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Hacking:*

The XO Story

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More Stuff

★ Best Deployment Story

- ◆ http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPC_Peru/Arahuay
- ◆ See what happens when you give laptops to children in the isolated agricultural town of Arahuay, Peru.

★ Best Video Overview

- ◆ <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/41>
- ◆ Nicholas Negroponte talks at the TED talks in February, 2006.





WARNING • ADVERTENCIA
DO NOT place rear-facing child seat on front seat with air bag.
DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY can occur. The back seat is the
safest place for children 12 and under.
NO coloque un asiento de seguridad infantil orientado hacia atrás
en el asiento delantero de automóvil con bolsa de aire. Podría
ocurrir la MUERTE O LESIONES GRAVES, el asiento trasero
es el más seguro para los niños de 12 años y menores.

getting comfortable

- Play with it. Make a spiro-graph in TurtleArt, run the EToys tutorials, browse, read a PDF.
- Set up a mesh. Chat. Measure things. Edit the same document. Edit the same video. Jam.
- Read “Getting Started”, “Cheat Keys”, and “Keyboard Short-cuts”
- Flash the firmware. Upgrade the OS. Get a developer's key. Hang out on #olpc.

★ Best Starting Point for Using the OLPC

- ◆ <http://www.laptop.org/en/laptop/start/>

★ Best L33T Factbytes

- ◆ http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Cheat_codes
- ◆ http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Keyboard_Shortcuts
- ◆ http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Upgrading_the_firmware
- ◆ <http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Olpc-update>

★ Best Chat Room to Lurk

- ◆ <irc://freenode/olpc>

developing Python code

- Develop directly on the XO.
- May build emulators, images, and virtual machines. Was very important when few XOs.
- Get a USB keyboard and mouse. Sharing your X display is slow. Update your editor.
- Fair amount of cut-and-paste. All source is on-line.

- Best Overview of Developing Applications
 - http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Hacking_Sugar
- Best Source Code
 - <http://dev.laptop.org/git>
- X
 - http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Remote_display

developing an “Activity”

- Requires standard parts and file names: a logo (.svg), info file (text), a few others, and then your code.
- Your application inherits from **activity**, and implements the `__init__()` routine.
- Usually write with PyGtk, Pango, GStreamer, PyGame, D-Bus, Telepathy and the rest.

★ Best XO Buzzword Definitions

- ◆ <http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Developers/Stack>

★ Best Walkthrough Recipe

- ◆ http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Sugar_Activity_Tutorial

★ Best Walkthrough Mesh Recipe

- ◆ http://wiki.laptop.org/go/Tubes_Tutorial

```
from sugar.activity import activity
import logging

import sys, os
import gtk

class HelloWorldActivity(activity.Activity):
    def hello(self, widget, data=None):
        logging.info('Hello World')
```

```
def __init__(self, handle):
    print "running activity init", handle
    activity.Activity.__init__(self, handle)
    print "activity running"

# Toolbox contains Toolbar, e.g., 'Collaborate' and 'Close' buttons.
toolbox = activity.ActivityToolbox(self)
self.set_toolbox(toolbox)
toolbox.show()

self.button = gtk.Button("Hello World")
self.button.connect("clicked", self.hello, None)

self.set_canvas(self.button)
self.button.show()
```

Thank you

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