Subject: Re: Google Summer of Code
Posted by koldo on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 21:02:10 GMT

Hello all

At the same time of IRC meeting, I was talking with Borja, the GSoC administrator for Globus and mentor of OpenNebula. I expect in next days help from a KDE mentor too.

He helped OpenMedula last year and they were accepted, so I think his help will be valuable .

Borja said the most important thing in a project is the ideas list. The level of detail for our list is good, but he says we need more ideas, at least 10.

He also said that ideas list often lead to interesting projects, but (in his experience) the best projects come from students that propose their own projects based on discussions with potential mentors.

So it is a good idea to include a list of mentors including their "skills" to encourage the students to contact with them. This way if they have ideas for a project that are not part of the list provided, they know to whom to contact.

He commented that people often includes ideas too complicated to be resolved in 3 months by a student. In Globus and OpenMedula they call them "blue sky" ideas.

He considered it was a good idea to create the "Tutoring Plan" because Google appreciates that the organization has experience working with students.

In a short summary:
- we have to submit more ideas
- if you want to be a mentor, please join the team and describe your skills in few words
- if you are a student, let us know (we will indicate that the idea comes from a student), an talk with possible mentors to polish the idea.