IBM Document Editor Plans

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How we see the world (of documents)

"Basic" desktop editing (Now)

- A commodity. Like fresh air and clean water, everyone needs it. But it does not need to be expensive.

- In the absence of market distortion the "correct" price is probably zero, or close to it.

- Apache OpenOffice is what we invest in and what we point our customers to.

- So why do we invest in OpenOffice?

  - Like fresh air and clean water, a quality desktop productivity suite helps everyone.

  - Same reason for investing in Linux, Firefox and many other open source projects.

  - It is not the value from selling, but the value from enabling other value chains.

How we see the world (of documents)

Web / Mobile / Tablet (Near Future)

- This is where the future is

  - But unclear how quickly users will move there.

- A literal translation of desktop editor code or user experience is probably not optimal

- Rethinking what productivity means, how individuals and teams work and collaborate.

- Products: IBM Docs and IBM Mobile Viewers

- Standards of interest: ODF, HTML5, SVG, OpenSocial, CMIS

How we see the world (of documents)

Smart Documents (Emerging)

- What can we do to increase productivity. Real productivity.

  - Not just create documents with less effort

  - Not just create better looking documents,

  - But make workforces more productive, more agile, more effective at their underlying business.

- What can we do to extract more value from collections of documents in an organization?

  - Advanced analytics, Deep QA (Watson)

- What can we do to make documents smarter?

  - Semantic richness

  - Linked Data

IBM Docs (formerly LotusLive Symphony)

More than editors through a browser

- Co-editing – real-time or private mode

- Author presence awareness

- Live sections

- Contextual commenting & discussions

- Assignment and notifications

- Revision history

- Task management

- Attention management

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First – IBM Docs provides rich Web-based editor

- Standard text editing

- Image editor

- Advanced table editor

- Fixed width formatting

- Print to PDF

- Templates
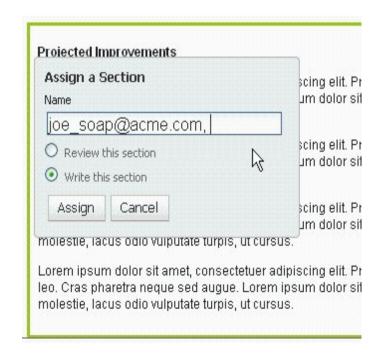
- Styles – one click style change

Live Sections afford greater flexibility in how documents are created, shared and managed
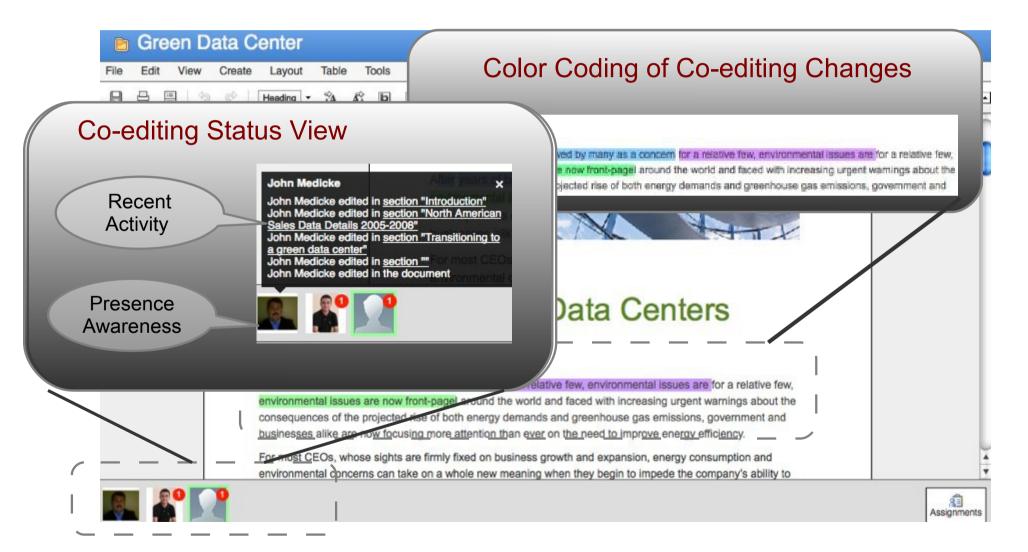
- Documents are a collection of live sections, not just a monolithic static file

- Fine grain co-editing controls

- Assign and manage ownership at the section level

- Reuse of section content

  - Search for sections to reuse

  - Clip sections

  - Use either link or copy semantics

- Provenance and traceability

  - Where did this section come from?

  - Link back to original source

Real-time co-editing with a twist

Color Coding of Co-editing Changes

Co-editing Status View

Recent Activity

Presence Awareness

John Medicke ×
John Medicke edited in section "Introduction"
John Medicke edited in section "North American Sales Data Details 2005-2008"
John Medicke edited in section "Transitioning to a green data center"
John Medicke edited in section "" For most CEOs
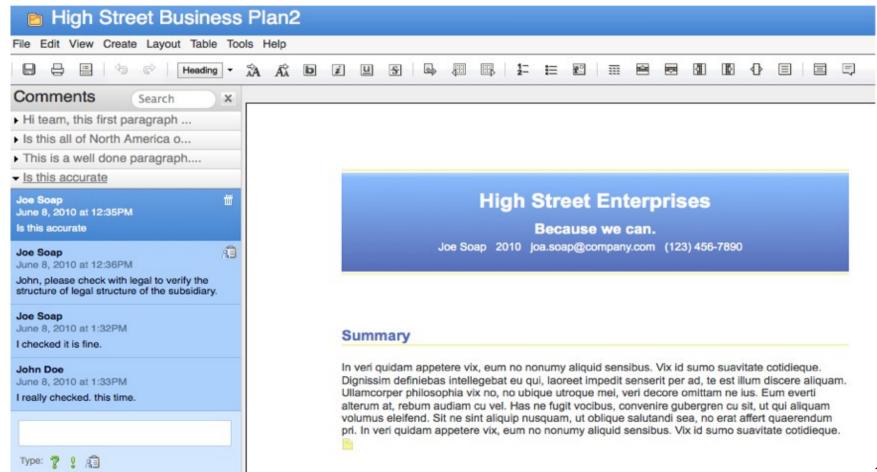John Medicke edited in the document

Integrated Commenting and Discussion

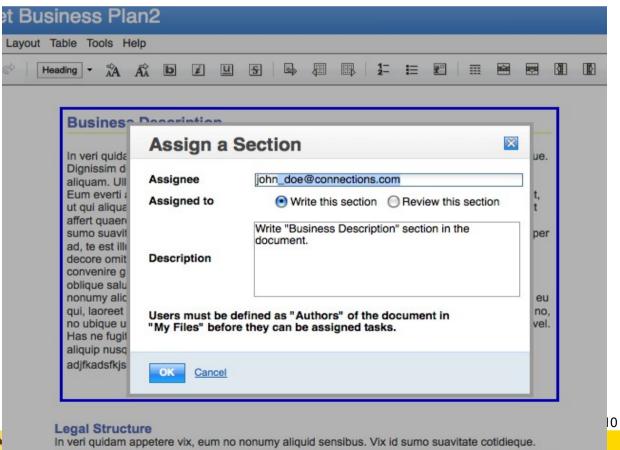Contextual commenting connects conversation to the document
- Comments linked to associated text
- Navigate and search comments
- Comments grow to support discussions

Task management integrates the content creation process with the activity

- Teams create documents as part of an activity or task or business process.

- At the section level, not just whole document

- Users can view their assignments and deadlines in context of the document or in their overall Activities

IBM Mobile Viewer

- ODF document (.odp/.odt/.ods) viewing application for Android, iOS devices

- Opening files located in file system (e.g. on SD card), weblink, Dropbox, or email attachment

- High performance

- High fidelity (meta files wmf/emf/svm supported)

- Native application and user experience
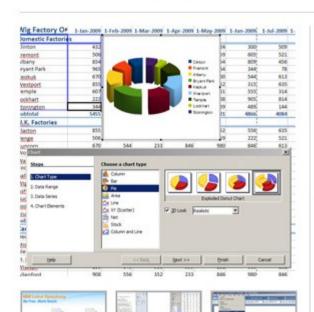
So what about IBM Lotus Symphony?

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IBM Lotus Symphony 3.0

EDITOR RATING ●●●●○ very good

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USER RATINGS (1) ●●●●● excellent

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Pros
Highly usable, reliable, sleek, and integrated multiplatform desktop application suite, free for the download.

Cons
Can't import as many formats as other variants on the OpenOffice.org codebase.

Bottom Line
The best free productivity suite you've probably never heard of. Designed by IBM for smooth, reliable use in office environments.

IBM Lotus Symphony is a free-for-download office application suite created by putting a tried-and-true open-source engine into a shiny chassis created by IBM. Under the hood, Lotus Symphony is based on OpenOffice.org 3.0, a slightly earlier version of the same office-suite code that powers LibreOffice. What you see on screen, however, is an interface that's been tweaked by IBM to make it by far the user-friendliest no-cost productivity suite, and one's that's friendly enough to rival the spacious and informative interface that Microsoft created for Office 2010 and that Apple created for iWork '09. I'm deeply impressed by Lotus Symphony. IBM obviously built it so beginners and office workers can get the most out of it without special training. Expert users

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http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2387439,00.asp

How does Symphony differ from OpenOffice?

- Usability
  - Enhanced sidebar UI
  - Enhanced Data Pilot UI
- Interoperability (200 bugs fixed)
  - Enhanced ODF backward compatibility
  - Enhanced Office 2007 format file import
  - Better VBA support
- Quality
  - 5000 other bug fixes
- Performance
  - Document asynchronous loading
  - Document quick saving
- IAccessible2 support

This is all going to Apache after AOO 3.4 is released.