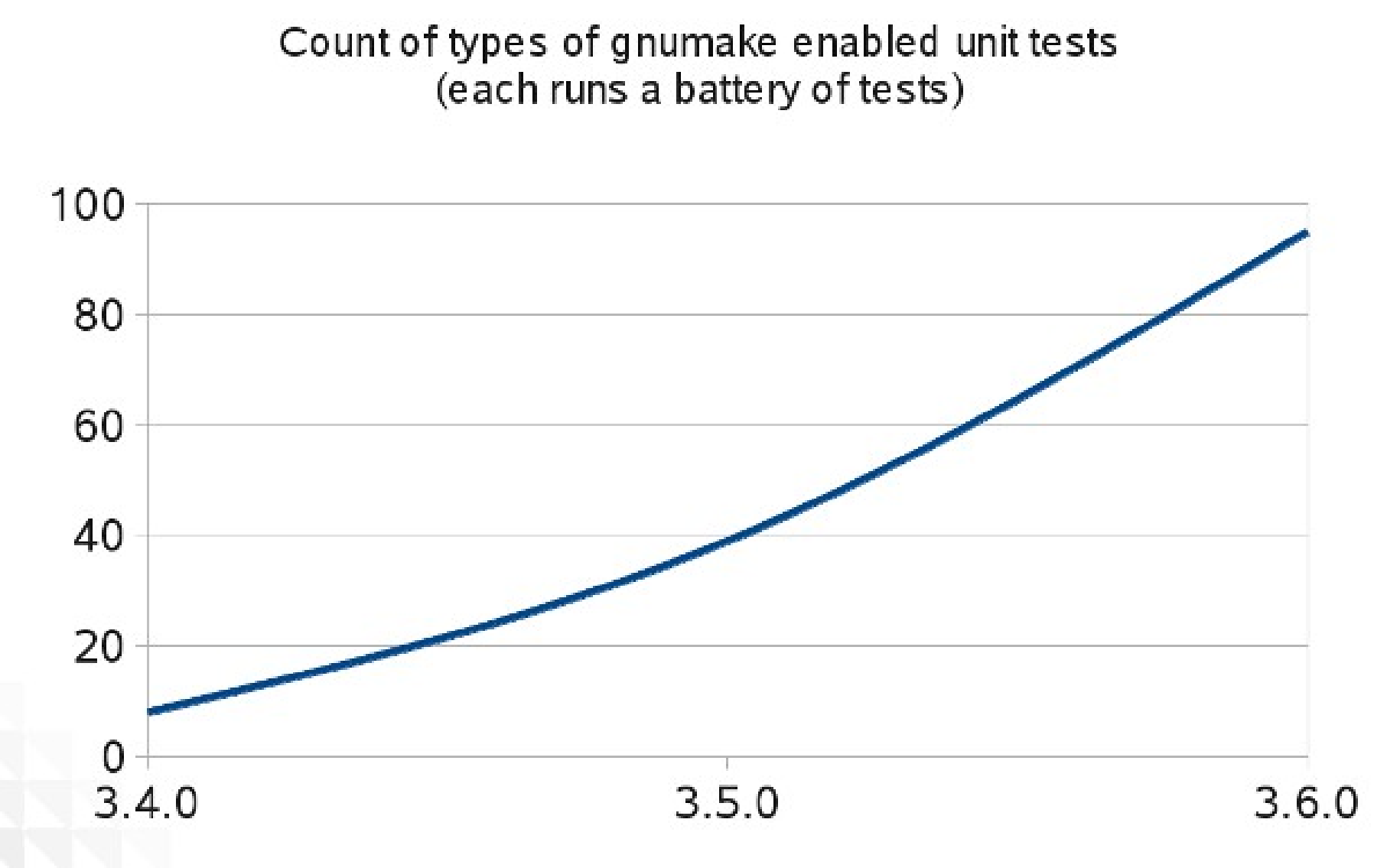
Unit Tests – Squish Bugs



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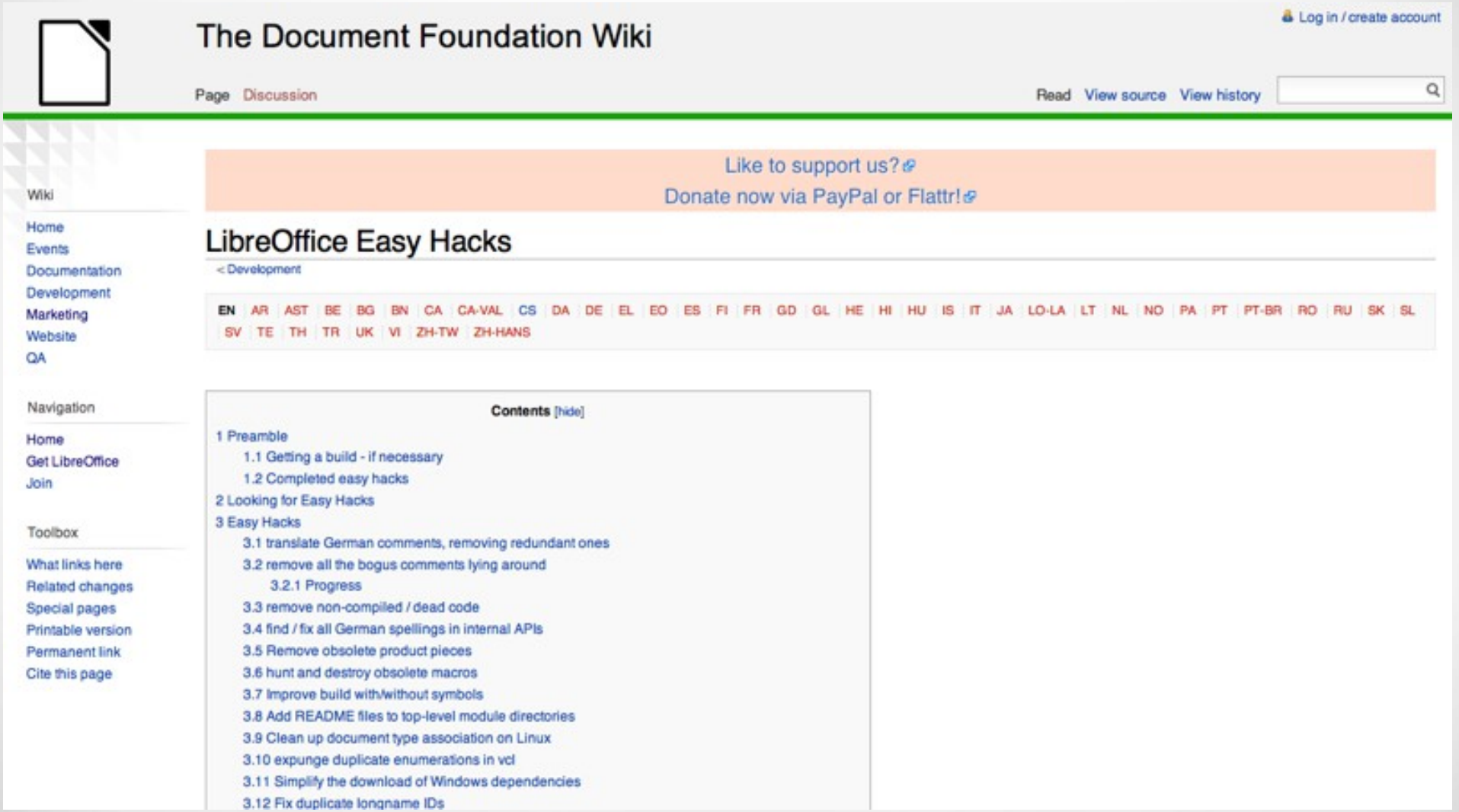

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LibreOffice Easy Hacks

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Huge Mentoring Effort

Presentations

Munich Hackfest

Hamburg Hackfest

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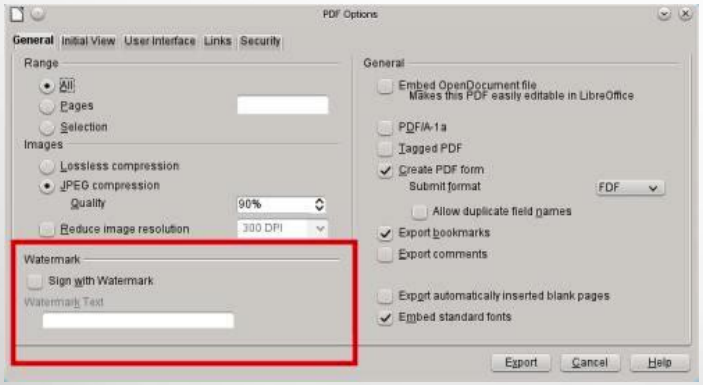
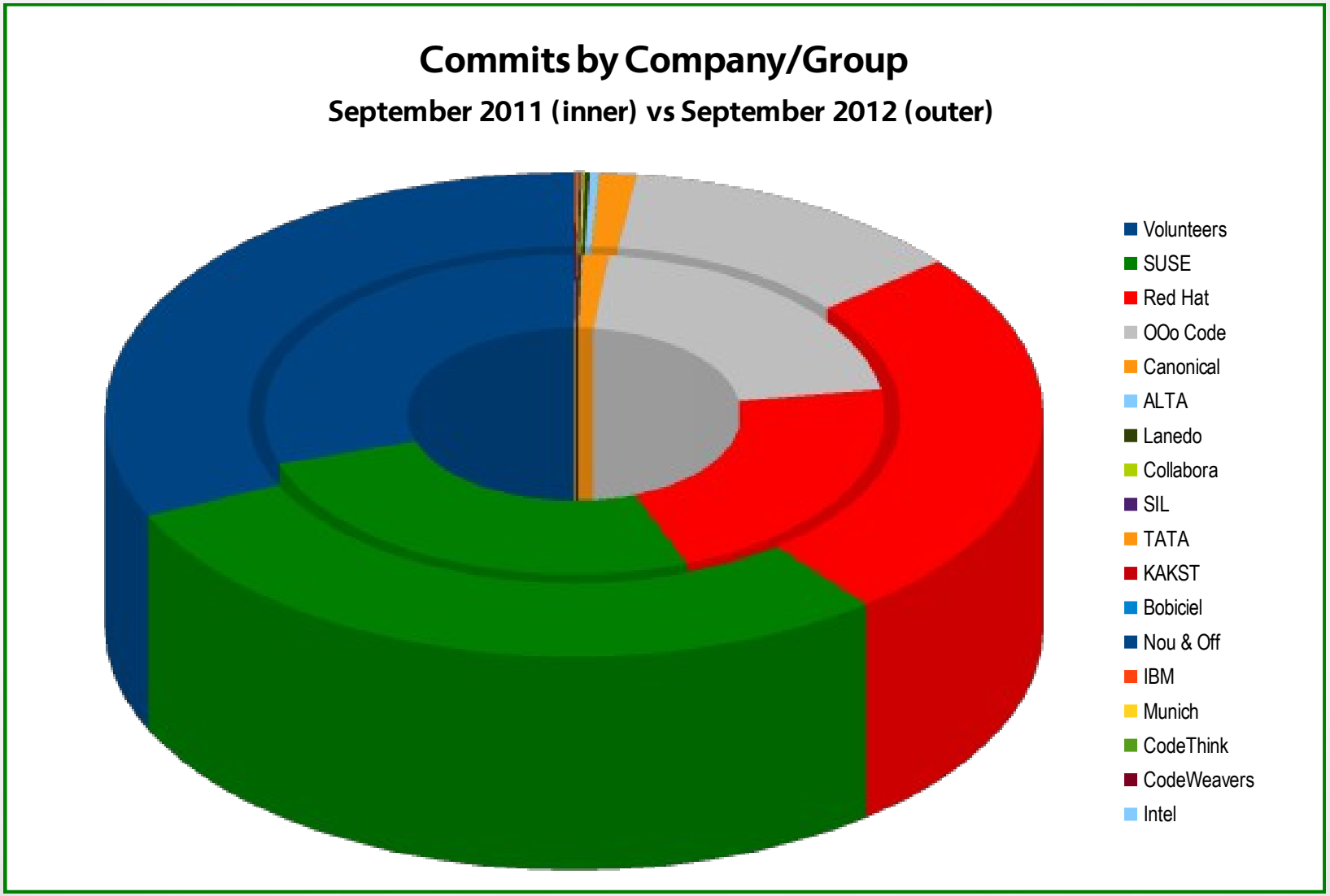
HACKFEST

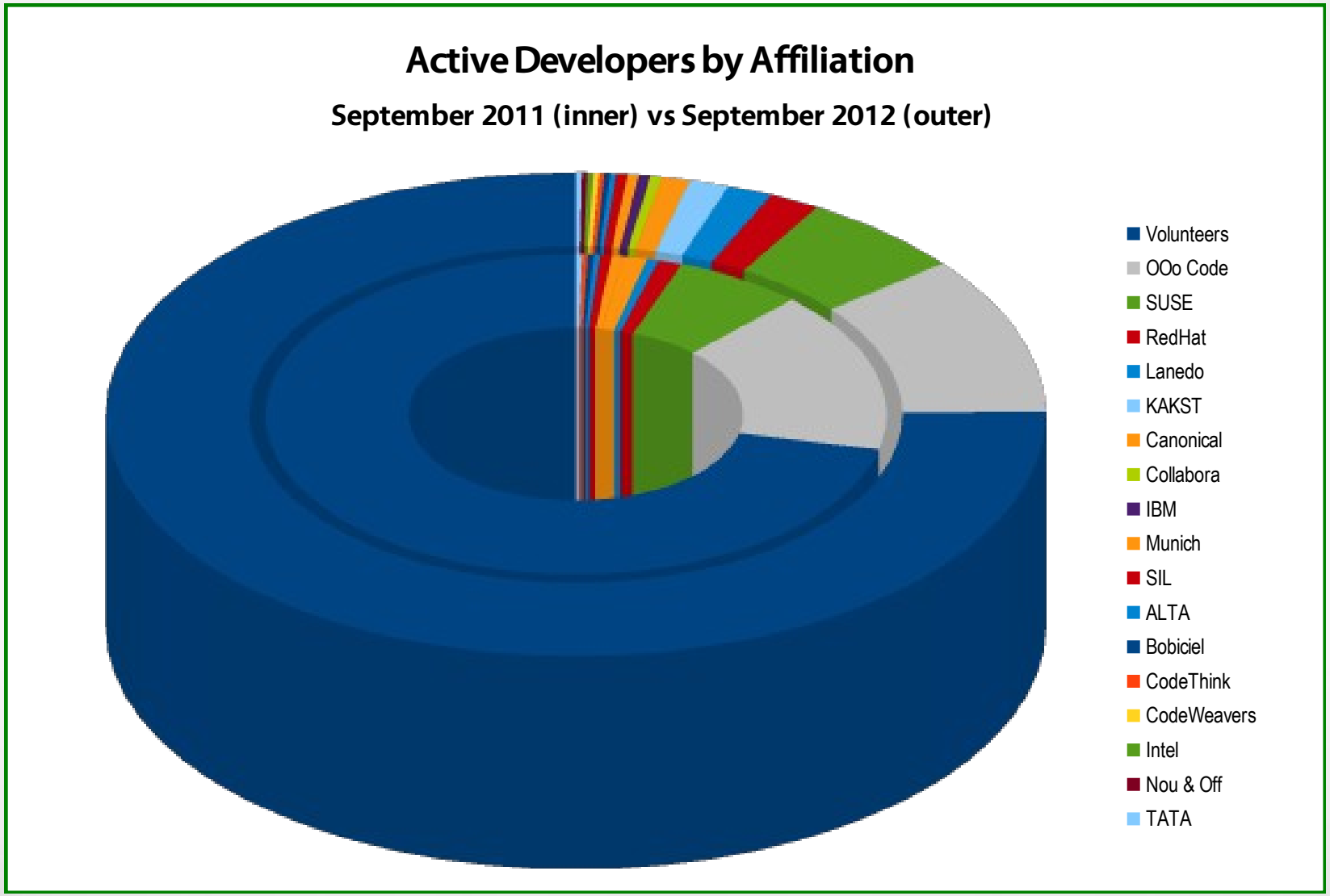


Newest Member of the Project

Growth of Balanced Hackers Community



Growth of Diverse Hackers Community

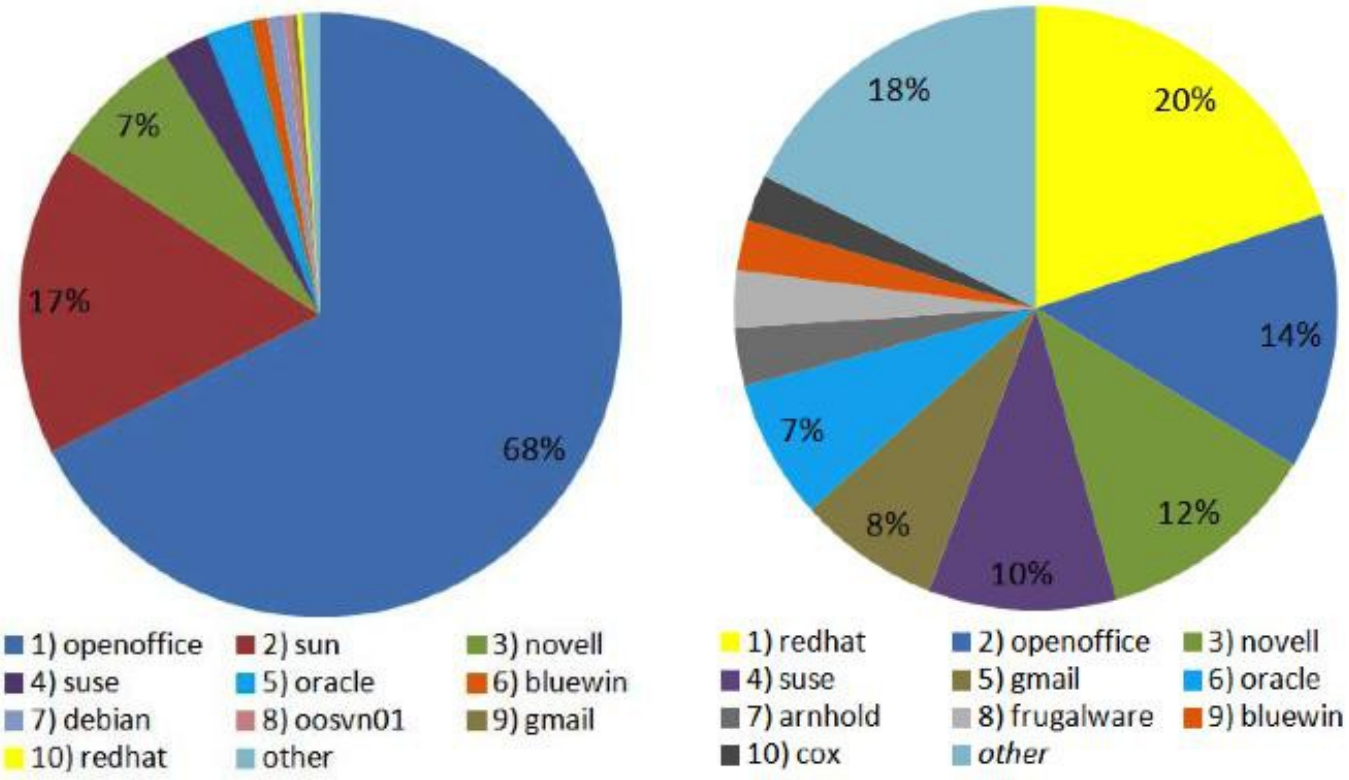


Independent & Balanced Developer Community

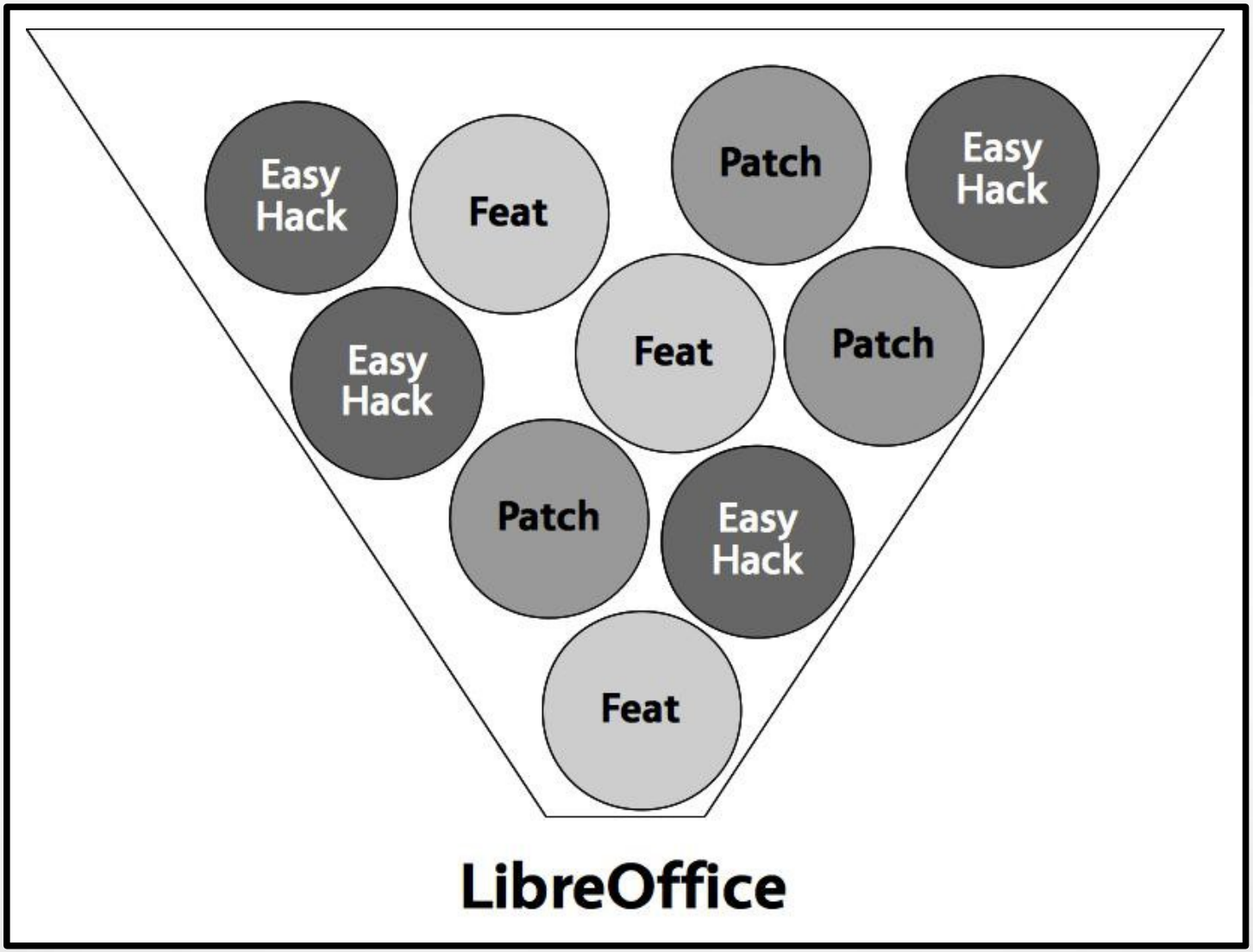
UNIVERSITY OF SKÖVDE

Total affiliation commit influence

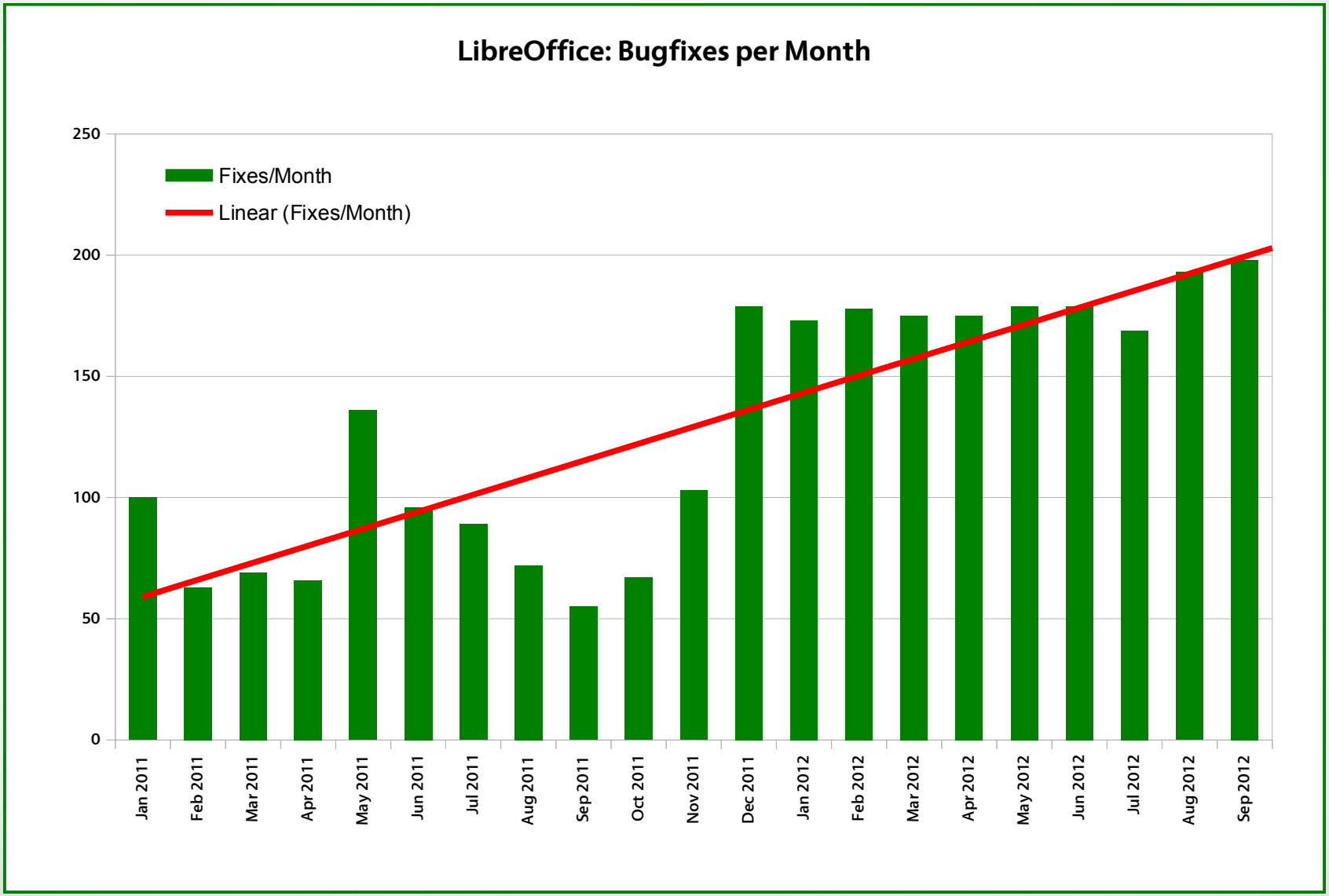
(left: during 15 months before fork, right: during 15 months after fork)



Development Process

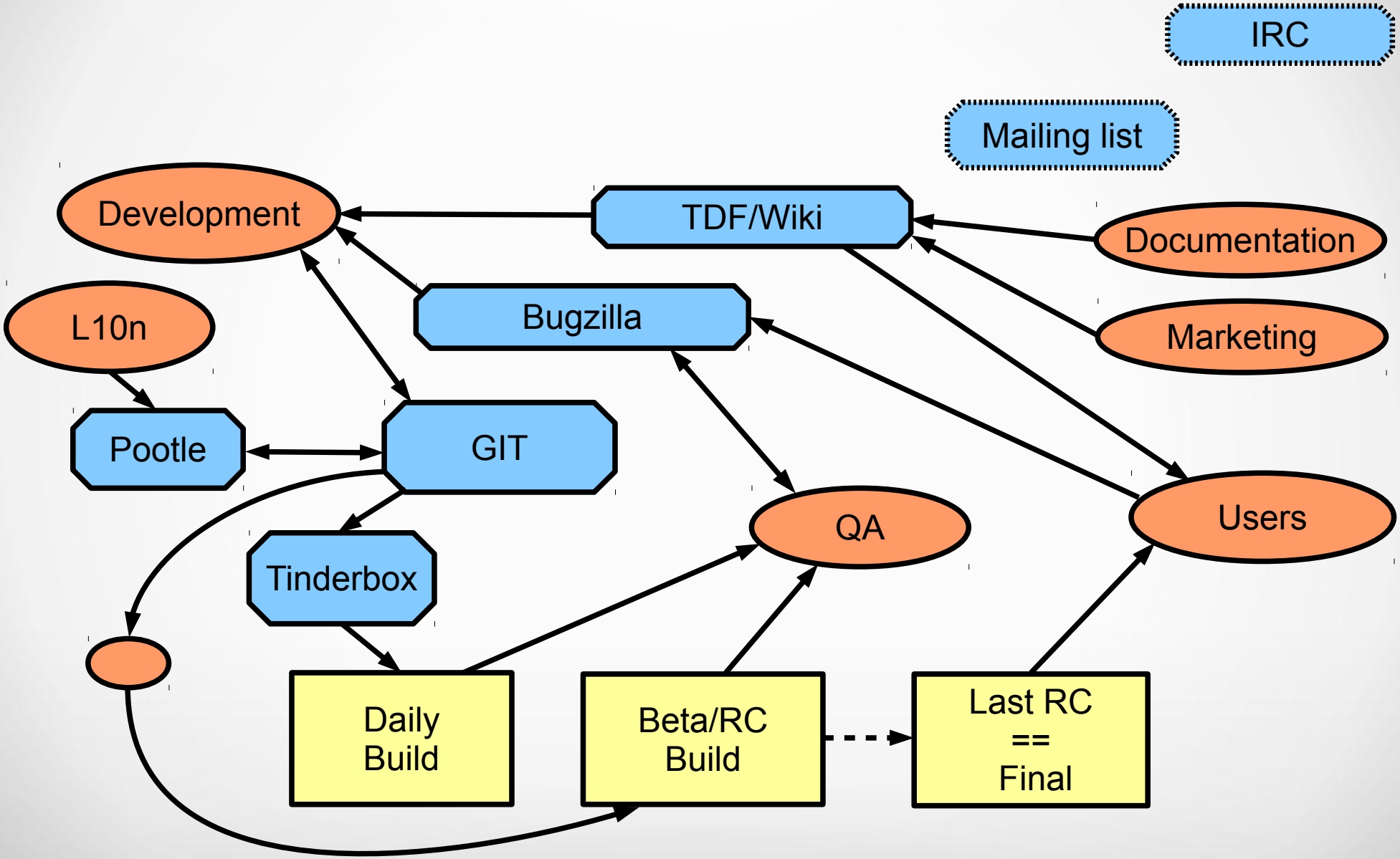


Growth of Monthly Bugfixes



Volunteers!

Teams and Collaboration



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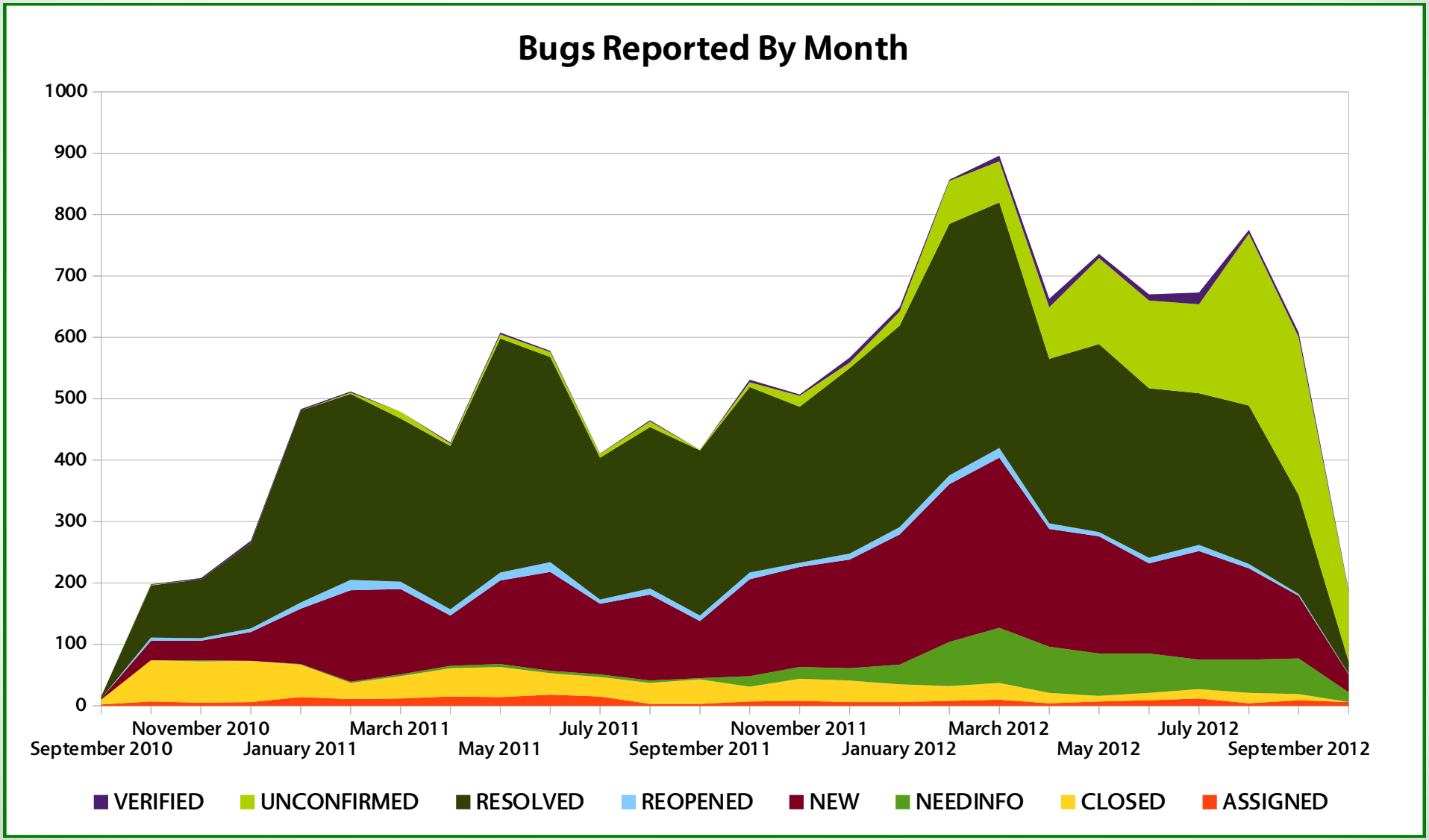


Localization Statistics

346 active users in Pootle
(translations.documentfoundation.org)

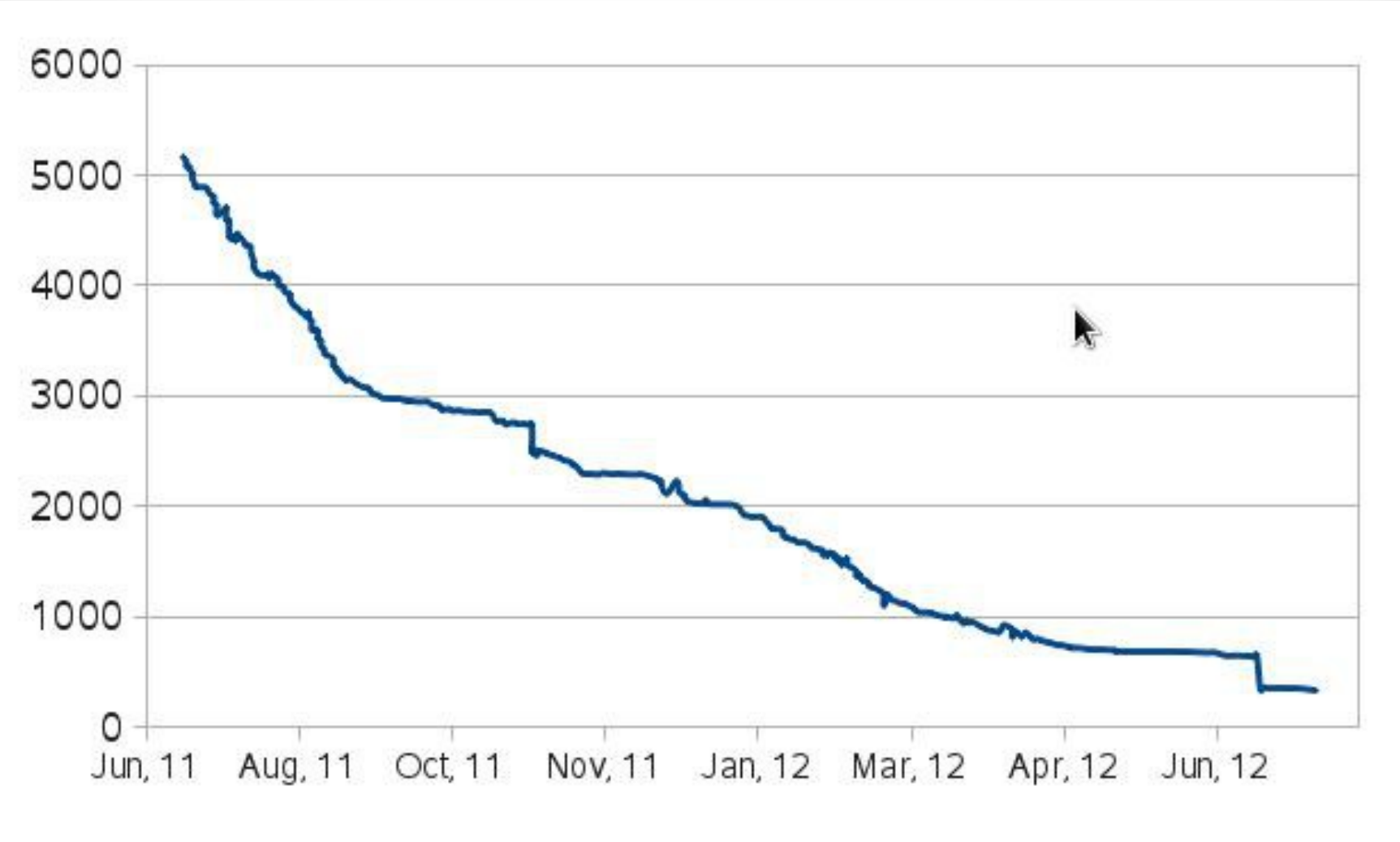
112 languages in Pootle
+ 4 languages maintained outside of Pootle

LibreOffice 3.6 has 109 UI languages,
and help packs in 58 languages

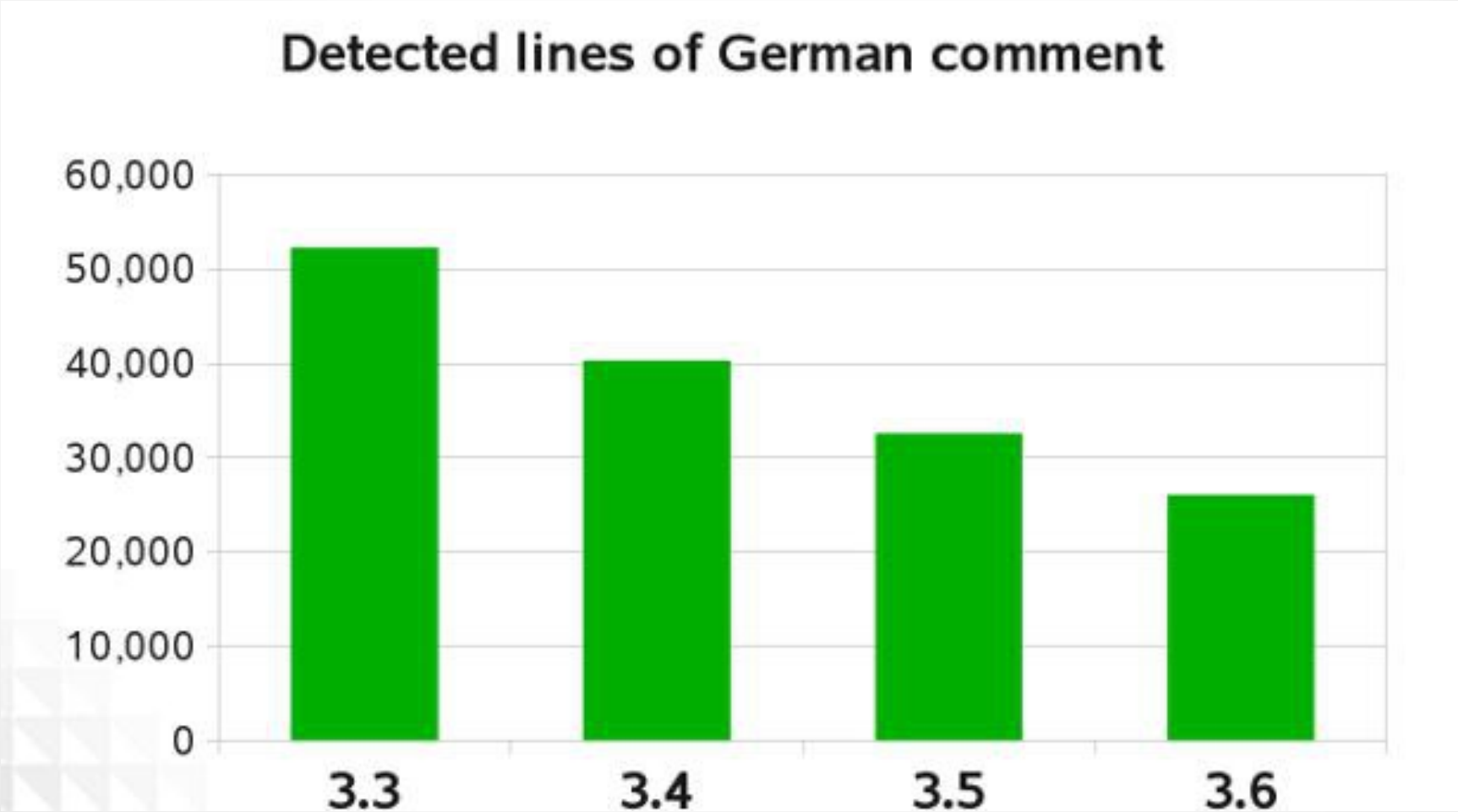
LibreOffice 3.5 had 107 UI languages,
and help packs in 57 languages

Removing Cruft

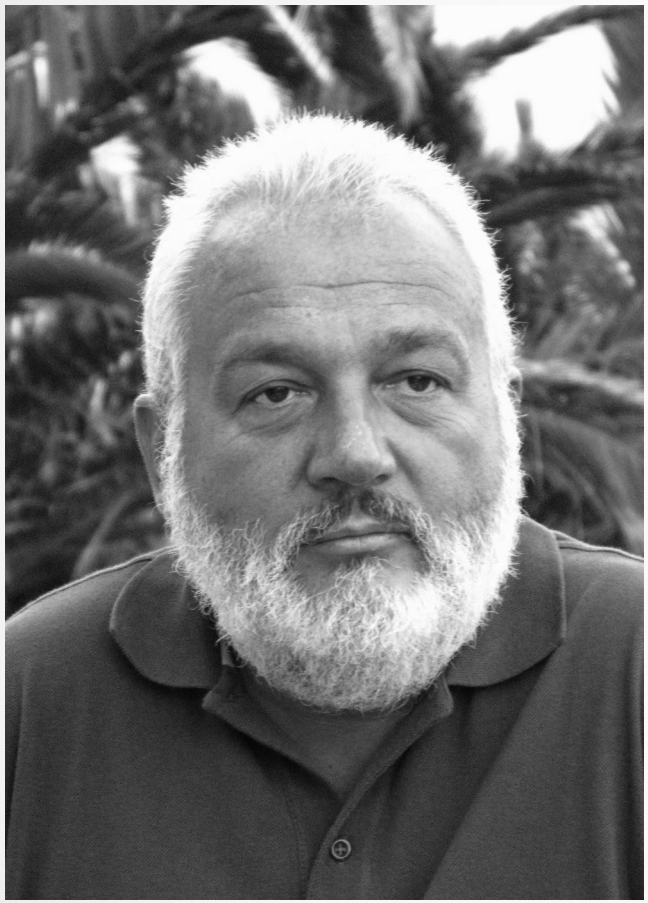
Removal of Unused Methods



Removal of German Comments



Slimming Down with LibreOffice



2006
@ OpenOffice

2011
@ LibreOffice

OOo Conference Lyon 2006

Community building

- Build environment improvements (Kai Backman from Google, Volker Quetschke and Novell involved)
- Reduction of Code Complexity
- Mentoring in the Google Summer of Code
- Further improvement of patch handling
- More transparency
  - > Updating current project sites
  - > Wiki
  - > Group blog
- Online trainings, hands-ons for different skill levels
- Mentoring newbies

Certification Program

Growing the Ecosystem

Educating enterprises about getting professional support for LibreOffice.

Certification program, to allow community members to add value - and make money - with LibreOffice.

Help migrations from MS Office to LibreOffice, based on professional consultancy and support.

Certification Program

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Certification

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LibreOffice Certification Program

Foreword

Certification has been traditionally associated to proprietary software vendors, although the system has been in place at FOSS vendors such as MySQL, RedHat and SUSE for a number of years. Certification strengthens the relationship with partners, while ensuring a quality of service good enough to avoid problems to final users. There are two distinct aspects to certification. One is to certify organizations that are recognized partners or franchisees and the second is to certify competence in specific sector skills. A typical certification program is divided into levels (most use the bronze, silver, gold, platinum scale) and sets different conditions for the partners, based on their level (paying a yearly fee, and having one or several people trained on the product). In return, the partner gets a "certified" stamp, and has some advantages like a dedicated hotline for support and several demo products). The partner is "certified" for selling and supporting the product, and for providing added value.

Certification Program

Objectives

- To create awareness about professional services
- To help sales of professional services to companies
- To create a self sustaining process with program fees

Certifications

- Development (Level 3 Support, feature development)
- Migration, Level 1 / Level 2 Support, Training

Targets

- Developers and TDF Members (no or very low fees)
- Third Parties (standard fees, lower than commercial)

The Legal Entity ("Stiftung")

Strong, Stable, Enduring

Incorporated in Berlin

Provides the legal framework for the community work

Membership element incorporated into legally binding statutes → guaranteed

Collects donations, holds domain names, trademarks and other assets

Annual budget: about 40.000 €, excluding AB fees

Administrative setup completed

All administrative work done by volunteers, no paid consultants

A Good Example

Concrete legal setup is the first of its kind

Other free software projects and organizations very much interested, likely to follow our example

German Foundation magazine recently reported about us

We were awarded several prizes, e.g. at CeBIT

A Bright Future

Engaged in the German head association of Foundations

Presenting at the Berlin foundation week

Participation in surveys and workshops

Collaborating with other Foundations and nonprofits to the benefit of free software and open standards at large

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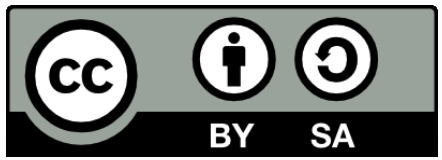
Still a Very Young Project

LibreOffice 2020

Last Thought

People who live in the past generally are afraid to compete in the present.
I've got my faults, but living in the past is not one of them. There's no future in it.

Sparky Anderson

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