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Subject: Re: Upp's Support and Project Leadership

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 08:03:51 GMT

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captainc wrote on Thu, 12 June 2008 11:59 This is more of a curious question rather than anything else. Mirek, you seem like you work on Upp almost full-time, always responding to questions and constantly making improvements and patching quickly.

Uh, thanks, I was in fact rather afraid that recently my involvement was not up to usual standard (Too much other things happen.)

Quote:

My question is, how is the project funded? Does it have some sort of corporate sponsor who you work for? What is your background?

Well, since the first minute spent with U++ (back in 1998, when it started as MFC extension for Oracle programming , it was developed for use in commercial software. So for the first couple of years, the money were from this software (and in fact, we were sort of silent about the technology we use

Let us say that improved productivity realized by using U++ paid for U++ development. I guess I would make a little bit more money using something else, but it would be much less fun too.

(BTW, when I say "we", I mean in these initial phases me and Tom Rylek - he is much smarter than me, but unfortunately finds this forum a little bit too much time consuming. I guess it is partly because when he does reply, he does so in very detailed way

After a couple of years I realized I am already too much used to U++ that the only possible step in my personal carrier is to make it open-source - that is the only way I can possibly use it in my next job

And guess what, it worked...

Starting this year, we have got a sponsor, and he also gave me a job - I am now writing backend servers for internet services and having a LOT of fun (that is BTW why you are more likely to see improvements in Core now from me

In near future, it seems like we are going involved in consulting business too - it seems like making U++ free for commercial development was really a good idea:)

Mirek

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