

openSUSE Asia Summit
2015
Proposal

JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA LINUX USER GROUP

Introduction

Free and Open Source is the philosophy of knowledge and collaboration. It is the philosophy of sharing and helping each other. With this philosophy in mind we, Linux User Group of Jamia Millia Islamia, India, are proposing to be a host for the openSUSE Asia Summit 2015. We will provide the participants the Venue, Internet and Food. We have a decent team of volunteers who will take care of everything to give you an excellent experience.

Objectives

We completely resonate with the philosophy of the openSUSE Asia community. We want knowledge to be open and accessible to everyone. In this summit we will be having a series of Free and Open Source Software lectures and workshops, so that people are moved beyond curiosity to dive into the world of FOSS. With this conference Asian users will have an opportunity to gain the knowledge directly by the leading contributors in the community.

The summit also gives everyone, veterans as well as the beginners, a chance to connect with each other and share their experiences. Acting as a platform for the beginners to receive expert advice, while giving the experts a chance to nurture future talents. We are hoping to organize the summit this year in India and connect the Indian Linux users with other Asian users. As a result, making the SUSE family stronger and larger.

Local Organizers

Proposed organizing committee

JMILUG¹ is a group of Jamia's Linux users which promotes knowledge sharing by introducing Linux and Open Source culture to the new students who enter the Faculty of Engineering & Technology (FET) every year. We organize open events and workshops round the year, bringing the old (alumni) and the new (freshmen volunteers) together under the spirit of open source. The JMILUG community has been able to host various successful events just because of the support of it's super excited volunteers. Just to list some of the events organized by us are as follows.

- GSoC Meetup
- BootConf'14
- Open Source Contribution & GSoC (by Manu Gupta)

¹<http://jmilug.org/cms/>

- Conf@jmilug
- Fedora Meetup
- Mozilla Summit
- JDevDay
- Open Stack Meetups
- Python workshops (by Delhi/NCR Python Group)
- openSUSE install fest

We have 35-45 members in our community who are ready to volunteer for the event and give the attendees an awesome open source event. Beyond this JMILUG community we are expecting to get 20-25 more volunteers from amongst the freshmen and sophomores.

Proposed supporting organizations

At present JMILUG is the sole organizing committee for the summit, but if there is any need then we can call for volunteers from the open source community of Delhi, India. There will surely be many good souls ready to support this event.

About Venue

Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) is a central university located in New Delhi, offering integrated education from nursery to research in specialized areas. Besides its Nine faculties, the Jamia has a number of centres of learning and research, like AJK-Mass Communication Research Centre (MCRC), Academy of International Studies etc.

FET¹ is, as the name suggests, the part of Jamia Millia Islamia where the engineering happens. The Faculty operates as an administrative unit within the University and thus is home to over 3000 students and over 200 academic, administrative and technical staff. The core engineering departments at JMI are Computer Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering.

The Faculty has a huge infrastructure, with all the rooms air-conditioned and WiFi enabled. The Faculty Auditorium is a well spaced room with a capacity of around 200-300 people which will be apt for the keynotes. Along with the auditorium, for the purposes of workshops and other parallel sessions, we have rooms with a capacity of around 50-60 attendees. Each of the rooms has a dedicated projector. We also have three computer labs with a capacity of 30-40 students each, with a proper internet connectivity and presentation facilities.

¹<http://jmi.ac.in/fet>

- Distance from Airport (Indira Gandhi International Airport T3): 25-26 KM
- Nearest Metro Station (Govindpuri Metro Station): 3-4 KM

Activities and schedule

Conference

An event where speakers will speak for 45-70 minutes in an auditorium. There will be five talks per day, allowing a total of ten speakers to deliver the talks for the two day conference.

- Keynotes: 5 per day
- Time duration per talk: 45-70 minutes
- Speaker Registration: OSEM

Paper Presentation

A paper presentation event can also be organized, as a parallel event or a part of conference. If a part of the conference then, we can have 2-4 speakers (1-2 speakers per day) to give a presentation. If a parallel event then, 8-10 papers can be presented in the two day conference.

- Papers to be presented: 6-7 per day (if parallel event)
- Time for each presentation: 30-70 minutes
- Paper Registration: OSEM

Workshops

Along with the above event(s), if need be (for any workshop or hands on session), a computer lab (capacity of 30-40 attendees) and another room (capacity of 50-70 attendees) can also be provided.

- Time for each workshop: 60-180 minutes
- Speaker Registration: OSEM

Flash Talks

If anyone from the attendees wants to share anything (idea/any opportunity/project) with the audience then we can also have a series of flash talks of 15-20 minutes.

- Time for each workshop: 15-20 minutes

- **Speaker Registration:** On the spot

Parallel events (keynotes, workshops, paper presentation) can be held in the similar fashion as happening in openSUSE Conference¹. Further suggestions are most welcome and we shall try our best to incorporate them.

Expectation and Marketing

We are proposing to organize the summit on 17-18th Oct' 2015 (or 10-11th Oct') as during this time the volunteers will be free of any college exams and assignments. The time duration of the event on each day will be - 9:30/10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The registrations for the speakers (keynotes, workshops) as well as the attendees, are expected to be handled by the OSEM.

We can't take the responsibility for the travel and accommodation of the attendees as well as the speakers. Thus, the attendees will have to bear those costs. At best, we can direct the attendees to some economical hotels/guest houses near the venue.

T-shirts or zippers will be designed by us and printed by a local vendor. Every volunteer and the speaker will get one for free. Others will have to buy it on the event day. For the marketing purposes, we will have posters, banners printed and have them displayed around various colleges. Along with these we will also spread the summit information via mailing lists, FaceBook Groups and Twitter.

For the food, we will have snacks, lunch and dinner (only for the speakers and volunteers). Attendees will have to bear the costs of the lunch and dinner by themselves. There is a canteen in our faculty so, they wouldn't have to leave the venue for the food, but due to the limited budget we will only be able to handle the costs of the food for the speakers and the volunteers. Summarized details are as follows.

For the Internet, we have dedicated routers which will be used during the summit.

- **Date:** 17-18th (10-11th) Oct' (Sat-Sun)
- **Conference Venue:** Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India
- **Conference Rooms:** Auditorium (250-300 capacity), 2-3 Rooms (60-70 capacity), Computer Lab (30-40 capacity)
- **Keynotes:** 5 per day
- **Time-line:** 9:30/10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Registration:** OSEM (Speaker, Attendees)
- **Accommodation:** On the attendees
- **Travel:** On the attendees

¹<https://events.opensuse.org/conference/osc15/schedule>

- **Design:** Tees, Posters, Banners, Badges
- **Marketing:** Mailing Lists, FB groups
- **Lunch and Dinner:** Only for speakers and volunteers

Budget Estimation

We are expecting a total of 100 (speakers and volunteers) for the two day conference. And, cost per head for lunch or dinner will be Rs. 300 amounting to Rs. 120,000 for the food (for 2 days). Marketing material like banners and posters will take around Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 6,000. Each attendee will be provided with a folder, a pad and a pen on the first day. For all that stationary the costs will be around Rs. 15,000. Finally, for the tees, we are going to print 180-200 tees of which around 100 will be distributed amongst the speakers and the volunteers and the remaining ones will be sold. Considering Rs. 300, the cost of each tee, the total becomes Rs. 60,000. By the sponsorships we can gather an amount of Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000. Thus, for the whole event we will need a sum of Rs. 90,000 give or take Rs. 10,000.

Considering food (lunch, dinner, other refreshments), tees, stationary (pads, pens, files), banners, posters etc, the budget estimation is as follows.

- Food(lunch, dinner, refreshments etc) - Rs. 120,000 (1.9K US Dollars)
- Banners, Posters - Rs. 5,000 (80 US Dollars)
- Tees - Rs. 60,000 (1K US Dollars)
- Stationary - Rs. 15,000 (240 US Dollars)
- Sponsorship - Rs. 15,000-20,000 (240 US Dollars)
- Total - Rs 180,000-185,000 (2.9K US Dollars)

OpenSUSE will have to provide funds of around Rs. 180,000 (2.9K US Dollars) for the event to take place successfully.

Potential Sponsors and Media Partners

For the event we will have a few sponsors, who will help us in a range of aspects - financial, stationary and other materials. For the media, we can have Hindustan Times, one of India most prominent news coverage enterprise, to cover the event on print. Other social media (FaceBook, Twitter, Blogging) reporting for the event will also be done. As for the digital media

we will have the event video recorded. The recording being handled by the volunteers only. We can also try to stream it live on YouTube.

Conclusion

We JMILUG, a group of linux users in Jamia Millia Islamia, India, are proposing to organize the openSUSE Asia summit 2015 on 17-18th Oct' 2015. We are ready to host the event in terms of providing the venue (auditorium, rooms and labs) and volunteer support. If, given a chance to be the host of the summit this year, it'll be a great opportunity for the Jamia students to be a part of the open source community. And, we will make sure that everyone at the summit leaves with an experience of a life time.