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my @itree = map { croak "Category $no"
my $depth = 0; if ($node->parent) {
$depth++; if ($node->parent) {
# create parent while back ($depth-1) {
my $node = { parent => $parent, stack =>
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History of the Nordic Perl Workshop

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The Nordic Perl Workshop is a non-profit event arranged by the local Monger group and for the Perl Community and everybody interested in Perl. It's a two-day event of talks and presentations from numerous speakers on topics related to computer programming, the IT business and Perl programming.

As I organized the Nordic Perl Workshop (NPW) for 2006, I had to write to a lot of potential sponsors and speakers, as well as speak to a lot of fellow Perl mongers. It struck me I had really not given much thought to as why I was involved in the organization of the workshop, I am simply too deeply dug in.

I wasn't completely satisfied with the communication of the NPW and its intent, so I started to formulate a better presentation of the whole concept. This proved to be harder than expected, so I thought I would write the short history and the motivation that drove me in the past and up to this workshop, thinking that it would not only help me, but be useful to other workshop organizers.

Copenhagen 2003

The first workshop was in 2003, and it put the Copenhagen Perl Mongers on the community map. We had attended the YAPC::Europe in München in 2002 and had also seen the German Workshops announced. After talking about it, we decided that we wanted to host YAPC::Europe one day, so we thought we would do a workshop to try something smaller first.

Ambitiously, we announced that we wanted to invite our fellow mongers in Scandinavia to host the NPW (actually called the Scandinavian Perl Workshop at the time) in their respective countries to include more Perl users.

The first workshop was a success, we actually had a lot of attendees from Sweden. The workshop was not a success financially though, but we were

covered for the shortcoming. We learned quite a bit and we had a good time doing it.

At the YAPC::Europe in Paris in 2003, we had handed in a proposal to host a full YAPC, but Belfast won the bid that year. I was somewhat bitter for about 5 minutes, but I always enjoy going to YAPCs and I wanted to go to Belfast since I had never been there, so I really didn't mind that much.

Copenhagen 2004: s/Scandinavian/Nordic/;

In 2004 we organized the second workshop, again in Copenhagen, but changed the name to the Nordic Perl Workshop to include the other countries in the region. We had already done one workshop and we wanted to repeat the success. The workshop turned out superbly, the financial outcome was good, and we had even more sponsors. We covered the losses from the previous workshop and the speakers contributed an excellent program, especially what seemed like the complete Fotango crew attending.

Stockholm, 2005

The year following, Claes Jakobsson from the Stockholm Perl Mongers took it on his shoulders to organize the NPW in Sweden. Some of us travelled to Stockholm to help out with the organizing, and I finally wrote the "Workshop Howto" after putting it off for two years.

The Workshop in Stockholm was very low-key but was still one of the best NPWs I have attended. It was intimate and I got to talk to everybody, so this NPW will always be special to me.

Oslo, 2006

We picked up on some of the rumours and saw what Birmingham Perl Mongers were doing for YAPC::Europe 2006, so we skipped applying to host YAPC::