Inkscape

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Project Refactoring

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OVERVIEW

I am a sophomore pursuing Electrical Engineering in NUST. I have been programming in C/C++ for 2 years in my favorite Notepad++ and Visual Studio IDE, currently studying C++11. I also have a foundational knowledge of Qt, that's why it will be easy for me to learn GTK+ and develop for Inkscape.

WHAT I DO WITH INKSCAPE

I first heard about Inkscape when I was learning Blender some 2 years ago. I have made a little finite-state machine in Inkscape for my Micro-processor Systems Project. It is a brief FSM as you can see below, however, I am currently working on my Microprocessor Systems Project final FSM that will include lot of details.



WHY I WANT TO JOIN INKSCAPE

I want to join Inkscape for my hands-on open source development learning from a decent ongoing project like Inkscape. Also it will be a great opportunity to work under the banner of Google. More importantly, reason for doing this is not just GSoC but my passion for programming in General. I would participate in Inkscape after GSoC also for my understanding of open-source and how code should be developed and build for complex systems and project that involve a lot of contributors and volunteers.

SUMMER PLANS

It is my first open-source project, and Inkscape is the only organization I am applying to. In addition to GSoC, I plan to take course on Certified Ethical Hacker by EC-Council in this summer in Al-Khawarizmi Institute of Computer Science in the summer vacation.

CONTRIBUTIONS

I am working actively on Gitlab to contribute as much as I can. I am trying to contribute more, I am continuously testing Inkscape to find bugs so that I can report

it to community. I am understanding codebase, reading developer wiki and To-do's projects list.

PROJECT – Issues and Solutions

• I want to work on refactoring to make Inkscape directory structure look cleaner and simpler. I am crawling over the Inkscape Codebase to know how Inkscape works. Of course there is a strong need to make subdirectories in order to make project hierarchy simpler to understand and structurally more meaningful.

WORK DISTRIBUTION TIMELINE

- WEEK 1 \rightarrow Creating Canvas Directory inside src/display
- WEEK 2 \rightarrow Creating Drawing Directory inside src/display
- WEEK 3 \rightarrow Creating Common Directory inside src/display
- WEEK 4 \rightarrow Moving Widgets to ui/widgets/legacy
- WEEK 5 \rightarrow Moving svg to util/svg
- WEEK 6 \rightarrow Creating color Directory inside src/util
- WEEK 7 \rightarrow Work on 'helper' Merge with util
- WEEK 8 \rightarrow Continue work on 'helper' merge with util
- WEEK 9 \rightarrow Creating Numeric Directory inside src/util
- WEEK 10 \rightarrow Private Data Members in SPI::Base and Derived Class
- WEEK 11 \rightarrow Continue work on Private Data Members in SPI::Base and Derived
- WEEK 12 \rightarrow Make Private Data Members in other Directories