



Building Collabora Online UI

based on the LibreOffice components

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Agenda

What is JSDialogs?

- Initial usage in “mobile wizard”

Dialogs and sidebar

- Optimization: 3 different types of messages
- New widgets
- Sidebar introduced in Collabora Online



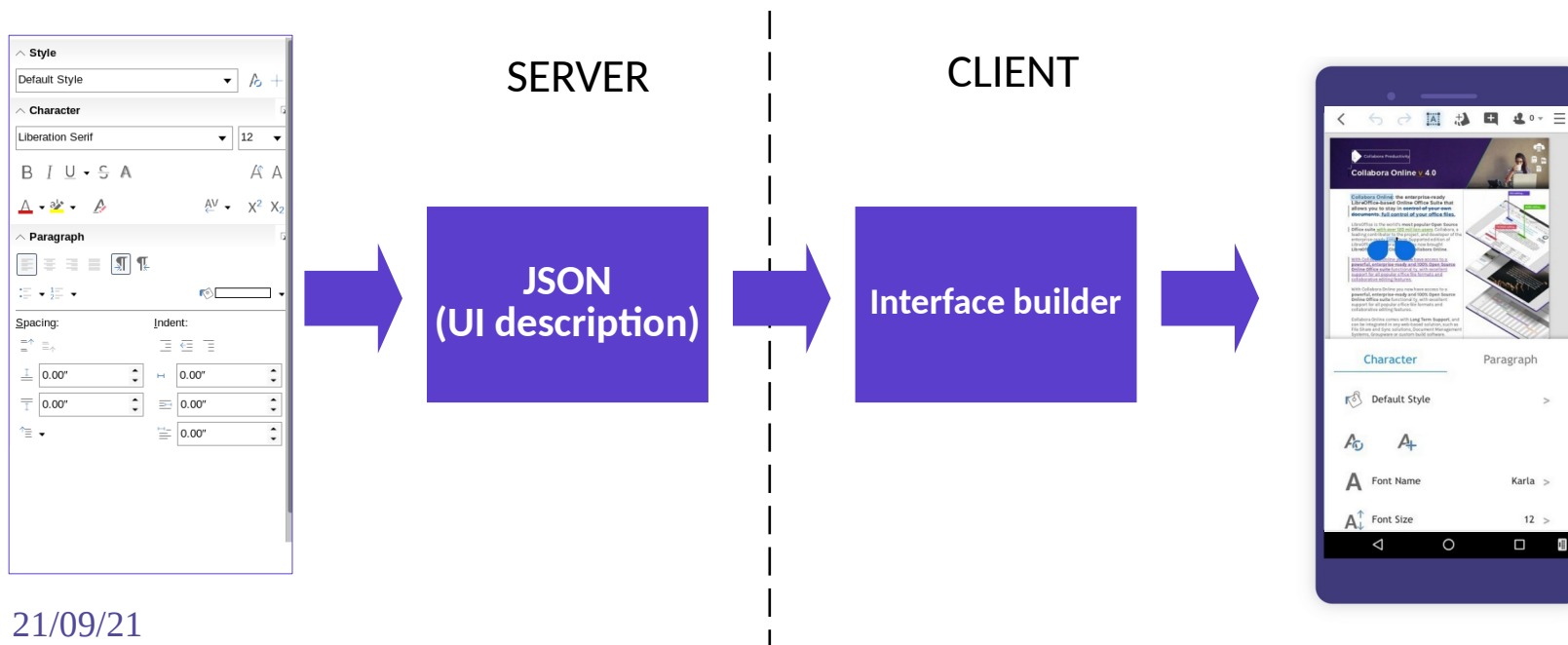
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“framework” to share UI components between
LibreOffice and Collabora Online



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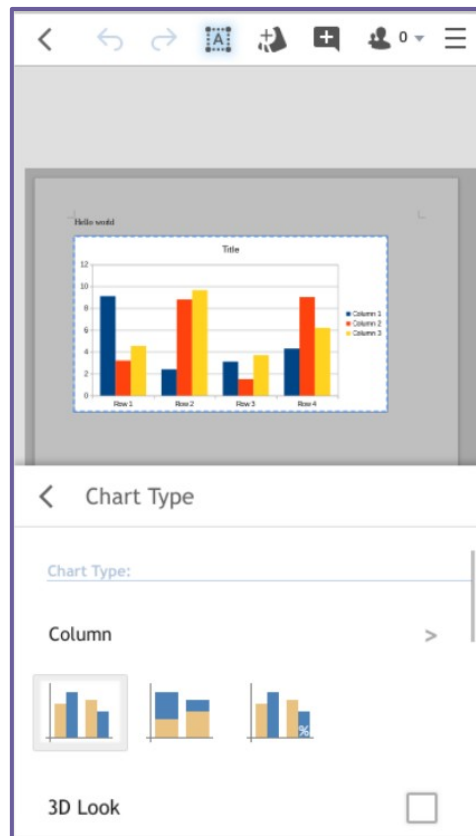
It describes UI using JSON notation which is transferred to Online where native HTML widgets are created. It offers communication in both direction so dialogs are interactive.



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Initial usage in “mobile wizard”



Mobile wizard

- It's sidebar from LibreOffice transformed to mobile-friendly wizard
- Provides advanced editing options
- Is context dependant



Dialogs and sidebar



Optimization: 3 types of messages



Types of messages:

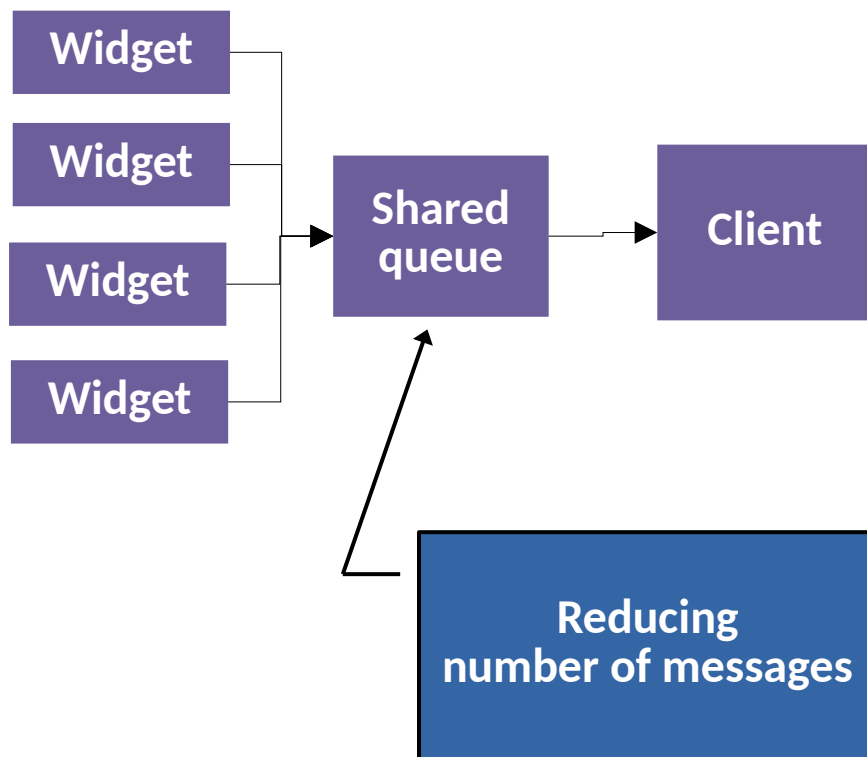
- Full window update (initial message)
- Single widget update (content change)
- Action in the widget (selection)

Impact:

- Reduced transfer size
- Faster updates
- Dialog updates when typing in field



Optimization: queue for messages



Now widgets are using queue shared for every widget in one dialog

- We reduce number of messages to send
- Example: if full update appears in the queue, other messages can be removed
- Lazy message generation: we generate JSON just before sending to be sure it is always up to date



Icon View



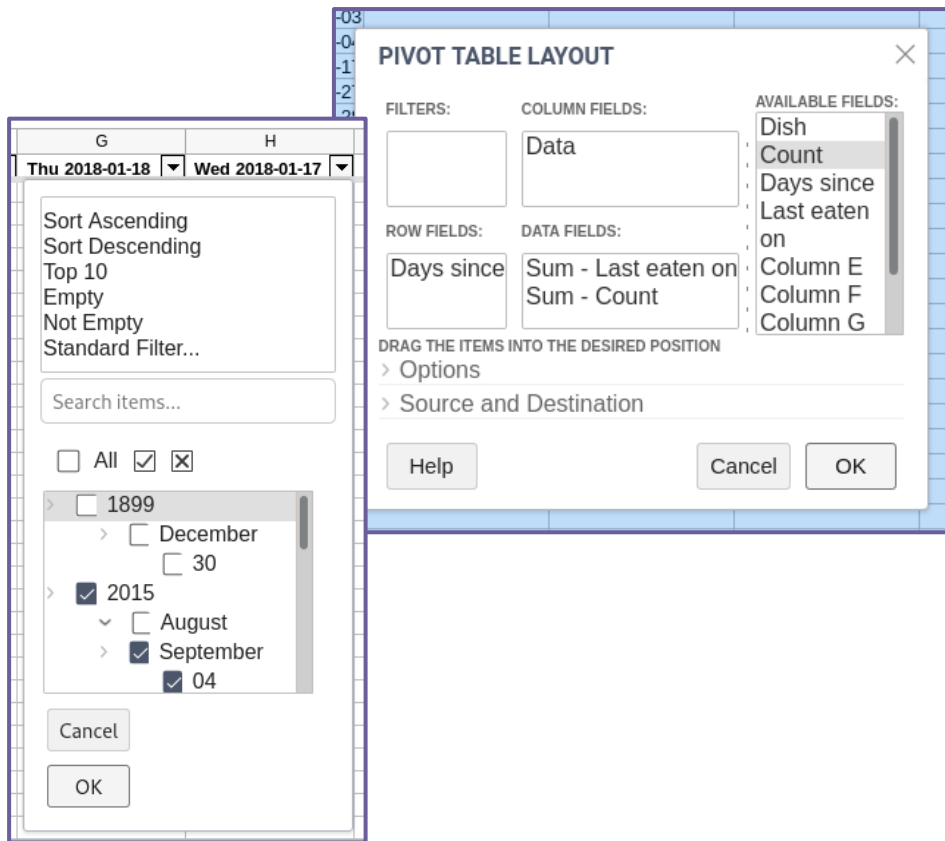
- New fontwork dialog
- It uses native icon view – best choice for set of custom rendered entries
- Icon view was also introduced to notebookbar as a replacement for 4 previews with buttons

It makes easier to find styles in a long list





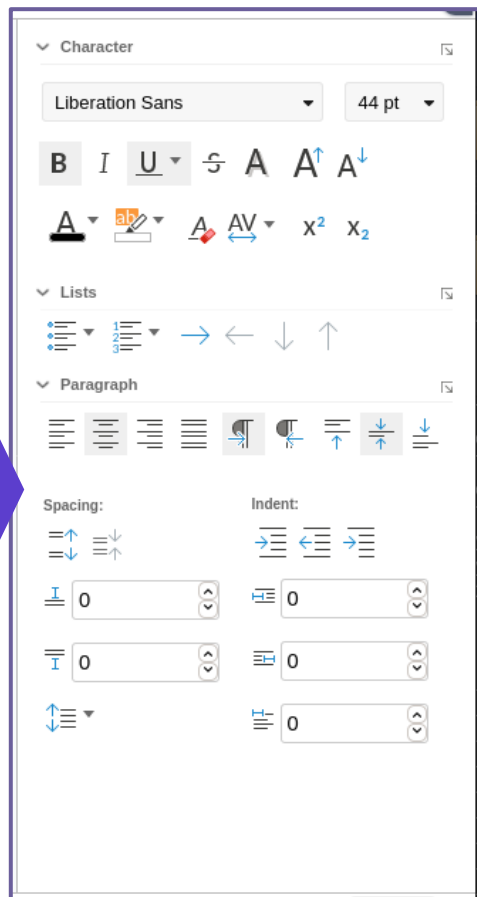
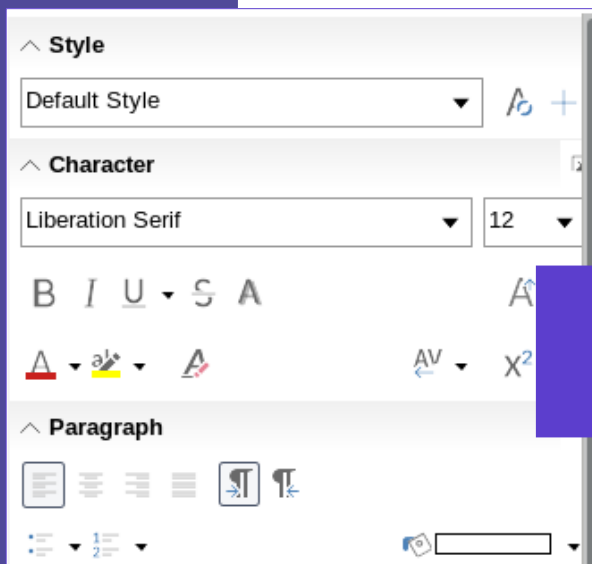
Tree view widgets, Drag and Drop



- Tree view widget was implemented what allowed us to provide new features:
 - Pivot table creator
 - Improved autofilter dropdown
 - Define / Manage named ranges
- Pivot table dialog supports drag and drop – user can move elements between lists



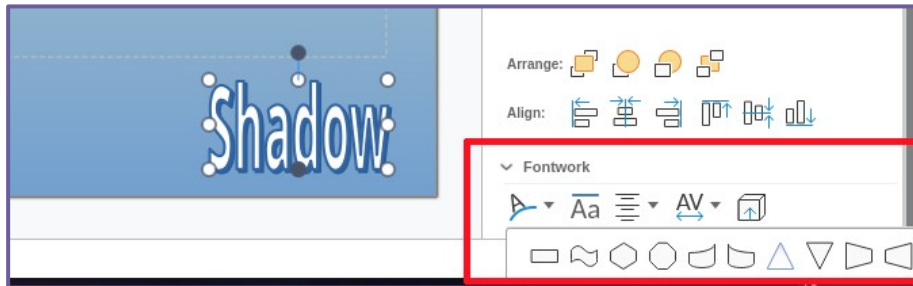
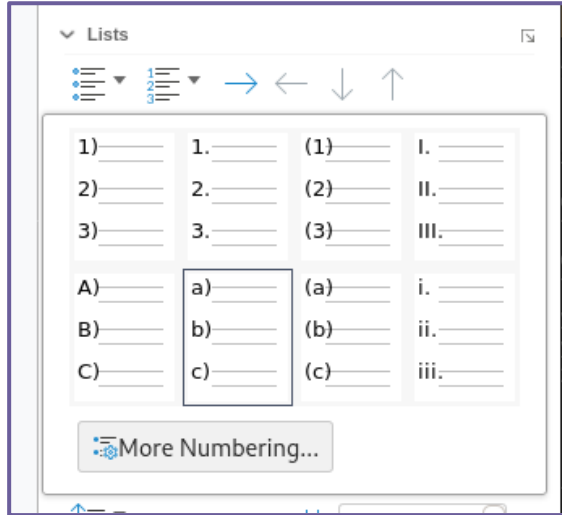
Sidebar



- Native HTML controls instead of canvas
- Possible to style using CSS, more consistent look of the application
- Better user experience with scrolling and selecting from the listboxes (especially for touch screen devices)



Sidebar



Dropdowns

- Toolboxes and menubuttons now support dropdowns with custom windows

New Fontwork panel

- User can edit fontwork directly from the sidebar or mobile wizard
- Shape, character spacing etc.



Thanks !



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