FLOSS and Wikipedia Work Practices

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Work practices of interest
### Contribution

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Sun Mar 20 10:06:45 2005 UTC (10 days, 14 hours ago) by tokul
Branch: MAIN
CVS Tags: HEAD
Changes since 1.34: +15 -1 lines
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adding listing controls to file backend

Revision 1.22.2.6 - (view) (download) (annotate) - [select for diffs]
Tue Mar 8 16:53:28 2005 UTC (3 weeks, 1 day ago) by tokul
Branch: SM-1 4-STABLE
Changes since 1.22.2.5: +2 -2 lines
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sanitized ldap search.
added sq_setlocale() function
added force_decode option to charset_decode()
added verbose address book error messages and checked if global address
book is writable before trying to open it rw.

Revision 1.34 - (view) (download) (annotate) - [select for diffs]
Wed Feb 9 16:03:56 2005 UTC (7 weeks ago) by tokul
Branch: MAIN
Changes since 1.33: +2 -2 lines
Diff to previous 1.33
Contribution: So much by so few….
Quebec

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Revision history

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FLOSS project team structure

- Core developers
- Co-developers
- Active users
- Passive users
- Initiator
- Release coordinator
FLOSS teams vs. Wikipedia
Communications: Email & talk

Linux-Kernel Archive
By Thread

Most Recent messages
1890 messages sorted by: [ author ] [ date ] [ Subject ]
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Other mail archives

- Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) Jeff Garzik (Thu Mar 24 2005 - 00:16:16 EST)
  - Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) Folkert van Heusden (Thu Mar 24 2005 - 07:38:55 EST)
  - Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) David McCullough (Thu Mar 24 2005 - 07:57:39 EST)
    - Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) Jeff Garzik (Thu Mar 24 2005 - 15:56:31 EST)
  - Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) Jeff Garzik (Thu Mar 24 2005 - 00:18:22 EST)
    - Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) Andrew Morton (Thu Mar 24 2005 - 00:36:27 EST)
      - Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) Matt Mackall (Mon Mar 28 2005 - 20:36:49 EST)
    - Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11) Randy.Dunlap (Thu Mar 24 2005 - 00:45:39 EST)
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Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11)

From: Folkert van Heusden
Date: Thu Mar 24 2005 - 07:38:55 EST

- Next message: David McCullough: "Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11)"
- Previous message: David McCullough: "[PATCH 2.6.12-rc1] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy"
- In reply to: Jeff Garzik: "Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy(2.6.11)"
- Next in thread: David McCullough: "Re: [PATCH] API for true Random Number Generators to add entropy (2.6.11)"
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> Also, there are other entropy daemons floating about. I think there is
> one that obtains noise from an audio device.

That's correct: http://www.vanheusden.com/aed/ audio-entropyd

There's also one for doing the same with video4linux devices:
http://www.vanheusden.com/ved/

Folkert van Heusden
Communications in Wikipedia

Quebec

For other uses, see Quebec.

Quebec (pronounced [kwəˈbɛk], French: [kɛbɛk], pronounced [kebek]) is the largest province of Eastern Canada, surrounded by the James Bay and the Hudson Bay to the north, by the Labrador Sea and the provinces of New Brunswick and New Hampshire to the east, by Lake Ontario and upstate New York to the south, by Lake Saint-Louis and Lake Saint-Pierre to the west, and by the Saint Lawrence River between them. Quebec is one of the three original provinces of Canada, the others being Ontario and British Columbia. A natural frontier separates Quebec from the United States to the south, whilst the sea serves as the natural frontier to the east. Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are adjacent to the east. The capital of Quebec is Quebec City, located on the island of Old Quebec at the confluence of the St. Lawrence River and the Saint Lawrence River, the largest city of the province. Quebec is the French-speaking region of Canada, and its largest ethnic community is Québécois. The province is home to the largest francophone community in the Americas outside France itself. It is named after the Sainte-Victoire mountain in France. A city has been established in the area since 1608 by the French, with the settlement of Quebec City. The province has many natural resources, including forests, hydroelectric power, fisheries, and minerals. Quebec has a population of around 8 million people, making it the second most populous province in Canada.
Structured communications

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<td>compile 6.5 on AIX 4.2 with gcc fails</td>
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<td>redirect uses incorrect port</td>
<td>* 2000-03-29</td>
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<td>https disabled when OpenSSL present and located</td>
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<td>Sending authentication data to other servers</td>
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[ 686314 ] New incoming convo takes focus

You may monitor this Tracker item after you login (register an account, if you do not already have one).

Submitted By:  
Joseph Trapasso (poppins24m)

Last Updated By:  
lschiere - Comment added

Category:  
None

Assigned To:  
Nobody/Anonymous (nobody)

Status:  
Open

Summary:  
New incoming convo takes focus
Alpha 5, Win2000
When I'm typing to a buddy (aim) and another buddy sends me the first message of a conversation, the focus is stolen from my text box and placed on the newly created tab. So, my continuing to type is futile.

I think this is new to Alpha 5.

Followups:

Message

Date: 2003-05-05 17:23  
Sender: lschiere  
Logged In: YES  
user_id=28833

i think this might be fixed in 0.63
Face-to-face interaction
Decision making
Coordination

- Managing dependencies
- Dependencies to manage in FLOSS:
  - Conflicting changes
  - CVS/SVN
  - Dependencies between modules
    - Developers coordinate changes as they make them
- Dependencies in Wikipedia?
Group maintenance

- Group maintenance includes member recruitment, socialization, cohesion, and conflict resolution.
- Joining scripts: People who come with a contribution become active members more quickly.
Conflict resolution

- FLOSS has strong norms against forking and appropriation of code.
- Focuses energies on a single code base.
- Wikipedia has strong norms about the nature of content (NPOV, NOR, V), about working with others (AGF, CIV, NPA, DR, 3RR, etc.), and formal dispute resolution processes.
Summary

• Work practices are what people do to get the work done.
• FLOSS and Wikipedia have developed effective work practices for their environments.
• Environments are similar, so there’s something to be learned…