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From: Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 08:53:21 -0500
To: Ed Summers <ehs@pobox.com>, Robert Fox <Robert.Fox.54@nd.edu>, Chuck Bearden <cbearden@rice.edu>, Daniel Chudnov <dchud@umich.edu>
Subject: Re: [patch] Accept # as Blank Indicator [code4lib]

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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?

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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 ;-)

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From: Chuck Bearden <cbearden@hal-pc.org>
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 11:42:09 -0600
To: Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>
Cc: ehs@pobox.com
Subject: Re: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion] (fwd)

Oops, forgot to include Eric in this reply.

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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:

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I also had a concern with the diffused approach as well, and I talked to Eric about that. If folks ask 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.

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>We've lost Dan and Rob on this thread too now. Chuck, would you be >willing to post a message to the various groups xml4lib, oss4lib, >perl4lib, php4lib (i think there is one), maybe a lita list, to see if there
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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>,

Robert.Fox.54@nd.edu

Subject: Re: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion] (fwd)

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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 wavered inconsistently on granularity and such. The occasional "how can I get perl to interpolate \$@#{[]}" as a footnote" 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.

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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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User-Agent: Microsoft-Entourage/10.1.0.2006

Date: Fri, 21 Nov 2003 08:13:45 -0500

Subject: FW: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion]

From: Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>

To: <emorgan@dewey.library.nd.edu>

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Robert.Fox.54@nd.edu
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Subject: FW: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion]

From: Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>

To: <emorgan@dewey.library.nd.edu>

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Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 15:23:47 -0600

To: Ed Summers <ehs@pobox.com>

Cc: Daniel Chudnov <dchud@umich.edu>, Eric Lease Morgan
<emorgan@nd.edu>,
Robert.Fox.54@nd.edu

Subject: Re: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion] (fwd)

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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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To: <emorgan@dewey.library.nd.edu>
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To: Chuck Bearden <cbearden@hal-pc.org>
Cc: Daniel Chudnov <dchud@umich.edu>, Eric Lease Morgan
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Hah! You are a subtle one Mr. Bearden. The perfect moderator :)

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To: Robert Fox <Robert.Fox.54@nd.edu>
Cc: Ed Summers <ehs@pobox.com>, Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>, dchud@umich.edu
Subject: Re: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion] (fwd)

On Thu, Nov 20, 2003 at 01:43:23PM -0500, Robert Fox wrote:
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Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 17:09:50 -0500
To: Chuck Bearden <cbearden@hal-pc.org>
Cc: Ed Summers <ehs@pobox.com>, Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>, dchud@umich.edu
Subject: Re: [ehs@pobox.com: Red: code4lib discussion] (fwd)

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Rob

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Cc: Eric Lease Morgan <emorgan@nd.edu>, dchud@umich.edu,
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On 11/20/03 5:09 PM, Robert Fox <Robert.Fox.54@nd.edu> wrote:

> This sounds great to me. I think Eric and I would be willing to host

it

> here at ND, but Eric would need to confirm that.

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> At 03:33 PM 11/20/2003 -0600, Chuck Bearden wrote:

>> On Thu, Nov 20, 2003 at 01:43:23PM -0500, Robert Fox wrote: 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.

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>> As my third-level quote below indicates, I've worried about this issue as

>> well. My hunch is that both Python and Java would find at least some takers.

>> PHP probably would as well, but there is already a php4lib list (though it

>> seems long dormant).

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>> I'm leaning towards the notion that it is worth trying. If it doesn't seem

>> to work out, we can declare it an experiment and shut it down.

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>> Does that sound reasonable?

Let's go for it.

Here at ND we will instigate a code4lib mailing list. Initially Rob and I

will be moderators. We'll give it a try for eighteen (18) months, and after

that time if there does not seem to be enough interest to keep the whole

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 well

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

