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From: Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>
To: <emorgan@dewey.library.nd.edu>
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Status: RO

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From: Ed Summers <ehs@pobox.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 10:31:20 -0600
To: Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>
Cc: Robert Fox <Robert.Fox.54@nd.edu>, Chuck Bearden <cbearden@rice.edu>,
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Subject: FW: [patch] Accept # as Blank Indicator [code4lib]
On Thu, Nov 20, 2003 at 11:52:38AM -0500, Eric Lease Morgan wrote:
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Hi Eric,

I am no longer employed at Rice. My position was "eliminated due to restructuring", which is said to be a euphemism for being laid off.

I am working now at the University of Texas--Houston, School of Health Information Sciences as a systems analyst and sort of project manager. The rubric is health or medical informatics. My library training and experience does come into play here, though I will doubtless get to do things that I wouldn't get to elsewhere. Down the road there are also opportunities to collaborate with the HAM-TMC Library (the main library serving the Houston Medical Center institutions), so I won't be entirely absent from library work.

I've switched pretty much to Python, though I will use PHP for web development. Eventually I would like to do some Java (perhaps with Struts). I will probably choose to use Perl only for strong reasons (need to cooperate with others on a project, or needed libraries available only in Perl). Python is a much better fit with my brain than Perl is. I continue to be involved with perl4lib because I like the folks and the projects so much.

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That's how I thought of perl4lib when I hosted it at Rice. The library administration apparently thought it (and me) dispensible.

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I'm not sure there's a need. I really can't tell. A few years back, someone created a php4lib, but nothing seems to be happening there. Ed is more certain of the need for this list than I am. I would love a place to talk about other-than-Perl coding, but what if we build it and
they do not come?

> How would code4lib compare to perl4lib, oss4lib, and/or xml4lib?

I think code4lib would be analogous to perl4lib, except that its proper domain would be programming for libraries in languages other than Perl. Xml4lib deals specifically with XML-related matters, not all of them involving programming. Oss4lib seems to me more concerned with a sort of bigger picture—project management & design, open-source news & culture in the library, implementation of already-written open-source software. The same attributes that distinguish perl4lib from the others would also distinguish code4lib from the others.

> Eric "It's My Birthday Today; I'm 43 Years Young" Morgan

Happy birthday! I'm 44 years young, so I guess I'm younger than you are ;-) 

If you make it back to Houston, let me know. We can have Vietnamese food if you like. We could also go to the range :)

Chuck

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To: <emorgan@dewey.library.nd.edu>
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Oops, forgot to include Eric in this reply.

----- Forwarded message from cbearden -----  
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 11:40:56 -0600  
To: Ed Summers <ehs@pobox.com>  
Subject: Re: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion]  

On Thu, Nov 20, 2003 at 10:40:47AM -0600, Ed Summers wrote:  
> This thread was getting sent to your rice address. I'm trying to get  
> Eric at Notre Dame to set up code4lib.  
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I also had a concern with the diffused approach as well, and I talked to Eric about that. If folks as specific questions about, say, a Java implementation will there be a concentration of enough interested parties to address those sorts of issues? It seems like there is a danger of either being too general or too specific.

Rob

At 12:01 PM 11/20/2003 -0600, Ed Summers wrote:
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From: Daniel Chudnov <dchud@umich.edu>
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 14:52:51 -0500 (EST)
To: Ed Summers <ehs@pobox.com>
Cc: Chuck Bearden <cbearden@hal-pc.org>, Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>,

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Where'd I go? :)

Agreed that oss4lib has never really been about coding; the rare
specific
questions on the topic have been for lack of a better home, and
usually
redirected to a better home once the posters were informed (iirc
usually
to perl4lib). Like web4lib and the lang4libs, oss4lib and the
lang4libs
are mostly orthogonal, no?

This idea seems to come around once a year or so... it's always a hard
call, as some folks are probably happy with the way certain lists are
focused as-is. All I can say is that if somebody started a pan-
language
code4lib I would want to join, even if the topics waivered
inconsistently
on granularity and such. The occasional "how can I get perl to
interpolate $@_{}[] as a footype" is well worth the wading through
for
me, not knowing, to get to the also occasional higher-level "if i'm
parsing marc with a stream-based approach, would you put this callback
here or there", etc., question or the rarer lower-level question in a
language on my radar.

That said, I wouldn't start/own it myself, but would happily be a
backup
listadmin if needed.

Also, btw, I would ask for restraint before cross-posting a
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to
multiple lists with inconsistent overlap. :) One alternative might be to invite members of various lists to participate in a discussion somewhere else... /u/l/i might be a neutral option, say, along with others, but really, anyone's weblog + comments would probably do just fine.

Dunno if these comments are helpful, esp. as I fell into this thread mid-conversation, but, well, here you go.

Regards, -dchud

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Yeah, perhaps the best thing to do is just start it, announce it, and see
if anyone comes. One thing I don't miss about academia is the incessant
debate, and not enough action.

//Ed

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Sorry, couldn't resist.

Seriously, I was thinking that code4lib would be for non-Perl
discussions (though discussion of Perl as a possible solution to a
coding problem should be allowed). Perl4lib already provides an
excellent venue for Perl-related discussions, and I wouldn't want to
siphon off any of its lovely "wort" (you'll know the term if you brew
beer). An idea floated in the past on this held that language-
specific
lists could be spun off as warranted by traffic. My notion was that
code4lib would be a catch-all for discussions having no better home on
other lists.

I do like Dan's suggestion that discussions likely to start protracted
debates be steered to a blog-like venue. Possibly the function of a
designated moderator to suggest that possibility (and the venue?) when
the threshold is reached?

Chuck

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Hah! You are a subtle one Mr. Bearden. The perfect moderator :)

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Let's go for it.

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and I
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that time if there does not seem to be enough interest to keep the
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thing alive, then we will shut it down. This is no real skin off our
backs.
We'll call it a "professional development opportunity", and it may
very will
fill a useful purpose as well as fill a void.

Let me set things up. It usually takes a day or two.

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Eric "Not My Birthday Anymore" Morgan