

Collabora



4D realtime charting

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Overview



What is “4D realtime charting”

- time based charting
- 3+ dimensions without time



Implementation parts

- Property Mapping
- Time based approach in Calc/Chart2
- new rendering backend



Property Mapping

Adding more dimensions to our charts



Idea

- Use properties and vary value
- Map value to property value
- Makes chart more flexible

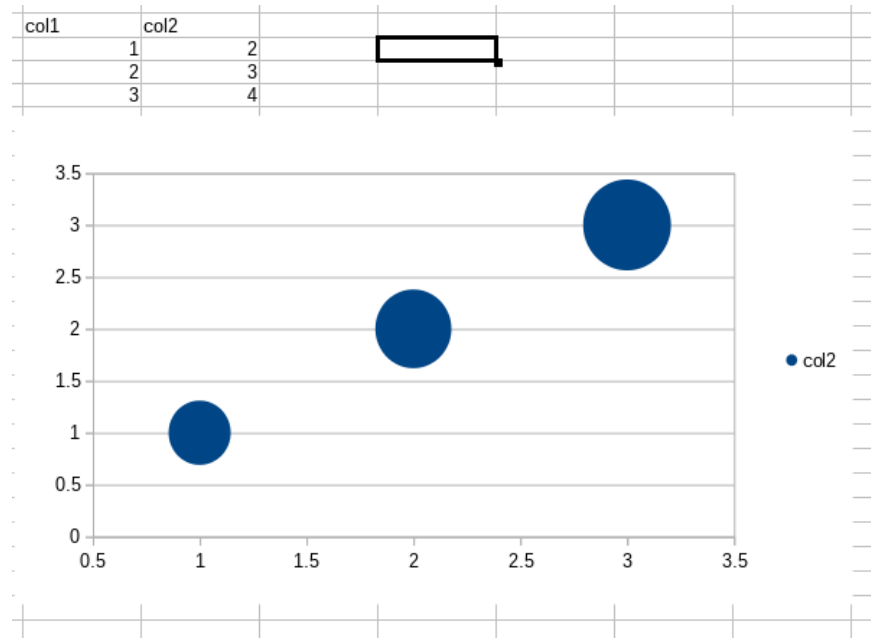
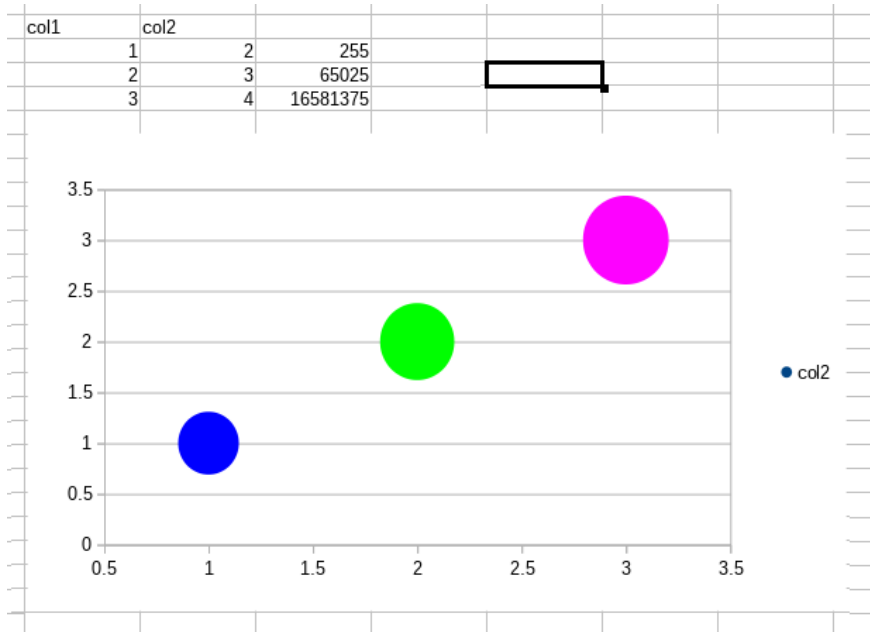


Implementation

- New data series for properties
- Functor to map cell value(double) to property value
- Overwrites hard properties



Example



Time based charting

Dynamically change your charts



Idea

- Animate charts through another dimension
- Each point in time is represented by a new data set
- Interpolate values between data sets



Implementation

- Sheets represent points in time
- Always keep two points cached in chart2
 - Interpolate between two points
 - Interpolate mapped properties
- Timer that triggers repaint of chart every few ms



Example



Problems

- Rendering too slow!!!
- Getting data through UNO is slow
- Destroy cache in calc with sheet switch



OpenGL backend for charts

A new experimental renderer



Idea

- Use GPU for graphic processing
- Avoid our own slow rendering code
- Abstract rendering
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Implementation

- moved all direct createInstance calls into factory
- created AbstractShapeFactory
 - normal ShapeFactory
 - new OpenGLShapeFactory
- return Dummy objects in OpenGL case
 - store state for rendering



Implementation

- New OpenGL initialization code
 - Works currently on Linux and Windows
 - Do you have a Mac and some time?
- Vertex and Fragment shaders
 - OpenGL 3.0+ and GLSL 1.20+
- Offscreen rendering to FBO
- Get Image and put back into drawinglayer



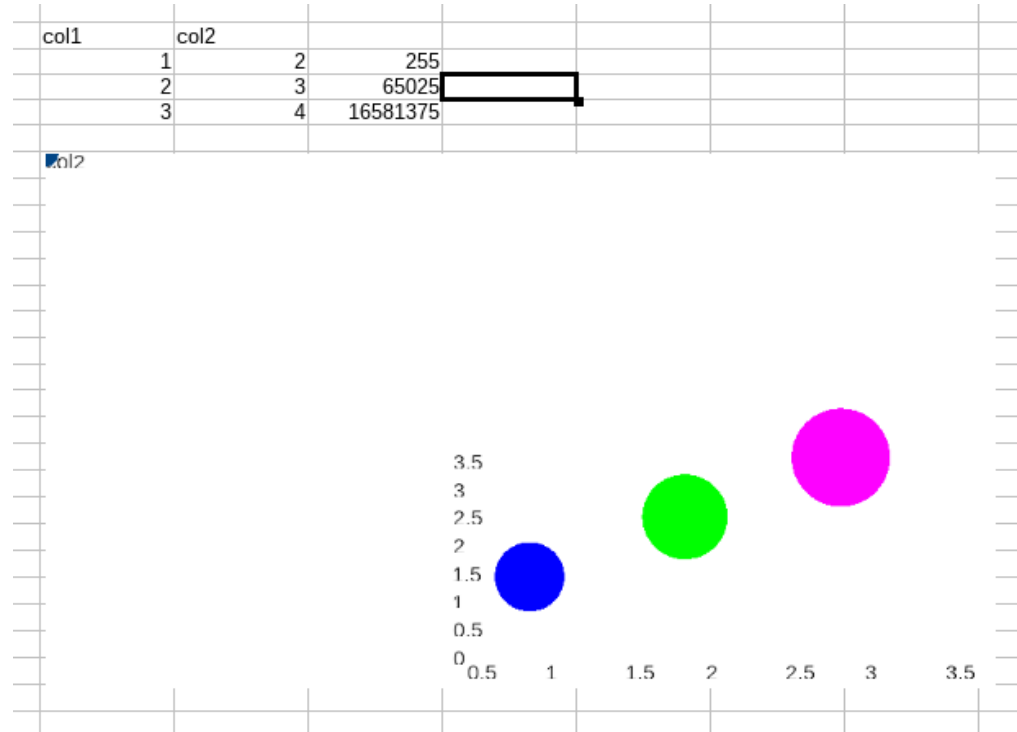
Typical shader

- Shader = program for the GPU

```
8  */
9  █
10 attribute vec3 vPosition;
11 uniform mat4 MVP;
12 uniform vec4 vColor;
13 varying vec4 fragmentColor;
14
15 void main()
16 {
17     gl_Position = MVP * vec4(vPosition, 1);
18     fragmentColor = vColor;
19 }
20
-
9
10 varying vec4 fragmentColor;
11
12 void main()
13 {
14     gl_FragColor = fragmentColor;
15 }
16 █
17 /* vim:set shiftwidth=4 softtabstop=4 expandtab: */
```



Example



Don't look too closely. Still some work to do.



Problems

- Text rendering
- Positioning
- Selection of elements, ...
- OpenGL on Linux
 - CentOS 5.0
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Future

What we have planned and crazy ideas



Future chart

- File format work
- Improve OpenGL renderer
- Usability improvements
- Switch to OpenGL renderer by default (?)
- More performance work



Future rest of code

- Integrate OpenGL context creation code into VCL/(?)
- Replace existing OpenGL code with new code (programmable pipeline)
- Mac work
- OpenGL ES for Android/IOS (?)



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