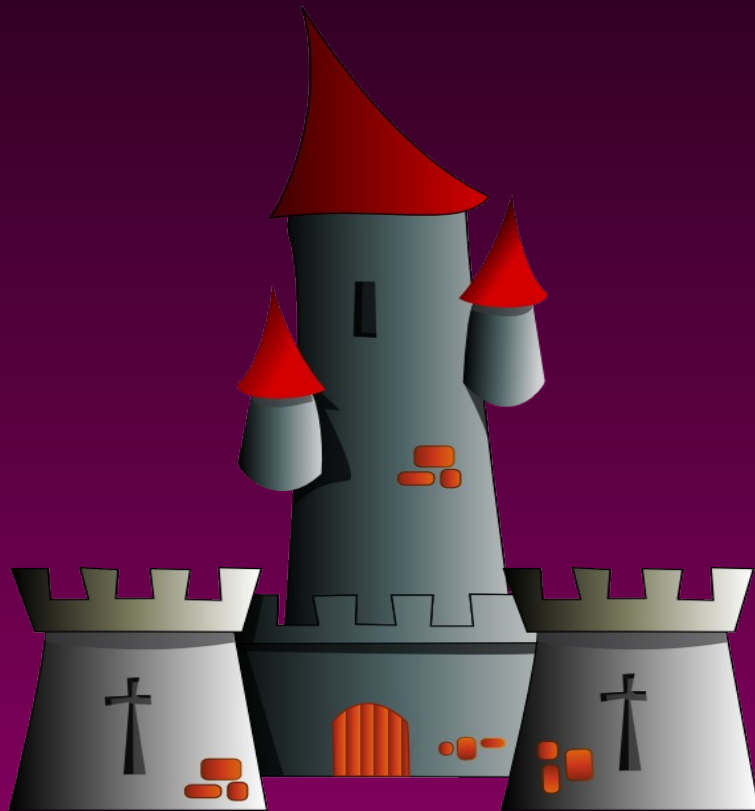


The ACCU: Magic Happens Here



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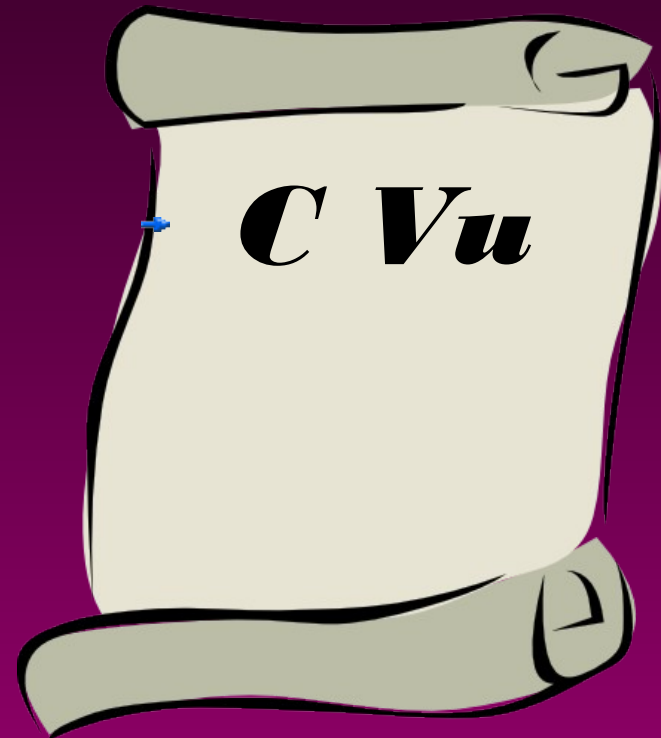
Alan Griffiths is a regular at the ACCU conference and has been developing software through many fashions in development processes, technologies, and programming languages.

During that time he's delivered working software and development processes, written contributions for magazines and books, spoken at a number of conferences and made many friends.

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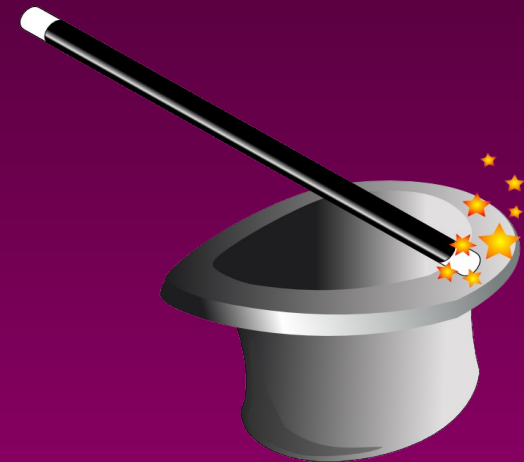
The Beginning

- **The C User Group (UK)**
 - **About C**
 - **C Vu newsletter**
 - **Irregular**
 - **Not much content**
 - **No website**
 - **No mailing lists**
 - **No conference**



Add a little Francis

- C Vu every two months
- Incorporate the Borland C++ User Group
- Renamed “Association of C and C++ Users”
- Website
- Mailing lists
- Overload became C++ SIG journal
- ISDF Journal
- Early conferences



The 21st Century

- **C Vu & Overload professionally printed**
- **Overload**
 - **Editorial team – improved quality**
 - **Broader, “professional” focus**
- **Conference**
 - **Professional organisers**
- **Mentored project lists**
- **Local group meetings**
- **Recent: C Vu follows Overload model**



The Future

- **ACCU is for:**
 - **Finding other people who will stimulate, enthuse or enable becoming a better programmer**
 - **Socialising with other geeks (preferably under the influence of alcohol)**
 - **Programming tips, techniques, craft and lore**
 - **Discussion of programming languages (except VB and, possibly, Perl but particularly C++)**
- **A bit like StackOverflow?**



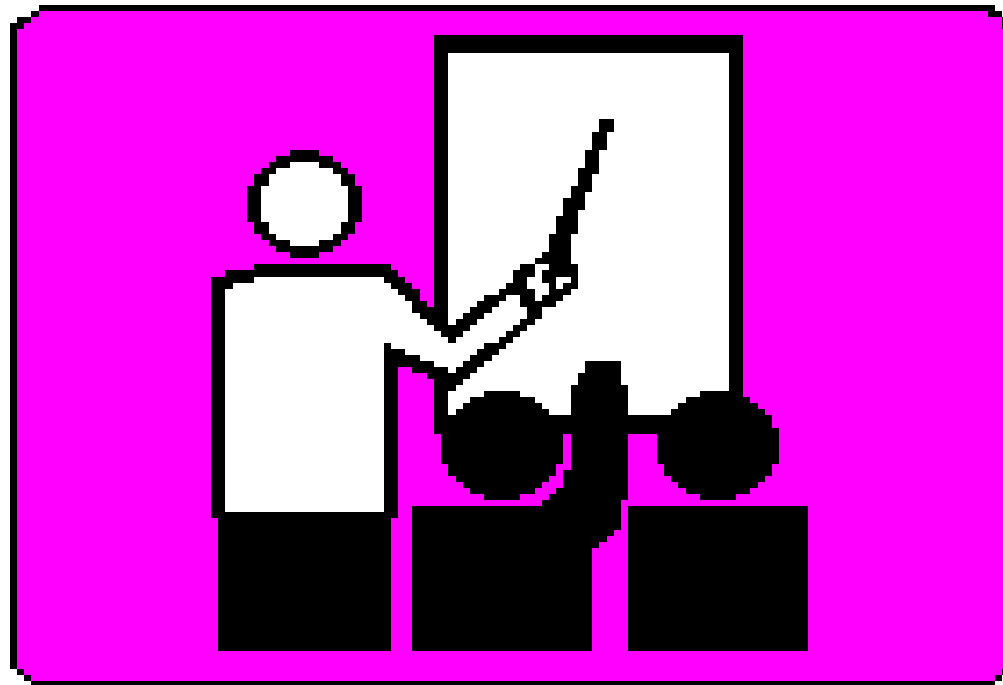
Don't Rely on "Magic Happens Here"

- If you look at any activity, process, or discipline from far enough away it looks simple.
- That's true of programming and of the ACCU
- On any project there are likely many things that an individual doesn't get actively involved in
- That's true of programming and of the ACCU
- You don't have to understand all the magic that makes it work, but it doesn't hurt to understand some of it.
- That's true of programming and of the ACCU

→ http://programmer.97things.oreilly.com/wiki/index.php/97_Things_You_Should_Know_About_Programming



Comments & Questions?



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