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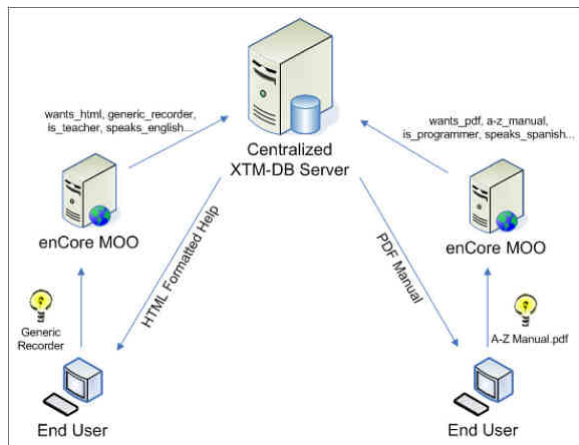


The enCore v5 Documentation Project: Proposal Summary Sheet

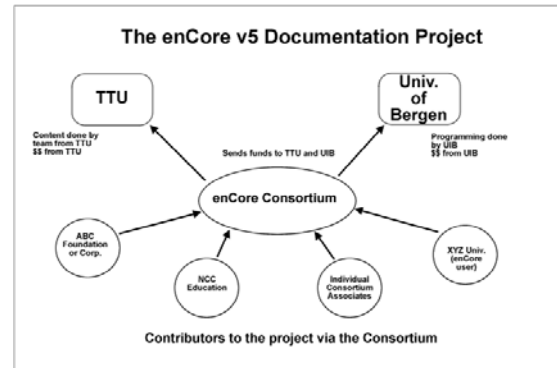
To: enCore Consortium Associates and enCore users

From: The enCore Consortium, Lennie Irvin, President

Summary of Request: Support is requested for the enCore Documentation Project and the creation of single source documentation for the new enCore version 5.



Depiction of single-source documentation for enCore v5



Overview of the partnership between the enCore Consortium, Texas Tech, and the University of Bergen (UiB)

Overview of Project

- New release of enCore (version 5) due out in beta Spring 2006, new documentation needed.
- Univ. of Bergen, Norway (UiB) produces the programming for single-source documentation –requests help from the enCore Consortium.
- TTU team of tech writers creates help content text to fit into what UiB programs.
- The enCore Consortium coordinates the direction and guidelines for the project and assists with funding it.

Benefits to You of Project

- An improved version of enCore with useful and efficient Help documentation will benefit the educational experience of all those involved in your class or program.
- Your support of the Documentation Project solidifies your association with the enCore Consortium, enabling you to participate in and benefit from your connection with the Consortium to a greater degree.
- Donations to the Consortium are tax-deductible for individuals in the United States.
- Your support builds the Consortium's credibility for making future government or foundation grants which will further promote enCore development to the benefit of all enCore users.

Information on Partners

The enCore Consortium

- Non-profit corporation, mission to "coordinate and promote the open source development and distribution of the enCore Program."
- 79 members from 36 different MOOs, 11 different countries. <http://encore-consortium.org>

The University of Bergen

- Sponsor of LINGO Project—govt. supported project for six language-learning enCore sites since 1998.
- Center for enCore programming.

TTU Technical Communication and Rhetoric Program

- offers degree programs in Tech. Comm. at the undergrad, M.A., and Ph.D. levels.
- has fifteen tenure-line [faculty](#) who specialize in technical communication and rhetoric, offering expertise in a range of areas including software documentation.

Timeline

- Programming --Feb. – June 2006
- Help Text Creation --June-July 2006
- Usability Testing of Help – Aug. 2006
- enCore v5 beta release --May 2006
- enCore v5 release --Fall 2006

Budget Overview

Programming = \$12,000
 Help Content = \$9,000
 Total Cost = \$21,000

Already committed funds:

Programming:
 \$6,000 from UiB
 \$3,000 from Consortium
Help Text Creation
 \$4,000 from TTU
 \$2,000 from Consortium
 Total contributed = \$15,000

Amount needed= \$6,000
 --See Budget/Task Chart on back.

enCore Documentation Task Summary and Budget Chart

Goal—To make the new release of enCore v5 easy to use by creating clear, efficient documentation, enabling students and teachers to interact and learn online in powerful ways.

Task ID	Objective or Task Name	Start/End dates	Resources Needed			
			Personnel	Costs	Non-Personnel	Costs
	Objective 1: Create the programming and XML formatting necessary to establish single-source documentation for enCore v5 publishable in various formats.	3/06 – 6/06	Trond Pettersen, Univ. of Bergen (UiB)	\$4,000 per/mo. -- three months full time work		
1-A	Establish documentation database, PHP interface, XML parameters				Portion of Web server	Unknown -covered by UiB
1-B	Customize DTD and XSLT from DocBook				Open Source	free
1-C	Set up means for inputting text in XML format into documentation database.					
1-D	Program enCore to display help from documentation server		Trond Pettersen, Daniel Jung	Covered by UiB		
1-E	Iterative evaluation of programming throughout project.					
	Subtotals for Objective #1			\$12,000		
	Objective 2: Create the help text content to be delivered via the single-source documentation in various formats.	6/06 - 8/06				
2-A	Project planning, preparation --establish Table of Contents --test help content input to doc database --XML learning curve --enCore learning curve	4/06- 6/06	Lennie Irvin, Daniel Jung, Trond Pettersen, (also TTU personnel involved)	-0-		
2-B	Help Content creation --written in XML following parameters and DTDs established by Objective #1 --Approximately 300 help "subjects" to be written	6/06 - 8/1/06	TTU personnel --faculty advisor --paid internship --stipend Consortium assistance	600 hours @ \$15/ho = \$9,000	Text editor for writing in XML (perhaps XML editor)	-0-
2-C	Evaluation/Usability Testing --early developmental --mid-project --post project (pre-v5 release)	--6/06 --7/06 --8/06	TTU Personnel Consortium	--part of above task	--discount; no usability lab needed (though it is feasible)	-0-
	Subtotals for Objective #2			\$9,000		
	Total Project Cost			\$21,000		

Objective 1 Cost	\$12,000	Objective 2 Cost	\$9,000
Less funds already committed to the project	\$6,000--UiB \$3,000--Consortium	Less funds already committed to the project	\$4,000--TTU \$2,000--Consortium
Total Amount Needed from Other Sponsors to UiB	\$3,000	Total Amount Needed to Fund Help Content Creation—to TTU	\$3,000

Total Amount Needed to Fund the Project = \$6,000