



Learning by contributing to Open-Source Software

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<https://github.com/pharo-project/pharo>



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**Practiced
football?**



z. zidane

Practiced
football? Yes



z. zidane



r. federer

**Practiced
tennis?**



r. federer

Practiced
tennis? Yes



r. federer



k. buniatishvili

Practiced Piano?



k. buniatishvili

Practiced
Piano? Yes



k. buniatishvili

Did you see the
pattern?

**How to practice
software skills?**

How to practice software skills?

- Program (but how to get feedback) code reviews are precious but difficult to get
- Code katas (always fun)
- Participate to sprints - Pair program
- **Participate to open-source**

But I'm a noob





**And the world is
complex**

Wait wait wait...

We are all noobs!



**The solution is just
some clicks away...**

Take **any** opportunity
to read code

Take **any** opportunity
to contribute

A PIECE OF CAKE



**Contributing is easy &
simple**

Possible contributions

- **Read/answer newbie questions**
- **Participate to the wiki**
- **Review bug entry description**
- **Review bug fixes**
- **Write tests for bug entries**
- **Improve test coverage**
- **Improve comments**

Newbie Questions

- I learned a lot answering them :)
- When I did not know I looked for the answers
- Try and learn

Read discord

Pharo

exercism building out a portfolio for ht...

FOR NEW USERS

- # welcome
- # mooc
- # tutorial-help
- # video-tutorials
- # exercism

PHARO

- # news
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- # iceberg
- # bootstrap
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- # spec

LIBRARIES

- # databases
- # seaside

@tmackinnon

roelof Today at 11:14 AM
Oke, I see the symmertics but do not see the way I can calculate the spaces

roelof Today at 1:21 PM
still not right:"

```
makeRow: aChar  
  | half outerspaces innerspaces |  
  outerspaces := aChar asInteger -  
  $A asInteger + 1.  
  innerspaces := aChar asInteger -  
  $A asInteger - outerspaces + 1.  
  half := String  
    streamContents: [ :stream |  
      stream  
        nextPutAll: (self  
displaySpaces: outerspaces);  
        nextPut: aChar;  
        nextPutAll: (self  
displaySpaces: innerspaces) ].  
  ^ half , half allButLast reversed
```

NEW MESSAGES

BenComan Today at 1:58 PM
Can you show what you do get?

ADMIN—5

- Alexandre Bergel
- astares
- BenComan
- Esteban Lorenzano
- Serge Stinckwich

ONLINE—97

- [MT]fire
Playing Garry's Mod
- Aliaksei Syrel
- Allex Oliveira
- Atsa
- Bence.Fabian
- Benoit Verhaeghe
- benravin
- Bill Dargel
- hitmanner

Answer questions

- On discord
- Mailing-list

The screenshot shows a Discord chat window for the 'Pharo' server. The channel is '# general'. The chat history includes:

- Kasper** (Last Monday at 11:50 AM): Do any of the object relational mapping frameworks for smalltalk do something similar to .Net linq? I used the AST to get a super preliminary thing running:

```
(PlinqTestAuthor new select: [ :auth | auth born ~= 1960 ]) sqlCode.  
gives this result:  
select *  
from Author as auth  
where auth.born != 1960
```


Most things are not yet possible, but just wanted to know if it had been done before. (edited)
- Julien** (Last Monday at 1:27 PM): @Kasper I have a prototype of DSL to generate SQL code from Pharo but it is not public yet I can put it on a github repository we should definitely talk @ ESUG :p
- Kasper** (Last Monday at 2:39 PM): @Julien Ohh - sounds like fun. See you next week sometime.
- DenisKudriashov** (Last Monday at 8:56 PM): @Kasper there is an ORM GLOPP which supports...

The interface also shows a sidebar with channel categories: FOR NEW USERS (welcome, mooc, tutorial-help, video-tutorials, exercism), PHARO (news, general, development, offtopic, iceberg, bootstrap, vm, research, spec), and LIBRARIES (databases, seaside). On the right, there are lists for ADMIN-5 (Alexandre Bergel, astares, BenComan, Esteban Lorenzано, Serge Stinckwich) and ONLINE-100 (including [MT]fire, Aliaksei Syrel, Alex Oliveira, Atsa, Bence.Fabian, Benoit Verhaeghe, benravin, Bill Dargel, bitmapper, BlazingMagpie).

Take **any** opportunity
to contribute

**[how did we meet
with Marcus D.?]**

**[we reviewed squeak
bug issues]**

Bug issue contribution

- Can you understand it?
 - else ask for precision
- Can you repeat the problem mentioned?
 - report it. This is a valuable information

Bug issue contribution

- Write a test to show the problem?
- If the contributor provides a test, is it sounds?

Join/read bug issue discussion



dalehenrich commented 19 days ago

Author + 😊 ...

Once you get past the missing tab message you aren't completely out of the woods. If you want the STON output to be correctly display on stdout (on Ubuntu 16.04) you have to arrange for STONWriter to use `String lf`, instead of the default `String cr` --- if you don't, the output is pretty much scrambled ...



dalehenrich referenced this issue 19 days ago

(Pharo 7.0.3) StdioStream>>peek (on stdin) returns a byte instead of a character #4173

Closed



dalehenrich commented 19 days ago

Author + 😊 ...

FWIW, this implementation satisfies my needs:

```
tab
  ^ self nextPutAll: String tab
```



akgrant43 commented 18 days ago

Collaborator + 😊 ...

As with #4173, take a look at wrapping stdout with a `ZnCharacterWriteStream` and `ZnNewLineWriterStream`.



dalehenrich commented 18 days ago

Author + 😊 ...

@akgrant43 thanks a lot

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

Notifications [Customize](#)

Unsubscribe

You're receiving notifications because you're watching this repository.

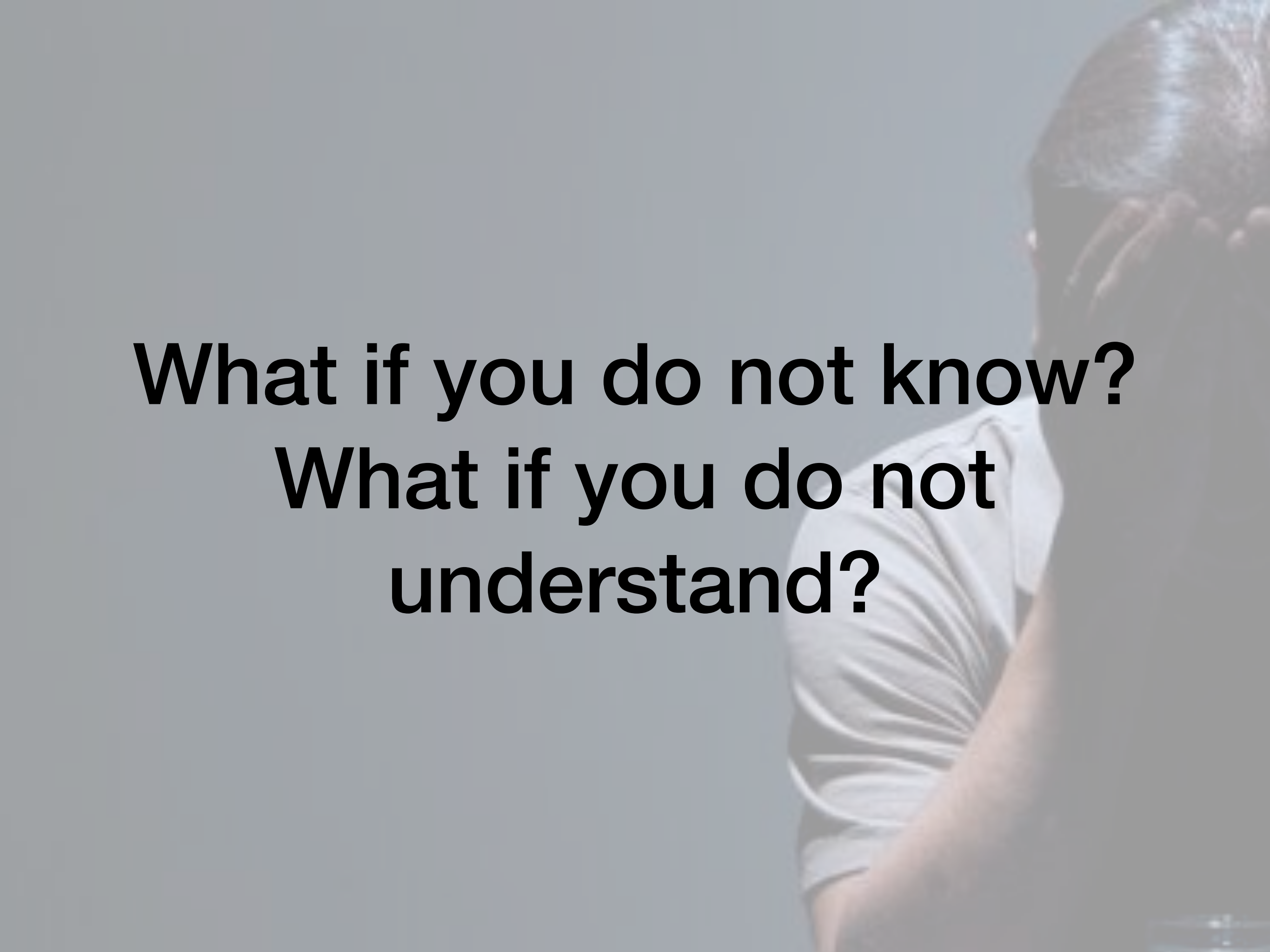
2 participants



Lock conversation

Pin issue

Transfer issue

A person is shown from the side, looking down with their hand on their head, suggesting deep thought or confusion. The background is a plain, light color.

**What if you do not know?
What if you do not
understand?**

**Easy! Drop it and pick
the next one**

Read tests to learn

- Tests are cool to learn
- Tests can be improved, so you can improve them

Improve test coverage

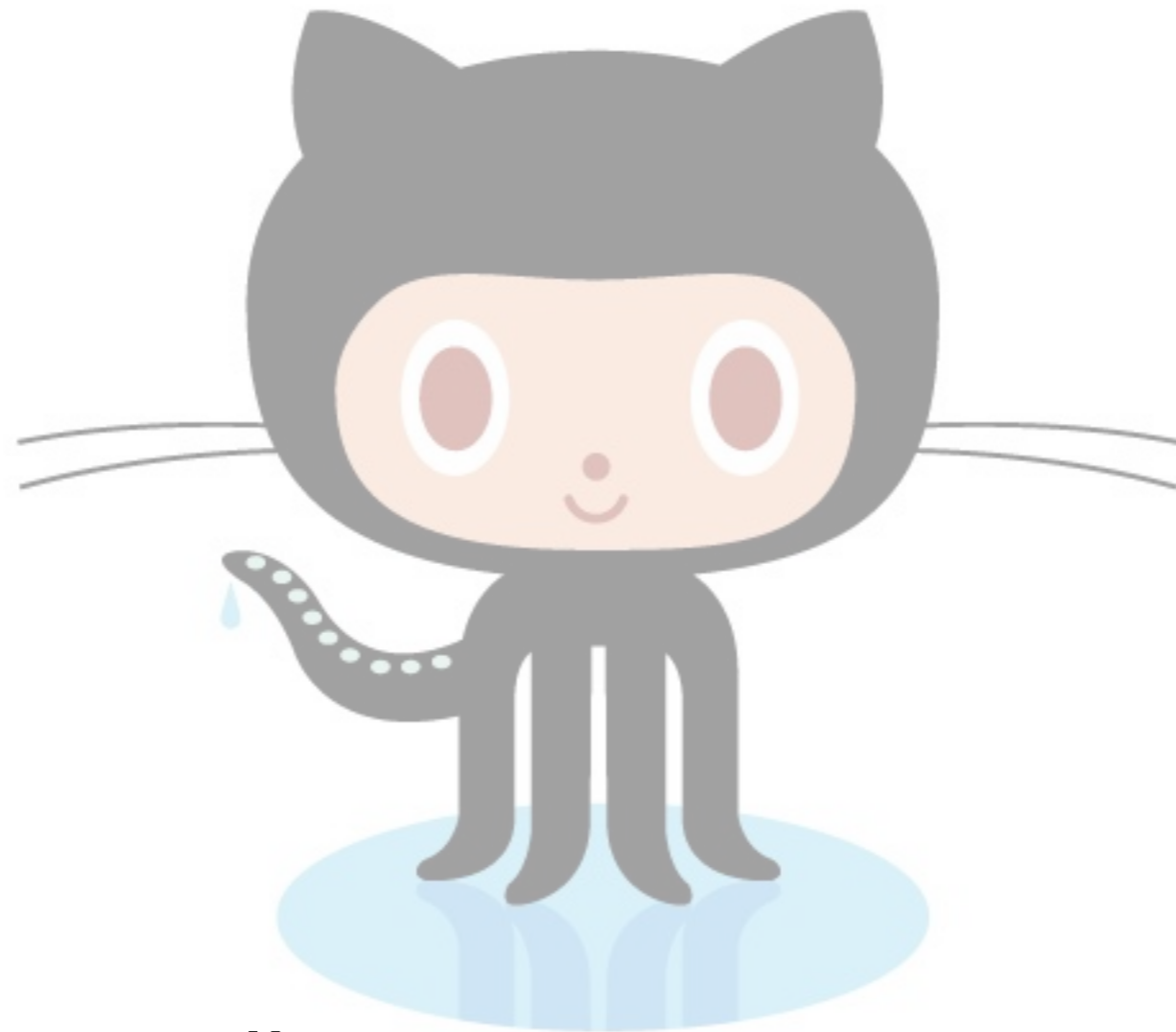
- It is often easier to write tests than the code :)
- Grab an object and inspect it
- Turn this in a test

Add executable comments

```
allRangesOfSubstring: aSubstring
  "'Ab cd ef Ab cd' allRangesOfSubstring: 'cd' >>> {(4 to: 5). (13 to: 14)}"
  "'Ab cd ef Ab cd' allRangesOfSubstring: 'zz' >>> #()"

^ Array streamContents: [:s | | start subSize |
  start := 1.
  subSize := aSubstring size.
  [start isZero]
  whileFalse: [ start := self findString: aSubstring startingAt: start.
    start > 0
    ifTrue: [s nextPut: (start to: start + subSize - 1).
      start := start + subSize]]]
```

[Free side effect]



When you contribute to open-source you improve **your** visibility

[Remember]

Every thing you do today has an impact
on your tomorrow!

[Personal note]

- My objective is to read (and understand) all Pharo source code :)
- So I take any opportunity to read code
- I even read closed issues

**Do not miss a great
opportunity to grow your
knowledge**

Join and invent the future

