

EUCLID: AN APPLICATION THAT ASKS MATH QUESTIONS

Application Category

Developer Information

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Application Information

Application Name	Euclid
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Link to the application (Indirect link)	http://cs.uwindsor.ca/~karabi/euclid/euclid.html
Link to the code (optional)	http://cs.uwindsor.ca/~karabi/euclid/euclid.c
Link to the grammar (optional)	http://cs.uwindsor.ca/~karabi/euclid/euclid.jsgf
What is the application about?	Euclid can ask math questions of different levels of difficulty, there are three levels increasing in difficulty. Users can move between levels depending on the score.
Why was the application created?	Euclid was created to demonstrate the type of SpeechWeb applications that can ask questions to the user and verify user's answers. It is also a session type application.
How was the application created?	Euclid was created by using the manual on how to create Session type SpeechWeb applications available on the SpeechWeb developers' webpage.
What is the programming language used?	C, A procedural programming language
How does the application work?	Euclid works in cooperation with the SMS system which is a session handling system. It starts by asking the user for his/her age to select a level and then asks ten questions verifying the user's answers. Here is the scenario: the application generates a random question, it computes the answer and stores it in the user's file, asks the question to the user, gets the answer and compares it with the stored correct answer.
What is good about the application?	Euclid can help people improve their mathematics skills, it can be used as a learning tool for students. It also demonstrates how interactive a SpeechWeb application can be.
Problems faced while creating the application and solutions	One problem was how to identify the inputs and outputs, which input/output is to which user. A basic solution was to identify users by IP address. However, this solution didn't work as required since computers in the same domain have the same external IP address. A more sophisticated solution was implemented. That is the SMS system.
How can other developers create a similar application?	Developers can create a similar application by making use of the session handling package available on the SpeechWeb website. Developers can also use the manuals on the SpeechWeb developers' webpage.
Other comments	The developers' webpage is at: http://cs.uwindsor.ca/~speechweb/developers.html