About practicing and learning by contributing to Pharo

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Practiced football?



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Practiced tennis?



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Practiced Piano?



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Did you see the pattern?

How to practice software skills?

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- Program (but how to get feedback) code reviews are precious but difficult to get
- Code katas (always fun)
- Participate to sprints Pair program
- Join the community...

But I'm a noob



And the world is complex

Wait wait wait...

We are all noobs!

The solution is just some clicks away...

Take any opportunity to read code

Take any opportunity to contribute

A PIECE OF CAKE

Contributing is easy & simple

Possible contributions

- Read/answer newbie questions
- Participate to the wiki
- Review bug entry description
- Review bug fixes
- Write tests for bug entries
- Improve test coverage
- Improve comments

Newbie Questions

- I learned a lot answering them :)
- When I did not know I looked for the answers
- Try and learn

Read discord

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Answer questions

- On discord
- Mailing-list



Bug issue contribution

- Can you understand it?
 - else ask for precision
- Can you repeat the problem mentioned?
 - Report it! This is a valuable information

Bug issue contribution

- Write a test to show the problem?
- If the contributor provides a test, is it sound?

Join/read bug issue discussion

6	dalehenrich commented 19 days ago	Author	+ 😄 🚥	None yet		
	Once you get past the missing tab message you aren't completly out of the woods. If you want the STON output to be correctly display on stdout (on Ubuntu 16.04) you have to arrange for STONWriter to use String lf, instead of the default String cr if you don't, the output is pretty much scrambled			Milestone 🌣		
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	 dalehenrich referenced this issue 19 days ago (Pharo 7.0.3) StdioStream>>peek (on stdin) returns a byte instead of a character #4173 			You're receiving notifications because you're watching this repository.		
	dalehenrich commented 19 days ago	Author	+ 😀 🚥	2 participants		
	FWIW, this implementation satisfies my needs:	A Lock conversation				
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	akgrant43 commented 18 days ago	Collaborator	+ 🔃 🚥			
	As with #4173, take a look at wrapping stdout with a ZnCh and ZnNewLineWriterStream.					
	dalehenrich commented 18 days ago	Author	+ 😧 🚥			

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What if you do not know? What if you do not understand?

Easy! Drop it and pick the next one

Read tests to learn

- Tests are cool to learn
- Tests can be improved, so you can improve them

Improve test coverage

- It is often easier to write tests than the code :)
- Grab an object and inspect it
- Turn this in a test

Add executable comments

allRangesOfSubstring: aSubstring

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"'Ab cd ef Ab cd' allRangesOfSubstring: 'cd' >>> {(4 to: 5). (13 to: 14)}"
"'Ab cd ef Ab cd' allRangesOfSubstring: 'zz' >>> #()"
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^ Array streamContents: [:s | | start subSize |
    start := 1.
    subSize := aSubstring size.
    [start isZero]
    whileFalse: [ start := self findString: aSubstring startingAt: start.
        start > 0
        ifTrue: [s nextPut: (start to: start + subSize - 1).
        start := start + subSize]]]
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[Free side effect]



When you contribute to open-source you improve your visibility

Do not miss a great opportunity to grow your knowledge

Join and invent the future