



# OSI Days 2010, Chennai: ASIA'S LARGEST OPEN SOURCE CONFERENCE!

## Summary of Experience, By Chittaranjan Pattnaik

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It was a great opportunity for me to attend the OSI days because being an open source developer it really matters a lot to meet with the real Open Source Experts and gather knowledge from them. We have been planning for this event from along and finally 6 of us got nominated to attend this event. We packed our bags and flew to Chennai the previous day and settled down ourselves to get ready for the event early next morning.

### OSI Days 2010 : The Event

It was 8:30AM in the morning and we reached at the venue "Chennai Trade Center" with lots of energy and spirit to learn as much as possible from all the technology gurus. After a quick registration process we entered the conference hall where the opening ceremony started with a nice tune of "Saraswati Vandana" and keynote address by Dr. Debesh Das Minister-in-Charge, Department of Information Technology, Govt. of West Bengal.

As the day passed the conference started becoming interesting and attractive for me after the outstanding seminar presented by Bastian Feder on unit testing in PHP projects using phpunit. I got introduced with lot of new technology and technical terms which are quite new to me and are definitely going to help me in my future projects. I got the chance to interact with Jacob Vrana one of the writer to PHP manual which we refer in our day to day life while coding in PHP. They shared and introduced the latest and upcoming techniques added/used in PHP, Facebook, HTML5, CSS3, MySQL DB tuning tips, Ingres and Cloud computing platform using Microsoft's Azure and SQL PHP driver etc.. among ourselves.

All the sessions I attended were really informative and helpful, however I found the following session which are going to add a lot of value to my current work and future project:

- Writing beautiful documentation for PHP projects using phpDocumentor and PHP 5.3 a walk through by Bastian Feder from php.net.
- Adminer Editor (competitor for phpMyAdmin) and NotORM (effectively get relational data in PHP) by Jacob Vrana who is a co-author of the official PHP manual.
- Building & scaling Facebook using Hadoop, HBase, Hive by Jonathan Gray from Facebook.
- MySQL performance tuning tips by Sonali Minocha (Asia's first Woman Certified MySQL DBA).
- HTML5 State of Art by Jason Levitt from Kaltura.

Besides attending the sessions I got the chance to meet and interact with different technology experts from different other companies. We shared our views on Open Source technologies which helped me building my





network in the field of IT and will help me getting support and sharing opinions with these experts on different problems that we face in our day to day work life.

## **Message to Future Mindfireans:**

After three days of an excellent technical drive on the last day we got a few moments to roam a little around and enjoy the beauty of Chennai. It was really good time I spent in those three days with uncovering a lot of new and unknown hidden facts of Open Source technologies.

I am really proud to be a part of Mindfire Solutions, not only for providing me such a great opportunity to explore my knowledge and myself but also I know that this is the beginning of opportunities and there is a long way to go with Mindfire on the path of success.

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