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Google Summer of Code participant, Michaël Ohayan pictured with his mentor Lionel Laské of OLPC France and Sugar Labs member.

Sugar On Any Device

Michaël Ohayan and Lionel Laské (pictured above) are a natural combination for student and mentor since they are lucky to see each other every day at the Epitech campus where Michaël is a 4th year programming student and Lionel is a mentor. They meet in person once a week to discuss the project and followup with email and Google Hangouts.

The Sugarizer project they worked on is part of an effort to make the Sugar learning platform available to learners all over the world with no special hardware needed. This special version of Sugar is written in HTML5 and Javascript and uses CSS3. The apps will run on computers, smartphones, and tablets.

The Activities Michaël is adding to Sugarizer include **Calculate**, a simple app with graphics; **Paint,** a Paint application that can be used with collaboration; **Record**, the Activity that allows users to record sound, video and take pictures… adapted to run on other devices, and **Memorize**, a favorite educational Activity that uses memory games to help students learn things like math facts.

Michaël is enthusiastic about his Google Summer of Code (GSoC) project, "I really like the fact that my work will be used by people and especially by children. I hope they'll have fun using the apps and will share them with their friends. It's great to be able to contribute to this kind of project during the summer."

Lionel is equally positive about it, "It's very great too to be a part of the GSoC mentor community. It's a very good way to improve Sugar features and introduce new members to SugarLabs.

To try Sugarizer on your computer, tablet, or phone go to http://sugarizer.org

Election Time Is Coming!
Confirm and update your membership and/or become a candidate for SLOBs!

The Sugar Labs Oversight Board has voted to hold our next election in December of this year. Since there has not been an election for some time, all seven offices will be up for election/re-election. The top four candidates will be elected for a two year term and the next three will serve a one year term. After this year, elections will be held annually with candidates elected for 2 year terns.

With so many offices open this time, it is important to get a representative slate of candidates and participation of members both as candidates and in voting. You are encouraged to consider running for one of the offices. The obligation involves attending a virtual meeting on the first Monday of each month at 23:00 UTC via irc. At the meeting board members discuss and vote on issues important to Sugar Labs. Other members who are not officers may also attend the meeting if they wish. They can contribute to the discussion but only board members may cast votes.

A new membership/election committee has been appointed to update the membership list and conduct the elections. The members of this committee represent 3 different continents: Africa-Nigeria-Samson Goddy, North America-USA-Caryl Bigenho, and South America-Peru-Sebastian Silva.

In preparation for the election, the committee will be updating the current membership file. Every member on the list will receive an email from members@sugarlabs.org to be used to verify membership status and test the voting system. You will be asked to verify your wish to remain as an active, voting member of Sugar Labs.

There will also be a short survey that will be in the same format as the the voting. This will be a test to verify that the system is working correctly and to give you a chance to see how it works. These responses must be received by **November 15** if you wish to remain active and vote or be a candidate in this year's election. Those who don't respond by Nov 15 will be put in "inactive" status. There will be a link in the email to use. If you miss the deadline, you will not be able to vote, but you can be reinstated at any time by your request. The deadline is just for voting purposes.

November 29 will be the deadline for declaring your candidacy and submitting your candidate's statement, telling why you would like to be a member of SLOB.

Online voting will be in mid-December and last for one week, plus a weekend: **December 12 - 20**. Results will be announced at the close of voting. The new officers will take office on the first Monday in January 2016.

Become a SugarLabs member now so you will be eligible to vote in the December election! Here's how...
You don't have to be a coder to be a member of Sugar Labs! If you have contributed in other ways such as working with a deployment, writing documentation, helping with hardware, and the like, you are eligible for consideration for membership in Sugar Labs. Use the link below to learn about the application process. Just be sure to apply by **November 15** to be eligible to vote in the December 2015 election! https://wiki.sugarlabs.org/go/Sugar_Labs/Members