LibreOffice Migrations & the power of Open Standards

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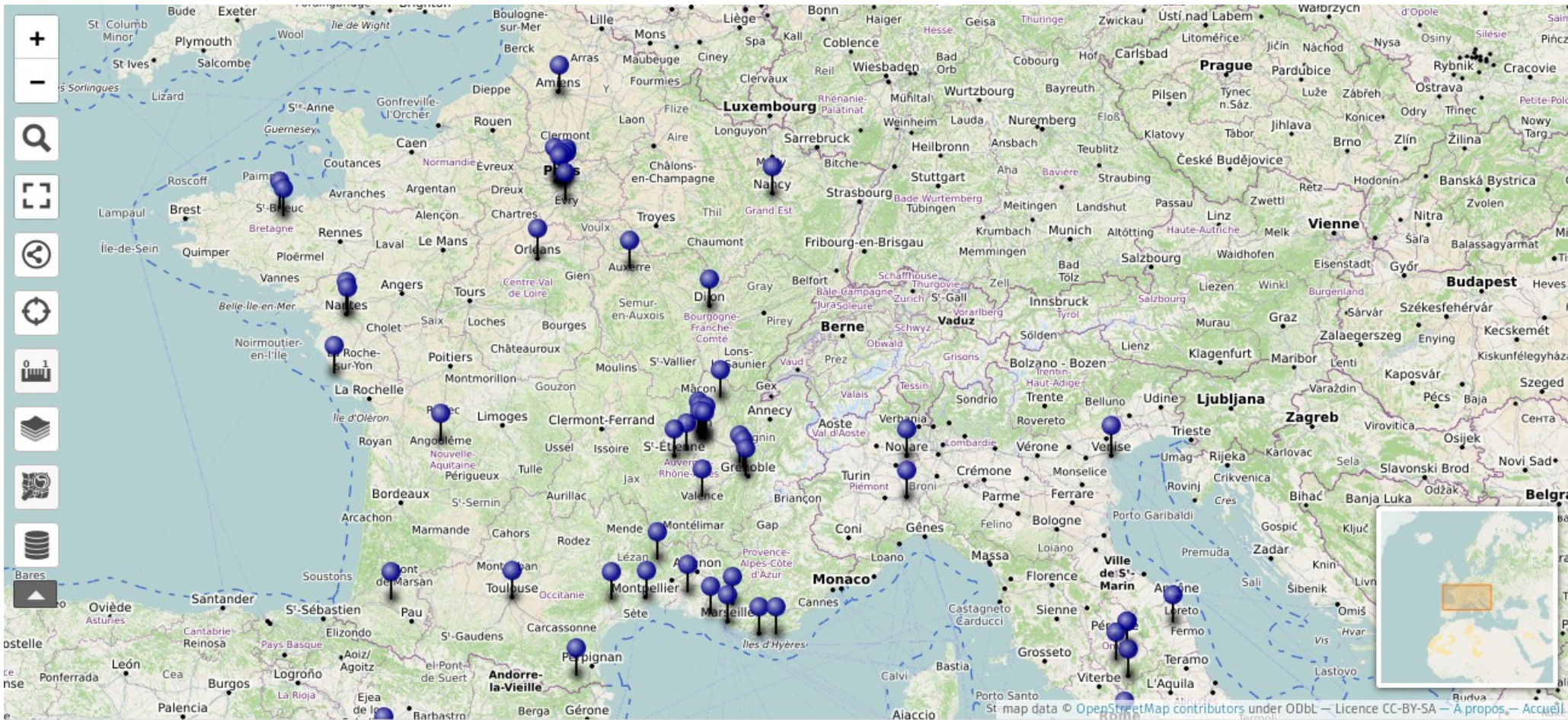- Local communities

About me

In a few words:

- TDF Member
- Based in Albania
- Member of Open Labs Hackerspace
- Currently working for the city of Tirana
- With a background on Business Informatcis & Information Security

Some considerations on LibreOffice migrations

- https://wiki.documentfoundation.org/LibreOffice_Migrations

- The TDF Wiki lists various migrations and deployments in the public sector, in the private sector and Pending or potential migrations.

- Each migration and/or deployment has it's own unique story, but there are a few things to consider, which connect all of these stories.

- This gets us to the question: why would an institution or company migrate to LibreOffice?

Proprietary software struggle

- License and maintenance fees (unpredictable costs)
- Vendor lock in
- Security issues
- No interoperability
- Lost investments (especially in the case of public institutions)
- The code is not auditable

Why do companies or institutions migrate to or deploy LibreOffice?

- LibreOffice adopts the ISO standard Open Document Format (ODF)
- LibreOffice reads and writes several Microsoft proprietary file formats
- LibreOffice allows to save documents in the Hybrid PDF format
- LibreOffice installs only free fonts (interoperability)
- LibreOffice makes Interoperabilty possible
- Companies want to avoid vendor lock in
- LibreOffice can reduce costs at considerable amounts
- Only **free software** guarantees that business secrets are kept secret

Target groups

- Public administrations
- Governments
- Enterprises
- Universities
- Institutions
- Individuals

Open Document Format – true open standard

- the default format for all office documents

- the **broadest support** of all formats within the industry means that documents are truly portable

- equal support for all international scripts - Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Latin, etc

- ODF documents are smaller in size than their legacy equivalents, which saves up to 75% of disk space and bandwidth

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- content as well as media objects (images, movies, etc) are directly accessible and easy to work with from outside your office application

- the simple XML syntax is human readible and easy to understand and program

- ODF is secure - the light-weight structure makes it easier than ever to enforce even the strictest of security policies

- ODF pays a lot of attention to accessibility for people with disabilities

How to get there: Marketing, Outreach & local communities

- Let's share our success stories (and failures), we can all learn from them.

- Is your the company (or university) you are working for, using LibreOffice?

- Documentation

- Localizations

- Let's get everyone involved

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- Things work different in different countries & cultures

- It's easier for local contributors to approach institutions or event the government at the place they live

Resources

- http://opendocumentformat.org/features/

- LibreOffice Migration Protocol

- The Document Foundation Wiki

Thank you for your attention :)