



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

Summary of Experience, By Debasis Sabat

I was really excited to attend one of the biggest events for Open source community OSI Days 2010 for developers, architects, students and IT professionals providing an opportunity to learn and "connect with other developers, IT professionals and Open Source experts to expand opportunities, share best practices, spark innovation, and build relationships."

We reached Chennai the previous day through Bangalore because on that day we do not have direct flight from Bhubaneswar to Chennai, and settled down swiftly to be ready for the early-morning event. By 8:30 am next morning about 1000 technology professionals from all over India and abroad had descended on Chennai trade center, the venue for the 3-day technology extravaganza.



OSI Days 2010 : The Event

After a quick registration process, the event got off to a grand opening to the tune of traditional music and a keynote by Dr. Debesh Das, Minister in Charge, department of Information and technology, Govt of West Bengal. Being a LAMP developer it was a great opportunity for me to interact and learn from Experts and creators of the latest and upcoming technologies from PHP, Facebook, Drupal etc. They talked about features of PHP 5.3.3, HTML5, MySQL DB tuning tips, future database Ingres, Symphony 2, Microsoft cloud computing platform- Azure and SQL PHP driver.

Most of the sessions were great but I liked few sessions most:

- Writing beautiful documentation with phpDocumentor by Bastian Feder from php.net.
- Hadoop, HBase & Hive at Facebook by Jonathan Gray of Facebook.
- MySQL Performance Tuning: Top 10 Tips by Sonali Minocha (Asia's first Woman Certified MySQL DBA).
- RDF in Drupal 7 and what it means for the web at large by Gaurav Kumar.

Message to Future Mindfireans:

My trip to Chennai was good, though could not get much time to go sight seeing in Chennai. But, the purpose for which I went to Chennai was completely fulfilled.

I am thankful to Mindfire for providing me with this opportunity. It was a wonderful experience and I am looking forward to attend more such events in future.