

When you have finished editing an individual member of a group, go to **Format > Group > Exit Group** on the Menu bar, or right-click and select **Exit Group** in the context menu, or click the **Exit Group** icon on the Drawing Object Properties toolbar.

To ungroup or break apart a group of objects, select the group then go to **Format > Group > Ungroup** on the Menu bar, or right-click and select **Ungroup** in the context menu, or click the **Ungroup** icon on the Drawing Object Properties toolbar.

Rotating drawing objects

You can rotate a drawing object in a similar way to rotating images (page 238). To rotate a drawing object to any required angle, use either of these methods:

- **Interactively.** Select the drawing object and click the **Rotate** icon on the Drawing Object Properties toolbar. Rotation handles appear around the object. Hover the cursor over a handle; when the cursor changes shape, click and drag it to the required angle.
- **Position and Size dialog.** Right-click the object and select **Position and Size**. On the dialog (Figure 255), select the **Rotation** tab. In the **Rotation Angle** field, specify the rotation required. By default, rotation is around the center of the object, but you can choose a different pivot point.

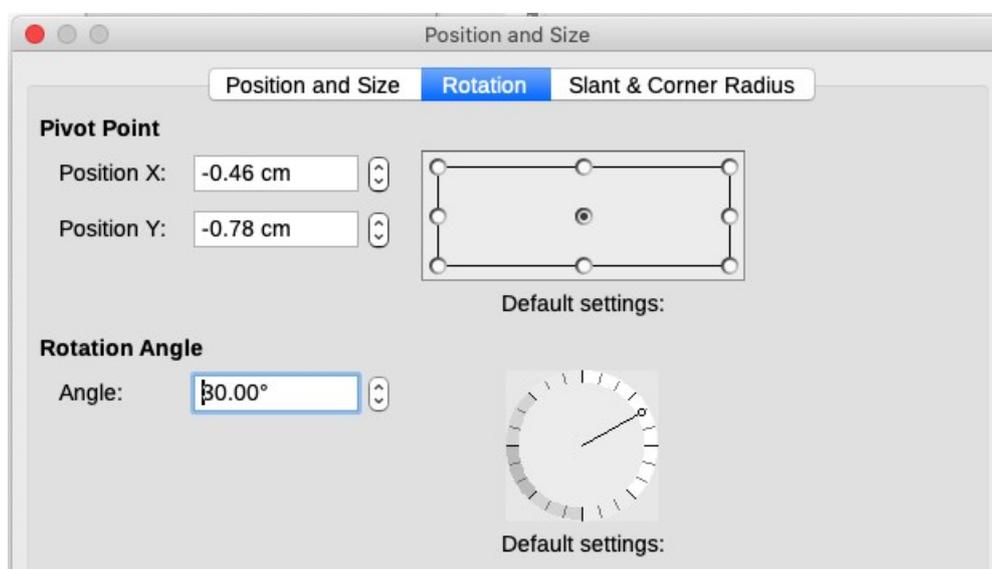


Figure 255: Position and Size dialog, Rotation tab

Tip

Of particular interest to Writer is the Text Box drawing object. Ordinary text can only be rotated to 90, 180, or 270 degrees, as described in Chapter 9, but a Text Box object can be rotated to any desired angle.

Creating an image map

An image map defines areas of an image (called hotspots) with hyperlinks to web addresses, other files on the computer, or parts of the same document. Hotspots are the graphic equivalent of text hyperlinks. Clicking on a hotspot causes LibreOffice to open the linked page in the appropriate program (for example, the default browser for an HTML page; LibreOffice Calc for a ODS file; a PDF viewer for a PDF file). You can create hotspots of various shapes and include several hotspots in the same image.