Activity Report 2023/2024

Events

1. Guest Lectures

SKIP organised a series of insightful **guest lectures** aimed at enriching the academic experience of its members. Notable speakers included **Ludvig Gee from Reddit** and **Dimitris Platis** talking about ChatGPT and OpenAI API, who shared valuable insights and perspectives with our members.

2. Community Engagement Events

Several community-building events were organised, such as **Pizza Night and Meet and Greet**, aimed at fostering a sense of camaraderie among SKIP members. Additionally, a **Board Game & Movie Night**, held in collaboration with OOPSEX sexmästerie, provided a relaxed environment for socialising and fun.

3. Collaborative Events

SKIP collaborated with various student associations to organise engaging events. **The Gingerbread event**, in collaboration with GUWIT student association, and the **March Game Jam**, in collaboration with Natasha Mangan, were particularly successful in promoting creativity and collaboration among participants.

4. Industry Interaction Events

The **SystemWeaver Hackathon** marked a significant milestone in our efforts to bridge the gap between academia and industry. The event comprised an introduction lecture by company employees followed by a hackathon, providing valuable hands-on experience to our members.

Activities

1. Academic Collaboration, Networking, and Sponsorship

SKIP strengthened its relationship with the **IT Faculty at Lindholmen**, fostering opportunities for collaboration and mutual support in academic endeavours. Furthermore, efforts were made to reach out to sponsors and potential collaborators, aiming to secure resources and support for future initiatives.

2. Further Guest Lecture Initiatives, Planning

Meetings were held with key stakeholders (participated by the teaching staff, namely Richard Berntsson Svensson, Francisco Gomes, and Hanna Kvist) such as a guest from Apple Inc. **Carl Berglund**, to explore possibilities for extracurricular guest lectures.

3. Event Planning and Coordination

Although some planned events for the 2023/2024 period had to be cancelled due to various reasons (e.g. logistics, lack of resources and/or manpower), SKIP continued its efforts in event planning for the upcoming year, striving to offer diverse and enriching experiences to its members. Notably:

- Code Coffee Event:
  - A Code Coffee event, designed to provide students with an introduction to Git and engage them in small coding tasks, unfortunately had to be cancelled. This decision was influenced by uncertainties regarding budget allocation for refreshments (fika) and scheduling constraints. Despite the enthusiasm for the event, logistical challenges hindered its execution.

- 2. *SecureUp* Campaign:
  - The SecureUp! Campaign, aimed at raising awareness about cybersecurity in response to a surge in phishing emails targeting GU and Chalmers student emails, was regrettably cancelled. This decision was primarily due to the holiday period, which posed timing constraints, and decreased activity from the lead board member responsible for the event. Despite the importance of the initiative, logistical and organisational challenges rendered its execution impractical at the time.

4. Organisational Development

Various administrative tasks, including reviewing and updating the organisation's structure, expanding board members and volunteers, and revising application forms, were undertaken to ensure the smooth functioning of SKIP.

Miscellaneous

1. Online Presence, Communication, and Social Media

SKIP launched a **new website**—*www.skipgu.org*—serving as a central hub for information about the organisation and its events. Additionally, **promotional material** through posters and social media posts was created to increase outreach and visibility (shared on Instagram, LinkedIn, Discord, etc.).

2. SKIP GitHub Organization, Past Exams, IoT Kits, Membership, etc.

1. SKIP established a **GitHub organisation** to streamline collaboration and resource management. This initiative led to the creation of several repositories, including a notable highlight - the *"Past Exams"* repository. This repository hosts past exam papers for courses relevant to the IT domain, enhancing accessibility and facilitating academic preparation for all students. <*github.com/skipgu/past-exams*>

2. **Arduino Component Inventory and Borrowing System**; SKIP undertook the task of inventorying Arduino components, providing students with access to these resources through the *"SKIP IoT Kit"* repository on GitHub. This initiative not only ensured efficient resource management but also promoted hands-on learning and experimentation in the field of IoT (Internet of Things) technology and development of Embedded Systems and Arduino Programming. <*github.com/skipgu/skip-iot-kit*>

3. **Membership Application Forms Revision**: In an effort to streamline membership processes and enhance user experience, SKIP revised its membership application forms for both regular and board members. The updated forms, accessible on the SKIP website, ensure clarity and ease of submission for prospective members, fostering a more inclusive and organised membership system. <*skipgu.org/join-skip/*>; <*skipgu.org/membership/*>

4. **Ping-Pong Table Loans**: In response to student requests, SKIP facilitated the lending of the ping-pong table stored within its premises. This initiative reflects SKIP's commitment to meeting the recreational needs and preferences of its members, fostering a vibrant and supportive community environment within the organisation.

2. Resource Management

Efforts were made to enhance resource management, including organising storage space, maintaining an inventory of Arduino components, and facilitating the borrowing of equipment by students.

3. Community Engagement

Community engagement initiatives, such as providing exam repositories and fulfilling student requests like bringing out the ping-pong table, were undertaken to enhance the overall experience of SKIP members.

In summary, the fiscal year 2023/2024 was marked by a range of successful events, activities, and initiatives undertaken by SKIP, aimed at promoting academic excellence, community engagement, and professional development among its members. Despite challenges and setbacks, SKIP remains committed to its mission of fostering a vibrant and inclusive academic community.