

Ease : weekly report number **one**

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1 What I have done

Actually, this report takes into account the last past two weeks, because I already had started a bit of work before the official coding starts (like every Summer of Code student). The list looks like this :

- Autotools stuff : took me a while, but finally got it working, thanks to the help of the Sampala project¹, a project to help you familiarize with Vala + autotools + gettext, the Vala project generator *vala-generator*, other Vala programs like *gnome-scan*, and some nice people on the #vala channel. First time I'm happy to use `./configure` ;
- We finally moved to `git.gnome.org`² ;
- Sent a mail to the GNOME Bugzilla people, and we have our bug-tracker!³ ;
- Last but not least, checked around for good translations platforms, had started working with Transifex but finally turned to GNOME Damned Lies, and we have our module⁴ there too! Now we have a German, French and Spanish translation. First time I'm happy to read Spanish ;
- Walked around the code, and sent a couple of mails to my mentor regarding coding style and general design of the app. Noted that a 7 hours difference doesn't really help communication ;
- Got the nice people (they really are) of the #vala channel to upgrade the librest bindings, as well as the librest-extras one (thanks Adrian BUSTANY!), which now allows me to start toying with the Flickr API and build my stock images fetcher.

¹<http://github.com/tadeboro/Sampala>

²<http://git.gnome.org/browse/ease>

³<https://bugzilla.gnome.org/browse.cgi?product=ease>

⁴<http://l10n.gnome.org/module/ease/>

2 What's next

Actually, my final exams are next week, so I'll be a bit busy. But I'm going to try to build my image fetcher, as I think it's a cool feature and that it won't be much work to integrate it into Ease. Especially since I didn't finish talking with my mentor about Ease design and directions, I'm not going to hack on the "core" at the moment.

3 Timeline

Even though I didn't coded a lot, I'm quite satisfied with all the infrastructure work, as it was one of the "features" of my proposal.

4 Issues/Other news

- I was quite impressed by the progress of the other GNOME SoC students. Congrats guys! ;
- Considering the hard time I had to find the right way to use autotools (not using recursive Makefiles, Vala project, l18n, outdated documentation), I'm thinking about writing a dead-easy-but-not-stupid Vala tutorial, to bring more people into GNOME, once I'm done with my summer of code, right in time for GNOME 3.

That's all for me. Cheers!