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Validation
of the
pools RSS
feed



Project
activities
during the
Pitesti
workshop
days

Languages:

- Basque
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Gaelic
- German
- Lithuanian
- Romanian
- Spanish



The Pools teams have set the development schedule to Full Speed Ahead:-)

The second project workshop took place in Pitesti, Romania. The teams had a pre-workshop where they tested some of the content for the future POOLS teacher courses.

The first item in the workshop was to get familiarized with the Web Page Text Blender, which can be downloaded from www.languages.dk/materials.html

Gordon Wells tested the program and within an hour created a webpage with video where all words are linked to a Gaelic-English dictionary, the video has been recorded at the Craighard Day Centre in Lochmaddy. To see the result please go to www.languages.dk/materials/gd/gd1/index.htm



Gordon Wells preparing Gaelic exercises



The Web Page Text Blender has support for video and audio and links all words to online dictionaries



The results of Gordon Wells' work: Ready to use Gaelic exercises



During the workshop all team members received the new POOLS T-shirts. You too can get a pools T-shirt if you are willing to assist the teams with feedback and take part in the evaluation of the project outcomes. Another chance to get a free T-shirt is to meet the team members at presentations during conferences like EuroCall or EfVET, at each presentation we make a T-shirt lottery;-)

If you are willing to assist us in evaluating our results then please e-mail ka@ots.dk If you are an active teacher then please state your teaching language and age group of your students.

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Since August 2002 the combined projects BP-BLTM and POOLS have had more than 100.000 unique visitors



Latest News: +114 videos are now ready for your use in the digital area www.languages.dk/digital



The pools website now offers the visitors an RSS service. To make use of the facility you need an RSS reader / aggregator, the pools webmaster's personal choice is the free feedreader v. 3.5 which can be downloaded from: www.feedreader.com/download How to use RSS will of course be covered in the pools guide / course book ©

The Scottish team gets down to business

In Scotland the main focus has been on building links with local businesses, to give an authentic feel to the vocational focus of the project. Documentaries have been made onsite in a range of businesses. These include the Hebridean Smokehouse (www.hebrideansmokehouse.com) in North Uist, where salmon and other products are prepared and packaged for marketing worldwide, using a unique peat-smoking process. In South Uist



Scottish documentary video - screen dump

the team has filmed at the Re-Store social enterprise project (www.cothrom.net/Re-Store.html), which aims to renovate and recycle old furniture and books. This is a community-based enterprise with a strong training element, supported by the "Hi Hopes in the Highlands & Islands" partnership, a European initiative.

Again, the documentaries are

presented in "plain language" (English and Gaelic), suitable for elementary learners. They will be complemented with "authentic language" interviews in either language giving more in-depth and personal insights into the vocational theme.



Screen dump from a Scottish video

P OOLS and digital videos in Santander, Spain

Pools in Spain has worked with the CECE and Decroly Center in order to create several videos related to interesting topics for the language teaching in the vocational training. This initiative has had an enthusiastic support of teachers and pupils who have made a big effort to get the best products in Pools.

Based on scripts developed in collaboration with pupils and teachers from Decroly Centre videos were filmed in four thematic areas:

- Looking for a flat**
- The educational student trip**
- Eating Tapas**
- Register in the training Centre**



From the tapas video

All these topics transformed into videos, with scripts and appear suitable for young students wanting to learn Spanish. The videos have been composed so they will help students get acquainted with Spanish custom and culture.

Course book authoring is being continued see:

www.languages.dk/archive.html

Some responsibilities:

Klaus Leonhardt: Blogs (weB LOGS)

Sean Mehan: RSS and Vodcast

Bogdan Georgescu: Voicemail and Webcams

Martainn Domhnallach: Recording Audio and Video files, i.e. how to get them into a computer and editing

Ursula Wrobel: Deaf students, i.e. need for subtitling sound related events in videos.

Hans Bruin: Visually impaired students. E.g. extra comments in videos like "he left the room" and the use of screen readers plus the demands that these put on a web page (e.g. graphics must be annotated)

Aldona Vosilute: eLearning courses for teachers especially the ECDL and like courses.

Kent Andersen: Copyrights, Cassette tape to CD, Cassette tape to MP3, VHS to DVD, VHS to e.g. wmv files



From a new Romanian healthcare video