

Deploying OpenOffice.org extensions through UNO packages



Speaker introduction

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Getting started

UNO Packages are zip archives (*.uno.zip)

The UNO Packages mechanism includes:

A *command line tool*

`<office_path>/program/unopkg`

A *dialog window for package management*

Special folders in the default setup

Special configuration registry areas



Features

What can be deployed with UNO packages?

- Basic and Dialog Libraries
- Arbitrary UNO components
- Calc Add-Ins
- Chart Add-Ins
- New database drivers
- Other....

Anatomy

Uno Package Bundle

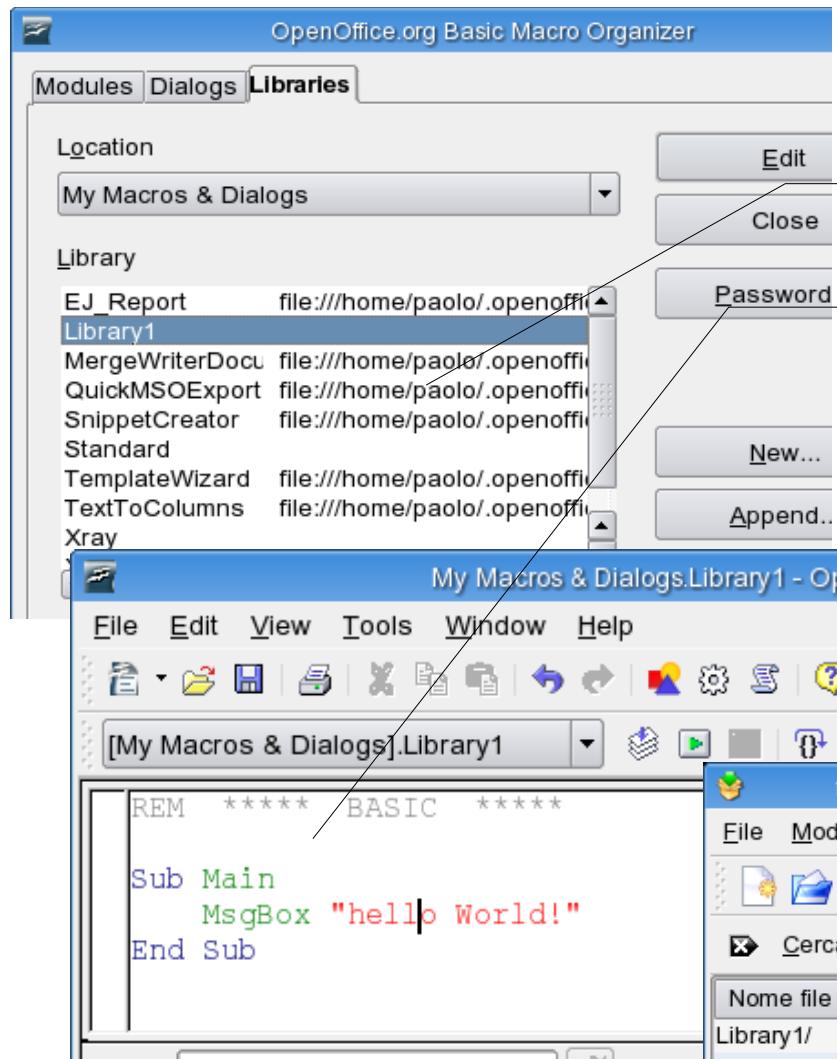


Implementation

Arbitrary files

Configuration files

A first UNO package



Create a new StarBASIC library

Write some code

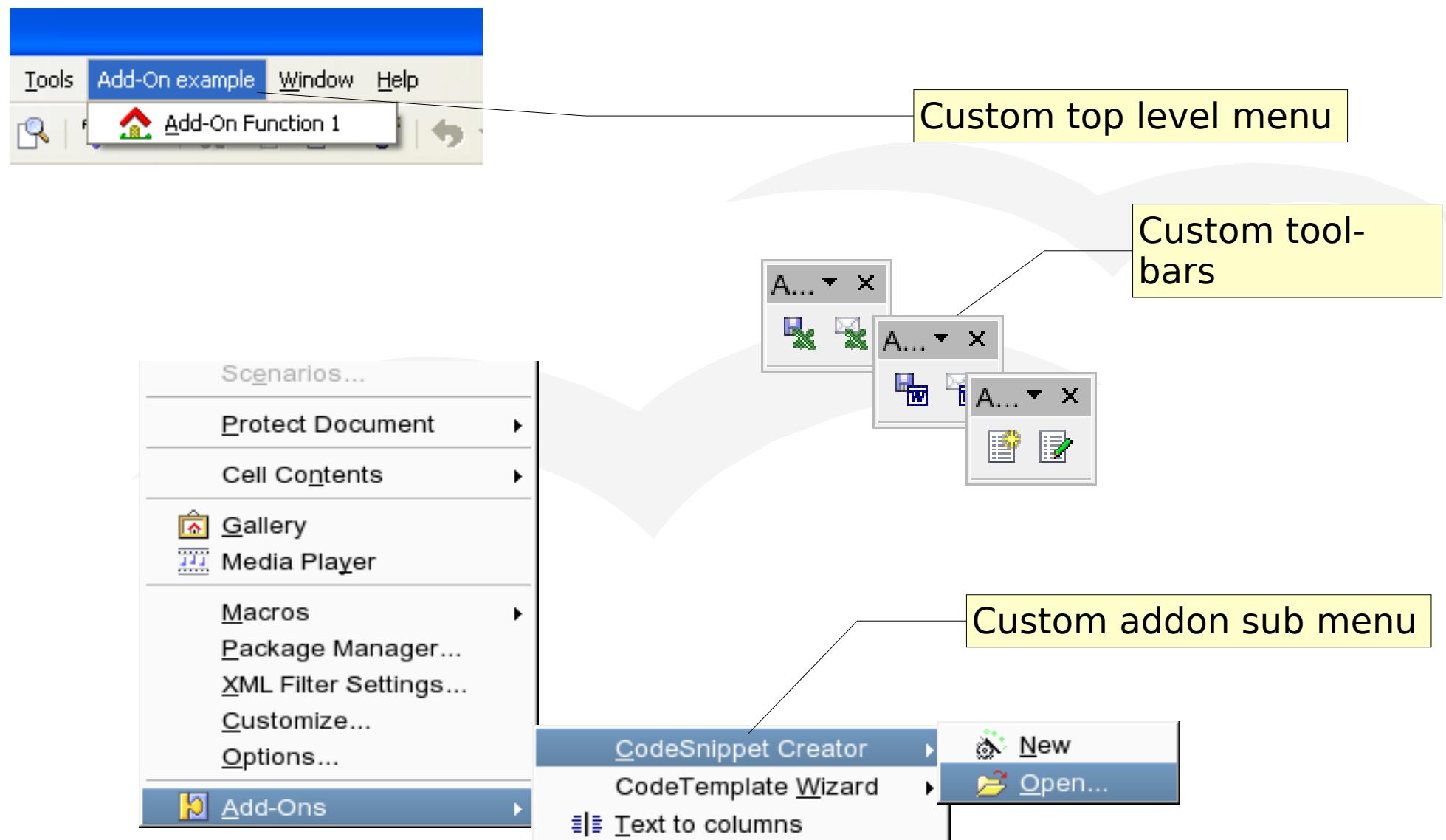
Zip everything

A screenshot of the Ark file manager window. The title bar says "file:///home/paolo/Desktop/library1.uno.zip - Ark". The menu bar includes "File", "Modifica", "Azione", "Impostazioni", and "Aiuto". The toolbar has icons for file operations. A search bar says "Cerca: []". The main area is a table showing the contents of the zip file:

Nome file	Dimensione	Metodo	Dimensione attuale
Library1/	0	Stored	0
Library1/dialog.xlb	287	Defl:N	189
Library1/Module1.xba	305	Defl:N	214
Library1/script.xlb	348	Defl:N	212

At the bottom, it says "0 file selezionati" and "4 file 940 Byte".

The Addons.xcu file





UNO package integrations

UI integration



→ Addons.xcu

Automatic execution



→ Jobs.xcu

Dispatch framework



→ ProtocolHandler.xcu

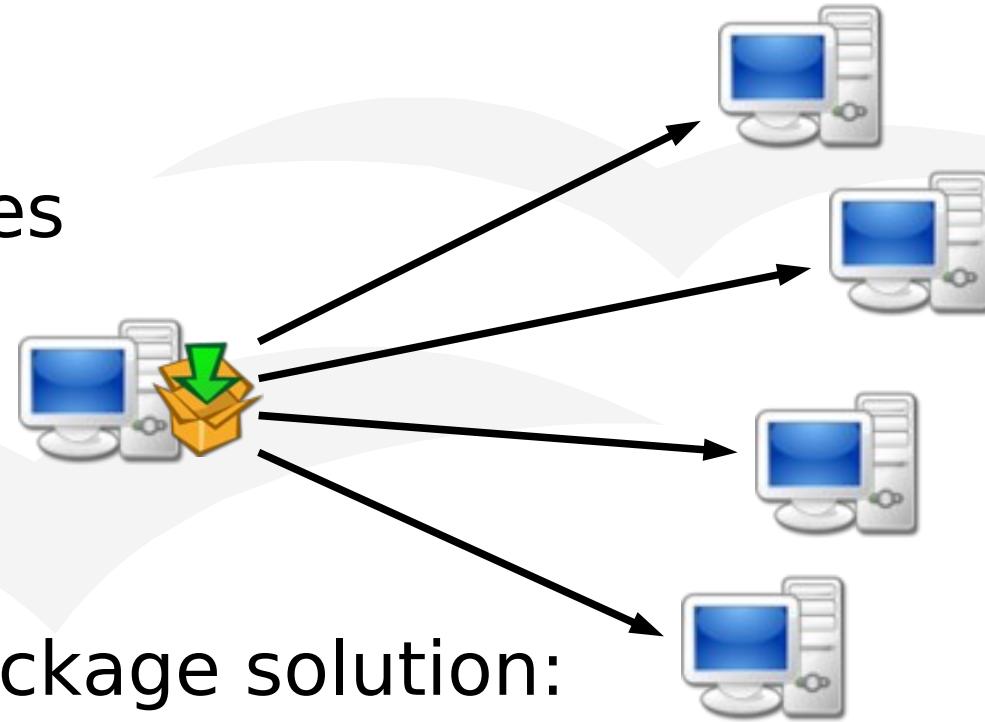
Disabling commands



→ Commands.xcu

Common problems

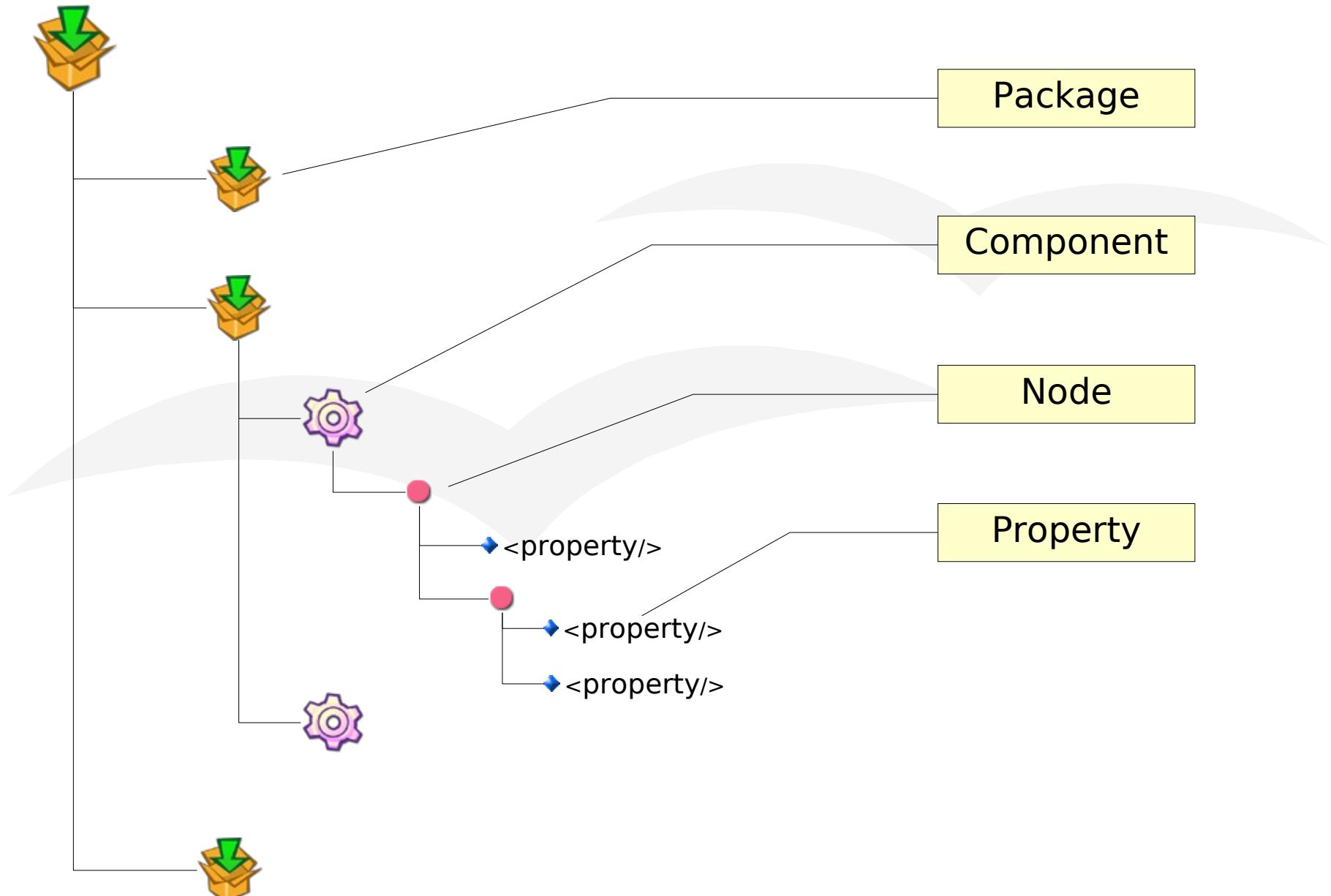
- File resources
- Localization
- User preferences



UNO package solution:

- *High abstraction level*
- *Language agnostic*
- *Multi-platform*

Background: the configuration registry





Registry Component Schema (xcu)

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>

<oor:component-schema
  oor:name="myconfig"
  oor:package="org.openoffice.comp.mypackage"
  xmlns:oor="http://openoffice.org/2001/registry">

  <!-- <import/> -->

  <templates/>

  <component>
    <prop oor:name="ProductName" oor:type="xs:string"/>
    <prop oor:name="ImageLabel" oor:type="xs:string" oor:localized="true"/>
    <prop oor:name="ImageUrl" oor:type="xs:string"/>
  </component>

</oor:component-schema>
```

The diagram illustrates the structure of the Registry Component Schema (XCU) XML file. Two callout boxes point from the text to specific elements in the code:

- A yellow box labeled "Component name" points to the attribute `oor:name="myconfig"`.
- A yellow box labeled "Package name" points to the attribute `oor:package="org.openoffice.comp.mypackage"`.

Registry update (xcu)

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>

<oor:component-data
    oor:name="myconfig"
    oor:package="org.openoffice.comp.mypackage"
    xmlns:oor="http://openoffice.org/2001/registry">

    <prop oor:name="ProductName">
        <value>My First UNO package</value>
    </prop>

    <prop oor:name="ImageLabel">
        <value xml:lang="en-US">This is an image</value>
        <value xml:lang="it">Questa è un'immagine</value>
    </prop>

    <prop oor:name="ImageUrl">
        <value>%origin%/images/MyImage.bmp</value>
    </prop>

</oor:component-data>
```

%origin% variable is used for referencing files inside the package bundle

Accessing to the registry via API

```
'for other languages than StarBasic, you will obtain the configuration  
'Provider service from the local context service manager  
  
oConfigProvider =  
    CreateUnoService("com.sun.star.configuration.ConfigurationProvider")  
  
Dim aNodePath(0) As New com.sun.star.beans.PropertyValue  
aNodePath(0).Name = "nodepath"  
aNodePath(0).Value = "org.openoffice.mypackage.myconfig"  
  
'obtaining an read-only access  
oRegKey = oConfigProvider.createInstanceWithArguments(_  
    "com.sun.star.configuration.ConfigurationAccess", _  
    aNodePath() )  
  
'retrieving values:  
Print oRegKey.getByName("ImageLabel")
```



Macrofied URL's

Management of file resources is a 2 steps process:

1. UNOPKG resolves the `%origin%` placeholder:

`vnd.sun.star.expand:$UNO_USER_PACKAGES_CACHE/uno_packages/...`

2. The MacroExpander service replaces

`$UNO_PACKAGES_CACHE`

with the actual cache URL

Macrofied URL's (example)

```
'cut the "vnd.sun.star.expand:" protocol from the macrofied Url retrieved
'from the registry
sImageUrl = Right(sImageUrl, Len(sImageUrl)-20)

'get the default context
oCtx = getProcessServiceManager().getDefaultValueByName("com.sun.star.util.theMacroExpander")

'expand the macrofield expression
sImageUrl = oMacroExpander.ExpandMacros(sImageUrl)

' At this point you should de-escape the resulting URL
' but OOBasic does not offer a function for that.
' Anyway this is a small problem if you avoid accented chars or spaces
' in filenames you use inside your package

Print sImageUrl      'this is the absolute Url of your image
```



Useful links & resources

Official documentation

- *Developer's Guide – 4 Writing UNO Components*
- *Utilities Project - Documentation - Registry*

From <http://ooomacros.org>

- *Add On Tool, a nice document from Bernard Marcellly*
- *Various UNO packages*

Other:

- *Kohei Yoshida has nice uno packages!*
<http://kohei.us/index.html>
- *Thessalonica by Alexej Kryukov*
<http://www.thessalonica.org.ru>
- *SnippetCreator by ...me*
<http://api.openoffice.org/SDK/snippets/>



Q & A

- Do you have any questions?

