



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

Summary of Experience, by Jeetendra Dhal

We were a group of 6 peoples from Mindfire flew through the clouds to Bangalore first then to Chennai, a day before the 3 day Asia's biggest premier open source business conference to start at Chennai trade center. This was going to be a big moment and opportunity for all of us to interact with tech gurus. This was a great opportunity for me as a developer to meet and interact with the experts and gather knowledge from them.



OSI Days 2010 : The Event

19th September 2010 8:30 A.M: It was a hot sunny morning we along with thousands of IT professionals all around the globe descended to Chennai trade center, for the 3-day mega event. After a quick and short registration process, the event got off to a grand opening with a traditional "Saraswati Vandana" and a keynote by Dr. Debesh Das, Minister incharge, Department of Information and Technology, Govt. of West Bengal.

We had already planned and grouped together for the sessions to attend as it was not possible for all of us to attend all the sessions because it was scheduled simultaneously. As the sessions went by it became more and more interesting. In due course of the sessions I came across different new technologies, methodologies and new technical terms which were alien to me. Assimilating all of these would definitely going to help me in my near future. This thought made me more keen and attentive. PHPUnit, Ingres, Adminer Editor, Symfony 2, Building & Scaling Facebook with Open Source, Quality Assurance, NoSQL, Windows Azure Cloud, Hadoop, HBase & Hive, NotORM, phpDocumentor, Zend Server, PHP 5.3 walkthrough, Subversion 1.7, HTML5, Cloud Hosting, MySQL Performance Tuning were among the sessions I attended. These were really informative and helpful, however I found the following sessions to add a lot of value to my current work and future project:

- MySQL performance tuning tips by Sonali Minocha.
- The most unknown parts of PHPUnit by Bastian Feder.
- Building & Scaling Facebook with Open Source by David Recordon.
- Hadoop, HBase & Hive at Facebook by Jonathan Gray
- Writing beautiful documentation with phpDocumentor by Bastian Feder

I also got chance to interact and discuss with the speakers like



- **Kevin Schroeder** : Discussed about implementing job queuing at backend and thus decreasing the response time in user interaction.
- **David Recordon** : Discussed about facebook api and problems we faced while creating facebook applications due to frequent facebook changes.
- **Bastian Feder** : Discussed about the future of php with the upcoming of PHP6.
- **Sonali Minocha** : Discussed about the some query optimization techniques.

Besides attending the sessions I got some moment to interact with other attendees and shared our views on Open Source technologies. Also, took snaps with the speakers and other attendees as memories.

Message to Future Mindfireans:

Apart from the 3 days excellent technical drive it also became the most memorable days of my life as I had chance to celebrate my birthday with the team at KFC and had fun at Marina Beach on the last day of the mega event.

I am thankful and proud to be a part of Mindfire who provided me with this opportunity. This was not only a wonderful experience but also an opportunity to explore myself and I am looking forward for more such in upcoming days.

Being a part of mindfire family I feel proud to say that "this as a company of a whole not only nurtures the hidden talent of his people till success but also takes utmost care and responsibility of their dependent family members".