

Ease : weekly report number **three**

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1 What I have done

As I explained last week to the mailing list, there wasn't any report #2, for the good reason that I had exams and academic defense till Monday. It went well overall, so I'm back at coding, and here's what I've done :

- I started building my stock image fetcher, which as the moment works well, except the fact that it doesn't retrieve anything online. I've looked into how to leech pictures from FlickrR, also wondered if it would be a good choice to use Grilo, so now I just have to implement it, and this should be done very soon!
- Tried to port Ease UI to GtkBuilder, I'm getting closer but I still have a bunch of warnings and some non-functionnal UI. Again, I think this will be finished soon.
- Started investigating packaging, in the perspective of releasing a super-bleeding-alpha Ease 0.1 in the upcoming couple of weeks, for the moment I'm stuck at making "make dist" work.
- Thought a lot about that plugin infrastructure and even after reading the Vala online tutorial (<http://live.gnome.org/Vala/TypeModules>), it's still not crystal-clear, so I plan on spying other cool projects like Grilo or GTG (this last one helps me a lot to organize, go Paul, Lucas and Karlo).

2 What's next

- Finalize all the previous stuff.
- I still get a bunch of warnings when I run Ease, so I'd like to investigate this and fix it as soon as possible.
- Learning how to draw with Cogl (so I can haz gradients and curves).
- Shaping Ease 0.1, and getting out of the "it has to crash" phase.

3 Timeline

I'm a bit late regarding my timeline, due for various reasons such as :

- My network connection broke for the past two weeks ;
- School sucked most of my time last week ;
- Other bad reason goes here.

Anyway, I'm back at coding, enjoy it a lot, so that should be fixed soon!

4 Issues/Other news

- I found a very cool tool to draw UI mockups : it's called Pencil, it's a very nice Firefox-addon that you can also use standalone, give it a try : <http://pencil.evolus.vn>. Just noticed their website is down, I have a very strong problem with the whole Internet thing those days...
- I started writing my Vala tutorial. Would be nice to host it somewhere on git.gnome.org (with vala, gnome-web, itself?), so that other people could write/update/correct it.
- Early birthday, I got a new laptop! Actually, the family had gotten me one of those big Asus tanks/laptops, with dedicated graphics card, wide display and such, but I politely declined and asked if I could pick my own machine, and here landed the HP Probook 5310m : minimalist, slick and powerful, love it. This isn't the point of that report, so I'll make a separate review on my blog.

That's all folks *warner cartoon music*.