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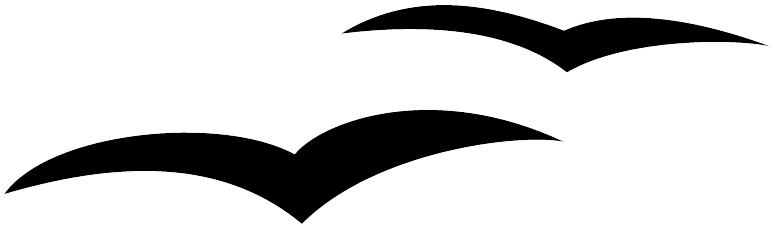

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Overview

Instead of Microsoft Office's WordArt, OpenOffice.org has FontWork. The *FontWork window* is dockable at the sides of the screen.

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Modifications and updates

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Using FontWork

To use FontWork:

1) Select the Text Tool (found on the *Draw* tear off toolbar in Writer and Calc and on the *Main toolbar* in Draw and Impress) .
2) Draw a text frame in the document.
3) Type some text (if text isn't typed into the frame before clicking outside the text frame, the text frame is removed).
4) **Format** > **Fontwork**.
5) Apply the desired effects from the Fontwork toolbox.

Creating gradient color fills

A popular feature of WordArt that FontWork doesn't have is gradient color fills of the text. A work-around is to use Draw instead where it is possible to convert text to curves, apply a gradient fill and then copy this object into your document.

To do gradient color fills of text in Writer:

1) **Insert > Object > OLE Object ... > Drawing.**
2) Draw a text shape (style it to taste, using font, size, etc.).
3) **Modify > Convert > To Curve.**
4) **Format > Area.**
5) Pick the **Area** tab. Set Fill to Gradient. Pick a Gradient.
6) Click OK.
7) **Format > Line**.
8) Pick Line tag. Set Style to Invisible. Click OK.
9) Reposition the text to top left and resize the window as appropriate.
10) Click outside the Draw window to return to Writer.

Changing the color of FontWork text

To change the color of the FontWork text:

1) Double-click the FontWork object.
2) Select the text.
3) **Format** > **Character..** > **Font Color.**

***Note**: The color controls in the object toolbar do not relate to the FontWork text but rather to the contour line that the text is following.*