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Nelson Ko

Nelson Ko is an experienced solutions architect and software developer with over 10 years of experience in Internet and broadband technologies. He was a GSOC mentor in 2008 with the Mozilla open source community. He successfully architected leading-edge broadband content management and multimedia Internet solutions brought to market across the world for companies such as Trans World International Interactive, Telstra, and Anytime Entertainment On Demand; as a consultant with Hewlett-Packard Consulting and with The Fantastic Corporation (Swiss-based startup). He is currently the TikiWiki liaison for http://support.mozilla.com , the founder of Citadel Rock Online Communities Inc. , and is conducting research on "Knowledge flows and social capital in wiki communities" as part of the open source research program at the Technology Innovation Management , program at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada's capital. He has been contributing to TikiWiki for over 3 years.

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Seb Paquet is a professor of computer science at UQAM-Teluq. He is an expert in social software, Webbased knowledge sharing and collaboration technology. He holds a Computer Science Ph.D. from Université de Montreal; his thesis explored blogs and wikis as knowledge sharing tools.

Before joining UQAM, he was a research officer at National Research Council Canada, where he studied the introduction of social software into learning environments, and manager of professional services at Socialtext, a US startup that provides wikis to enterprises. Seb Paquet has been involved in the organization of the International Symposium on Wikis (WikiSym) and in the advisory board of the ELGG and Project Opus initiatives. He writes English and French language blogs, and is a coauthor on the Manyto-Many blog on social software. He collaborates with students in projects connected to his research.

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Alain Désilets

Alain Désilets is a Research Officer at the Institute for Information Technology of the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). He is cofounder of LOPLT, a multidisciplinary group of researchers from NRC and Université du Québec en Outaouais that aims at better understanding the technological needs of professional translators by observing and interviewing them in action in the workplace. He recently chaired WikiSym 2007, the 3rd International Symposium on Wikis, and was the opening keynote speaker for the 29th Translating and the Computer conference held in London, UK in November 2007. His recent work focuses on Computer-Assisted Translation technology, with an emphasis on tools to help translators collaborate and share knowledge within worldwide communities of practice.

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Marc Laporte

Marc Laporte is an expert on Wikis, Online collaboration, and Open Source software with over 10 years of Web experience.

He has been project admin for TikiWiki CMS/Groupware 🖻 since 2003. TikiWiki is the Wiki Way applied to software development 🖻 where over 200 people have contributed to the source code, making it one of the largest open source Web applications in the World. TikiWiki is used in tens of thousands of web sites/projects/communities/companies 🖻 and has recently been picked by Firefox for their support site 🖻. The vast collaborative documentation effort is 960 printed pages 🖆, which is a testament to the scope of the project. TikiWiki was among a handful of community-driven free source projects to be named to the Seventh Annual EContent 100 🖆. The annual list contains the companies "that matter most in the digital content industry."

He is active in the local Open Source scene in Québec 🗹. He also helps out ÃŽle Sans Fil 💆, a local group to promote Free WiFi access in Montréal, which now has over 130 deployed hotspots. He maintains the technical aspects of the website of the local chapter of the Internet Society 💆. He was a CoConvener of the recent International Conference on Wikis in Montreal (aka RoCoCo 🖒 and implemented over 100 Wiki projects since 2001.

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Patrice Weber

Patrice Weber (a.k.a. Nyloth) is working, since Sept.2006, as an Open Source Engineer for the Council of Europe 2, located in Strasbourg - France. He is currently focused on improving the databases, web hosting and web development platforms in the team that is in charge of the Council's network and Linux servers.

After studies specialized in network administration, software development and mathematics at the Louis Pasteur University (Strasbourg - France), he also used to work seven years for audiovisual professionals to develop and enhance web applications mainly used to collect, import, compare and analyse data from many sources and compute statistics.

He joined the TikiWiki community around Nov.2006 and contributed code while TikiWiki was chosen as a new collaborative tool and framework for some web applications of the Council of Europe. He is mainly a benevolent contributor and has participated in deploying TikiWiki for small non-profit associations.

Gary Cunningham-Lee

Originally from Oregon in the United States, he attended the University of Oregon and the University of Hawaii. In Hawaii he worked in early childhood education (teaching and administration), and later started a woodworking business. After relocating to Japan, he joined an advertising and translation company as a writer and editor. His first experience with))TikiWiki((was to organize and run a web site for PowerPC software developers and a PPC system board and firmware maker. He mainly works on porting and making new themes for Tiki (see <u>zukakakina.com</u>), and leads the themes project at themes.tiki.org

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Rick Sapir

A self-proclaimed "end-user advocate", Rick has nearly 15 years experience in developing end-user documentation and training material, knowledge management systems, and interface design for both hardware and software applications. He has worked a wide variety of industries, ranging from healthcare procurement to retail automation to software development.

He began using TikiWiki in early 2005 and has been focussed on improving Tiki's overall end-user and administrator experience. In 2006, he co-founded KeyContent , a collaborative nexus for content management and information architecture professionals. He recently published TikiWiki for Smarties , a TikiWiki-based, collaboratively authored guide.

Xavier de Pedro

Xavier de Pedro studied a Biology degree at University of Barcelona, where he also did a Ph.D. in Ecology. He has been teaching Biology and Environmental Sciences at various levels, from college to university or postgraduate courses at several universities in Catalonia. Besides his work on the Ecology field, he also performed research on new teaching methodologies using collaborative tools, such as Wikis and collaborative platforms like TikiWiki CMS/Groupware, to enhance learning processes in blended or distance learning scenarios. He has contributed some papers and communications to conferences about these subjects. He is admin of http://edu.tiki.org c, and a very active contributor to Tikiwiki Documentation c (http://doc.tiki.org c), Editorial Board member, and participant at the CLWE c Project from http://wiki-translation c.

He lives in Barcelona, fluently speaks and writes Catalan, Spanish and English, and he is also involved in NGO's and non-profit cooperatives in there, where they use Tiki, such as:

- Group for Free Knowledge at University of Barcelona (gclUB, http://gclub.ub.es ☑),
- Association of Early Stage Researchers in Catalonia (D-Recerca, http://drecerca.org 2),
- Federation of Young Researchers in Spain (FJI/Precarios, http://precarios.org 2),
- "Altercoms" non profit cooperative (http://moviments.net 🗷)
- Intercanvis.net: a web for the free exchanges and community currency transactions in Barcelona (http://intercanvis.net ☑). among others.

His full Resume (CV): https://webgrec.ub.edu/webs/05195_ANG.html

Matthew Bickerton

Matthew has over 20 years experience of development and management in the software industry. He is the author of two early books on the internet for a general business audience Cybermarketing \Box and Cyberstratergy \Box (Published by Butterworth-Heinemann). In 1994 he co-founded a successful web design and development agency which had a large client base of blue chip companies. His current projects are based around two goals 1) to provide tools for non-profit organisations to enable and enhance their use of on-line technologies 2) the enabling of "collaborations" between the theatre and digital technologists. To this end Matthew is working with several exciting organisations who act as pilots and ensure all the work done is truly relevant and immediately suitable for purpose. Matthew Lives in London,UK and South Portugal.

Yan Levasseur

Yan is a freelance engineer / programmer and lecturer at Ecole de Technology Superieure, a french

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university for engineers in Montreal, Canada. He teaches C++, Matlab, shell programming and introductory courses about Linux, Unix and Database design / implementation. He is an automated production engineer and has completed a Master degree in Artificial Intelligence , using Genetic Programming to recognize biological objects in images c (contributing to the Weka c data-mining open source software). He became interested in Tikiwiki in 2007 while working for non-profit social and environmental organizations. His participation is aimed at improving the Social Networking capabilities of Tikiwiki. Yan is also an environmental activist and amateur linguist.

Jonny Bradley

Jonny is a freelance developer/programmer based in London, UK. He has been using Tiki for about five years and has gradually become a regular contributor to the project. Most recently he has been pushing for the inclusion of JQuery as the de-facto JavaScript library within Tiki, and has invested considerable effort in getting it shipped with Tiki 3.0.

Most of Jonny's work has been related to font-end user-experience, rather than back-end functionality, and over the years he has tried most of the programming languages at some point, with most experience recently being in PHP, JavaScript, Java and C#.