Wiki Announcements 2012

No COM winner in November (05 December 2012)

Most months a Nokia Developer member that contributes high quality new articles or major edits is named the Wiki Contributor of the Month and is awarded a Nokia device for his/her contribution to the developer's community.

This month we've had a heap of great articles contributed, but most of them have been entries for (or by entrants to) Windows Phone 8 Wiki Competition 2012Q4 and are hence outside of scope for COM consideration. We've therefore decided not to award COM in November.

We would however like to recognise the work done by the wiki moderators (chintandave_er , croozeus , lpvalente , kiran10182) in working with competitors and other contributors to help improve their articles. Other contributors that have been helping improve other's work include joaocardoso , r2d2rigo , yan_ and Vaishali Rawat - all of whom will be considered for COM in coming months. Lastly, thanks to FINALX for translating 2 Windows Phone articles to Portuguese.

You too can be a Contributor of the Month by contributing useful articles, example codes, tutorials, or by significantly shaping up the already existing ones.

Win a Nokia Asha 311 for feedback on Series 40 Java docs and examples (04 December 2012)

Please help us to improve our Series 40 documentation and code examples by filling in this survey. We will award a Nokia Asha 311 to the three developers who provide the best and most useful answers before 20th December 2012.

This survey contains 31 questions but you only need to answer those questions where you have constructive criticism or feedback. You must answer the last question as this is where you enter your email address/contact details (we need this to deliver a prize to you if you win).

Your feedback is greatly appreciated, and will help us make our documents and examples better.

Best regards, Nokia Developer documentation team

Windows Phone 8 Wiki Competition 2012Q4 (06 November 2012)

We're holding another wiki article competition!

Competitors will submit articles, tutorials and guides that show how to use the new features of Windows Phone 8. The winners will receive a brand new Nokia Lumia device running Windows Phone 8.

Check out Windows Phone 8 Wiki Competition 2012Q4 for all the details.

Congratulations to Thomas Schmidt, October Contributor of the Month (02 November 2012)

Thomas Schmidt (influencer) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month for October!

Thomas contributed 5 new Windows Phone articles this month and 4 in September, and has also helped correct and improve a large number of other developer's articles. His contributions cover a broad range of topics: Collection of Value converters for Windows Phone apps, Location based operations using Bing Maps, Finding the right color in Silverlight, Login dialog for Windows Phone apps, How to encrypt your application data in Windows Phone, How to debug data binding problems on Windows Phone, How to turn on vibration on Windows Phone etc. Check out his contributions page for more information.

In addition, Thomas reported a wiki bugs, helping improve the service for all users.

Please join me and wiki moderators to congratulate Thomas on the discussion boards.

Windows Phone 8 on the Wiki (31 October 2012)

The Windows Phone 8 SDK has been released, which is big news for the wiki.

What's new in Windows Phone 8 (by our chief engineer Justin.Angel) is the most comprehensive technical overview of Windows Phone 8 currently available. This joins four other new WP8-specific articles and the 350+ compatible articles we already had.

Windows Phone 8 Wiki Competition 2012Q4 is a Windows Phone 8 focussed article competition which we hope will build our community content even further.

The rest of the site also has a lot of fantastic new resources - including the Nokia Lumia Developer's Library and new APIs like the Nokia MixRadio API. Find out more on the Windows Phone entry point.

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Congratulations to Sébastien Lachance, September Contributor of the Month (01 October 2012)

Sébastien Lachance (ArchieCoder) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month for September against very strong competition from Jeffrey.Halimsetiawan, influencer and Vaishali Rawat.

Sebastien contributed 9 new Windows Phone articles covering a broad range of topics: How to make the pivot control app title match inbuilt apps, How to create a Spinner contro, How to use the ButtonImage control, Hiding the Application Bar during Splashscreen display and controlling its opacity, ListView and ScrollViewer Tombstoning helper, Animations in XAML, Raising the profile of your app on Windows Phone Marketplace, Checking the Internet connection type and Creating and using a hosted server for backing up Windows Phone app data. We are quite certain that these will be very useful to many other developers.

Please join me and wiki moderators to congratulate Sébastien on the discussion boards.

Congratulations to Pooja Arora, August Contributor of the Month (04 September 2012)

Nokia Developer Champion Pooja Arora (pooja_1650) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month for August.

The moderators selected Pooja because of her sustained efforts to improve the wiki - making editorial improvements to more than 15 articles a month (average) over many months. She has also contributed articles like Using the XAML Style tag to format UI controls on Windows Phone which are well written and will be useful for other developers. Check out her recent contributions here.

Please join me and wiki moderators to congratulate Pooja on the discussion boards.

Windows Phone Featured Articles - author awards (16 August 2012)

Awards Complete - we've awarded the final devices to project File:Newsreaderpro source.zip and article Application Bar for Windows Phone. Thanks to all the authors and project owners who've contributed such excellent articles over the last months - there were many more quality articles than we could possibly feature.

Featured Articles are wiki articles that the moderators have selected as being particularly interesting or useful. Over the coming weeks, newly featured articles related to Windows Phone can win their author a Lumia 800. Note that we'e secured at least four more devices for featured projects and articles, so we will continue to award devices for at least a few more weeks.

Note: Our winners are:

- File:Newsreaderpro source.zip (project source code)
- Application Bar for Windows Phone
- SheepClock for Windows Phone (project)
- Audio Noise Reduction in Windows Phone
- Brushes in Windows Phone
- Extending the Windows Phone Pictures Hub
- WebBrowser Control Techniques in Windows Phone
- Angry Monsters for Windows Phone (project)

See the blog for more information.

Congratulations to Ashraf Alshahawy, July Contributor of the Month (03 August 2012)

Ashraf Alshahawy (ashraf fawzy) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month for July.

This month Ashraf created a number of articles, including How to protect application copyright information on Symbian which explains how to check at runtime that the packaging information has not been modified (a possible sign that the app has been illegally distributed). He has also made editorial fixes to improve articles by other developers.

Please join me and others to congratulate Ashraf on the discussion boards.

Asha Touch Competition 2012Q3 (04 July 2012)

We're holding another wiki article competition!

Competitors will submit articles, tutorials and guides that show how to create great Java and Web apps for Asha Touch and how to use the new features of *Series 40 Developer Platform 2.0*.

The GRAND PRIZE winner will receive flights, accommodation and entry to a Nokia sponsored event in

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their region, along with a phone prize pack containing both the Nokia Asha 311 and Nokia Asha 303. We will be giving the same phone prize packs to other winners, along with a Nokia Asha 311 to the people who submit the best feedback about our new Java SDK and Web Tools.

Prizes will be awarded across the 2 month life of the competition - the first winners being chosen from articles submitted before the end of July!

Check out Asha Touch Competition 2012Q3 for all the details.

PureView Imaging Competition 2012Q2

The winners of the PureView Imaging Competition 2012Q2 have now been selected, and will shortly be sent an awesome Nokia 808 PureView, with its revolutionary 41 MP camera sensor. The grand prize winner, galazzo , will also be receiving a trip to a Nokia event.

For more information about the winners and their entries see here.

Congratulations to Pavan Pareta, June Contributor of the Month (03 July 2012)

Pavan Pareta (pavan.pareta) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month for June.

This win reflects Pavan's ongoing commitment to the wiki, contributing quality articles on a regular basis and keeping them maintained in step with platform improvements, comments from users, and his increased understanding of a particular area.

This month he delivered the article Hybrid - Applications for Mobile, explaining how to write a hybrid app combining Windows Phone native code and HTML5, jQuery and CSS. In previous months he's also contributed (and updated): How to access Application Manifest (WMAppManifest.xml) file at runtime, Using Microsoft Advertising Control in WP7 apps, Uri Mapping in Windows Phone 7, How to capture screen programmatically in Windows Phone 7, to name a few.

Please join me and others to congratulate Pavan on the discussion boards.

Knowledge Base has now merged into the wiki (15 June 2012)
The Knowledge Base migration is now complete - all topics are now part of the wiki. For more information on the migration see this blog.

Congratulations to Luis Valente, May Contributor of the Month (02 June 2012)

Nokia Developer Champion Luis Valente (lpvalente) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month for May.

Wiki Moderators are *expected* to contribute to the wiki, and as such it is rare for them to be recognised and awarded as contributor of the month. However over the last few months Luis has gone well "over and above the call of duty" and updated more than 300 articles. This work, which is part of opening the knowledgebase has ensured older articles have been archived, and that relevant articles have been updated and improved.

We'd also like to give an "honourable mention" to pasi.manninen for his excellent articles in the Category:Windows Phone category: Streaming MP3 player in WP7, Picasa Image Gallery with JSON in WP7, and Creating an Interesting Places application - take and share media in WP7

Please join me and others to congratulate Luis on the Discussion boards.

Congratulations to Sebastiano Galazzo, April Contributor of the Month (04 May 2012)

This month, Nokia Developer Champion Sebastiano Galazzo (galazzo) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month.

His articles on for both Windows Phone and Qt are both very useful and interesting - please see: Nokia Maps for WP7 using Bing Map Control, How to access and manage the Microphone raw data in WP7 and Quick guide to add multilanguage support to your QML application.

In addition, he's written a large number of Qt and QML wrapper APIs (hosted on Nokia Projects) that provide Qt access to native Symbian APIs and other useful functionality. His well-written wiki guides on these APIs make the components readily visible and accessible to other developers: How to use QVibra to enable vibration in QML, Using QMicrophone, How to use QShake to detect and manage phone shaking, How to manage phone calls with QS60Telephony, Porting Qt Quick Components to Symbian^1, How to use QJson to easy manage JSON objects with Qt.

We'd also like to give an "honourable mention" to somnathbanik for his amazing contribution of 22 articles (mostly related to Windows Phone/Qt porting).

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Please join me and others to congratulate Sebastiano on the Discussion boards.

PureView Imaging Competition 2012Q2 (23 April 2012)

We're holding a wiki article competition to celebrate the launch of the Nokia 808 PureView, with its revolutionary 41 MP camera sensor and PureView Imaging technology.

We'll be accepting articles about almost any aspect of imaging, from using the camera for still and video photography, to image manipulation, through to innovative gallery software and photo sharing techniques. Articles can cover both Qt and Symbian C++ APIs, and are not restricted to running on just the Nokia 808 PureView.

The GRAND PRIZE will be flights, accommodation and entry to a Nokia sponsored event in the winner's region, along with a beautiful new Nokia 808 PureView smartphone - with more of these devices for our our other winners.

To make this more competitive, we'll be awarding prizes across the 2 month life of the competition - the first winner being chosen from articles submitted before May 15th! See PureView Imaging Competition 2012Q2 for all the details.

Congratulations to Den Grigorenko, March Contributor of the Month (04 April 2012)

This month Nokia Developer Champion Den Grigorenko (Den123) has been selected as Wiki Contributor of the Month. In particular, he has written a number of articles showing new QML components that are consistent with the Symbian platform look and feel - for example QML Change Password Dialog, QML component ActionList, QML Day of Week & Time Dialog, Tumbler based SelectionDialog, Advanced MultiSelection Dialog, QML Day of Week & Time Selector, Splash screen while loading main qml, QML Component AccordionList etc. Furthermore, he has created the community project Symbian Community Qt Quick Component Extras to host these components and make them even easier for the rest of the community to re-use.

We'd also like to give an "honourable mention" to galazzo and conxt . Galazzo similarly provided a number of helpful components for the community along with really interesting articles like Nokia Maps for WP7 using Bing Map Control. Conxt has has continued delivering value through articles like Tracker and QtSparql Basics. Both were strong contenders for COM and we'll be watching them closely in the coming months.

Please join me and others to congratulate Den on the Discussion boards.

Symbian Qt Quick Components Competition 2012Q1 (03 April 2012)

We have our winners!

The winners of the Symbian Qt Quick Components Competition 2012Q1 have now been announced - check them out here (and blog post here).

We'll be sending the winners their brand new **Nokia 808 PureView** device as soon as it is available!

Happy Birthday Wiki - 5 years old (29 March 2012)

We've just had the fifth five year anniversary of this wiki (opened on 28 March 2007).

Thank you for helping grow this amazing pool of knowledge - the nearly ten thousand articles created are a tribute to the vibrancy and collaborative spirit of the Nokia Developer Community.

With only 420 articles to go we should reach the 10000 article milestone in about six months. With your help, we might make it earlier, though of course we recognise that *quality articles* take more time.

Congratulations to Vineet Jain, February Contributor of the Month (01 March2012)

This month Vineet Jain (vineet.jain) has been selected for his contributions across the wiki, sub-editing and improving 75 articles. In addition, we thank him for new articles spanning Symbian C++ (How to answer/close call in CTelephony using a single Active Object), Qt (Dynamically creating/updating listbox in QML from C++) and Windows Phone (Hawaii cloud services for Windows Phone 7).

We'd also like to give an "honourable mention" to kkrish and avnee.nathani as both contributed a number of articles and helped improve other developers' work.

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Please join me and others to congratulate Vineet on the Discussion boards.

Congratulations to Pasi Manninen, January Contributor of the Month (06 February 2012)

This month Pasi Manninen (pasi.manninen) has been selected for his contributions in the Windows Phone category.

As a rule the wiki moderation team try to award COM to encourage newer developers that we see have a lot of potential. The fact that we have chosen to award Pasi, who is a Nokia Developer Champion and who was already awarded COM back in 2010, shows how impressed we were with what he has achieved. You can check out his articles here: Weather in Windows Phone 7, Movies in Finnkino Theatre's and Employees app with XML parsing and messaging in WP7.

Please join me and others to congratulate Pasi on the Discussion boards.

Symbian Qt Quick Components Competition 2012Q1 (27 January 2012)

We're having an app design competition!

The competition is to find great apps that use Symbian Qt Quick Components, mixing standard and custom components to create a fluid and compelling user experience. Of course it is not always easy to remain consistent with the Symbian Design Guidelines so we'll be looking closely at how you innovate within this constraint.

For more information see Symbian Qt Quick Components Competition 2012Q1

Congratulations to Avnee Nathani, December Contributor of the Month (04 January 2012)

This month Avnee Nathani (avnee.nathani) has been selected for her contributions in the Nokia Maps category.

In addition to creating 2 two new topics: MapPlacesDemo - Plotting multiple POI on Nokia Maps and MyMapDemo - Using the RESTful Map API with QtQuick, Avnee updated 21 other topics to the current Nokia Maps Javascript API v2.1.0.

Keeping this huge number of articles useful and fresh is a really significant contribution, and is what set her apart from other strong contenders for this award.

Please join me and others to congratulate Avnee on the Discussion boards.

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