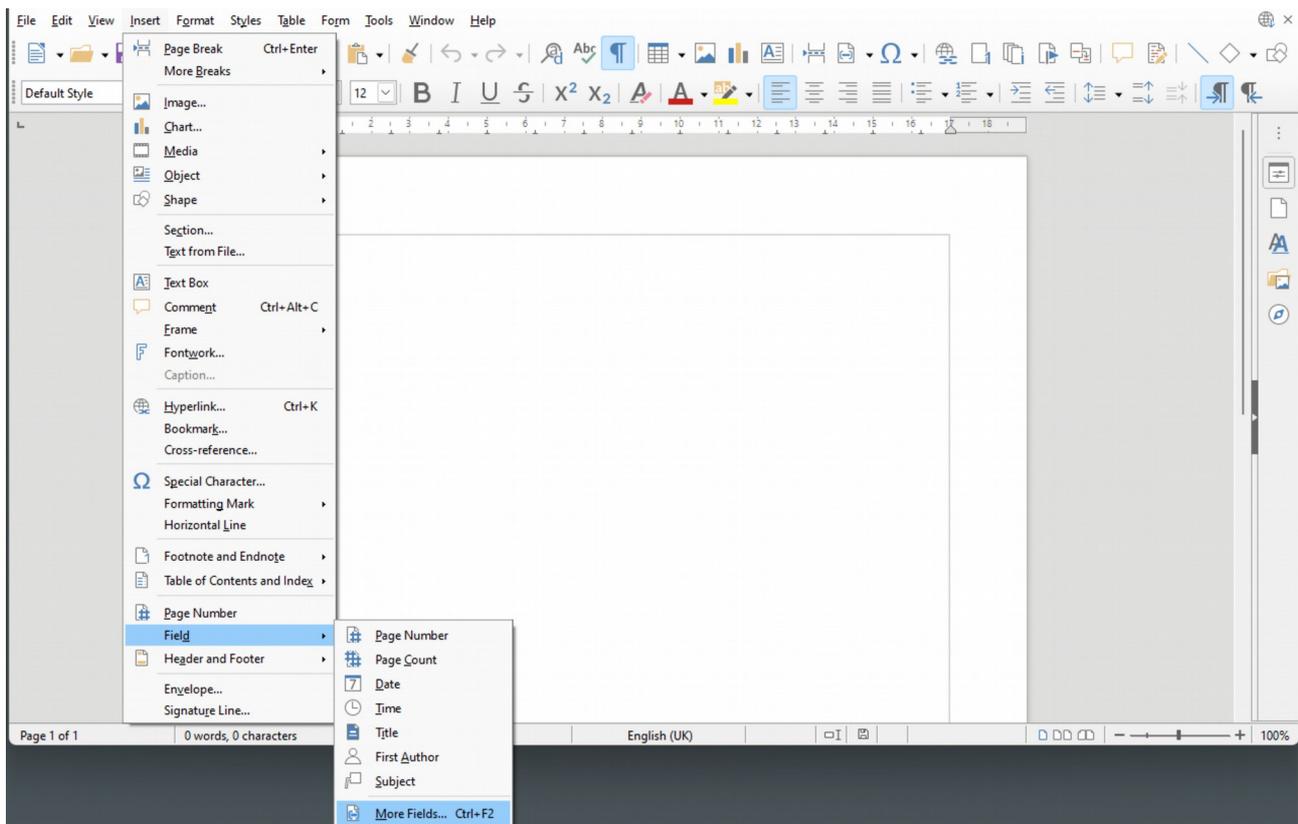


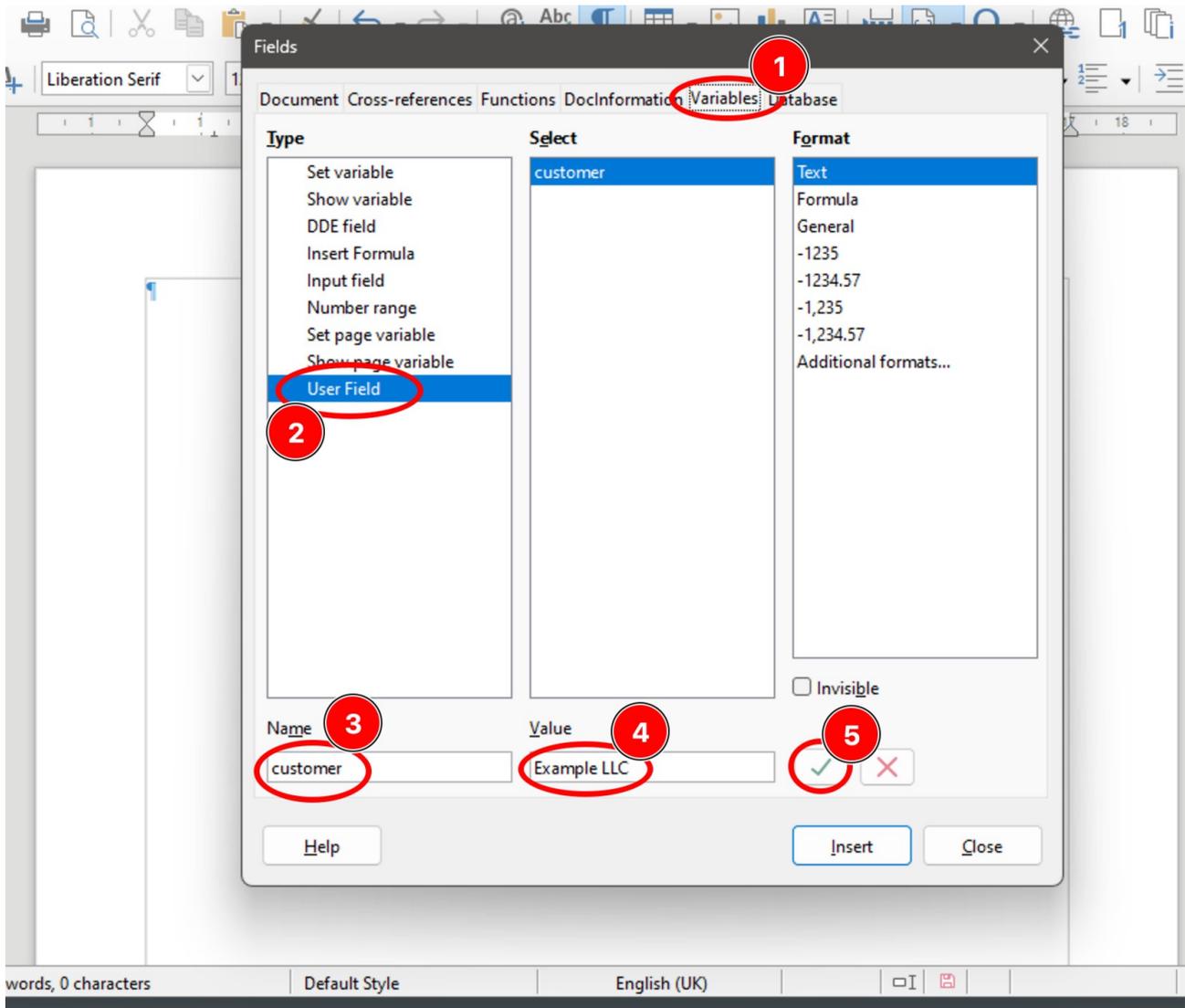
Hi Everybody,

I have a huge problem with LibreOffice 7.3 and above, which makes it unusable for me. I am working a lot with user input fields. The advantage is, that I can use them at as many positions inside the document as I like and they all update automatically when I change one of them. This worked until LibreOffice 7.2. Since LibreOffice 7.3 it's broken. I have lots of documents using about 100 different user fields without problems in LibreOffice 7.2. In LibreOffice 7.3 I need to press F9 to update them. And when I put such a user field into a header or footer area, it does not show up in a freshly opened document. I need to press F9 to see the complete text. This isn't bearable at all for me.

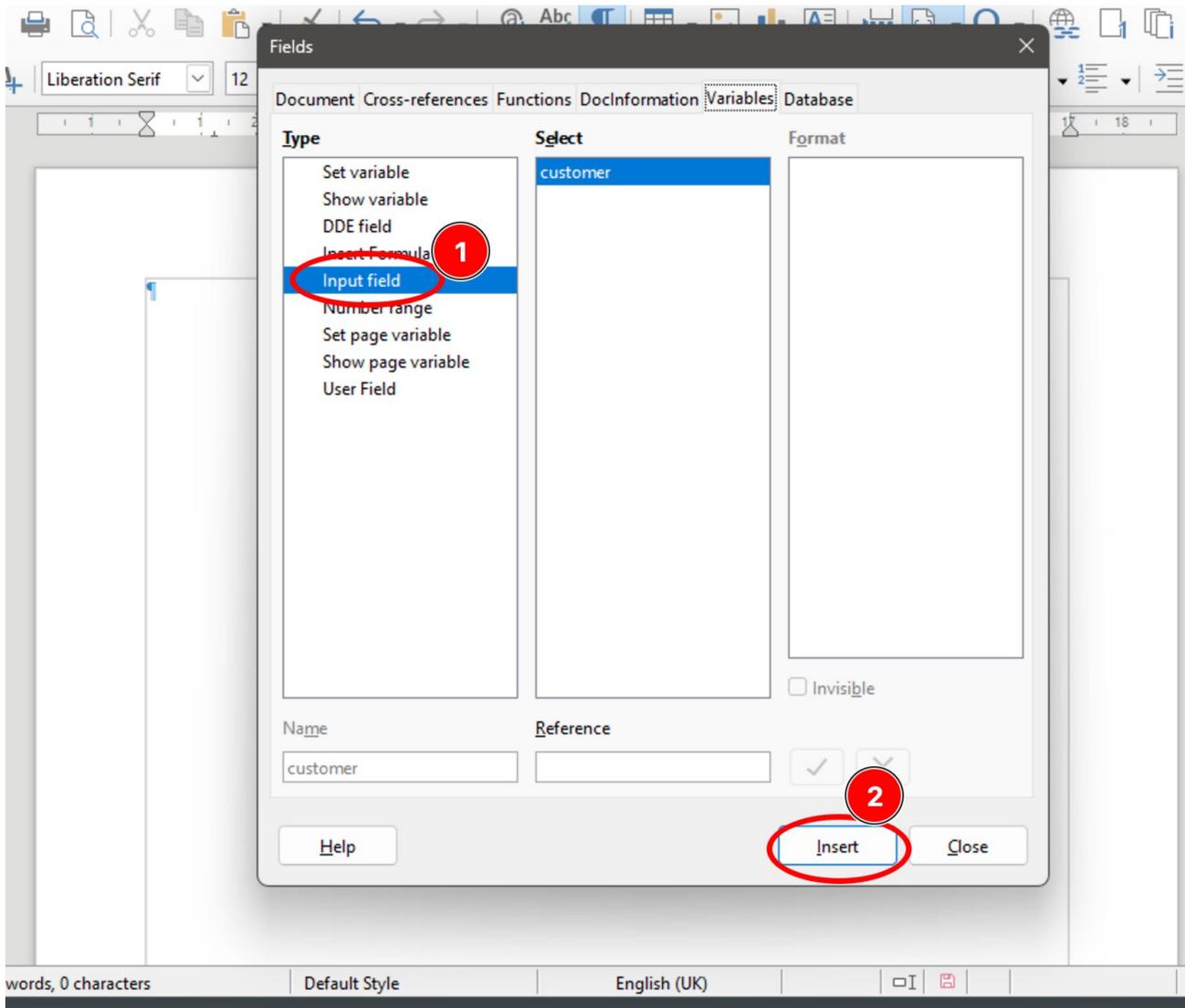
Just to show you what exactly I mean, here's the way I proceed to insert the kind of user input fields I mean:



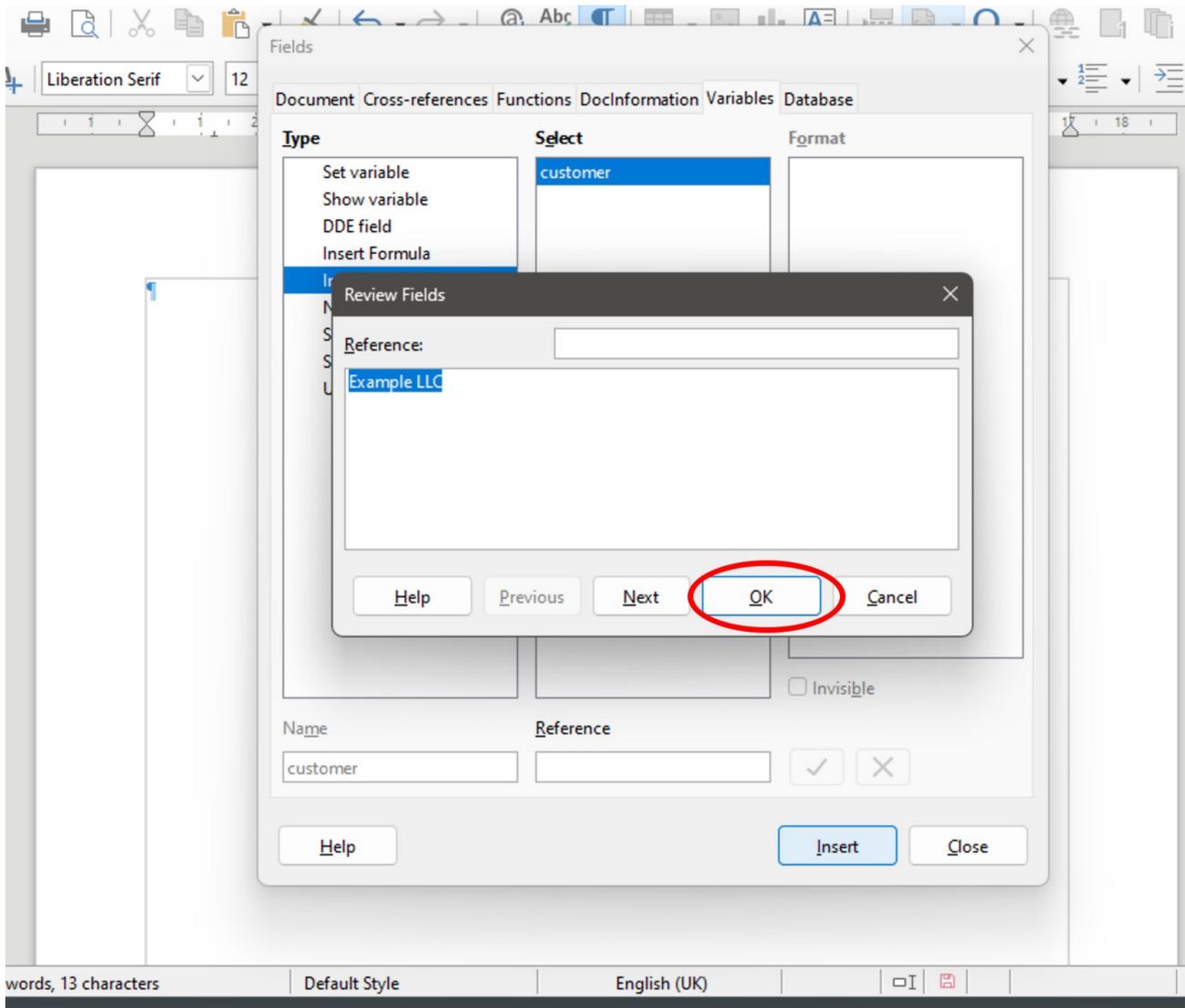
Go to Insert - Field - More Fields or simply press CTRL + F2.



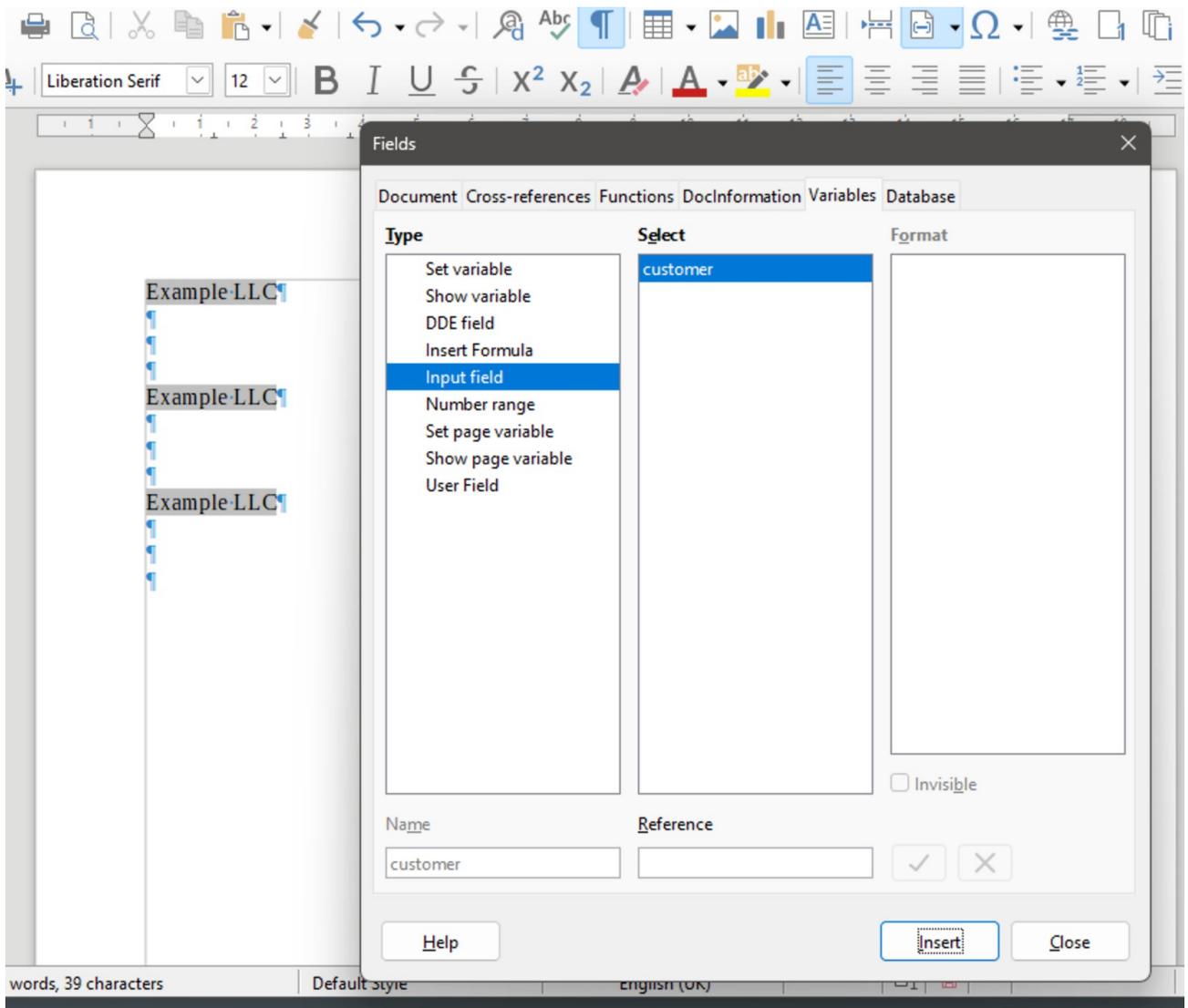
In the next window choose the Variables tab, User Field in the left area and then insert Name and Value of the field. Afterwards you can press the green Submit checkmark to insert it into the list of selectable User Fields. It's the list in the middle with the heading "Select".



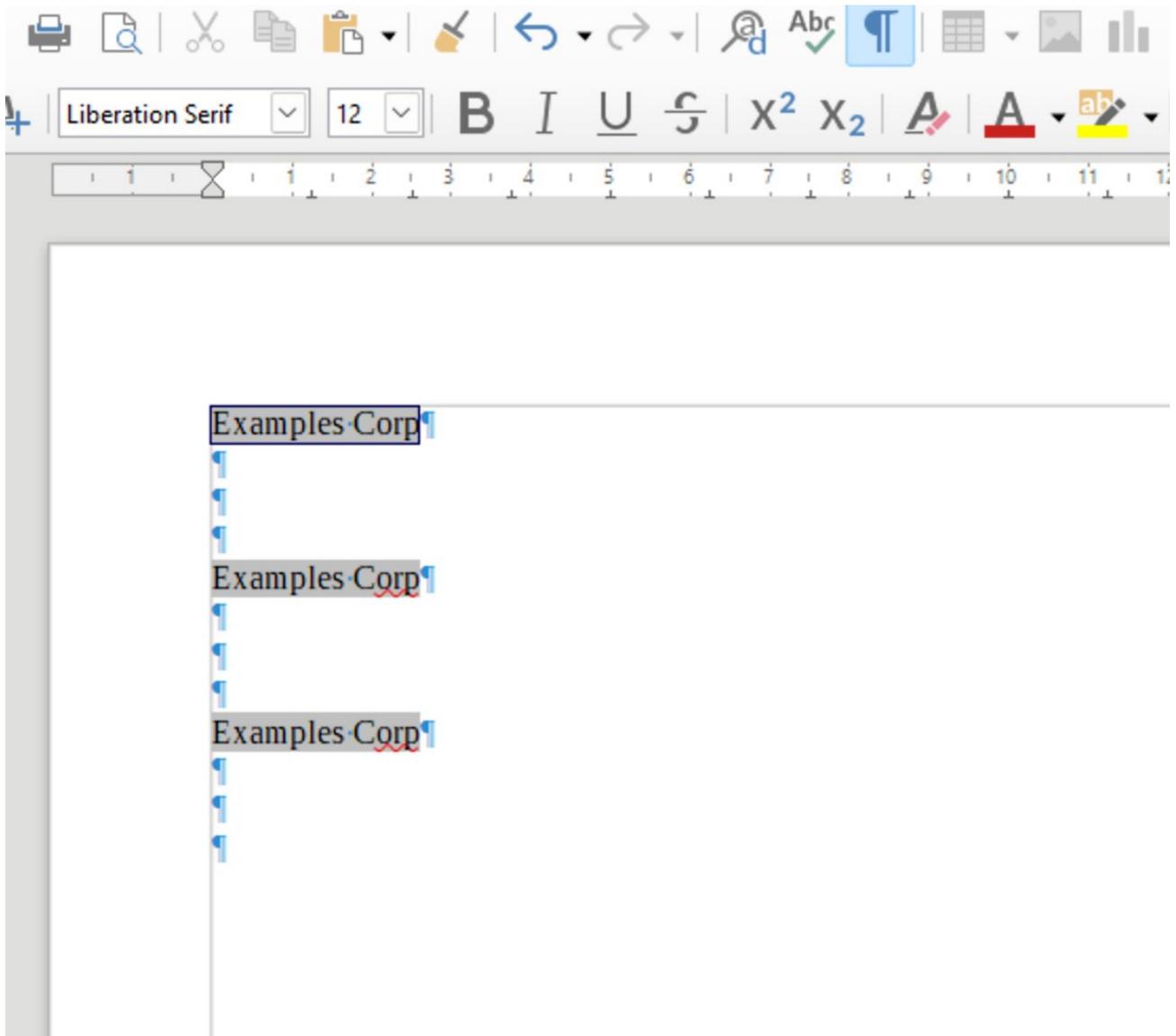
Afterwards choose Input field from the Type list and your User field from the Select list and press Insert.



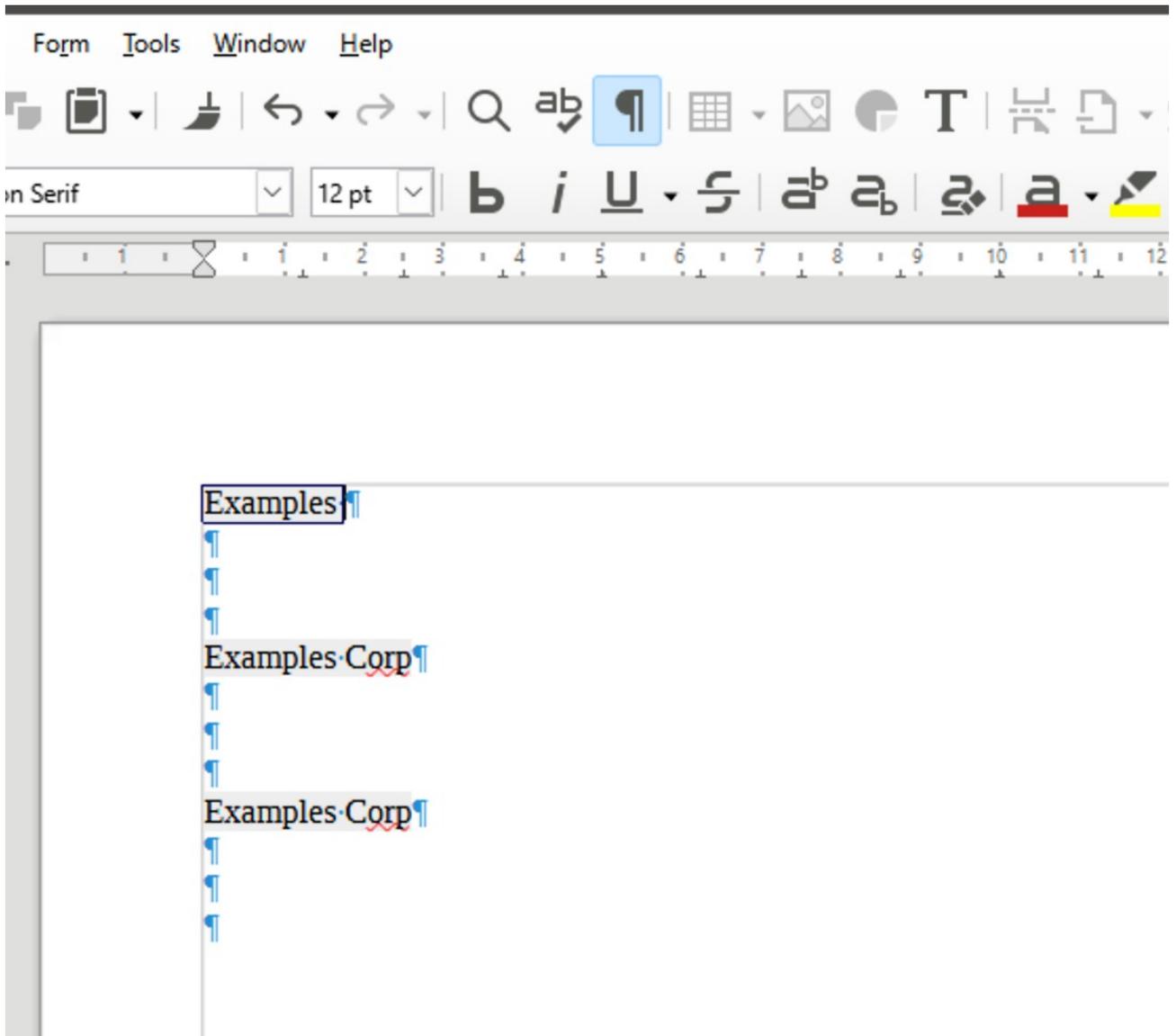
You will then be notified by another modal dialog asking you for the content of your user field. Unfortunately it's called "Reference" which in my opinion is a bit confusing, because it was called "Value" in the prior dialogue. But that's not the problem I have. I can go with it. After pressing Insert the field will be placed at the cursor position in your document.



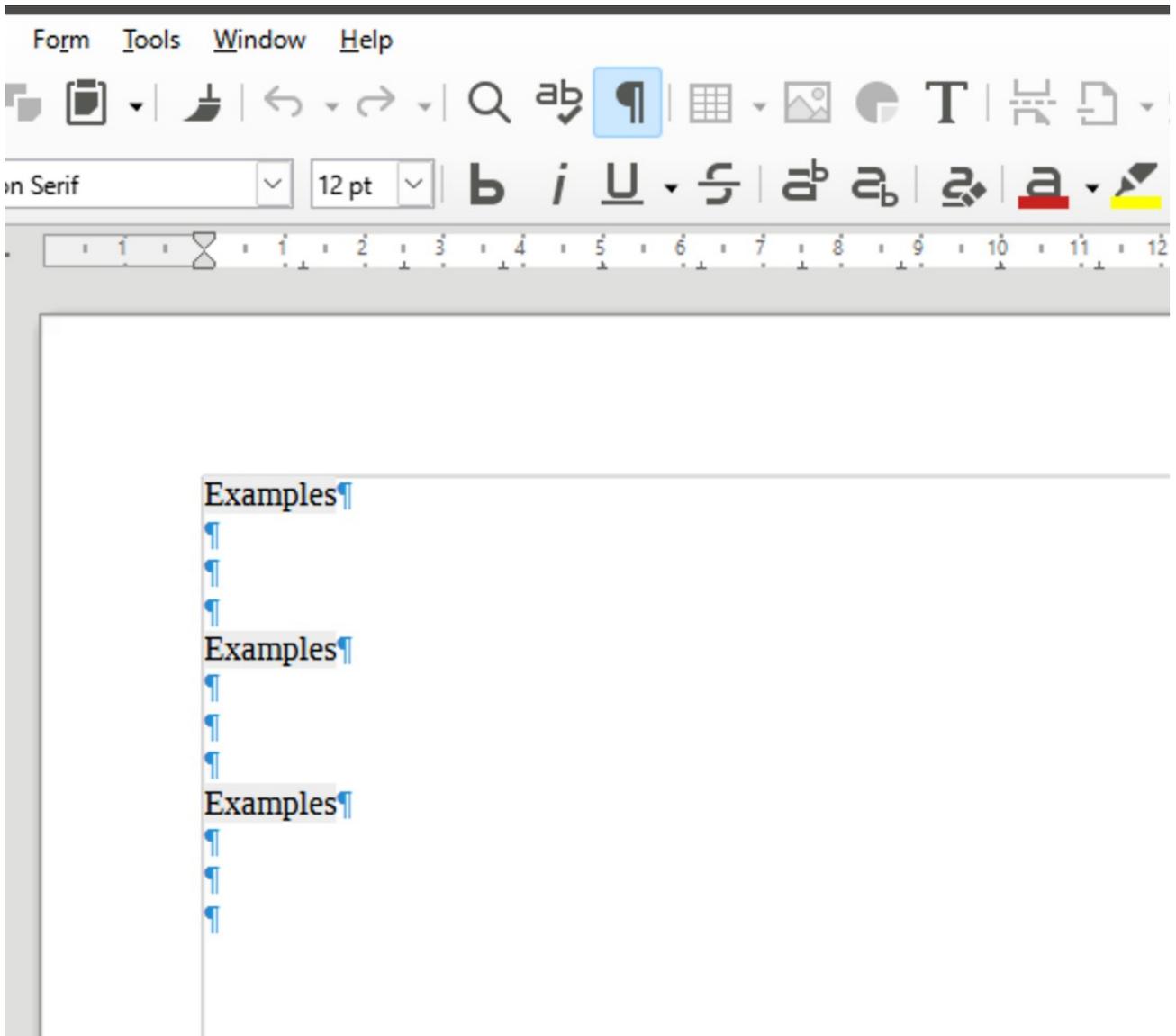
From now on, you can insert as many User fields of the same Name as you like. They will all have the same Value and the formatting of the chosen paragraph. That's another huge advantage for me: same values, but different formattings as I like. Great!



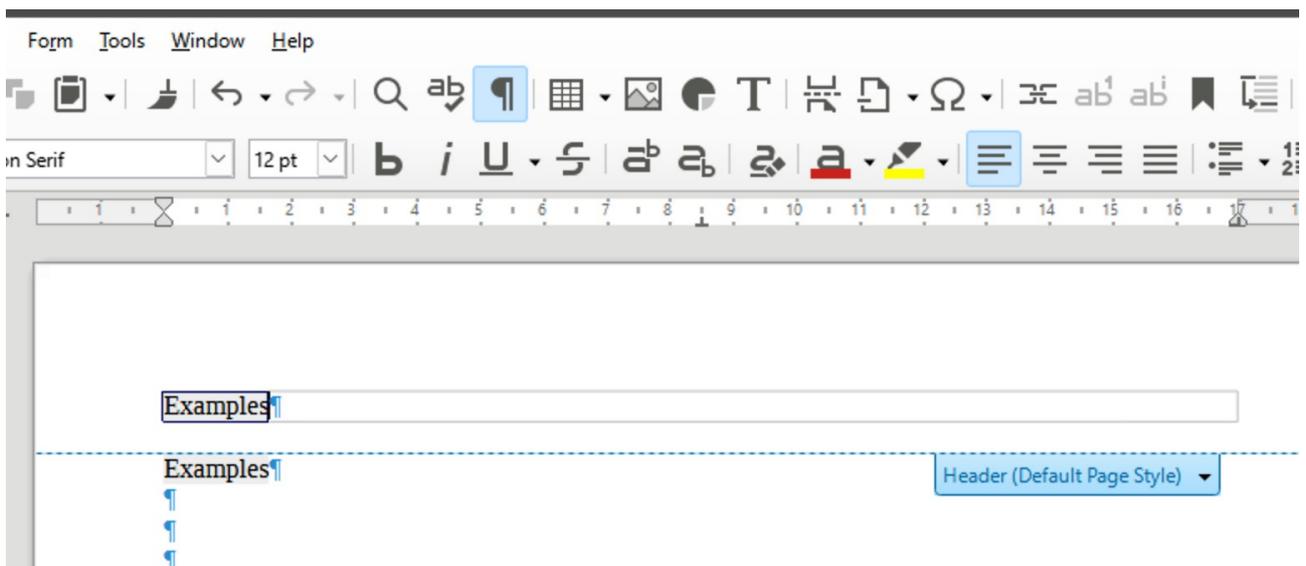
And when I change one field, all the other fields change their values immediately. I can rely on it in LibreOffice 7.2. No other text processor has this function. This was the main reason for me to use LibreOffice. Until LibreOffice 7.3 was released.



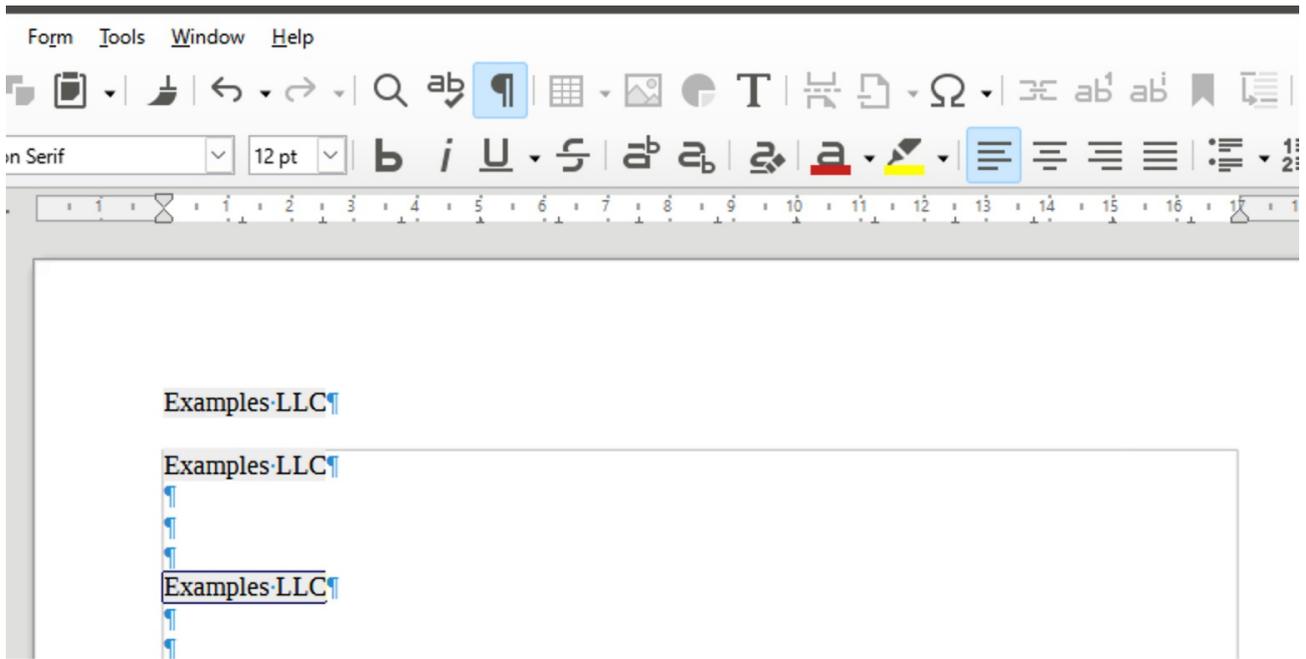
When I change the value of a User field in LO7.3 and above, the values of the other fields with the same name don't change immediately.



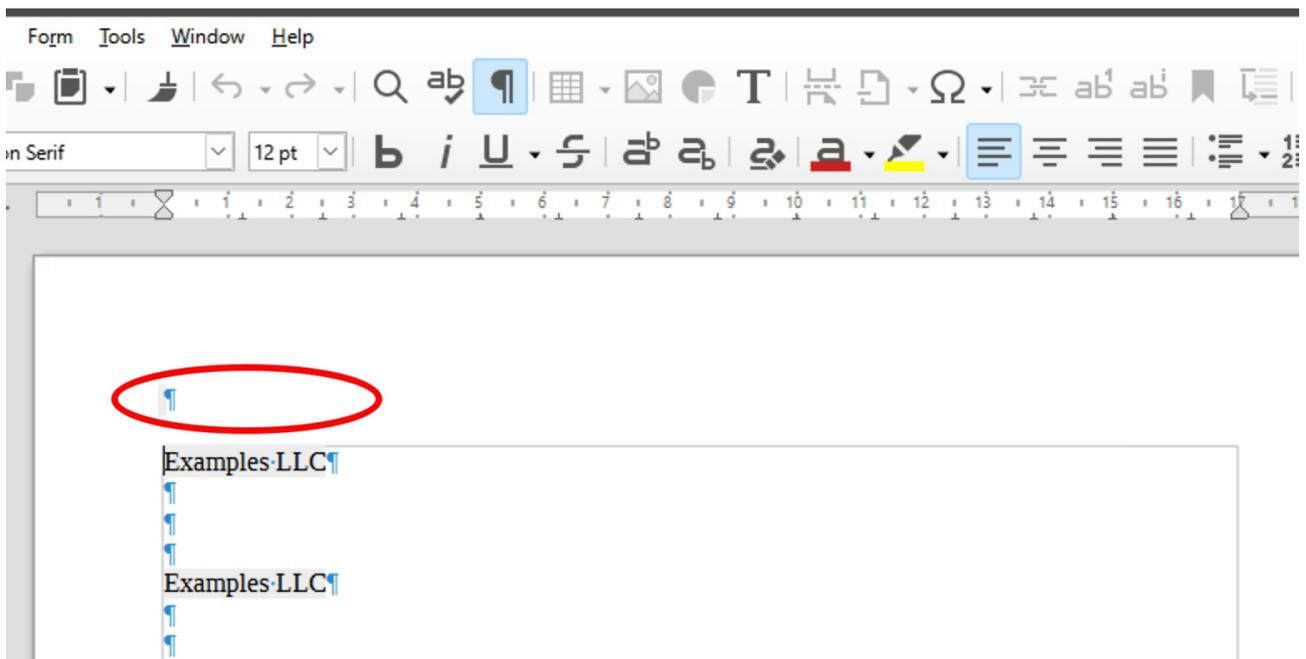
I have to press F9 to update them. Well, so far so good ...



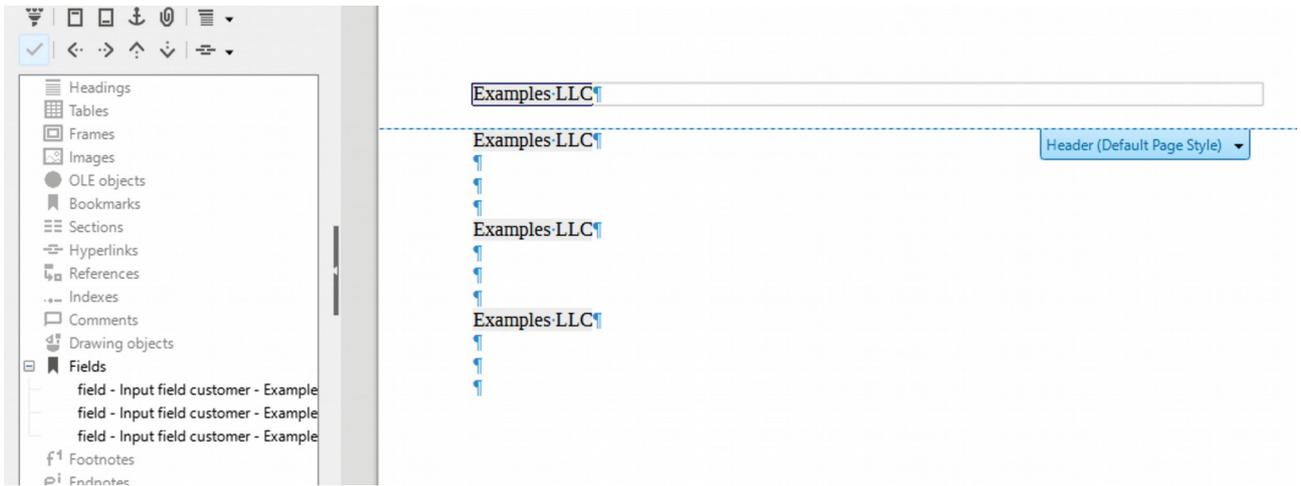
But when I put my User field into a header, ...



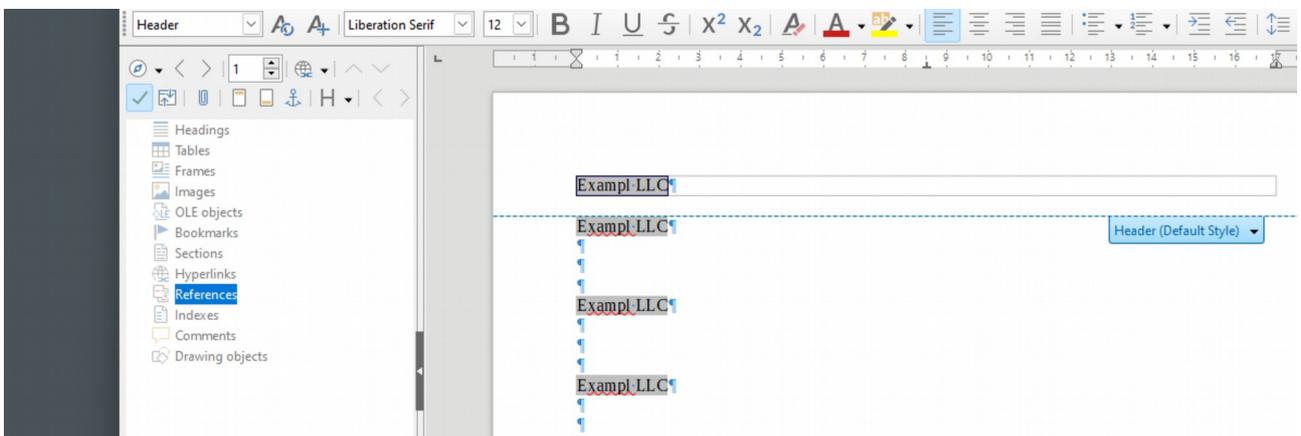
... and when I change it, press F9 and save it afterwards, then close it and open it again ...



... tataaaa, the header field seems to be gone ...



I can press F9 to make it visible again. But of course the document should appear as saved when reopening it. Otherwise it will lead into potential disasters. Interestingly (and according to this bug I suppose) the Navigator only shows three User fields (ok, I inserted them as Input fields which is shown here) instead of four (!).



Opening the same document in LO7.2 again shows all four user (or input) fields. Changing them anywhere changes the values of all other fields with the same name immediately as expected. Why did you drop this killer feature since LO7.3? I really really would appreciate to get it back. Otherwise there wouldn't be any more reason for me to use LO. For my purposes it's broken at the moment.

Is there any way to get this feature back by changing the settings? I donated multiple times to the Document Foundation. I really appreciate your work and I really believe in the power of Open Source Software. Therefore I hope my effort for describing my problem wasn't for nothing.

Best Regards

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