

Re: -- Wolfram Research QA process defect

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Dear Dave,

Dave <foo@xxxxxxxx> writes:

Have you considered open-sourcing your code? Parallel processing could be used by getting a large number of people to hunt for bugs, in the same way is projects like Seti

I agree with some things you say, but on the other hand, I think that Wolfram and MapleSoft could just as well be grateful to Vladimir. Or did he so far discover only bugs/shortcomings that Wolfram knew about anyway?

Finally, why doesn't Wolfram open source Mathematica? Yes, they want to earn money. Even though Vladimir has bad chances, it seems to me that he would like to earn money, and so far he chose not to do it via the open source route. (Although I believe he would be better off doing so.)

Finally, I must say that I find it rather surprising that people choose to work for Maple / Mathematica without getting paid. In fact, they even pay themselves! Yes, I know, the free and open source alternatives are not as good with respect to some important features (in other cases, they are better, though). But why should we promote expensive, closed source software unnecessarily?

Martin

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