



# Key Ideas Marketing Meeting 2-10-2009

We need an "Ask" letter and a plan for who to ask, and people to do the asking.

I think we need to set a "marketing" goal of both SoaS; Sugar in mainstream distros; and Sugar on 2-3 non-XO laptops for 2009.

walterbender: I agree, in fact I would go so far as to say "more" than 2-3 non-XO laptops (leaving aside that some functions might not work on some hardware). Small laptops or netbooks are the fastest-moving PC market segment...

Sean Daly

caroline: Agree completely. Have you seen that Pantone does branded USB sticks?

caroline: Pantone is a "color company" - they define "standard" colors used in preprint. For example the XO is Pantone- 361 I believe. Has anyone talked to Pantone? They launched their USB sticks for the holiday season and the XO green could be a great symbol for them

Here's a merchandising idea: Sugar branded shoulder straps for proud XO owners... maybe those two sites which sell XO accessories would help?

walterbender: patrick sinz has also ideas about who can make usb sticks for us for free

My conversation with George Snell shed lots of light on what we don't know...

Walter

Fosdem Wrap-up

erikos

<http://www.linuxtag.org/2009/>

UPCOMING

He asked great questions and will help us with an overarching strategy

George is former Racepoint... now independent.

<http://erikos.sweettimez.de/?tag=fosdem>

[http://sugarlabs.org/go/MarketingTeam/Events/FOSDEM\\_2009/Notes](http://sugarlabs.org/go/MarketingTeam/Events/FOSDEM_2009/Notes)

Who sends out press releases, and do you have a press list?

He has some god ideas about leveraging social networking more directly

okay, SeanDALY is doing press releases and press contacts, and he can lead a discussion on this on the mailing list afterwards

The key to getting press is having somebody with a phone number, reachable at all hours, and able to speak for the project.

walterbender: people have asked me to publish a summary of my conversations there, I guess I should first ask the companies involved if they agree with the text  
11:21mchua #TODO walterbender and tomeu to follow up about their conversation with Patrick, if tomeu can get clearance to publish

Tomeu

#TODO SeanDALY is now Press Release Guru - sends out press releases, maintains press list  
11:43SeanDALY in the art & science of creating buzz there is ALWAYS something to do ;-)  
11:43caroline how do we help you?  
11:44mchua caroline: I'd actually love to see SeanDALY post that "how to handle SL press releases!" stuff on the MarketingTeam wiki, and then poke the marketing mailing list to get people to do it  
11:44mchua so that we're not the only ones who know :)  
11:44mchua SeanDALY, does that sound ok?  
11:45SeanDALY the easiest starting point is press already done. Yes that sounds good

Teachers, because if the others see the value to teachers they will want to help.  
11:54walterbender I am comfortable with Sean's analysis  
11:54mchua whoopsie, TypeError: randint() takes exactly 3 arguments (2 given). randint(1,3), then.  
11:55mchua Okay. Teachers it is, then.  
11:55walterbender but we also have \$0 for marketing... so another important audience isn't getting the message.  
11:55mchua Priority #2 is an elevator pitch for teachers. Other elevator pitches are in the "important but we'll tackle them not-this-week" queue.  
11:55mchua What is priority #3?  
11:55jt4sugar I am speaking to a superintendent on Feb 23 if she comes on board 100's of teachers could be using Sugar  
11:55SeanDALY Another group is ambassadors - OLPC project volunteers, G1G1 donors. Those folk need a clear message when they talk to... teachers.  
11:56mchua SeanDALY: would you say priority #3 is the creation of an ambassadors program, then? (or is that a superset of #2, which should be renamed, with the "make a pitch for teachers" the first job?)

Teachers #1, ambassadors #2, partners #3. As I say partners should be contacted directly, while "marketing" is needed to best communicate with #1 and partly #2

**Marketing Talk Highlights  
December 2, 2008**

I am trying to put together one page with Sugar Advantages

To date: 750000+ children learn with Sugar

Superior pedagogical framework

Unique collaboration and journaling (evaluation) features

Rapidly expanding of teacher-driven development

Localizable and customizable

No licensing fees; no single point of dependency or failure

24/7 support

Great potential for local job creation

**Goal: To give every child the opportunity for learning to learn**

Means: A free software platform that facilitates exploring, expressing, reflection, and critique

Pedagogy: Learning to learn: information is a noun; learning is a verb.

Technology: Linux desktop supporting peer-to-peer collaboration and journal/portfolio

Mission: Support the Sugar community of users and developers and establish regional, autonomous "Sugar Labs" around the world

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"Finish creation of the elevator pitch!"

A twofold approach may be a winner. Sugar allows open ended learning for children while giving opportunities to High school and university students to do developer work

I'd like a process that doesn't set it in stone in case we actually get a really good intern or an ad agency to volunteer in the future and they have ideas

"Aggregating blogs at sugarlabs.org ."

Mel  
Ok. I'll send this text to the marketing list, and let people reply with edits. After 24 hours, I'll forward whatever we have to Bernie. How's that sound?

"Business Card Design."

We have a design for moo cards...  
I can post the images on the wiki then people can roll their own

"Create a sponsorship program"

I had envisioned a high-level generic package that would allow us to solicit anyone fairly easily...

Walter-I don't know what to ask for when I meet all these companies, other than engineering support.

Travel is item #1, #2 and #3.

Money to run professional evaluations of our pilots?

We'll need to target different industries differently.

I think that we seek in-kind donations wherever possible -- labor, hardware -- and funding for travel.

Re: Thoughts about government funding - US and EU]

From: **marketing-bounces@lists.sugarlabs.org** on behalf of **Mel Chua**  
(mel@melchua.com)

Sent: Sat 11/29/08 1:31 PM

To: Caroline Meeks (caroline@solutiongrove.com); Marketing@lists.sugarlabs.org

> 1. Here in the US ride the trend for change to emphasise funding to  
> solve infrastructure issues.

Have we sufficiently positioned Sugar as infrastructure? (Something that encompasses and supports the entire learning experience, rather than a separate shiny software toy you can go play with off in a corner somewhere for an hour a week.)

Side note: this is one of the reasons I'm really excited about the pilots, because gathering good data, observations, and, most importantly, stories about Sugar-as-infrastructure will probably be \*the\* most attention-getting thing we have, whether it's for a grant proposal, a presentation/demo, or anything else.

> In my opinion the result is incredibly cool stuff that no one is using.  
> 2. Push for funding to be tied to how many students are using the  
> results of a project.

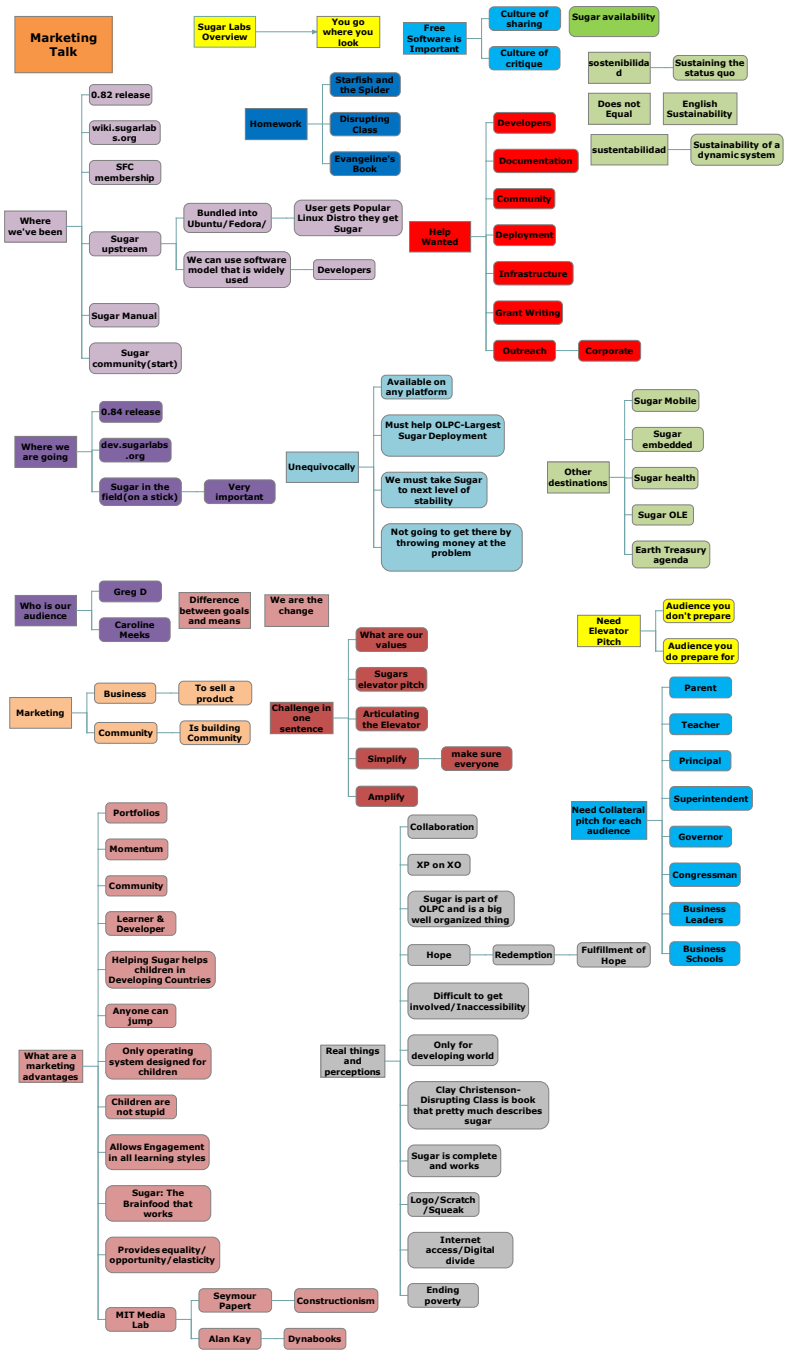
(Disclaimer: I'm not familiar with grant applications. I would like to learn.)

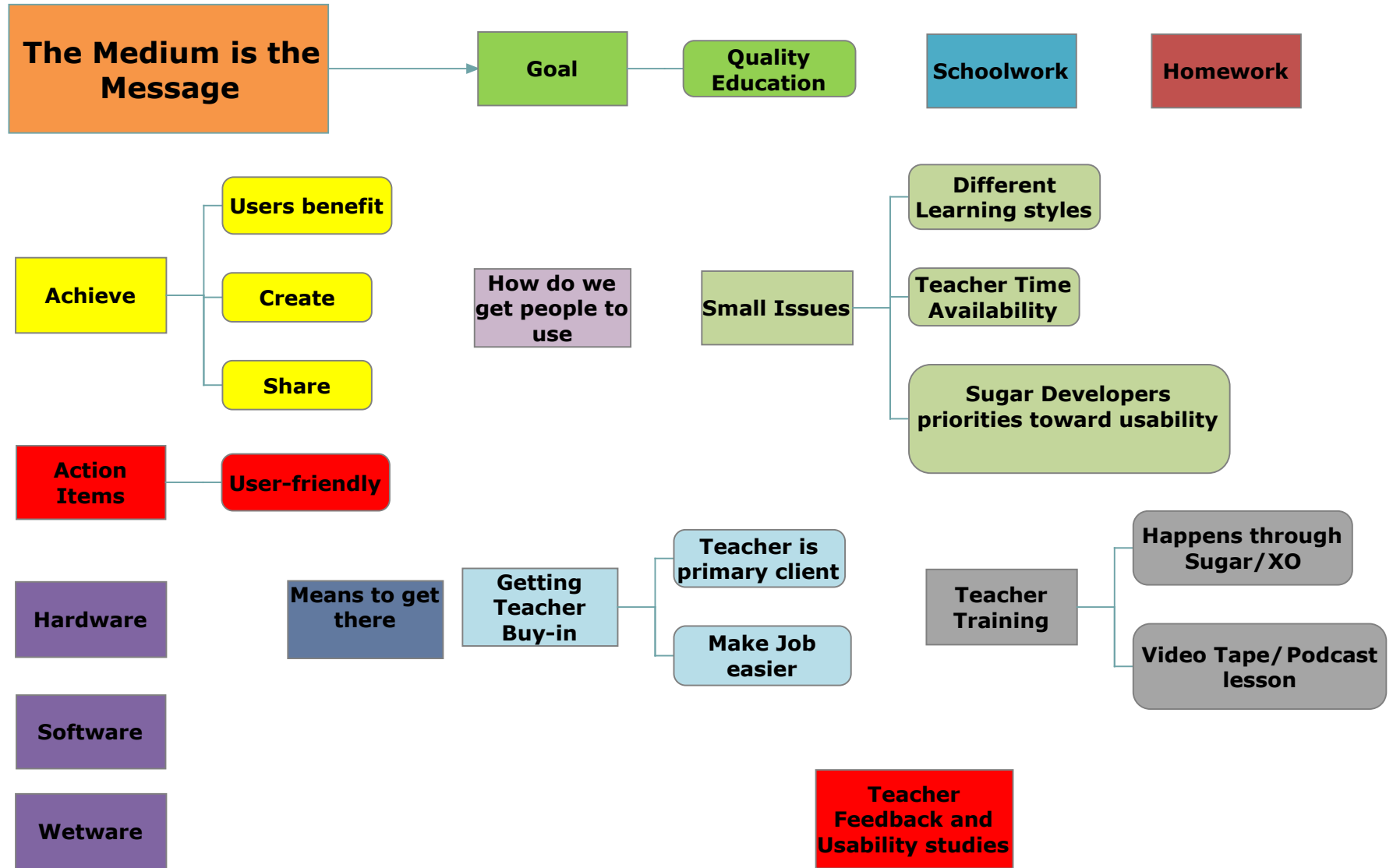
Would it be worth it, perhaps as a joint marketing/education team miniproject, to try to put together a "here are {NSF,other-big-grant-org}-funded projects that Sugar could bring to a much wider audience" brochure/page/letter? (As part of a "therefore, NSF/other-big-grant-org should fund Sugar because we make all the rest of the things you've funded Way More Effective" thing.)

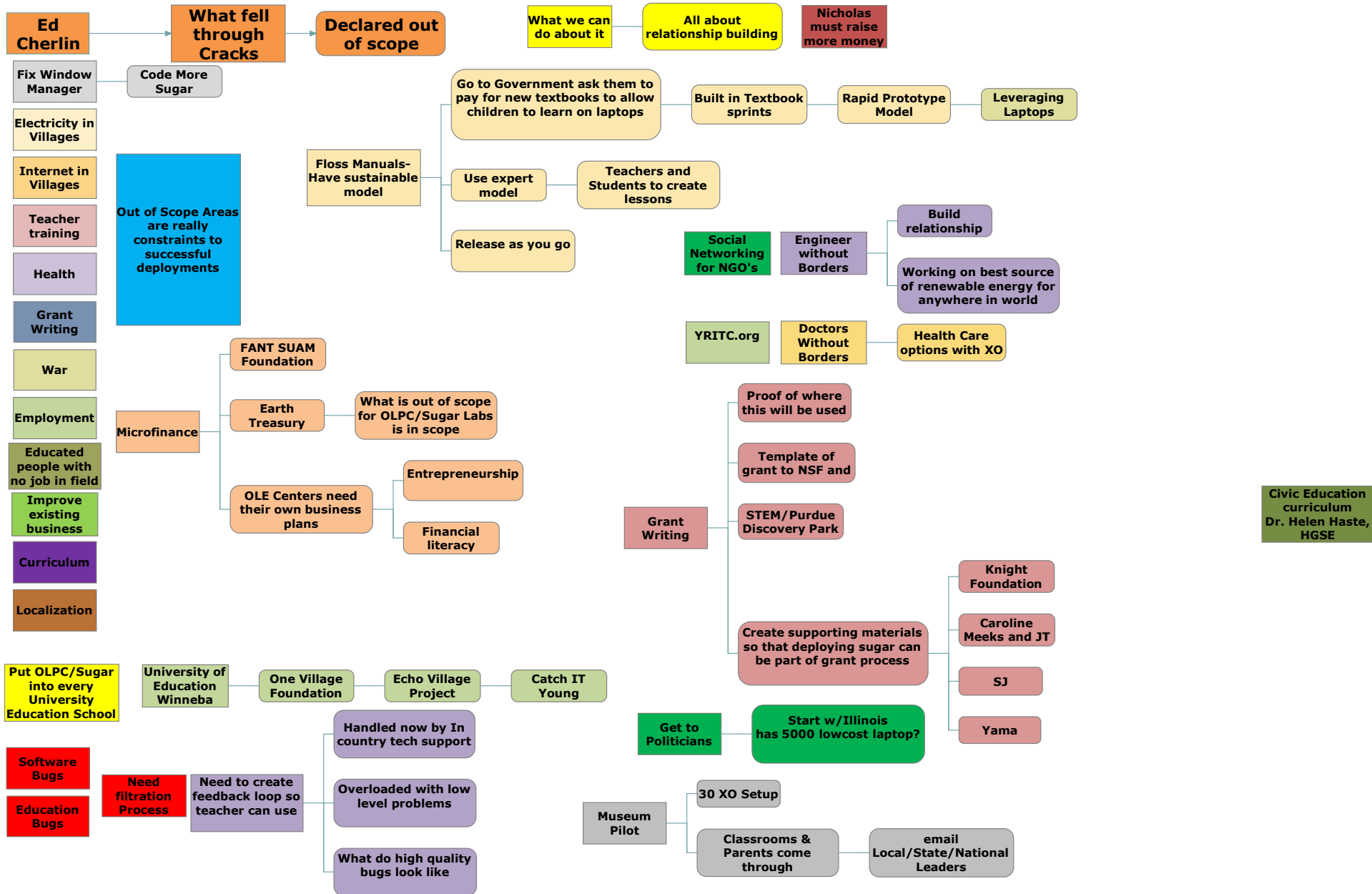
Maybe a place to start would be to have a 1-2 hour "find these projects" sprint - go through journals, award webpages, etc. and pick out neat but non-widespread projects, then do a cursory evaluation of how much engineering (and educator-training) time and effort would be needed to make it Sugar-riffic.

I'd be willing to come and hack on such a sprint, if someone else would run it. I don't know much about where to find these studies, how to evaluate how useful they'd be to us, or how to present our findings in a way that will appeal to resource-distributing organizations, but I can follow instructions and ask lots of questions.

--Mel





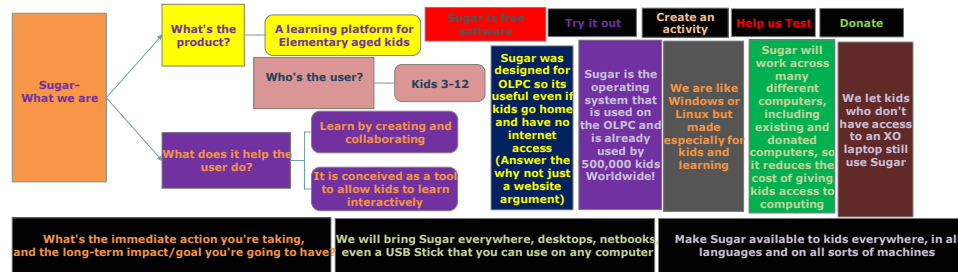


# A Colorful Look At Sugar

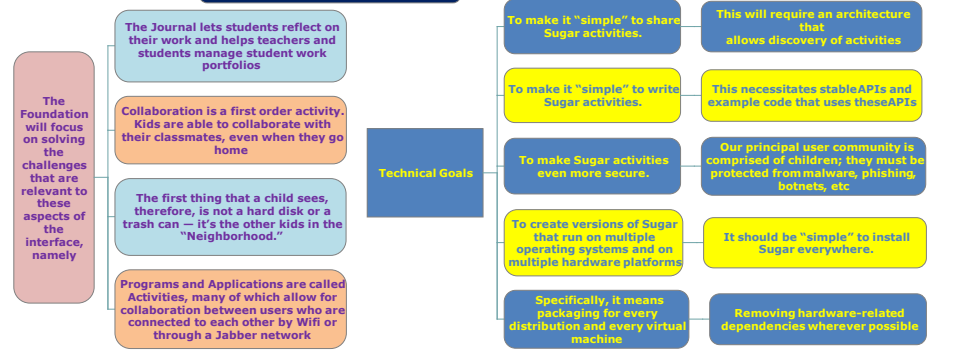
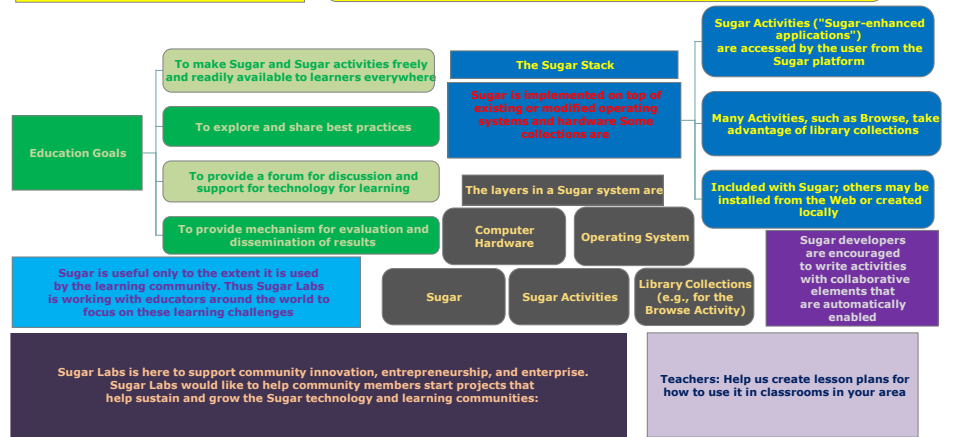
A Sugar Labs  
Production



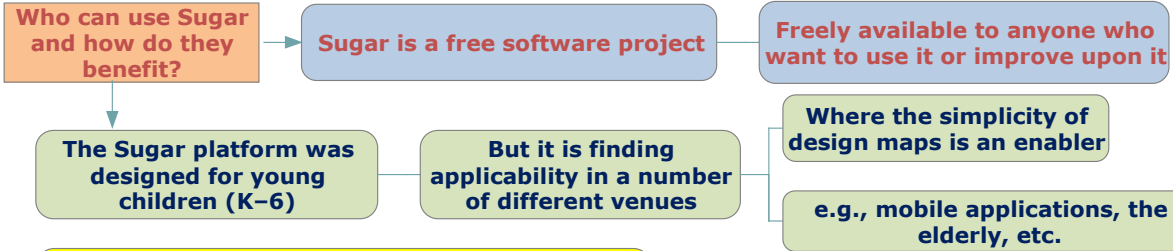




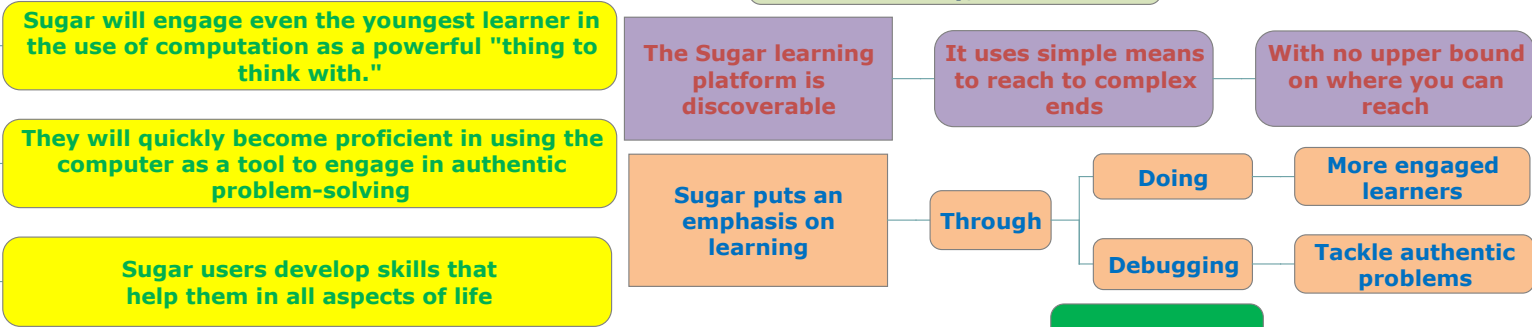
**Sugar Labs** - The mission of Sugar Labs is to produce, distribute, and support the use of the Sugar learning platform; it is a support base and gathering place for the community of educators and developers to create, extend, and teach with the Sugar learning platform.



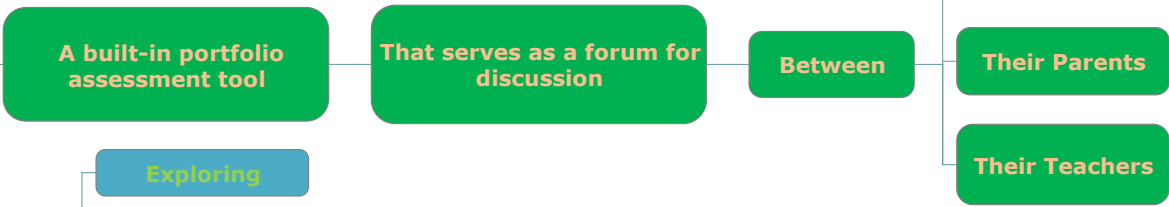
# Using Sugar



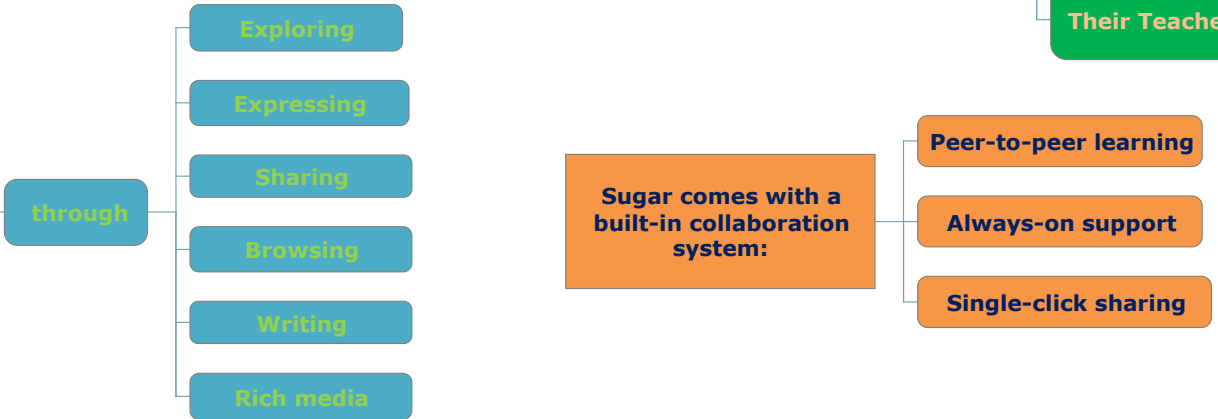
# Why Sugar?



# Sugar comes with built-in tools for reflection



# Sugar comes with hundreds of tools for discovery



# Sugar is designed for local appropriation





**How To Leverage The University Model**

**Contact All Present Deployments**

**What are the Three Top Universities in the Developing Country**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**What are the 2-4 Universities in America they have a exchange program operating with or have some type of relationship with**

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**You can now begin to embed needed projects into all areas of the University**

**Education School**

**Lesson plans connected to Activities which enhance them**

**Professional Development- How we get teachers involved in Lesson/Activity development**

**So if we have a list of Universities we can then outsource our project list which includes Constraints to Deployment and Things considered out of scope, as well as the Laptop Software/Hardware/Connectivity**

**Computer Science**

**Software support**

**Hacking**

**Activity Building**

**Engineering**

**Electricity/Solar Projects**

**Clean Water Projects**

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**Business School**

**Sustainability Issues**

**Entrepreneurship Training**

How To Leverage The University Model in Australia-New Zealand-South Pacific

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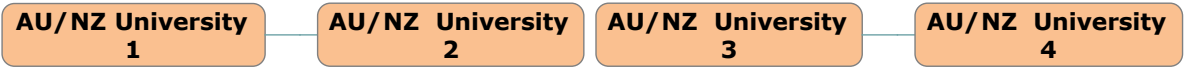
Setting up Regional Sugar Lab in Australia/New Zealand to support Local Sugar Labs in South Pacific

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