

Getting Started Guide

Chapter 2 Setting up OpenOffice.org

Choosing options to suit the way you work

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Choosing options for all of OOo

This section covers some of the settings that apply to all the components of OpenOffice.org. For information on settings not discussed here, see the online help.

Click **Tools > Options**. The list in the left-hand box of the Options – OpenOffice.org dialog varies depending on which component of OOo is open. The illustrations in this chapter show the list as it appears when a Writer document is open.

Click the + sign by OpenOffice.org on the left-hand side. A list of pages drops down. Selecting an item in the list causes the right-hand side of the dialog to display the relevant page.

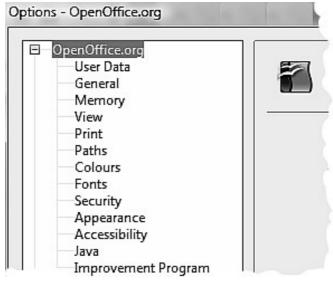


Figure 1: OpenOffice.org options

NoteThe Back button has the same effect on all pages of the
Options dialog. It resets the options to the values that were in
place when you opened OpenOffice.org.

User Data options

Because OOo uses the name or initials stored in the OpenOffice.org – User Data page for several things, including document properties (created by and last edited by information) and the name of the author of notes and changes, you will want to ensure that the correct information appears here.

Fill in the form (shown in Figure 2), or amend or delete any existing incorrect information.

Forename/Sur <u>n</u> ame/Initials	Peter	Hillier-Brook	PHB
	i eter		
<u>S</u> treet			
Postcode/City			
Country/Region			
Title/Position			
Tel. (Home/ <u>W</u> ork)			
Fa <u>x</u> / E-mail			

Figure 2: Filling in user data

General options

The options on the OpenOffice.org - General page are described below.

Help Tips	
✓ Extended tips	
✓ Help Agent	
Reset Help Agent	
Help <u>f</u> ormatting	Default 💌
Open/Save dialogues ✓ Use OpenOffice.org dialogues	
Document status	
Year (two digits)	
Interpret as years between	1930 🔿 and 2029

Figure 3: Setting general options for OpenOffice.org

Help - Tips

When *Tips* is active, one or two words will appear when you hold the mouse pointer over an icon or field, without clicking.

Help - Extended tips

When *Extended tips* is active, a brief description of the function of a particular icon or menu command or a field on a dialog appears when you hold the mouse pointer over that item.

Help Agent

To turn off the *Help Agent* (similar to Microsoft's Office Assistant), deselect this option. To restore the default behavior, click **Reset Help Agent**.

Help formatting

High contrast is an operating system setting that changes the system color scheme to improve readability. To display Help in high contrast (if your computer's operating system supports this), choose one of the high-contrast style sheets from the pull-down list.

High-contrast style	Visual effect
Default	Black text on white background
High Contrast #1	Yellow text on black background
High Contrast #2	Green text on black background
High Contrast Black	White text on black background
High Contrast White	Black text on white background

Open/Save dialogs

To use the standard Open and Save dialogs for your operating system, deselect the **Use OpenOffice.org dialogs** option. When this option is selected, the Open and Save dialogs supplied with OpenOffice.org will be used. See Chapter 1 (Introducing OpenOffice.org) for more about the OOo Open and Save dialogs. This book uses the OOo Open and Save dialogs in illustrations.

Document status

If this option is selected, then the next time you close the document after printing, the print date is recorded in the document properties as a change and you will be prompted to save the document again, even if you did not make any other changes.

Year (two digits)

Specifies how two-digit years are interpreted. For example, if the two-digit year is set to 1930, and you enter a date of 1/1/30 or later into your document, the date is interpreted as 1/1/1930 or later. An "earlier" date is interpreted as being in the following century; that is, 1/1/20 is interpreted as 1/1/2020.

Memory options

In the Options dialog, click **OpenOffice.org > Memory**. Some considerations:

- More memory can make OpenOffice.org faster and more convenient (for example, more undo steps require more memory); but the trade-off is less memory available for other applications and you could run out of memory altogether.
- If your documents contain a lot of objects such as images, or the objects are large, OOo's performance may improve if you increase the memory for OOo or the memory per object. If you find that objects seem to disappear from a document that contains a lot of them, increase the number of objects in the cache. (The objects are still in the file even if you cannot see them on screen.)
- To load the Quickstarter (an icon on the desktop or in the system tray) when you start your computer, select the option near the bottom of the dialog. This makes OpenOffice.org start faster; the trade-off is OOo uses some memory even when not being used. This option (sometimes called **Enable systray quickstarter**) is not available on all operating systems.

Number of steps	100 📚
raphics cache	
Use for OpenOffice.org	9 🛞 MB
Memory per object	2.4 🙊 MB
Remove from memory after	00:10 🛞 hh:mm
ache for inserted objects	
Number <u>o</u> f objects	20 🔿
penOffice.org Quickstarter	

Figure 4: Choosing Memory options for the OpenOffice.org applications

View options

The options on the OpenOffice.org – View page affect the way the document window looks and behaves. Some of these options are described below. Set them to suit your personal preferences.

User Interface - Scaling

If the text in the help files or on the menus of the OOo user interface is too small or too large, you can change it by specifying a scaling factor. Sometimes a change here can have unexpected results, depending on the screen fonts available on your system. However, it does not affect the actual font size of the text in your documents.

User Interface	Graphics output
Icon <u>s</u> ize and style	🗹 Use Anti-Aliasing
Small 🔽 Galaxy (default) 💌	Mouse
Use system <u>f</u> ont for user interface	Mouse positioning
	No automatic positioning
Menu	Mi <u>d</u> dle mouse button
Icons in <u>m</u> enus	Automatic scrolling
Automatic 🗸 🗸 🗸	
Font Lists	Selection
Show preview of fonts	✓ Iransparency 75%
Show font history	

Figure 5: Choosing View options for OOo applications

User Interface - Icon size and style

The first box specifies the display size of toolbar icons (Automatic, Small, or Large). The Automatic icon size option uses the setting for your operating system. The second box specifies the icon style (theme); here the Automatic option uses an icon set compatible with your operating system and choice of desktop: for example, KDE or Gnome on Linux.

User Interface - Use system font for user interface

If you prefer to use the system font (the default font for your computer and operating system) instead of the font provided by OOo for the user interface, select this option.

User interface - Screen font antialiasing

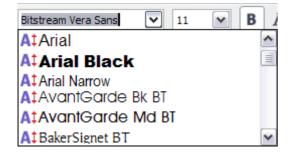
(Not available in Windows; not shown in Figure 5.) Select this option to smooth the screen appearance of text. Enter the smallest font size to apply antialiasing.

Menu - icons in menus

Causes icons as well as words to be visible in menus.

Font Lists - Show preview of fonts

Causes the font list to look like Figure 6, Left, with the font names shown as an example of the font; with the option deselected, the font list shows only the font names, not their formatting (Figure 6, Right). The fonts you will see listed are those that are installed on your system.



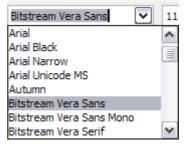


Figure 6. Font list (Left) With preview; (Right) Without preview

Font Lists - Show font history

Causes the last five fonts you have assigned to the current document are displayed at the top of the font list.

Graphics output – Use hardware acceleration

Directly accesses hardware features of the graphical display adapter to improve the screen display. Not supported on all operating systems and OOo distributions.

Graphics output – Use anti-aliasing

Enables and disables anti-aliasing, which makes the display of most graphical objects look smoother and with fewer artifacts. Not supported on all operating systems and OOo distributions.

TipPress Shift+Control+R to restore or refresh the view of the
current document.

Mouse positioning

Specifies if and how the mouse pointer will be positioned in newly opened dialogs.

Middle mouse button

Defines the function of the middle mouse button.

- Automatic scrolling dragging while pressing the middle mouse button shifts the view.
- **Paste clipboard** pressing the middle mouse button inserts the contents of the "Selection clipboard" at the cursor position.

The "Selection clipboard" is independent of the normal clipboard that you use by **Edit > Copy/Cut/Paste** or their respective

keyboard shortcuts. Clipboard and "Selection clipboard" can contain different contents at the same time.

Function	Clipboard	Selection clipboard
Copy content	Edit > Copy Control+C	Select text, table, or object.
Paste content	Edit > Paste <i>Control+V</i> pastes at the cursor position.	Clicking the middle mouse button pastes at the mouse pointer position.
Pasting into another document	No effect on the clipboard contents.	The last marked selection is the content of the selection clipboard.

Print options

On the OpenOffice.org – Print page, set the print options to suit your default printer and your most common printing method.

In the *Printer warnings* section near the bottom of the page (Figure 7), you can choose whether to be warned if the paper size or orientation specified in your document does not match the paper size or

orientation available for your printer. Having these warnings turned on can be quite helpful, particularly if you work with documents produced by people in other countries where the standard paper size is different from yours.

Settings for	<u> Printer</u>	O Print to file	
Printer Reduce transpo	arency	Reduce gradients	
Automatica	ally	Gradient stripes	64 🗘
○ <u>N</u> o transpa	arency	O Intermediate <u>c</u> olour	
Reduce <u>b</u> itmap	s	Convert colours to greyscale	
O High print o	quality		
Normal prin	nt quality		
O Resolution	200 DPI (defau	t) 🔽	
🗹 Include tra	nsparent objects		
inter warnings			
Paper size		✓ Transparency	

Figure 7: Choosing general printing options to apply to all OOo components

Tip

If your printouts are incorrectly placed on the page or chopped off at the top, bottom, or sides, or the printer is refusing to print, the most likely cause is page size incompatibility.

Path options

On the OpenOffice.org – Paths page, you can change the location of files associated with, or used by, OpenOffice.org to suit your working situation. In a Windows system, for example, you might want to store documents by default somewhere other than My Documents.

To make changes, select an item in the list shown in Figure 8 and click **Edit**. On the Select Paths dialog (not shown), add or delete folders as required, and then click **OK** to return to the Options dialog. Note that some items can have at least two paths listed: one to a shared folder (which might be on a network) and one to a user-specific folder (normally on the user's personal computer).

Тір

You can use the entries in the OpenOffice.org – Paths dialog to compile a list of files, such as those containing AutoText, that you need to back up or copy to another computer.

Type 🛆	Path
AutoCorrect	/home/jeanweber/.openoffice.org/3/user/autocorr
AutoText	/home/jeanweber/.openoffice.org/3/user/autotext
Backups	/home/jeanweber/.openoffice.org/3/user/backup
Gallery	/home/jeanweber/.openoffice.org/3/user/gallery
Graphics	/home/jeanweber/.openoffice.org/3/user/gallery
My Documents	/home/jeanweber/Documents
Templates	/home/jeanweber/.openoffice.org/3/user/template
Temporary files	/tmp
٢	8

Figure 8: Viewing the paths of files used by OpenOffice.org

Color options

On the OpenOffice.org – Colors page (Figure 9), you can specify colors to use in OOo documents. You can select a color from a color table, edit an existing color, and define new colors. These colors are stored in your color palette and are then available in all components of OOo.

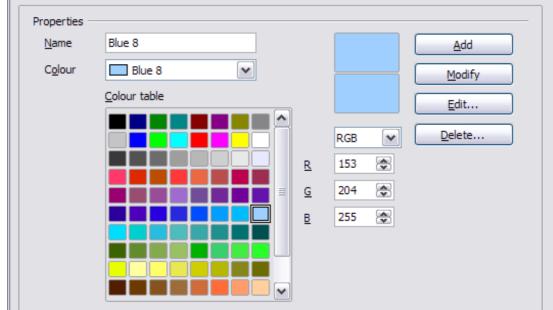


Figure 9: Defining colors to use in color palettes in OOo

To modify a color:

- 1) Select the color to modify from the list or the color table.
- 2) Enter the new values that define the color. If necessary, change the settings from RGB (Red, Green, Blue) to CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black) or vice versa. The changed color appears in the lower of the two color preview boxes at the top.
- 3) Modify the *Name* as required.
- 4) Click the **Modify** button. The newly defined color is now listed in the Color table.

Alternatively, click the **Edit** button to open the Color dialog, shown in Figure 10. Here you can select a color from one of the color windows in the upper area, or you can enter values in the lower area using your choice of RGB, CMYK, or HSB (Hue, Saturation and Brightness) values.

The upper right color window is linked directly with the color input fields in the lower area; as you choose a color in the upper window, the numbers change accordingly. The two color fields at the lower right show the value of the selected color on the left and the currently set value from the color value fields on the right. Modify the color components as required and click **OK** to exit the dialog. The newly defined color now appears in the lower of the color preview boxes shown in Figure 1. Type a name for this color in the *Name* box, then click the **Add** button. A small box showing the new color is added to the Color table.

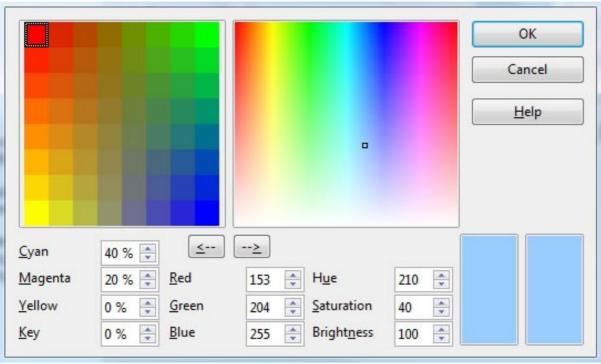


Figure 10: Editing colors

Another way to define or alter colors is through the Colors page of the Area dialog, where you can also save and load palettes, a feature that is not possible here. In Calc, draw a temporary draw object and use the context menu of this object to open the Area dialog. If you load a palette in one component of OOo, it is only active in that component; the other components keep their own palettes.

Font options

You can define replacements for any fonts that might appear in your documents. If you receive from someone else a document containing fonts that you do not have on your system, OpenOffice.org will substitute fonts for those it does not find. You might prefer to specify a different font from the one the program chooses.

On the OpenOffice.org – Fonts page (Figure 11):

1) Select the Apply Replacement Table option.

- 2) Select or type the name of the font to be replaced in the **Font** box. (If you do not have this font on your system, it will not appear in the drop-down list in this box, so you need to type it in.)
- 3) In the **Replace with** box, select a suitable font from the dropdown list of fonts installed on your computer.
- 4) The checkmark to the right of the **Replace with** box turns green. Click on this checkmark. A row of information now appears in the larger box below the input boxes. Select the options under **Always** and **Screen**.
- 5) In the bottom section of the page, you can change the typeface and size of the font used to display source code such as HTML and Basic (in macros).

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Always	Screen	Font		Replace with	
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ont settin	gs for HTML i	and Basic source	:es		
- ont settin	gs for HTML a	and Basic sourc	:es	▼	

Figure 11: Defining a font to be substituted for another font

Security options

Use the OpenOffice.org – Security page (Figure 12) to choose security options for saving documents and for opening documents that contain macros.

Security options and warnings

If you record changes, save multiple versions, or include hidden information or notes in your documents, and you do not want some of the recipients to see that information, you can set warnings to remind you to remove it, or you can have OOo remove some of it automatically. Note that (unless removed) much of this information is retained in a file whether the file is in OpenOffice.org's default OpenDocument format, or has been saved to other formats, including PDF.

Click the **Options** button to open a separate dialog with specific choices (Figure 13).



Figure 12: Choosing security options for opening and saving documents

Macro security

Click the **Macro Security** button to open the Macro Security dialog (not shown here), where you can adjust the security level for executing macros and specify trusted sources.

File sharing options for this document

Select the **Open this document in read-only mode** option to restrict this document to be opened in read-only mode only. This option protects the document against accidental changes. It is still possible to edit a copy of the document and save that copy with the same name as the original.

Select the **Record changes** option to enable recording changes. This is the same as Edit > Changes > Record. To allow other users of this document to apply changes, but prevent them from disabling change recording, click the **Protect** buton and enter a password.

Security options and warnings	X
Security warnings	
Warn if document contains recorded changes,	versions, hidden information or notes:
When saving or sending	✓ When <u>s</u> igning
Uwhen printing	When creating PDF files
Security options	
<u>Remove personal information on saving</u>	
Recommend password protection on saving	
Ctrl-click required to follow hyperlinks	
ОК	Cancel <u>H</u> elp

Figure 13: Security options and warnings dialog

Remove personal information on saving

Select this option to always remove user data from the file properties when saving the file. To manually remove personal information from specific documents, deselect this option and then use the **Delete** button under **File > Properties > General**.

Ctrl-click required to follow hyperlinks

In older versions of OOo, clicking on a hyperlink in a document opened the linked document. Now you can choose whether to keep this behavior (by unchecking this box). Many people find creation and editing of documents easier when accidental clicks on links do not activate the links.

The other options on this dialog should be self-explanatory.

Appearance options

Writing, editing, and (especially) page layout are often easier when you can see the page margins (text boundaries), the boundaries of tables and sections (in Writer documents), page breaks in Calc, grid lines in Draw or Writer, and other features. In addition, you might prefer to use colors that are different from OOo's defaults for such items as note indicators or field shadings.

On the OpenOffice.org – Appearance page (Figure 14), you can specify which items are visible and the colors used to display various items.

<u>S</u> cheme	OpenOffice.org	✓ Sa <u>v</u> e	<u>D</u> elete
ustom colours -			
On User inte	rface elements	Colour setting	Preview
Document	t background	🔲 Automatic 💌	
Text bou	ndaries	Automatic 💌	
Applicatio	n background	Automatic 💌	
Object bo	oundaries	Automatic 💌	
✓ Table bou	undaries	Automatic 💌	
Font colo	ur	Automatic 💌	
Unvisited	links	Automatic 💌	
Visited lin	ke	Red 🗸	

Figure 14: Showing or hiding text, object, and table boundaries

- To show or hide items such as text boundaries, select or deselect the options next to the names of the items.
- To change the default colors for items, click the down-arrow in the *Color Setting* column by the name of the item and select a color from the pop-up box.
- To save your color changes as a color scheme, click **Save**, type a name in the *Scheme* box; then click **OK**.

Accessibility options

Accessibility options include whether to allow animated graphics or text, how long help tips remain showing, some options for high contrast display, and a way to change the font for the user interface of the OpenOffice.org program (see Figure 15).

Accessibility support relies on Sun Microsystems Java technology for communications with assistive technology tools. See "Java options" below. The *Support assistive technology tools* option is not shown on all OOo installations. See *Assistive Tools in OpenOffice.org* in the Help for other requirements and information.

Select or deselect the options as required.

Miscellaneous options Support assistive technology tools (program restart re-	auired)
Use text selection cursor in read-only text documents	qui cuy
Allow animated graphics Allow animated text	
Help tips disappear after	4 🔿 seconds
Options for high contrast appearance	
Automatically detect high-contrast mode of operating s	system
Use automatic font <u>colour</u> for screen display	
<u>U</u> se system colours for page previews	

Figure 15: Choosing accessibility options

Java options

If you install or update a Java Runtime Environment (JRE) after you install OpenOffice.org, or if you have more than one JRE installed on your computer, you can use the OpenOffice.org – Java options page (Figure 16) to choose the JRE for OOo to use.

Vendor	Version	Features	Add
Sun Microsystems Inc.	1.6.0_02		<u>P</u> arameters <u>C</u> lass Path.

Figure 16: Choosing a Java runtime environment

If you are a system administrator, programmer, or other person who customizes JRE installations, you can use the Parameters and Class Path pages (reached from the Java page) to specify this information.

If you do not see anything listed in the middle of the page, wait a few minutes while OOo searches for JREs on the hard disk.

If OOo finds one or more JREs, it will display them there. You can then select the **Use a Java runtime environment** option and (if necessary) choose one of the JREs listed.

Online Update options

On the OpenOffice.org – Online Update page (Figure 17), you can choose whether and how often to have OOo check the OOo website for program updates. If the **Check for updates automatically** option is selected, an icon appears at the right-hand end of the menu bar when an update is available. Click this icon to open a dialog where you can choose to download the update.

Online Update Options	
Check for updates automatically	
O Every Da <u>v</u>	
• Every <u>W</u> eek	
O Every Month	
Last checked: 21/09/07, 18:10:00	
Check now	
Download updates automatically	
Download destination:	
D:\Download	Change

Figure 17: Configuring Online Update

If the **Download updates automatically** option is selected, the download starts when you click the icon. To change the download destination, click the **Change** button and select the required folder in the file browser window.

Improvement program

On the OpenOffice.org – Improvement Program page, you can choose whether or not to participate in the OpenOffice.org Improvement Program, which collects anonymous statistics about how you use OOo.

Choosing options for loading and saving documents

You can set the Load/Save options to suit the way you work.

If the Options dialog is not already open, click **Tools > Options**. Click the + sign to the left of **Load/Save**.



General Load/Save options

Most of the choices on the Load/Save – General page (Figure 19) are familiar to users of other office suites. Some items of interest are described below.

Load Load user-specific settings with the docum Load printer settings with the document Save	nent	
 Edit document properties before saving Always create backup copy Save <u>A</u>utoRecovery information every Save URLs relative to file system Save <u>U</u>RLs relative to internet 	15 🐧 Minutes	
Default file format and ODF settings ODF <u>f</u> ormat version	1.2 (recommended)	
Size optimization for ODF format Warn when <u>n</u> ot saving in ODF or default for Document type	ormat Always sa <u>v</u> e as	
Text document 🖌	ODF Text Document	

Figure 19. Choosing Load and Save options

Load user-specific settings with the document

When you save a document, certain settings are saved with it. Some settings (printer name, data source linked to the document) are always loaded with a document, whether or not this option is selected. If you select this option, these document settings are overruled by the user-specific settings of the person who opens it. If you deselect this option, the user's personal settings do not overrule the settings in the document. For example, your choice (in the options for OOo Writer) of how to update links is affected by the **Load user-specific settings** option.

Load printer settings with the document

If this option is **not** selected, the printer settings that are stored with the document are ignored when you print it using the **Print File Directly** icon. The default printer in your system will be used instead.

Edit document properties before saving

If you select this option, the Document Properties dialog pops up to prompt you to enter relevant information the first time you save a new document (or whenever you use **Save As**).

Save AutoRecovery information every

Choose whether to enable AutoRecovery and how often to save the information used by the AutoRecovery process.

AutoRecovery in OpenOffice.org overwrites the original file. If you also choose **Always create backup copy**, the original file then overwrites the backup copy. If you have this set, recovering your document after a system crash will be easier; but recovering an earlier version of the document may be harder.

Save URLs relative to file system / internet

Relative addressing to a file system is only possible if the source document and the referenced document are both on the same drive. A relative address always starts from the directory in which the current document is located. It is recommended to save relatively if you want to create a directory structure on an Internet server.

Default file format and ODF settings

ODF format version. OpenOffice.org by default saves documents in OpenDocument Format (ODF) version 1.2. While this allows for improved functionality, there may be backwards compatibility issues. When a file saved in ODF 1.2 is opened in an earlier version of OpenOffice.org (using ODF 1.0/1.1), some of the advanced features may be lost. Two notable examples are cross-references to headings and the formatting of numbered lists. If you plan to share documents with people who are still using older versions of OpenOffice.org, save the document using ODF version 1.0/1.1.

Size optimization for ODF format. OpenOffice.org documents are XML files. When you select this option, OOo writes the XML data without indents and line breaks. If you want to be able to read the XML files in a text editor in a structured form, deselect this option.

Document type. If you routinely share documents with users of Microsoft Office, you might want to change the **Always save as** attribute for documents to one of the Microsoft Office formats.

Note Although OOo can open files in the .docx, .xlsx, and .pptx formats produced by Microsoft Office 2007, it cannot save in those formats. This capability is planned for a future release.

VBA Properties Load/Save options

On the Load/Save – VBA Properties page (Figure 20), you can choose whether to keep any macros in Microsoft Office documents that are opened in OpenOffice.org.

Microsoft Word 97/2000/XP
Save <u>o</u> riginal Basic code
Microsoft Excel 97/2000/XP
Executable code
☑ Sa <u>v</u> e original Basic code
Microsoft PowerPoint 97/2000/XP
Sav <u>e</u> original Basic code
Figure 20: Choosing

Load/Save VBA Properties

- If you choose **Save original Basic code**, the macros will not work in OOo but are retained if you save the file into Microsoft Office format.
- If you choose **Load Basic code to edit**, the changed code is saved in an OOo document but is not retained if you save into a Microsoft Office format.
- If you are importing a Microsoft Excel file containing VBA code, you can select the option **Executable code**. Whereas normally the code is preserved but rendered inactive (if you inspect it with the StarBasic IDE you will notice that it is all commented), with this option the code is ready to be executed.

Microsoft Office Load/Save options

On the Load/Save – Microsoft Office page (Figure 21), you can choose what to do when importing and exporting Microsoft Office OLE objects (linked or embedded objects or documents such as spreadsheets or equations).

Select the [L] options to convert Microsoft OLE objects into the corresponding OpenOffice.org OLE objects when a Microsoft document is loaded into OOo (mnemonic: "L" for "load").

Select the [S] options to convert OpenOffice.org OLE objects into the corresponding Microsoft OLE objects when a document is saved in a Microsoft format (mnemonic: "S" for "save").

	MathsType to OpenOffice.org Maths / OpenOffice.org Maths to MathsType WinWord to OpenOffice.org Writer / OpenOffice.org Writer to WinWord Excel to OpenOffice.org Calc / OpenOffice.org Calc to Excel PowerPoint to OpenOffice.org Impress / OpenOffice.org Impress to PowerPoint	^
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Figure 21: Choosing Load/Save Microsoft Office options

HTML compatibility Load/Save options

Choices made on the Load/Save – HTML Compatibility page (Figure 22) affect HTML pages imported into OpenOffice.org and those exported from OOo. See *HTML documents; importing/exporting* in the Help for more information.

Font sizes

Use these fields to define the respective font sizes for the HTML to tags, if they are used in the HTML pages. (Many pages no longer use these tags.)

Font sizes — Size <u>1</u> Size <u>2</u> Size <u>3</u> Size <u>4</u> Size 5	7 📚 10 📚 12 📚 14 📚	Import Use 'English (USA)' locale for numbers Import unknown HTML tags as fields Ignore font settings Export Netscape Navigator
Size <u>6</u> Size <u>7</u>	24 📚	 Display warning Print layout Copy local graphics to Internet
		Character set Western Europe (Windows-12

Figure 22. Choosing HTML compatibility options

Import - Use 'English (USA)' locale for numbers

When importing numbers from an HTML page, the decimal and thousands separator characters differ according to the locale of the HTML page. The clipboard, however, contains no information about the locale. If this option is **not** selected, numbers will be interpreted according to the **Language - Locale setting** in **Tools > Options > Language Settings > Languages** (see page 26). If this option is selected, numbers will be interpreted as for the English (USA) locale.

Import - Import unknown HTML tags as fields

Select this option if you want tags that are not recognized by OOo to be imported as fields. For an opening tag, an HTML_ON field will be created with the value of the tag name. For a closing tag, an HTML_OFF will be created. These fields will be converted to tags in the HTML export.

Import - Ignore font settings

Select this option to have OOo ignore all font settings when importing. The fonts that were defined in the HTML Page Style will be used.

Export

To optimize the HTML export, select a browser or HTML standard from the **Export** box. If OpenOffice.org Writer is selected, specific OpenOffice.org Writer instructions are exported.

Export - OpenOffice.org Basic

Select this option to include OOo Basic macros (scripts) when exporting to HTML format. You must activate this option *before* you create the OpenOffice.org Basic macro; otherwise the script will not be inserted. OpenOffice.org Basic macros must be located in the header of the HTML document. Once you have created the macro in the OpenOffice.org Basic IDE, it appears in the source text of the HTML document in the header.

If you want the macro to run automatically when the HTML document is opened, choose **Tools > Customize > Events**. See Chapter 13 (Getting Started with Macros) for more information.

Export - Display warning

When the **OpenOffice.org Basic** option (see above) is *not* selected, the **Display warning** option becomes available. If the **Display warning** option is selected, then when exporting to HTML a warning is shown that OpenOffice.org Basic macros will be lost.

Export - Print layout

Select this option to export the print layout of the current document as well. The HTML filter supports CSS2 (Cascading Style Sheets Level 2) for printing documents. These capabilities are only effective if print layout export is activated.

Export - Copy local graphics to Internet

Select this option to automatically upload the embedded pictures to the Internet server when uploading using FTP.

Export - Character set

Select the appropriate character set for the export.

Choosing language settings

You may need to do several things to set the language settings to what you want:

- Install the required dictionaries
- Change some locale and language settings
- Choose spelling options

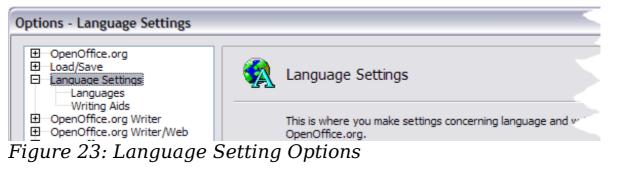
Install the required dictionaries

OOo3 automatically installs several dictionaries with the program. To add other dictionaries, be sure you are connected to the Internet, and then use **Tools > Language > More Dictionaries Online**. OOo will open your default web browser to a page containing links to additional dictionaries that you can install. Follow the prompts to select and install the ones you want.

Change locale and language settings

You can change some details of the locale and language settings that OOo uses for all documents, or for specific documents.

In the Options dialog, click **Language Settings > Languages**.



On the right-hand side of the Language Settings – Languages page (Figure 24), change the *User interface, Locale setting, Default currency,* and *Default languages for documents* as required. In the example, English (UK) has been chosen for all the appropriate settings.

If you want the language (dictionary) setting to apply to the current document only, instead of being the default for all new documents, select the option labelled *For the current document only*.

Language of		
<u>U</u> ser interface	English (UK)	~
Locale setting	English (UK)	~
Decimal separator key	✓ Same as locale setting (.)	
Default currency	GBP £ English (UK)	~
Default languages for documents		
Western	BS English (UK)	~
Asian		~
CĪL		~
	Eor the current document only	
Enhanced language support		
Enabled for Asian languages		
Enabled for complex text layout (CTL)		

Figure 24: Choosing language options

If necessary, select the options to enable support for Asian languages (Chinese, Japanese, Korean) and support for CTL (complex text layout) languages such as Hindi, Thai, Hebrew, and Arabic. If you choose either of these options, the next time you open this dialog, you will see some extra choices under Language Settings, as shown in Figure 25. These choices (*Searching in Japanese, Asian Layout*, and *Complex Text Layout*) are not discussed here.



Figure 25: Extra pages available when enhanced language support options are selected

Choose spelling options

To choose the options for checking spelling, click **Language Settings** > Writing Aids. In the *Options* section of the page (Figure 26), choose the settings that are useful for you. Some considerations:

- If you do not want spelling checked while you type, deselect **Check spelling as you type** and select **Do not mark errors**. (To find the second item, scroll down in the Options list.)
- If you use a custom dictionary that includes words in all upper case and words with numbers (for example, AS/400), select **Check uppercase words** and **Check words with numbers**.
- **Check special regions** includes headers, footers, frames, and tables when checking spelling.

Writing aids <u>A</u> vailable language modules <u>Hunspell SpellChecker</u> <u>Libhyphen Hyphenator</u> <u>OpenOffice.org New Thesaurus</u>	<u>E</u> dit
User-defined dictionaries	
 ✓ soffice [All] ✓ sun [All] 	<u>N</u> ew
IgnoreAlList [All]	Edit
	Delete
Options	
Check spelling as you type Check grammar as you type Check uppercase words Check words with numbers Check capitalization Check capitalization	Edi <u>t</u> ,

Figure 26: Choosing languages, dictionaries, and options for checking spelling

Here you can also check which user-defined (custom) dictionaries are active by default, and add or remove dictionaries, by clicking the **New** or **Delete** buttons.

NoteOpenOffice.org does not have a grammar checker, but you can
install a grammar checker extension such as Language Tool
and access that tool from Tools > Spelling and Grammar.
See Chapter 14 for more about installing extensions.

Choosing Internet options

Use the Internet Options pages to define search engines and save proxy settings for use with OpenOffice.org.

If you are using a Netscape or Mozilla browser (such as Firefox), you can enable the Mozilla Plug-in so you can open OOo files in your browser, print them, save them, and work with them in other ways.

If you are using a Unix- or Linux-based operating system (including Mac OS X), an additional page of E-mail options is available, where you can specify the e-mail program to use when you send the current document as e-mail (Figure 27). Under Windows the operating system's default e-mail program is always used.

🖹 Options - Internet - E-mail		×
 OpenOffice.org Load/Save Language Settings OpenOffice.org Writer OpenOffice.org Writer/Web OpenOffice.org Base OpenOffice.org Base Charts Internet Proxy Search E-mail Mozilla Plug-in 	Sending documents as e-mail attachments	

Figure 27: Internet options, showing E-mail page available to Linux users.

Controlling OOo's AutoCorrect functions

Some people find some or all of the items in OOo's AutoCorrect function annoying because they change what you type when you do not want it changed. Many people find some of the AutoCorrect functions quite helpful; if you do, then select the relevant options. But if you find unexplained changes appearing in your document, this is a good place to look to find the cause.

To open the AutoCorrect dialog, click **Tools > AutoCorrect Options**. (You need to have a document open for this menu item to appear.)

In Writer, this dialog has five tabs, as shown in Figure 28. In other components of OOo, the dialog has only four tabs.

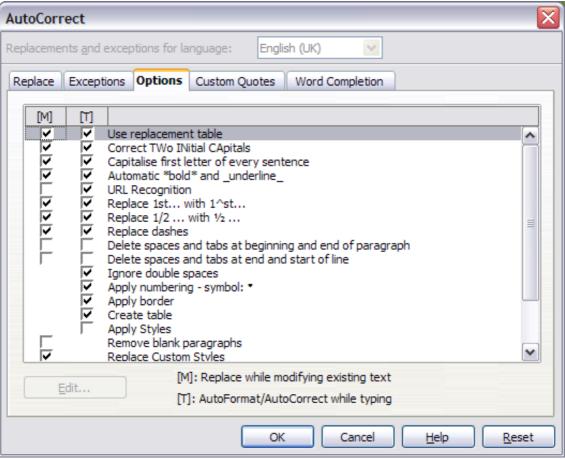


Figure 28: The AutoCorrect dialog in Writer, showing the five tabs and some of the choices