



ONLYOFFICE Docs: a reliable tool to ensure document management and collaboration in the University Grenoble Alpes

In this article, we will examine the case of the University Grenoble Alpes where ONLYOFFICE is widely used in different ways: as a stand-alone solution and within collaboration platforms like Alfresco, Moodle, Chamilo.

About the University Grenoble Alpes

At the heart of the economic development of the Grenoble Alpes urban area, the UGA contributes to the close articulation of higher education, research, and the economic sector. The university develops ambitious scientific and multidisciplinary projects, and also benefits from its proximity to large European instruments (ESRF, ILL, EMBL, IRAM, EMFL) and CERN.

The University Grenoble Alpes brings together 60,000 students, including 9,000 international students, and 7,500 staff members on several campuses, mainly in the Grenoble and Valence agglomerations.

Why ONLYOFFICE

After the fusion of research and academic institutions into one university, the necessity for organizing a fluent data exchange, and efficient collaboration between students, teachers, and researchers became evident.

To make work on documents fluid and efficient, the following criteria for an office suite were identified:

- ability to integrate with third-party services and be operational within existing productivity solutions that are already used in the University;
- high compatibility with other office suites;
- availability for all staff, students, and partners from anywhere in the world;
- on-premises deployment (application and data) to ensure compliance with a solid data security policy of the higher education institution;
- competitive prices.

ONLYOFFICE integrates with collaborative and learning platforms

ONLYOFFICE has been integrated into web services implemented in the university: Alfresco, available for staff only, and the learning platforms Moodle and Chamilo, widely used by teachers and students. Now, teachers are able to share course materials, and students can write their research papers, essays, and reports right inside the learning platform. To connect the online editors with Alfresco, the UGA used the ready-to-use integration app developed by ONLYOFFICE. The integration with Moodle is possible thanks to the connector created by ONLYOFFICE's technological partner.

At the very beginning of the pandemic, the Digital Technologies Service decided to add the ONLYOFFICE suite to Chamilo to support effective online education. Based on the existing integration app for Moodle and the examples given in the ONLYOFFICE documentation, the developers successfully created their own integration app for Chamilo.

One year with ONLYOFFICE: first positive results

Today, the number of active users is around 1,000 out of a potential of 22,000. Of course, this is just the beginning! Among all available ONLYOFFICE features, the UGA uses editing tools and document management, other modules are open for a limited number of users for testing purposes.

Hubert Salinas, ICT Project Manager, enumerates the most common use cases:

- Creating and editing teaching materials;
- Teamwork (simultaneous editing with colleagues, co-authoring);
- Gathering and sharing of research information;
- Taking notes of a meeting, conference, or brainstorming;
- Entering data into tables.

Stéphanie Pudda is glad about the first achieved results:

"All our institutions use now the same tools. We don't need to organize offline meetings, we just open a document at the same time and collaborate remotely without loss of productivity. ONLYOFFICE provides fluid user experience and smooth deployment. We built and implemented the architecture that perfectly suits our current needs. Their technical support is really helpful, efficient, and customer-friendly."

Useful information

Official website of the University of Grenoble Alpes:

www.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

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