Subject: Re: Google Summer of Code

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Hello all

Ultimate++ project application to Google Summer of Code has been submitted.

During this week Google will decide which projects will participate in this program.

The competence is awesome: all main Open Source projects apply to GSoC. And the number of available slots is limited.

Outside U++ I have heard an opinion saying (in simplified version) that GSoC is not interesting because long term supporters are convinced with the project. And convinced people works for free (like you, and you, and you, ...).

Well, I think this opinion is oversimplified because (in simplified version):

- GSoC is a world wide program. If anybody is concerned about PR (public relations) well, many of the BIG projects are in.
- Students apply for it because:
- -- It is excellent for their curriculum
- -- They get about 5k\$
- We want this great students working full time for our project. And we have to convince them because we want them inside, also after GSoC.
- This is not granted for free: We have to work a lot in, at least:
- -- Students selection
- -- Project management
- -- Mentorship (a lot of work)

However, the good thing of this is that we have to develop a system that:

- coming from the very first day of a person in U++ to be the new Mirek
- will let this skilled, polite, organized, easy going and handsome person to get it in a finite deadline
- arranging the project and the community as the same thing.

Because GSoC lasts few months.

But U++ is opened 365/24:

- to give all programmers the best tools
- and to receive
- --- more or less skilled people
- --- with more or less time

but feeling that here there is something worth spending their valuable time.
Well, and that is great.
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