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Subject: Tutoring Plan

Posted by [koldo](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 14:01:08 GMT

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Hello all

Sometimes when I have tried to use some open source project I tried to ask questions in the Forum and I did not find enough support. Because of it I had to leave it.

To avoid that in U++ and training us looking to GSoC I wanted to propose you a "Tutoring Plan".

This plan would let a person to have assigned a Tutor during a short term of time giving them a reasonable support to let them enter in U++ world.

Proposal

- Duration: 2 weeks per person
- The plan is anonymous. If the programmer wants his/her name will not be known
- To enter it can be sent an email indicating:
  - Forum name
  - Areas where they expect to use U++
- The possible tutors would receive an email. If someone is available, the tutoring will begin
- The Tutor will give a reasonable support to tutored person, letting him/her to know different U++ resources like documentation and Forum, and answering questions
- This tutoring will be a training for Tutors focusing to GSoC

It is true that this is really done nowadays in Forum.

However it is also true that people use to be shy and do not want to ask many question showing everybody that they are newbies. If they have a way to ask many questions and receive a personal support they perhaps would enter in U++ more easily.

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan

Posted by [nneilson](#) on Sun, 18 Apr 2010 20:07:17 GMT

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Here are a few suggestions from a newbie:

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That is what most people are used to, having "Help" under "Assist" is a bit confusing.

The "Manual" is good, being able to access that from "Help" and opened in a separate window/browser even when offline. If that is a separate download the default location could be a subdirectory under MyApps.

One of the problems with most forums is some are too lazy to use the "Search" in that Forum, it is easier to just post a question, having a tutor may just promote this.

I have found the help on this forum to be very good.

If this would be something to fill a requirement to get into the GSoC then it would be good.

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan  
Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Mon, 19 Apr 2010 18:35:28 GMT  
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Hi Koldo,

Very interesting idea. You are right that it works like this in forum now, but it would definitely lower the barrier for shy programmers.

nneilson wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 22:07 That is a good idea but there will always be a time lag between a question and a response.

Actually the tutor and tutored person can make an agreement and meet on irc/icq/{whatever IM system}, let's say every two days for an hour or so. That would make the cooperation much faster then through the forum or mail.

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Yes, this is true. Not having Help menu is like having no help at all. People are sometimes too lazy to hit F1 not even to mention to search for help in non-standard locations...

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You mean like having off-line html version of help? Topic++ contains the same info and you can have it in separate tab. But actually exporting html help would be really easy, basically just running uppweb with few extra lines of code to exclude forum and ads...

But back to the tutoring: I like the idea and I would probably use it myself if it existed when I started to use U++. Count on my help as far as my skills go

Regards,  
Honza

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 06:34:27 GMT  
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I was thinking about giving it an informal and nice name.

I do not know, perhaps something giving idea that U++ is easy including words like pushover or breeze, or with the meaning of a small push to U++

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan  
Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 06:44:42 GMT  
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IMO we (a U++ community) should first of all prepare nice and well structured U++ "newbie" tutorial. This tutorial should be a part of TheIDE docs as well as U++ site. This tutorial should also have massive number of links from this tutorial to reference help pages. Tutorials we have now are poorly structured and mostly isolated from help system itself. About 1-2 years ago I started making this tutorial (currently a part of articles structure is ready) but didn't have enough time to finish it.

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan. Call for tutors  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2010 08:17:10 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan. Call for tutors  
Posted by [jerson](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2010 12:50:23 GMT  
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Hey Koldo and others

Mentoring is one wonderful thought proposed here.

This is one tutorial I found invaluable while learning upp. I thought I could mention it here for others who want to be 'carried along' <http://www.codeproject.com/KB/library/IntroUpp.aspx>

Small things that tripped me up may also help. Maybe I was too blind to see it initially. The web is full of links to UPP605; unfortunately, that is something you can't change. Once on the site though, I did not find it easy to find my way through. The links to the SVN repository you gave were helpful though not very obvious since I was only searching for WIN32 binaries at the time. Especially the source browser was a big help to see how the code will look eventually.

The STermPro is one superbly executed project IMO. I know the assist function of the IDE has a lot to offer; however, I tend to agree here  
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A step-by-step kind of tutorial is definitely desirable for us newbies. As of now, I am still 'learning the ropes'

Thanks for your patience  
Jerson

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan. Call for tutors  
Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Wed, 09 Jun 2010 15:14:49 GMT

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Hi Koldo,

I offer my help as a tutor. I can share my limited knowledge on: Basics of C++ (for those coming from C or other languages)

Basic ideas behind U++

U++ GUI basics

U++ containers

Debian packaging (possibly also some other Linux distributions)

Parallelization (Thread and/or openmp)My specialty: "Programming for non-programmers"

Best regards,

Honza

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan. Call for tutors

Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 29 Jun 2010 06:09:35 GMT

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Subject: Re: Tutoring Plan. Call for tutors

Posted by [tojocky](#) on Tue, 29 Jun 2010 06:54:43 GMT

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Best Regards, Ion Lupascu (tojocky)

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Posted by [tojocky](#) on Tue, 29 Jun 2010 07:02:24 GMT  
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Posted by [unodgs](#) on Tue, 29 Jun 2010 07:03:35 GMT  
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Just one note. I will be available since 18.07 (after my vacation)

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 12 Jul 2010 09:41:22 GMT  
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Thank you Ion

Sorry for the delay .  
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Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 12 Jul 2010 09:42:57 GMT  
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Hello Ion

Thank you very much!

I will PM you for details.