Subject: Proposal: Programming Seminar
Posted by Sebastian Neubert on Fri, 11 May 2007 22:58:38 GMT
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Dear collaborators!

I would like to propose to organize a "Panda Software Seminar".

I am still under the impressions of the recent workshop in Ferrara. The discussions we had were certainly hard work. On the other hand after all I enjoyed it very much to exchange ideas with you!
The challenges that ly ahead of us have convinced me once again that good training is essential for our success.

The idea that came to my mind of having a seminar on general software issues looks like this:

1) Possible topics: C++, ROOT, software design, tools (debugger, tester & co)

2) The seminar is held on a weekly basis via vrvs. One talk per sessions. One hour per talk.

3) The program is fixed for one semester in advance.

4) Contributions from everybody - not just so called experts! One learns more by preparing a talk than if you enjoy an expert's lecture.

What do you think about this idea?
I wish you a nice weekend!

Best Regards, Sebastian.

Subject: Re: Proposal: Programming Seminar
Posted by Johan Messchendorp on Sat, 12 May 2007 10:58:57 GMT
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Dear Sebastian and others,

I see Sebastian's point and would certainly support it. The main challenge of such a meeting is to keep movitating people to join such a tutorial on a very regular basis. As Sebastian mentions, it should not only be for the experts, but also have the non-experts to participate actively and regularly (!) in such a meeting. The danger is, however, that at the end of the semester only the speaker and less-than-a-handfull of mainly expert participants will be present in the vrvs lecture. But maybe if we indeed fix the dates, topics, and speakers before hand it would help. I would be curious about the opinions of others on this matter as well.

What we could do is to give it a try. Sebastian, are you willing (and have time) to organize such an event? If not, let me know....

Kind wishes and have a nice weekend as well,

Johan.

Subject: Re: Proposal: Programming Seminar
Posted by Sebastian Neubert on Sat, 12 May 2007 11:39:36 GMT
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Hi!

I could manage the topics/speakers list and book the VRVS. No problem.

What about the others? Could you imagine to pick that one software topic you always wanted to know more about and make a contribution out of it?

Cheers! Sebastian.

Subject: Re: Proposal: Programming Seminar
Posted by Johan Messchendorp on Sat, 12 May 2007 21:37:21 GMT
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Hi,

We have to see. In addition, one could also start making a list of possible topics to give food for thoughts and as trigger....

Kind wishes,

Johan

Subject: Re: Proposal: Programming Seminar
Posted by Sebastian Neubert on Sat, 12 May 2007 21:58:21 GMT
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Hi Elisabetta!

Elisabetta wrote:
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> and in Genova, concerning specific subjects/topics especially on that
> thing called "tracking" "design", as there are clear problems as you can
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> meetings, they are welcome! None until now did that.
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Cool! So you would be interested in such a thing?

Just a detail: I do not know if I understand you correctly. Are you saying we should have

general topics like "c++ design" in the seminar and use the "computing workshop" for tutorials like: "How to use the framework"?

I will prepare a section on the wiki where we can brainstorm topics for the seminar.

If people do not want to take part in the Seminar they need not. It is not supposed to be a forum for software related decisions. It is only meant for education.

Cheers Elisabetta!
CU soon!
Sebastian

Subject: Re: Proposal: Programming Seminar
Posted by Sebastian Neubert on Sat, 12 May 2007 22:19:06 GMT
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Hi!

I have created a section in the wiki for a brainstorming on the topics for the seminar.

Have a look and drop your idea!

Cheers! Sebastian.

Subject: Re: Proposal: Programming Seminar
Posted by Elisabetta Prencipe on Mon, 14 May 2007 18:14:37 GMT
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Hi Sebastian!

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Yes. I agree!

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>workshop" for tutorials like: "How to use the framework"?

Yes.
Tutorials should be interactive. So it's important that people take actively part on those. Part of the Computing Software Workshops in Panda should be dedicated (for sure! until now it happened, as I saw) to do [also] tutorials in the sense that to give common bases for programming can help to avoid misunderstandings. vrvs seminars in my opinion can give this common base. After a good tutorial, users should be able to apply what they learnt.

Are you the first volunteer for one of these vrvs seminars?

Cheers, Elisabetta

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