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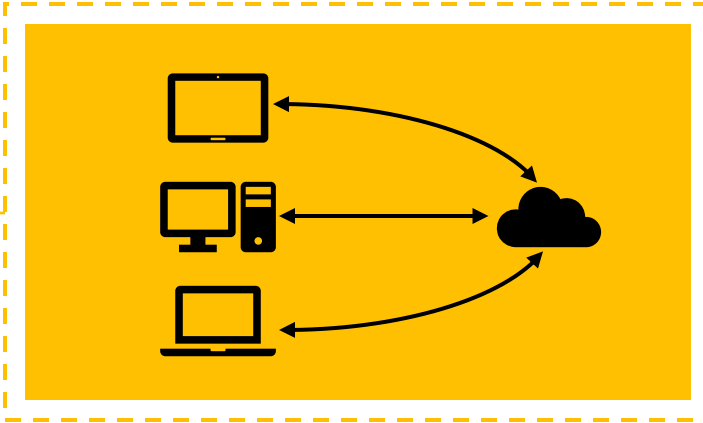
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Local First Software

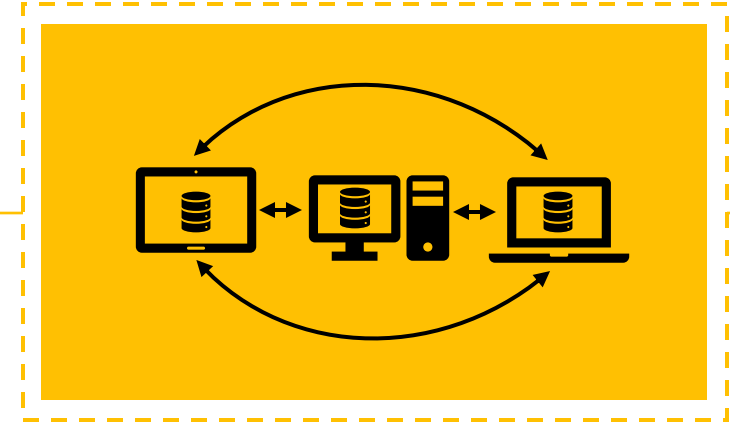
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What is Local First



Cloud First

- Centralized Data Storage
- Requires Internet Access
- Cost for high Usage



Local First

- Offline availability
- Full Data Ownership
- Data privacy

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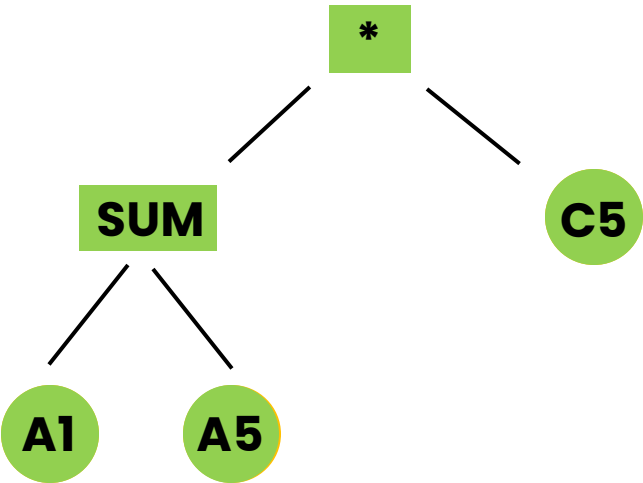
- Collaborative Excel Formula Editing
- Automatic Synchronization
 - Conflict-free
- Merge Algorithm
 - Idempotent
 - Associative
 - Communicative



Helix Magic under the Hood

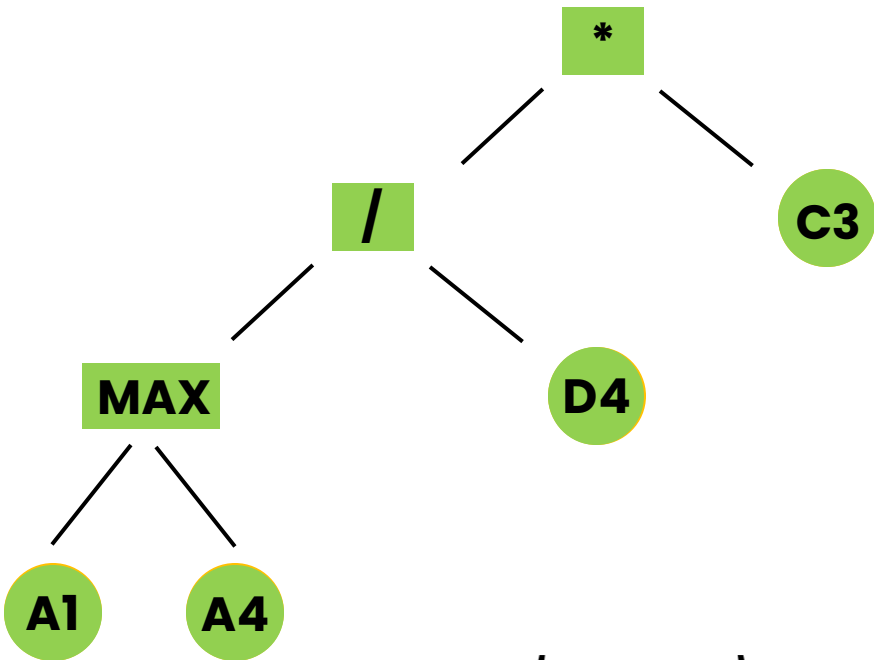
$$\text{SUM}(A1 ; A5) * C5$$

=



$$(\text{MAX}(A1 ; A4) / D4) * C3$$

=



Alice: $\begin{pmatrix} \text{Alice:} & 3 \\ \text{Bob:} & 2 \\ \text{Claire:} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (\text{MAX}(A1 ; A5) / D4) * C5$

Bob: $\begin{pmatrix} \text{Alice:} & 2 \\ \text{Bob:} & 3 \\ \text{Claire:} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Inside the Software

Collaborative Formula Editor Sync								Collaborative Formula Editor Sync							
Select a cell								Select a cell							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G		A	B	C	D	E	F	
1	(SUM(A1:A5)*C5)							1	((MAX(A1:A4)/D4)*C3)						
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//TODO Append in the middle keep in mind for later tests
```

```
@Test 1 TeoField-Marsham +1
```

```
public  
    // Handle merging of FunctionCall nodes  
    private FunctionCall mergeFunctionCall(FunctionCall local, FunctionCall remote) {  
        // Merge arguments  
        // traverse the arguments  
        if (local.functionName.  
            List<ASTNode> merge  
            int localSize = loc  
            int remoteSize = re  
            int maxSize = Math.  
            for (int i = 0; i <  
            ASTNode localArg  
            ASTNode remoteArg  
            if (localArg !=  
            ASTNode merge  
            mergedArgument  
        } else if (local  
            mergedArgument  
        } else if (remo  
            mergedArgument  
    }  
    return new Function  
    } else {  
        // hierarchy of fun  
        return mergeBasicFu  
    }  
}
```

```
@Test  
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    ASTNode localArg  
    ASTNode remoteArg  
    if (localArg !=  
    ASTNode merge  
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```
@Test 1 TeoField-Marsham +1  
public void longerBinaryOperations() {  
    Formula formula1 = createFormula( expression:  
    Formula formula2 = createFormula( expression:  
    mergeResult = crdtMerge.merge(formula1, for  
    Assertions.assertEquals( expected: "(18*A6)/  
}
```

```
// Merge two ASTNodes according to the CRDT rules
```

```
public ASTNode mergeASTNodes(ASTNode local, ASTNode remote) { 7 usages 1 Max Beringer +1
```

```
    // check if both nodes are of the same type
```

```
    if (local.getClass() != remote.getClass()) {
```

```
        System.out.println("Instance of: " + local + "is: " + local.getClass() + " and " + remote + "is: " + remote.getClass());
```

```
        // Handle type conflicts
```

```
        return resolveTypeConflict(local, remote);
```

```
    }
```

```
    System.out.println("Instance of: " + local + " is: " + local.getClass() + " and " + remote + " is: " + remote.getClass());
```

```
    if (local instanceof Binary && remote instanceof Binary) {
```

```
        return mergeBinary((Binary) local, (Binary) remote);
```

```
    } else if (local instanceof Number && remote instanceof Number) {
```

```
        return mergeNumbers((Number<?>) local, (Number<?>) remote);
```

```
    } else if (local instanceof ExcelString && remote instanceof ExcelString) {
```

```
        return mergeExcelStrings((ExcelString) local, (ExcelString) remote);
```

```
    } else if (local instanceof Boolean && remote instanceof Boolean) {
```

```
        return mergeBooleans((Boolean) local, (Boolean) remote);
```

```
    } else if (local instanceof Cell && remote instanceof Cell) {
```

```
        return mergeCells((Cell) local, (Cell) remote);
```

```
    } else if (local instanceof CellRange && remote instanceof CellRange) {
```

```
        return mergeCellRanges((CellRange) local, (CellRange) remote);
```

```
    } else if (local instanceof Negate && remote instanceof Negate) {
```

```
        return mergeNegates((Negate) local, (Negate) remote);
```

```
    } else if (local instanceof FunctionCall && remote instanceof FunctionCall) {
```

```
        return mergeFunctionCall((FunctionCall) local, (FunctionCall) remote);
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        // If nodes are of the same type but not handled, return local by default
```

```
        return local;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
@Test 1 TeoField-Marsham
```

```
public void formulaAndNumber() {
```

```
    Formula formula1 = createFormula( expression: "88");
```

```
    createFormula( expression: "MIN(A1:A3)");
```

```
    merge.merge(formula1, formula2);
```

```
    assertEquals( expected: "MIN(A1:A3)", mergeResult.toString());
```

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}
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Thank you for your attention!