



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

Summary of Experience, By Sanmaya Prakash Mishra

OSI Days is the largest Open Source conference in Asia. I got an opportunity to attend the conference on 19-21 Sep, 2010 at Chennai Trade Center. As a LAMP developer I was really excited to attend the Asia's largest event on Open Source. We reached Chennai the day before the event. As there was no direct flight, we had a stopover flight to catch via Bengaluru.

OSI Days 2010 : The Event

On the first day we reached Chennai Trade Center 8 o'clock in the morning. After the registration process was over, an inaugural speech was given by Dr Debesh Das, Minister-in-Charge, Department of Information Technology, Govt of West Bengal. He gave us a brief idea about the future of open source technology. He also emphasized on current focus of the government to manage the resources optimally and hence the shift in focus towards software development. He also mentioned that if India imported software for its various requirements then that might even exceed the petroleum import. Since India already has quality resources to build software, it should use the various open source platforms and technologies to fulfill its requirements.

It was really interesting to know that some of the big sites that are running on Drupal which is on PHP are www.whitehouse.gov, www.media.mit.edu etc. This is a reflection of the acceptance of the fact that US government also encourages the use of Open source technologies.

There were a great many number of talks during the 3-day event. A few of them which I liked the most are

- Building Powerful search in Drupal
- RDF in Drupal 7 and what it means for the web at large
- Developing PHP Applications on Windows Azure Cloud
- Hadoop, HBase & Hive at Facebook
- PHP 5.3, a walkthrough & MySQL Performance Tuning: Top 10 Tips

Message to Future Mindfireans:

It was really a great experience for me to be a part of OSI days. I got a chance to interact with some of the best brains in the open source community. I'd always be grateful to my organization Mindfire Solutions, My lead and My Team for those 3 memorable days of my life. If you have the fire in your mind to excel then mindfire is the best suitable place for you. See you soon at Mindfire!

