

Here how deepwiki Devin trained on LibreOffice-core code-base responds to my report.

Answer

The LibreOffice features involved are the Sidebar framework (sfx2/sidebar) and the AutoRecovery service. After a crash, AutoRecovery restores documents; the Sidebar's SidebarController then restores the sidebar's open/closed state and width. The width logic uses ``mnSavedSidebarWidth`` and ``SetChildWindowWidth``, and initial defaults are set in ``SidebarChildWindow` [1](#0-0) [2](#0-1)` .

How the sidebar width is determined

- Initial creation: ``SidebarChildWindow`` sets the initial size using ``GetDefaultWidth`` and, for first-start Writer/Calc, collapses the sidebar to ``TabBar::GetDefaultWidth()` [3](#0-2)` .
- Runtime width: When a deck is opened, ``SidebarController::UpdateDeckOpenState`` restores the saved width (``mnSavedSidebarWidth``) or falls back to the default width [4] (#0-3) .
- Saving width: When the deck is closed or the splitter is used, the current width is stored in ``mnSavedSidebarWidth`` [5](#0-4) .
- Deck switching: ``OpenDeckThenToggleDeck`` and ``SwitchToDeck`` ensure the sidebar is wide enough for the requested deck, using ``mnSavedSidebarWidth`` or the deck's minimal width [6](#0-5) .

Crash recovery interaction

- AutoRecovery restores documents after a crash; it does not directly manage sidebar UI state [7](#0-6) .
- After recovery, when the sidebar is opened, ``SidebarController`` uses its persisted ``mnSavedSidebarWidth``. If that value was not correctly saved or was reset during the crash/recovery sequence, the sidebar may fall back to a default or minimal width, or in some cases expand excessively if the saved width is unexpectedly large [8](#0-7) .

Likely contributors to issue B

- Incomplete or incorrect persistence of ``mnSavedSidebarWidth`` during the crash.
- Re-initialization of ``SidebarChildWindow`` on recovery treating the session as a first start, applying the collapsed-to-tabbar width or a default width [9](#0-8) .
- Deck-switching logic choosing a larger width if ``mnWidthOnSplitterButtonDown`` is zero or if the deck's minimal width exceeds the saved width [10](#0-9) .

Notes

- The crash itself (issue A) is likely outside the sidebar code; the sidebar width reset (issue B) is a side effect of state persistence and restoration.
- Sidebar state is saved per context/application; master documents with multiple sub-documents may involve multiple contexts, which could complicate state restoration [11](#0-10) .

- The sidebar includes many Writer-specific panels (e.g., `WriterInspectorTextPanel`), but the width management is generic in `sfx2/sidebar` [12](#0-11) .

Citations

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**File:** sfx2/source/sidebar/SidebarChildWindow.cxx (L33-61)
```text
SidebarChildWindow::SidebarChildWindow(vcl::Window* pParentWindow,
sal_uInt16 nId,
 SfxBindings* pBindings,
SfxChildWinInfo* pInfo)
 : SfxChildWindow(pParentWindow, nId)
{
 auto pDockWin = VclPtr<SidebarDockingWindow>::Create(
 pBindings, *this, pParentWindow, WB_STDDOCKWIN |
WB_OwnerDrawDecoration | WB_CLIPCHILDREN
 | WB_SIZEABLE |
WB_3DLOOK);
 SetWindow(pDockWin);
 SetAlignment(SfxChildAlignment::RIGHT);

 pDockWin->SetHelpId(HID_SIDEBAR_WINDOW);
 pDockWin->SetOutputSizePixel(Size(GetDefaultWidth(pDockWin),
450));

 if (pInfo && pInfo->aExtraString.isEmpty() && pInfo->aModule !=
"sdraw"
 && pInfo->aModule != "simpress" && pInfo->aModule !=
"smath")
 {
 // When this is the first start (never had the sidebar open
yet),
 // default to non-expanded sidebars in Writer and Calc.
 //
 // HACK: unfortunately I haven't found a clean solution to
do
 // this, so do it this way:
 //
 if (!comphelper::LibreOfficeKit::isActive())
 {
 pDockWin->SetSizePixel(
 Size(ToolBar::GetDefaultWidth(),
 pDockWin->GetSizePixel().Height()));
 }
 }
 ...
}

File: sfx2/source/sidebar/SidebarController.cxx (L685-700)
```text
// Make sure the sidebar is wide enough to fit the requested
content
if (mpCurrentDeck && mpTabBar)
{
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        sal_Int32 nRequestedWidth = mpCurrentDeck->GetMinimalWidth()
+ TabBar::GetDefaultWidth();
        // if sidebar was dragged
        if(mnWidthOnSplitterButtonDown > 0 &&
mnWidthOnSplitterButtonDown > nRequestedWidth){
            SetChildWindowWidth(mnWidthOnSplitterButtonDown);
        }else{
            // tdf#150639 The mnWidthOnSplitterButtonDown is
initialized to 0 at program start.
            // This makes every call to take the else case until the
user manually changes the
            // width, but some decks such as Master Slides have the
mnMinimalWidth too low which
            // makes them too narrow for the content they should
display to the user.
            SetChildWindowWidth(nRequestedWidth >
mnSavedSidebarWidth ? nRequestedWidth
: mnSavedSidebarWidth);
        }
    }
... }

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**File:** sfx2/source/sidebar/SidebarController.cxx (L1280-1410)
```text

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void SidebarController::UpdateDeckOpenState()
{
 if (! mbIsDeckRequestedOpen.has_value())
 // No state requested.
 return;

 const sal_Int32 nTabBarDefaultWidth = TabBar::GetDefaultWidth();

 // Update (change) the open state when it either has not yet
been initialized
 // or when its value differs from the requested state.
 if (mbIsDeckOpen.has_value() && *mbIsDeckOpen ==
*mbIsDeckRequestedOpen)
 return;

 if (*mbIsDeckRequestedOpen)
 {
 if (!mpParentWindow->IsFloatingMode())
 {
 if (mnSavedSidebarWidth <= nTabBarDefaultWidth)

SetChildWindowWidth(SidebarChildWindow::GetDefaultWidth(mpParentWind
ow));
 else
 SetChildWindowWidth(mnSavedSidebarWidth);
 }
 }
 else
 {
 // Show the Deck by resizing back to the original size

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(before hiding).
 Size aNewSize(mpParentWindow->GetFloatingWindow()-
>GetSizePixel());
 Point aNewPos(mpParentWindow->GetFloatingWindow()-
>GetPosPixel());

 aNewPos.setX(aNewPos.X() - mnSavedSidebarWidth +
nTabBarDefaultWidth);
 aNewSize.setWidth(mnSavedSidebarWidth);

 mpParentWindow->GetFloatingWindow()-
>SetPosSizePixel(aNewPos, aNewSize);

 if (comphelper::LibreOfficeKit::isActive())
 {
 // Sidebar wide enough to render the menu; enable
it.
 mpTabBar->EnableMenuButton(true);

 if (const SfxViewShell* pViewShell = mpViewFrame-
>GetViewShell())
 {
 const std::string uno =
UnoNameFromDeckId(msCurrentDeckId, GetCurrentContext());
 if (!uno.empty())
 pViewShell-
>libreOfficeKitViewCallback(LOK_CALLBACK_STATE_CHANGED,
OString(uno + "=true"));
 }
 }
}
else
{
 if (! mpParentWindow->IsFloatingMode())
 mnSavedSidebarWidth =
SetChildWindowWidth(nTabBarDefaultWidth);
 else
 {
 // Hide the Deck by resizing to the width of the TabBar.
 Size aNewSize(mpParentWindow->GetFloatingWindow()-
>GetSizePixel());
 Point aNewPos(mpParentWindow->GetFloatingWindow()-
>GetPosPixel());
 mnSavedSidebarWidth = aNewSize.Width(); // Save the
current width to restore.

 aNewPos.setX(aNewPos.X() + mnSavedSidebarWidth -
nTabBarDefaultWidth);
 if (comphelper::LibreOfficeKit::isActive())
 {
 // Hide by collapsing, otherwise with 0x0 the client
might expect

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 // to get valid dimensions on rendering and not
collapse the sidebar.
 aNewSize.setWidth(1);
 }
 else
 aNewSize.setWidth(nTabBarDefaultWidth);

 mpParentWindow->GetFloatingWindow()-
>SetPosSizePixel(aNewPos, aNewSize);

 if (comphelper::LibreOfficeKit::isActive())
 {
 // Sidebar too narrow to render the menu; disable
it.
 mpTabBar->EnableMenuButton(false);

 if (const SfxViewShell* pViewShell = mpViewFrame-
>GetViewShell())
 {
 const std::string uno =
UnoNameFromDeckId(msCurrentDeckId, GetCurrentContext());
 if (!uno.empty())
 pViewShell-
>libreOfficeKitViewCallback(LOK_CALLBACK_STATE_CHANGED,
OString(uno + "=false"));
 }
 }

 if (mnWidthOnSplitterButtonDown > nTabBarDefaultWidth)
 mnSavedSidebarWidth = mnWidthOnSplitterButtonDown;
 mpParentWindow->SetStyle(mpParentWindow->GetStyle() &
~WB_SIZEABLE);
}

 NotifyResize();
}

bool SidebarController::CanModifyChildWindowWidth()
{
 SfxSplitWindow* pSplitWindow = GetSplitWindow();
 if (pSplitWindow == nullptr)
 return false;

 sal_uInt16 nRow (0xffff);
 sal_uInt16 nColumn (0xffff);
 if (pSplitWindow->GetWindowPos(mpParentWindow, nColumn, nRow))
 {
 sal_uInt16 nRowCount (pSplitWindow-
>GetWindowCount(nColumn));
 return nRowCount==1;
 }
 else

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 return false;
 }

sal_Int32 SidebarController::SetChildWindowWidth (const sal_Int32
nNewWidth)
{
 SfxSplitWindow* pSplitWindow = GetSplitWindow();
 if (pSplitWindow == nullptr)
 return 0;

 sal_uInt16 nRow (0xffff);
 sal_uInt16 nColumn (0xffff);
 pSplitWindow->GetWindowPos(mpParentWindow, nColumn, nRow);
 const tools::Long nColumnWidth (pSplitWindow-
>GetLineSize(nColumn));

 vcl::Window* pWindow = mpParentWindow;
 const Size aWindowSize (pWindow->GetSizePixel());

 pSplitWindow->MoveWindow(
 mpParentWindow,
 Size(nNewWidth, aWindowSize.Height()),
 nColumn,
 nRow,
 false);
 ...

File: sfx2/source/sidebar/SidebarController.cxx (L1591-1601)
```text
void SidebarController::saveDeckState()
{
    // Impress shutdown : context (frame) is disposed before sidebar
disposing
    // calc writer : context (frame) is disposed after sidebar
disposing
    // so need to test if GetCurrentContext is still valid regarding
msApplication
    if (GetCurrentContext().msApplication != "none")
    {
        mpResourceManager->SaveDecksSettings(GetCurrentContext());
        mpResourceManager->SaveLastActiveDeck(GetCurrentContext(),
msCurrentDeckId);
    }
}
...

**File:** framework/source/services/autorecovery.cxx (L123-147)
```text
* AutoRecovery handles 3 types of recovery, as well as periodic
document saving
* 1a) timed, automatic saving of the documents (aka UserAutoSave)
* or more commonly:
* 1b) timed, ODF, temporary recovery files created in the backup
folder (default setting)

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- \* -temporary: deleted when the document itself is saved
- \* -handles the situation where L0 immediately exits (power outage, program crash, pkill -9 soffice)
- \* -not restored immediately (user needs to restart LibreOffice)
- \* -no guarantee of availability of recovery file (since deleted on document save)
- \* or original document (perhaps /tmp, removeable disk, disconnected server).
- \* -TODO tdf#57414: if SessionSave not desired, don't recover unmodified files.
- \* 2) emergency save-and-restart immediately triggers creation of temporary, ODF, recovery files
- \* -handles the situation where L0 is partially functioning (pkill -6 soffice)
- \* -restore attempted immediately, so try to restore entire session - all open files
- \* -always create recovery file for every open document in emergency situation
- \* -works without requiring AutoRecovery to be enabled
- \* 3) session save on exit requested by OS or user
- \* -triggered by OS's shutdown/logout
- \* -appears to be purely theoretical: no known working OS at the moment.
- \* -also no known way for user to initiate within L0 (tdf#146769)
- \* -same as emergency save, except maybe more time critical - OS kill timeout
- \* -not restored until much later - the user has stopped doing computer work
- \* -always create recovery file for every open document: needed for /tmp, disconnected docs
- \*
  - \* All of these use the same recovery dialog - re-opening all the files listed in the RecoveryList
  - \* of the user's officecfg settings.

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File: sw/source/ui/base/sidebar/WriterInspectorTextPanel.cxx
(L20-59)
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#include "WriterInspectorTextPanel.hxx"
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```
#include <doc.hxx>
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#include <ndtxt.hxx>
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```
#include <docsh.hxx>
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```
#include <wrtsh.hxx>
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```
#include <unoprnmns.hxx>
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#include <unocoll.hxx>
```

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#include <unosection.hxx>
```

```
#include <editeng/unoprnmns.hxx>
```

```
#include <com/sun/star/text/XBookmarksSupplier.hpp>
```

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#include <com/sun/star/text/XTextSectionsSupplier.hpp>
```

```
#include <com/sun/star/text/XTextRange.hpp>
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#include <com/sun/star/text/XTextRangeCompare.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/beans/XPropertySet.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/beans/XPropertyState.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/style/XStyleFamiliesSupplier.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/table/BorderLine2.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/lang/IllegalArgumentException.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/rdf/XMetadatable.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/rdf/XDocumentMetadataAccess.hpp>
#include <com/sun/star/container/XChild.hpp>

#include <unotextrange.hxx>
#include <comphelper/string.hxx>
#include <comphelper/processfactory.hxx>
#include <i18nlangtag/language-tag.hxx>
#include <vcl/settings.hxx>
#include <inspectorproperties.hrc>
#include <strings.hrc>
#include <rdffhelper.hxx>
#include <unotxdoc.hxx>
#include <unobookmark.hxx>
#include <unostyle.hxx>
#include <unoxstyle.hxx>

namespace sw::sidebar
{
static void UpdateTree(SwDocShell& rDocSh, const SwEditShell&
rEditSh,
                    std::vector<svx::sidebar::TreeNode>& aStore,
sal_Int32& rParIdx);
}

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