



THE ALICE NEWSLETTER

LEARNING TO PROGRAM WITH ALICE

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All,

Here is our latest Alice newsletter.

Alice is being taught at **100+** colleges and universities during the current academic year, and at *many* high schools!

TOPICS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

- Duke Summer Alice Workshop
- CMU Summer Alice Institute
- Sharing Tips and Stories
- Summer Program Planning
- Wish List for Alice 3.0
- Report on SIGCSE



Quick Survey –
How Do You Use Alice?

The Duke Summer Alice workshop

Are you planning to attend one of the summer Alice workshops at Duke University (June 19-21)? This workshop is just about at capacity! If you or a colleague are planning to attend, please contact us to join the waiting list by going to:
<http://macs.sju.edu/alice/>
to register ***now***. Although we can register a couple more people at the present time, we expect to begin using a waiting list (similar mechanism as used last summer) in a few days.



I'm late, I'm late....

The CMU Summer Alice workshop - - - 13 Spaces Remain! - - -

The 2006 Alice Summer Institute at Carnegie Mellon University (running July 24-30) registration is now open. Please go to:

<http://www.intro.cs.cmu.edu/alice-institute/>

This website also contains information about the workshop. Please register if you are interested.

Report of Alice at SIGCSE

For those of you who were not able to attend SIGCSE, we wish to report that Alice was the hit of SIGCSE! All of our Alice events were filled to capacity (and some were over capacity). We'd like to thank Jim Caristi for the great job he did running the Alice Birds-of-a-Feather session, which had so many people in attendance that the hotel staff needed to borrow chairs from some of the other BoF rooms. All of the publishers indicated that they heard lots of requests for books on Alice (and with the exception of Prentice Hall and Course Technology, the other publishers do not yet have books on Alice). For those of you planning to attend SIGCSE 2007, in Covington Ky/Cincinnati, OH, you may wish to think about presenting something you do with Alice in a paper, panel, workshop, BoF, special session, etc., as lots of SIGCSE attendees want to know more about teaching with Alice.



We ask you to **SHARE**

- Tips for teaching Alice
- Techniques in the classroom
- Stories of the students learning with Alice!

with your fellow newsletter readers! Email your hints and tales to our project manager, bconover@sju.edu and we will include them in future issues of the newsletter.



SUMMER SCHOOL is around the corner.

Are you planning to run summer programs or camps using Alice? Let us know what you are planning. We can then put

you in touch with others who are also teaching Alice this summer, to share your ideas. Also, if you would like us to start placing summer workshop materials on aliceprogramming.net, just let us know. **NOTE:** Some of you will need to share your workshop materials with us as we have primarily been running workshops for teachers, rather than workshops for students.

Wish list for Alice 3.0

Development on Alice 3.0 is now underway. Now is an ideal time to share your wishes for Alice 3.0 with the Alice development team. You can send your

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Comments, corrections or omissions to:

requests to CMU via the bug reporting form, available at:

<http://www.alice.org/bugreport/submit.php>

(Please make sure to specify "Request for Enhancement" at the top of the form.) Alternatively, please e-mail your requests to us, and we will collect them, and share them at the next Alice development team meeting. No request is too large or too small. (Well, you can probably come up with some requests that are too large.) And while we don't promise to implement *all* of your suggestions, now is the time to let us know what features you would like Alice 3.0 to have! Please e-mail requests to us by April 10, and feel free to submit requests for enhancements at any time.

The Alice listserv

If you are interested in subscribing to our new Alice listserv, please go to:

<https://lists.andrew.cmu.edu/mailman/listinfo/alice-list>. This list is moderated, to

prevent commercial solicitation and other messages that are inappropriate for the goals of this list.

Questions and concerns about the list should be sent to: alice-list-owner@lists.andrew.cmu.edu

If you are having any difficulty signing up for the listserv, please contact **Don Slater** (dslater@andrew.cmu.edu) directly.

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Survey:

HOW ARE YOU USING ALICE?

To better understand how Alice is being used in the classroom, we ask that you kindly complete this short survey. **Please email your completed survey form to bconover@sju.edu**

We thank you for your time!

Name: _____

Email: _____

College/University/School Name: _____

- 1. During the school year 05-06, are you:
 - Teaching with Alice? Fall 05 Spring 06
 - Not teaching with Alice?

IF YES, please continue the survey:

We have had many requests from potential Alice users, indicating an interest in seeing information about actual courses in which Alice is being used. Help us by responding:

2. What is the title of your course? _____

3. Please provide a two line description of the way in which Alice is being used in your course:

4. Kindly provide the URL of the course or the course syllabus, if available:

a) May we have your permission to link to your URL from www.aliceprogramming.net? Yes No

5. Is this a stand-alone course of Alice programming or is Alice used as part of a larger course?

6. If Alice is being taught as part of a larger course, what other topics comprise the remainder of the course?

7. Please provide a one-line description of the intended target audience of the class.

Additional comments:

Please email your completed survey form to bconover@sju.edu or FAX to 610-660-3026.