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| VALD Workshop Vienna Feb. 2007 – Evaluation |
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Please mark one of the circles in each row below (or write a ? in the
margin if you are not sure, or NA if the question does not apply).
Use the line below the circles if you want to comment your answer.

15 people filled in the form.

1) What did you think about the information received before the workshop?

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    too little            fine            too much
    o           x       xxxxxxx     o           o
                        xxxxxxx
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   Info on the various software pieces could have been more detailed.

2) How often did you consult the VALD development weblog?

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    very seldom       occasionally     very often
    o         xxx       xxxxxx     xxxxx        x
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   The link is in my bookmarks.

3) What parts of the weblog were/are useful?

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    not at all          somewhat          extremely
    * Workshop schedule
    o           o          o       xxxxxxxxx xxxxxx
    * E-mail archive
    o           xx        xxxxx       xxxxxxx      xx
    * List of team members
    o           o          x        xxxxxxxx  xxxxx
    * List of papers
    o           xx        xxx         xxxxx     xxxx
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   Structure of e-mail contributions could be more obvious (e.g.
   different colors for different e-mails – maybe changing from e.g.
   gray to white, ...)

4) What did you think about the schedule, in particular the amount of

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    too little            fine            too much

    ... information sessions
    o           x      xxxxxxxxxxxx    x           o
    ... discussions
    o           xxx       xxxxxxx     xxxx         x
    ... group/individual work
    xx       xxxxxx       xxxxx        x           o
    ... science sessions
    o           o      xxxxxxxxxxx    xxxx         o
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   If you would have liked more or less sessions, why and how?

   Keep discussions focussed; keep science sessions short, giving
   everybody equal time.

   Discussions about science and/or VALD evolve naturally and often,
   thus a bit more time for actually working would have been welcome.

   Was fine for me in amount; could be more focussed sometimes (regarding
   discussion+science sessions), but this is more fault of participants
   than organisers;)

   It is important to retrieve as much information as possible, to be
   able to participate in the discussions.

Sometimes detailed discussion not interesting for everyone that takes time away from work in groups.

Fine as it was!

[discussions and group work somewhat too little]
My opinion is probably biased, as I missed a large part of the meeting! Especially the info session...

5) How much did you learn from the workshop?

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very little                      very much
o          o          xx       xxxxxx xxxxxxx
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About subversion management.

6) Are you satisfied with your own participation in the workshop?

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not at all       more or less       extremely
o          x          xxxxx     xxxxxxx      xx
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The help of non direct members of the VALD development team (= students from Vienna) was not required during the first days...

7) Are you satisfied with the participation of the other team members?

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not at all       more or less       extremely
o          o          xxx       xxxxxx   xxxxx
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8) Did you find the organizers to be accessible and responsive to you?

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not at all                        very much
o          o          o          xx xxxxxxxxxxx
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9) Was the working place (including facilities/equipment) satisfactory?

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not at all       more or less       extremely
o          x          x          xxx xxxxxxxxx
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Not enough quiet space for enough time; WLAN was fine though.

[extremely] Because I worked on my own desktop machine.

10) Did you like the refreshments provided during the workshop (coffee etc.)?

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not at all                        very much
x          o          o          xx     xxxxxx
                                         xxxxx
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[not at all] All sweeties, no meat :)

[very much] In the future, replace some cakes with fruit.

11) Did you like the workshop dinner?

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not at all                        very much
o          o          xx       xxx   xxxxxxx
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12) Did the workshop meet your expectations?

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no               partly               yes
o          o          xx       xxxxx xxxxxxxx
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13) What is your overall level of satisfaction?

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very low          neutral           very high
o         o          x         xxxxxxxx xxxxxx
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14) What do you think could be improved, and how?

Too many agenda for the given amount of time -> not enough time for actual work -> longer workshop or fewer agenda.

See point 4 [... detailed discussion not interesting for everyone ...]

See point 4 [more focussed discussion and science sessions]; difficult though - want to keep things informal though, so time limits or like not really applicable (in other words, I don't know how!).

Involve new people (young students) in testing/converting tasks from the beginning.

Workshops should be more regular.

More weight on working time.

Less formality would be useful.

More workshops like this.

15) What did you like best about the workshop?

Almost the whole team was there; streamlined VALD-3.

Exchanges of informations - who is doing what.

Discussions and information sessions.

Nice to come to Vienna!

The work in groups.

The atmosphere and the fact that it was well organized without feeling "over-organized".

The amount of things done in one week.

People tried to find compromises.

Location.

The work in groups and a possibility to have a look at common structure of VALD-3.

The clear structure, that I learned a lot about 'inside VALD' - makes me want to continue! It was perfectly organised!

Atmosphere.

16) Any further comments:

Well done.

Great job!

More meat :)

Many thanks to organizers!

You did a great job!

Comment by Bertrand:
My case is particular: I am a new member of the team, and I am involved on aspects that are new: molecules Therefore, I feel I had not enough time to discuss or actually work on the implementation of molecules. The fact that my presence at the workshop did not overlap very much with that of Nik is the main reason I guess. I had also problems to work with my data in Montpellier due to reconfiguration of our computer room which restricted or cut access to our computers and disks. That was unfortunate but not due to the organization of the workshop !-), which was well planned. I did learn interestig things about VALD and its inner workings, and of course got to know better most of the team.

Thank you very much for your answers!