Learning by contributing to Open-Source Software

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Did you see the pattern?

How to practice software skills?

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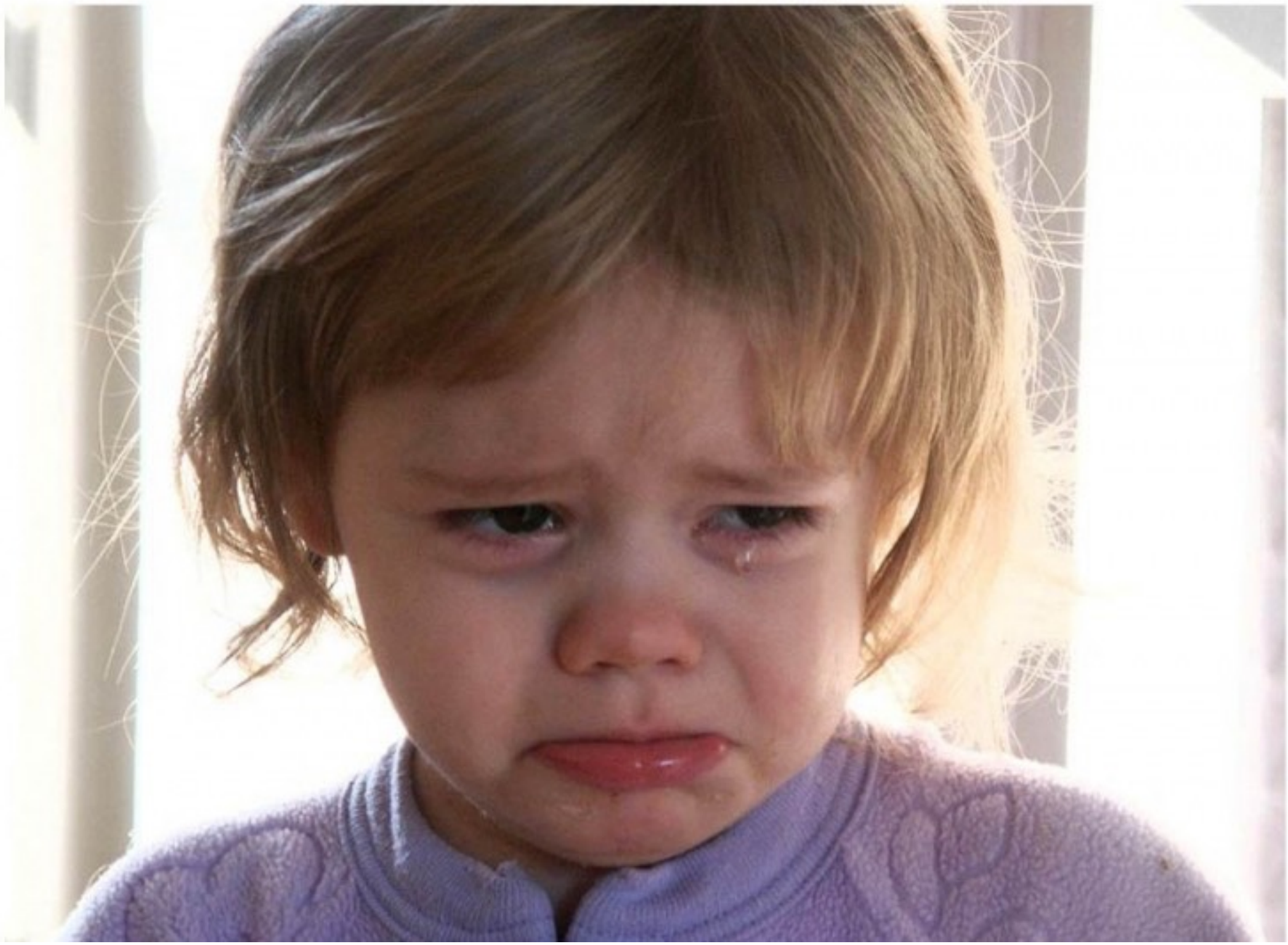
- Program (but how to get feedback) code reviews are precious but difficult to get
- Code katas (always fun)
- Participate to sprints - Pair program
- **Participate to open-source**

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

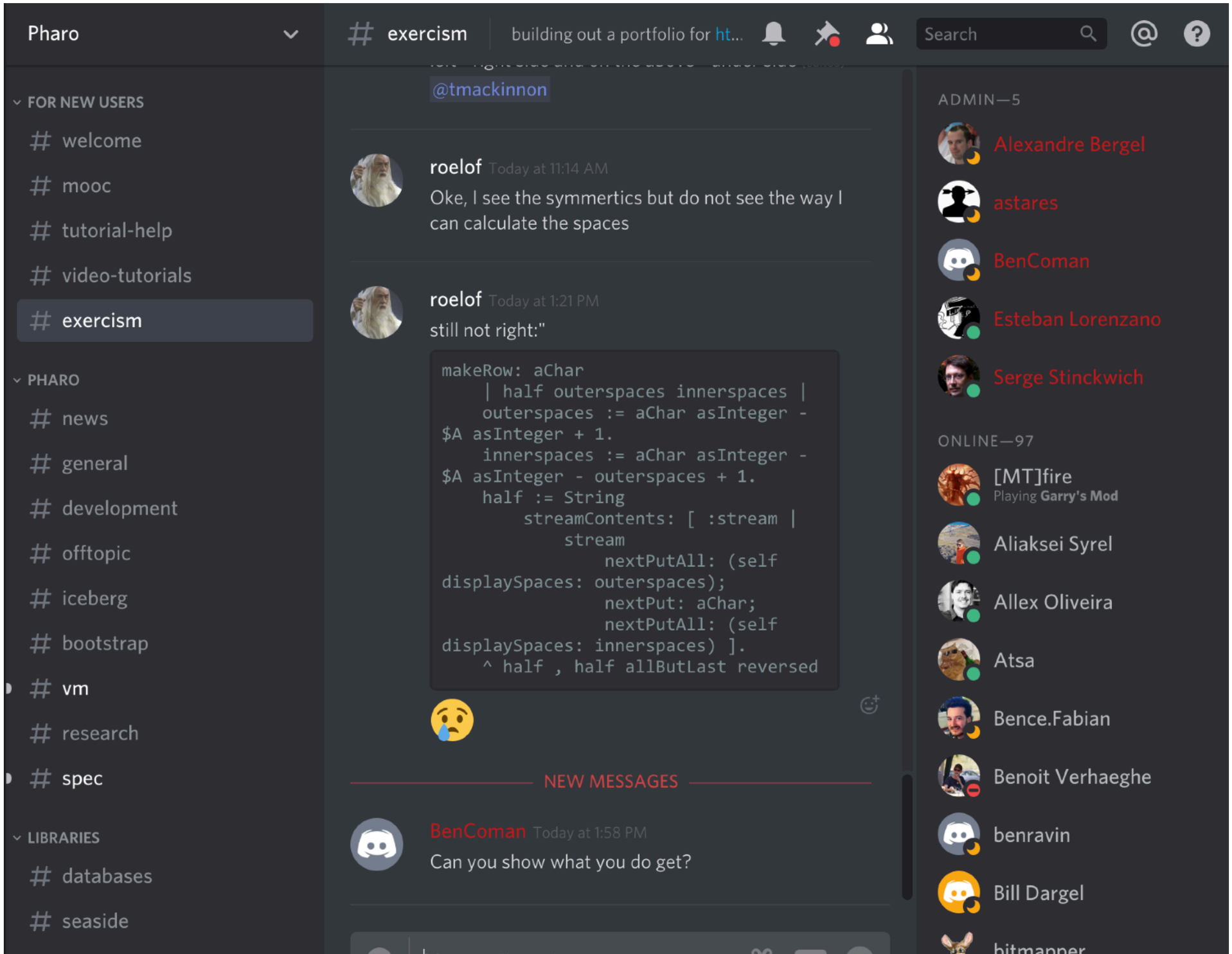
Possible contributions

- **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

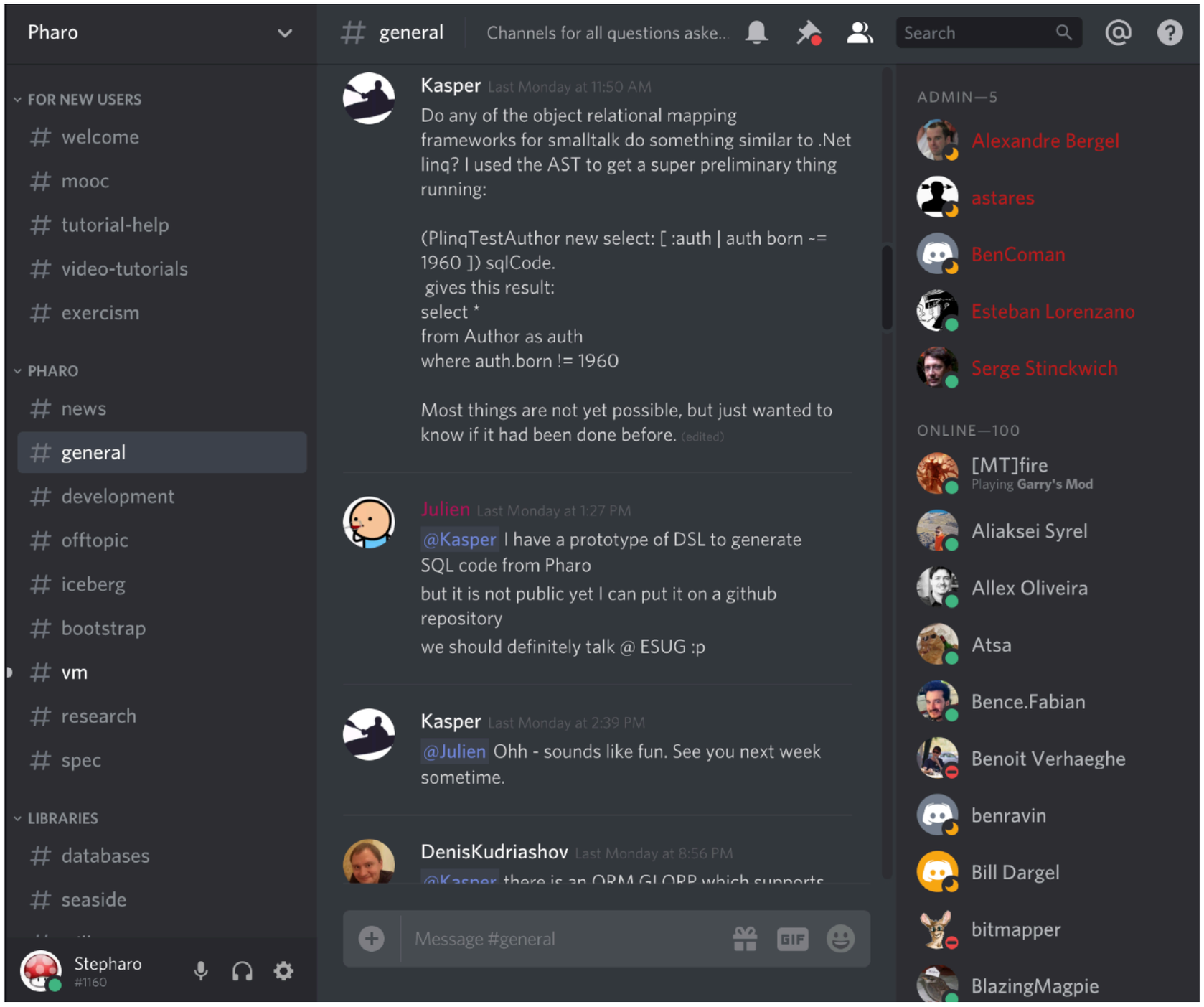
- I learned a lot answering them :)
- When I did not know I looked for the answers
- Try and learn

Read discord



Answer questions

- On discord
- Mailing-list



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 completly 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

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

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

Pharo