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Failing in GSOC 2012 with openSUSE Project

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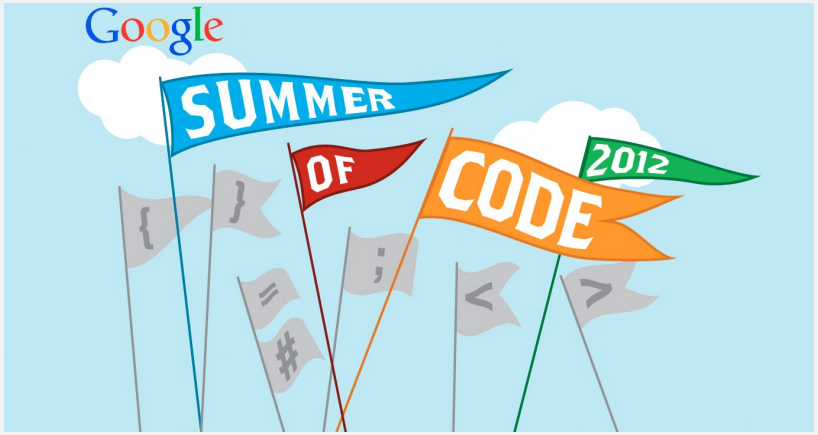
About Me

- openSUSE Ambassador the last 2 years
- Studing Master in Free Software [URJC-Madrid,Spain] since 2011
- Since September 20111 i promote openSUSE to Spain by participating in conferences
- Participated in Google Summer of Code for this year with openSUSE Project

From openSUSE Evangelist to developer

- Involved into openSUSE Greek Community as an Evangelist. Participated into conferences , events and promoted openSUSE to people
- Was the openSUSE Medical Project Leader for a couple of months
- Took part in Google Summer of Code 2012 by developing a plugin for openSUSE Connect



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5 Reasons to attend GSOC

- One of several ways to develop software for openSUSE Project
- Your are being mentored by an experienced member of the openSUSE community
- You develop software which is gonna be used by the whole openSUSE community
- Community is with you : Feedback , help, interaction and ideas!
- Apart from earning money , you gain experience!

5 points of *“What does a GSOC failure mean*?

- You didn't work , you just got in and did nothing else
- You began but after a couple a weeks you gave up
- Lack of any previous experience with the subject
- Miscommunication between the student and the mentor
- You made a big effort but it wasn't enough to pass the evaluation

5 points of *“What does not a GSOC failure mean”*?

- This is the end of the world
- You won't have a chance to participate next time
- You won't be a member of openSUSE Community
- You have been an idle developer
- Your failure was mentor's wish

5 Tips & Tricks

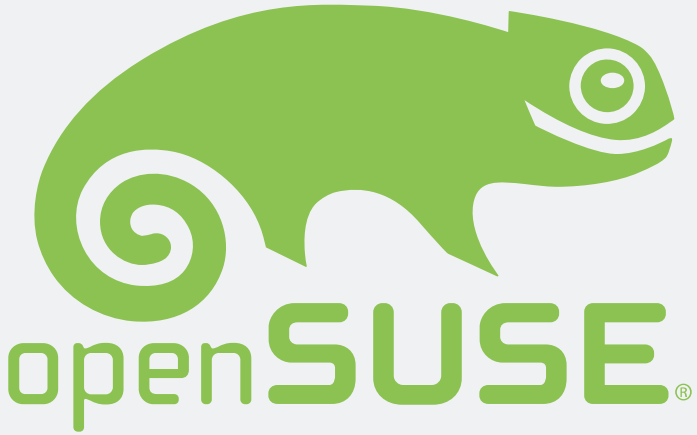
- Don't under or overestimate your skills
- First talk with the mentor and then submit your proposal
- Focus more on the experience rather than the amount of money
- Make a flexible time schedule for the entire GSOC period.Always have a Plan B , in case of a failure
- Before suggesting your idea find a project you would like to contribute to. That makes your idea more beneficial

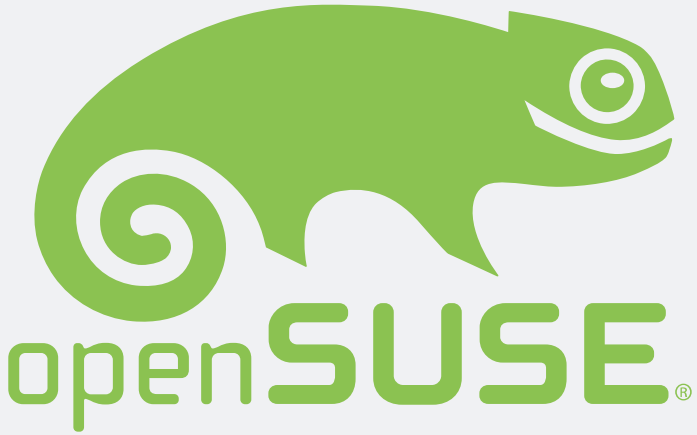
5 - Future Plans

- Carry on with the development of openSUSE Connect plugin
- By November I begin my Master Thesis with title : “*Dive into openSUSE Project and its aspects.Plugin development for openSUSE Connect*”
- Participate to GSOC 2013 with openSUSE Project
- Be an active Ambassador
- Be in contact with the community for my MsC Thesis and openSUSE Connect plugin development

“Failure is part of our life, never give up”

Questions?





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