

What you can learn from the monster LibreOffice project

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A large legacy code base is a challenge for any team to embrace and improve. So how well does a distributed team of volunteers address the problem?

A talk at FOSDEM shed light on how the large and diverse team assembled by The Document Foundation (TDF) is approaching the huge LibreOffice code base left in the wake of Oracle's withdrawal from OpenOffice.org. The result is not only an impressive sequence of on-time releases, but also a range of development innovation. In particular, the "bi-bisect" technique they've developed could be a great approach for others faced with large, complex code bases.

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