

Progress Report: LibreOffice Beta 3

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The progress made by the LibreOffice folks so far is impressive, at least when it comes to attracting contributors. The third beta was released on November 18th, and seems to have impressive momentum. The release notes list 118 contributors who've helped with the development just between beta 2 and beta 3. How's it looking so far? Don't expect miracles, but it's shaping up nicely.

One random comment ? it's odd that the LibreOffice folks offer RPMs by default as the download, and ?hide? the Debian packages underneath. Given that Ubuntu is by far the most popular desktop Linux, one would think the organizers would default to debs rather than RPMs. Not sure why this is, but it'd be spiffy if they fix it.

After I installed the beta, I tested it out with a slew of existing documents I've created over the years using OpenOffice.org, or that have been sent to me in Microsoft Office formats. Since it's still pretty close to the original OpenOffice.org codebase, I wasn't expecting a lot of difference ? and that's pretty much what I got. If you've used OpenOffice.org, then (at least for now) you've used LibreOffice. It seems a bit faster, but we're talking a couple of seconds here and there, tops.

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