

what Arun offers and needs...

I offer:

An insight into how computers can transform the lives of the disabled. In particular, I teach blind people how to program computers, and have written software called eLocutor, which can be used by those who are severely motor disabled to type using one button. I have conducted a workshop with autistic kids, to see how they take to computers.

I can teach Visual Basic, which is the easiest way I have ever come across to program using GUIs and databases.

I can also teach Starlogo, which is an extension of Logo, a derivative of Lisp. It is the easiest way to learn how to program, and a great way to do modelling of systems in which multiple entities interact -- perhaps useful for those interested in nanotechnology, smart dust and the like.

I am involved in organising the World Summit on Free Information Infrastructures at Dharamsala (where the Dalai Lama lives), which takes place late October 2006. I am well informed on the subject of rural communications, and the digital divide.

I work with low power FM radio for community radio, simultaneous translation at conferences, and for organising music concerts where noise pollution laws prevent the use of normal loudspeaker systems.

I can also cook vegetarian Indian food!

I need:

Programming in Ruby and Python, programming under Linux, and interfaces that would allow small children to use computers.

Thanks for all your hospitality and help!

Arun

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I have a paraplegic friend which is interested in start to work for living by translating english/german to croatian. He is a bit of hendikeped on hands, so we are just assembling a new computer for him, & I thought of some speech recognition & screenReading sw to help in his work. Optical Character Recognition sw, Jaws for Win (screenreader, which we localized at skillEhchange workShop) and GLS -- Govorni Linux za Slijepce (Talking/Speaking Linux for Blind)

<http://www.savez-slijepih.hr/hr/pomagala/racunalna/govornejedinice.htm>

<http://www.ipsis.hr/static/hr/gls.htm>

We could talk about it at saturday, if you would be still in Zagreb.

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