

Collaborative Goodness

The unsung story behind the open-source collaborative development of the Insert Page Number wizard

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Bug reporters: identifying priorities

The general user base identified easier page numbering as important

- duplicate bug 106239 – requesting “Simplify insertion of page number”
- mirrors my own experience
 - included “how to insert page numbering” in the 2-page training document provided to my users when switching away from Microsoft Office
 - this was my father-in-law’s first question about LibreOffice
 - I’ve seen this cited as a deal-breaker even in technical forums



Client wanted to fund resolving “user’s main pain points”

- let’s have a round of applause for this
- this is what open-source is all about
 - everyone contributing using their own unique strengths
 - all benefiting from each other’s strengths



Collabora creates page number wizard

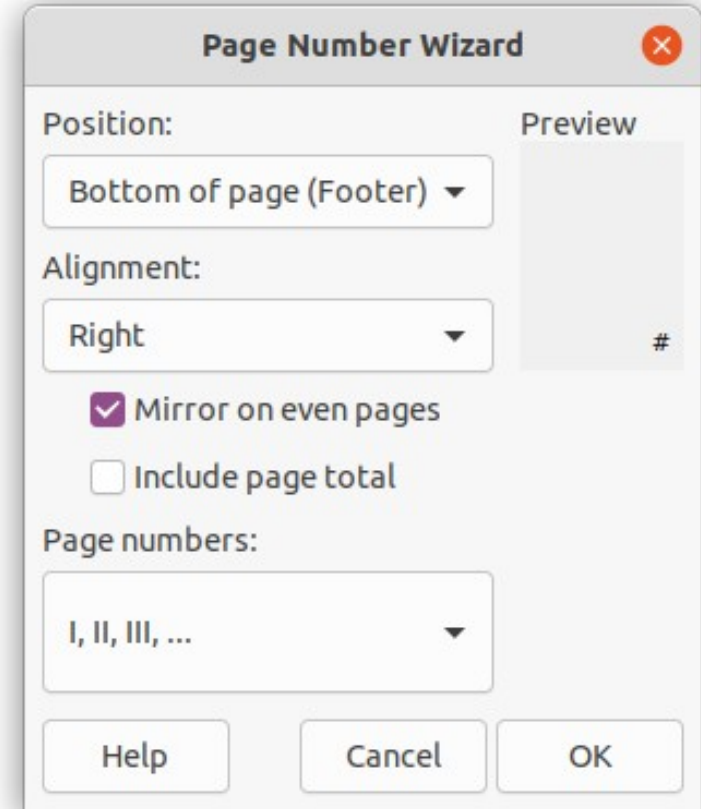
Ecosystem provides expertise/robust professionalism

- well done implementation by Paris for 23.05
- hard for a volunteer to do
 - bug reports have existed since 2014
 - lots of different code areas needed to be pulled together



Community enhances and adds internationalization

- default:center
- mirroring
- page total
- page number style/language
- menu icon
- help pages
- translation





QA polishes off some rough edges

- Collabora's QA identifies and resolves accessibility limitations
- TDF QA identifies exact steps to reproduce a community-introduced crash



Well Done!!

- huge win for the normal, basic user
- beautiful example of all parts of the open-source community working together in their best capacities
- didn't get the love it probably should have from the news media



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Thank you!

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