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WebKit GSoC Students Announced

Posted by **Eric Seidel** on Monday, April 21st, 2008 at 12:10 pm

Google has released the list of students they will be sponsoring to work on WebKit as part of the Google Summer of Code this year. Congratulations to all of the students. We look forward to working with you closely this summer!

Thank you again to all the great students who applied! Unfortunately we had over twice as many applications as we had funding slots from Google. You're certainly all welcome to come hack with us in #webkit any time.

Google's official announcement

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April 21st, 2008 at 1:12 pm

[...] WebKit team announced the list of participants they'll be working with on this year's Google Summer of Code today. Of particular [...]

jas Says:

April 21st, 2008 at 1:27 pm

Congratulations to all participants!

jeffr Says:

April 21st, 2008 at 1:47 pm

Anyone know what projects the gsoc students are doing?

Eric Seidel Says:

April 21st, 2008 at 1:55 pm

@jeffr: Follow the "list of students" link to see the list of students and their projects:

http://code.google.com/soc/2008/webkit/about.html

wsp Says:

April 22nd, 2008 at 2:01 am

Why does Mozilla have almost twice as many funding slots as WebKit?

memil Says:

April 22nd, 2008 at 5:48 am

Congratulations, I envy you 😉

Jussi Says:

April 22nd, 2008 at 12:36 pm

The new work on JavaScriptCore, SquirrelFish, sounds very promising. Have you looked into using LLVM instead of writing the byte code interpreter yourselves? It should have byte code handling, execution and JIT already built-in..

I don't know much about interpreters or compilers so I may be missing something obvious why it would not be suitable to WebKit 😃

Maciej Stachowiak Says:

April 23rd, 2008 at 11:42 pm

@Jussi

We've certainly looked at LLVM (and other off-the-shelf JIT solutions) as a possible future direction. However, we don't think its bytecode (which is very close to the machine!) would be very good for direct execution of JavaScript, which operates on fairly high level concepts. We are focusing on getting the core execution model as fast as possible before we try applying any JIT techniques.

Jussi Says:

April 24th, 2008 at 12:26 am

@Maciej

Thanks for the reply, I was quite sure you had looked into LLVM but wanted to give the heads up.

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