



Learning by contributing to Open-Source Software

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



z. zidane

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

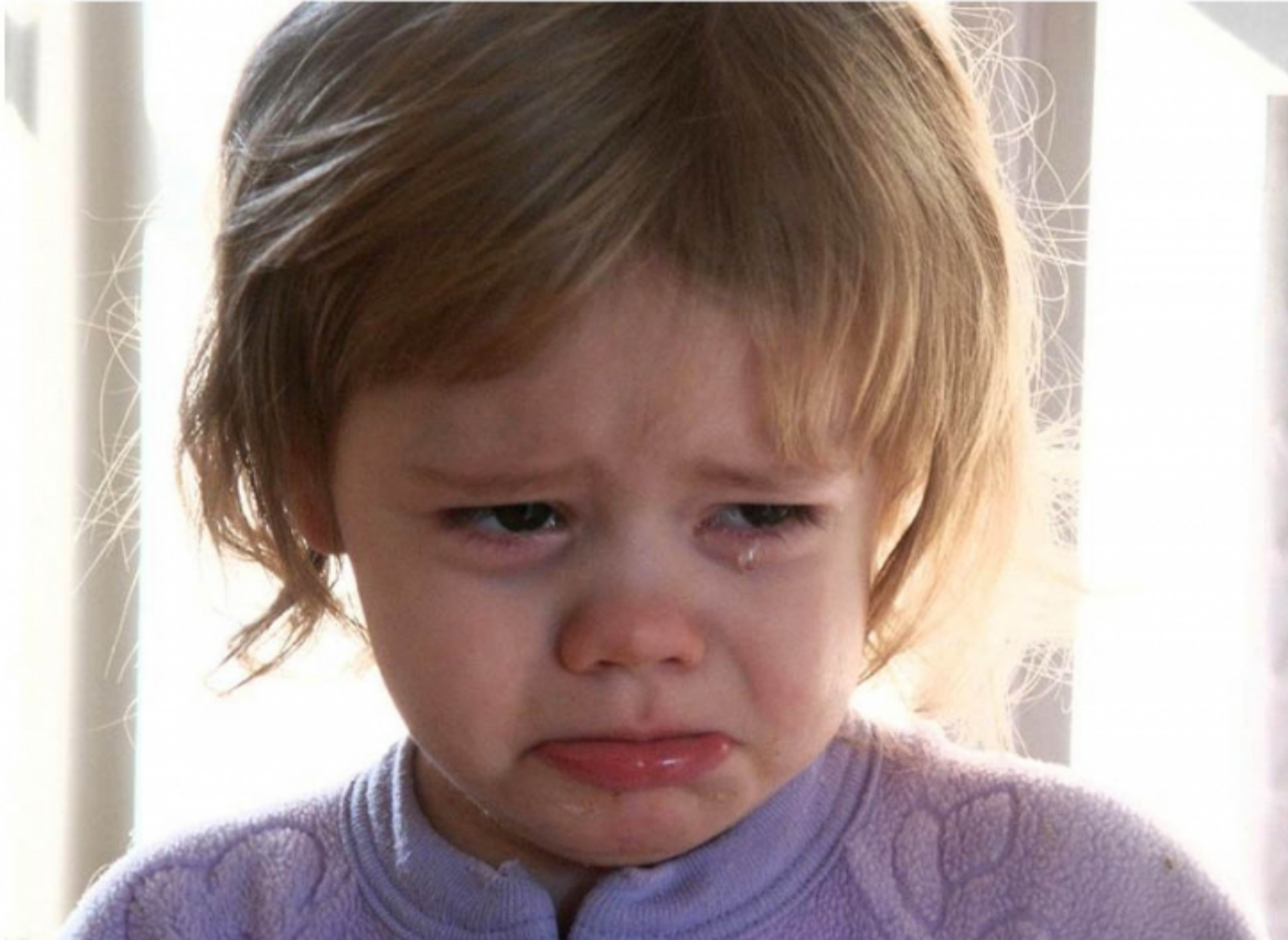
Did you see the
pattern?

**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

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building out a portfolio for [ht...](#)

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

🤔

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

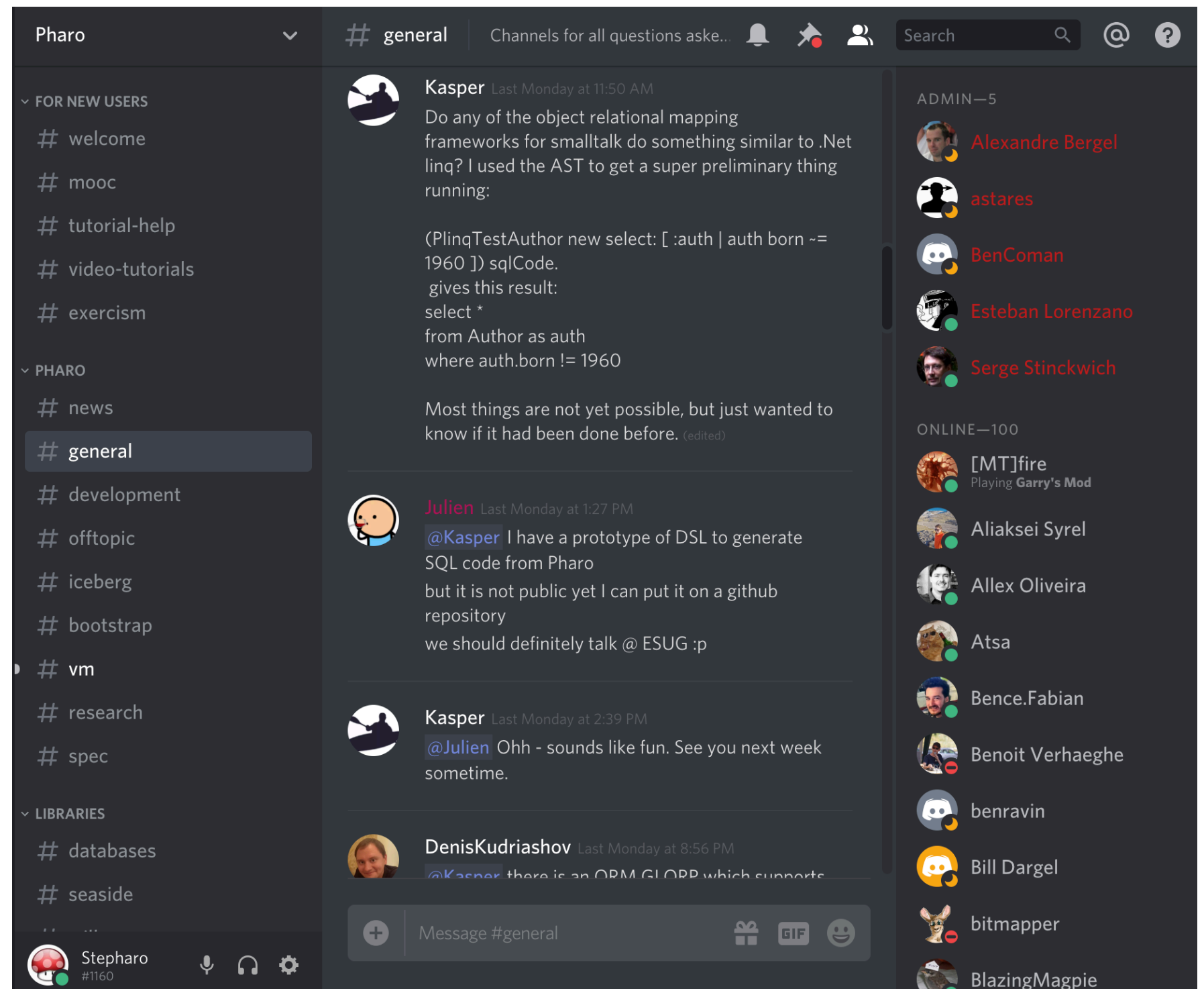
benravin

Bill Dargel

hitmapper

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 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

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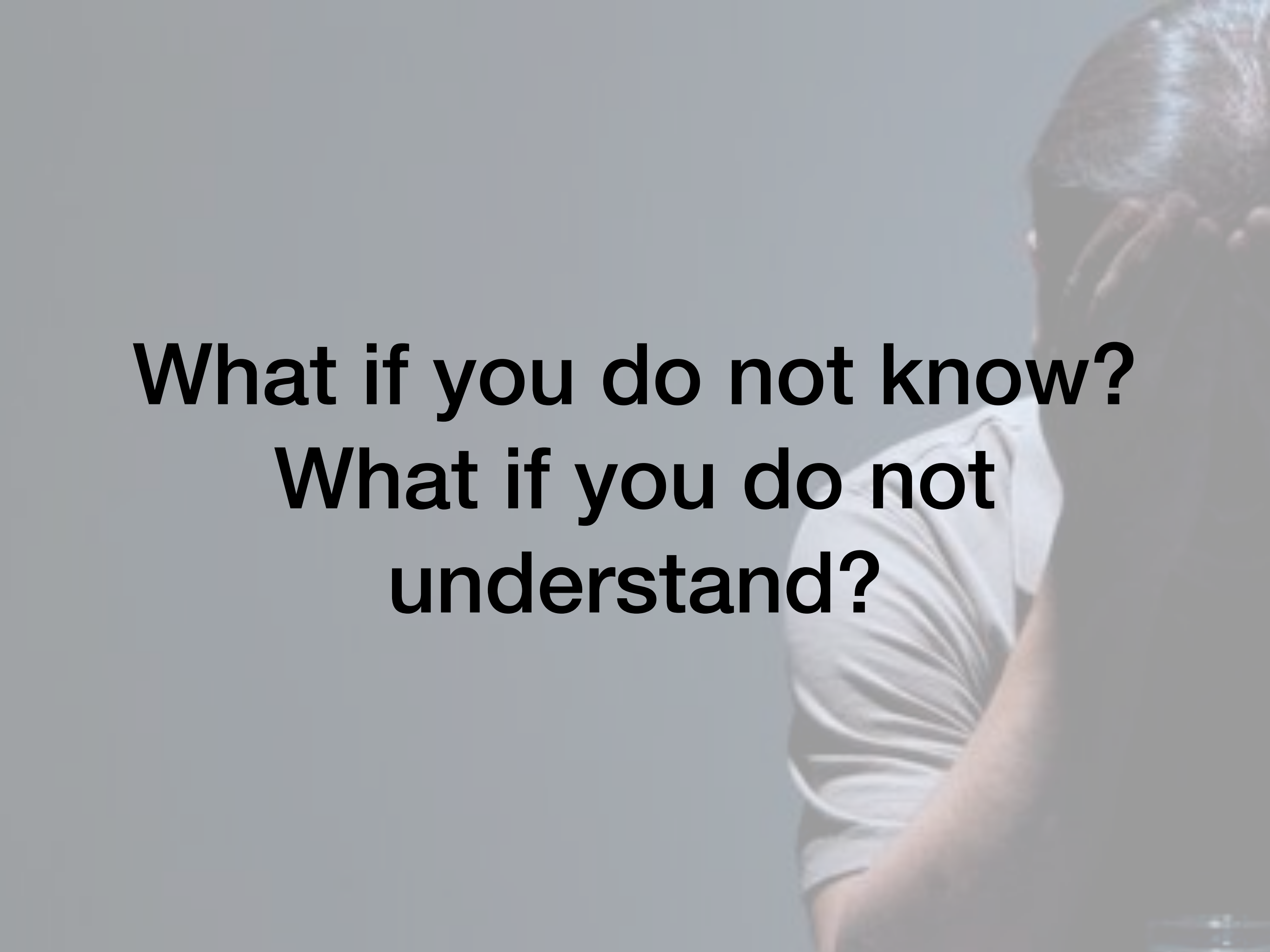
2 participants



Lock conversation

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A person with dark hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, is shown from the chest up, looking down. The background is a solid light blue. Overlaid on the image is the text "What if you do not know?" and "What if you do not understand?" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font.

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

