

Did I really retire?

How R, Gnumeric and related projects will keep me busy

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The need

- R – the statistical package
 - Ottawa Gatineau R Users Group (OGRUG)
 - Windows build and test for main package (Duncan Murdoch at moment)
 - use for forecasting / foresight work (FSN)
- Gnumeric – a spreadsheet that tries and mostly succeeds in getting functions right
 - Windows build and test
 - test functions for any spreadsheet

My response

- “But I'm retired!”
- “I'm the President of the Linux Users Group in Ottawa”
- And I'll try my best to help out
 - <http://macnash.telfer.uottawa.ca/fsn> (Foresight Synergy Network)
 - other online materials for R, Gnumeric related to build

Where to?

- R.exe build is relatively well-organized
 - I can make it run whenever I want
 - Using a VirtualBox VM, so have a “clean” starting point (if such is possible with M\$ updates!)
 - Duncan's scripts work pretty well
 - But plenty to do to make errors clearer and more “fixable”
 - Aim to enhance so result is a “traffic light” report

Where to? (2)

- Gnumeric build now working OK in Linux
 - Since July visit of JN to Jody Goldberg
- But based on Linux utility jhbuild that is only “sort of” translated to Windows
- Lots of \ versus / issues, permissions, C: versus /home etc. etc.
- R setup MAY (??) give hope

The “commercial”

- Welcome participation in OGRUG (or OCLUG!)
- Build/test work needs equipment, benefits from participation in conferences
 - JN seeks training or short-term work related to R, Gnumeric or forecasting to support this, BUT not become “unretired”
- Projects such as R and Gnumeric offer great tools at the best price, but do need all the help they can get, however small.