

Project Mainstreaming Issues

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What we had in mind



- Universities offer a course or practical assignment in the curriculum (starting in September)
- The Organising Party has gathered organisations and projects that are in the system
- Students sign up starts; Students browse and pick their favourite project
- Students write a couple of proposals and compete to get selected
- Part of the projects gets done
- Organisations are asked for an evaluation form and to participate in the next SOC



What we have seen



- We have seen that the different time schedules, makes it difficult to come up with a very strict timeline
- The number of students should be a bit in line with the number of projects
- The number of participating students is very low
- Perhaps open timeline; for further research



Todo



- Guide for universities
- Guide for Organisations
- Semester of Code book
- Exploitation
- Depends on
 - Promised document from academic site
 - Evaluation of the organisations
 - What can we promise for the future?
 - Will the pilot be a success?
 - Can we set up an Organisation Party (OSS watch)



Current situation



- RayCom has serious doubts about the success of the project, depending on student participation mainly
- Perhaps theoretical pilot with outcome that SOC is only a nice idea
 - (Wrapping up the idea and the global timeline and reasons for failure)
- Perhaps a sudden success; new ideas?
 - (Time is our enemy, 75??)
- So we have waited for
 - Input (evaluations)
 - Emergency plan
 - A reasonable chance of success



What can we expect?



- Lots of universities with low numbers each
- Continuing enthousiasm from organisations?
- We have got a ready system that is relatively easy to set up
- Difficult timelines
- Student participation problems
- Depends on Pilot success as well



The plan



- 1st April, find academics, target tutors, have a few more presentations, a couple of small amendments in the software to facilitate preselection, write evaluation
- Accept low student numbers and limit number of orgs/projects
- Contact students, tutors with a survey
- Statistics out of the system
- For the future perhaps: put timeline with foundations/ projects
- More universities and contact existing institutes



The bright side



- We have a VPS ready that has run without problems
- We have proven an enormous enthousiasm from the company side
- People we spoke about the subject were positive about the idea



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