



ONLYOFFICE opens up new horizons: its online office suite has recently been deployed in the University of French Polynesia to enable all staff to collaborate online on office documents. Read the use case below to know why the UPF chose ONLYOFFICE and what their first experience was like.

About the University of French Polynesia

The University of French Polynesia (the UPF) is a public institution of higher education and research in Tahiti. Founded in 1999, the UPF offers various courses and programs adapted to the local labor market. There are three departments: law, economics, management; letters, languages, humanities; science, technology, health.

The UPF is a growing university, with 3200 students coming from 118 islands. The campus has 4 laboratories, a mixed research unit, 2 federated structures, and a doctoral school, all of which contribute to the scientific, technological, and cultural development of French Polynesia.



Goals to achieve

Given the number of students and researchers who come from different parts of Polynesia and the geographical context of the country, the University needs to organize an effective online collaboration.

To prepare students and employees for the digital transformation, it is necessary to implement uniform communication and collaboration tools available for all of them. In the day-to-day running of the UPF, they need to:

- have a space to store their office documents and access them from anywhere and anytime;
- share these documents or folders securely with colleagues and external users;
- co-edit documents in real time without disturbing their co-authors and overwriting each other's changes
- communicate right inside their digital workplace without switching between multiple apps.

As the UPF is an educational institution, it is highly important to guarantee the confidentiality of the data and ensure compliance with the GDPR.

Why ONLYOFFICE

With these factors in mind, many sync&share and collaborative solutions were considered by the UPF. The well-known solutions like Google Docs, Dropbox, or OneDrive could not be used in the educational institution because of the GDPR requirements.

Inspired by French universities' experiences, the UPF decided to deploy its own service based on free solutions. ONLYOFFICE was smoothly integrated with Nextcloud to be used within its interface and extend its functionality by bringing editing features. Hosted on the UPF's own server, ONLYOFFICE ensures a full control of the users' personal data.



First experience of using ONLYOFFICE

According to the questionnaire that was filled in by those who were using ONLYOFFICE during the first two weeks, along with the ease of use the most appreciated features are:

- simultaneous co-editing,
- comments,
- revision.

DOCX and XLSX remain the most used file formats.

Sébastien Chabrier, Vice President, IT Strategy & Digital Transformation, at the UPF, is optimistic about the future of the project which aims to make online collaboration a reality:

"I think that this office suite will completely change our work habits. For our part, we will help our colleagues benefit from all advantages offered by ONLYOFFICE to make each workday more efficient and every single member of a team happier at work!"

Useful information

Official website of the University of French Polynesia: www.upf.pf

More success stories from ONLYOFFICE customers: www.onlyoffice.com/customers.aspx

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