

FUDCon Pune: Footprints in Fedora

If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants.

- Albert Einstein

One of the earliest FUDCons outside of North America was in Delhi in 2006 as part of Linux Asia. Engaging with active and energetic Fedora contributors like Greg DeKoenigsberg and Christopher Blizzard brought me and everyone around us focus and a number of ambitious plans. We are today again in another FUDCon in India and I can't help but be amazed at how the world of Fedora has changed in all these years. We have slowly but surely grown a community of active contributors and users in India and I am happy to be given an opportunity to bring them all together as part of this event and infuse upon them the feeling of being in a unique community that is Fedora. Along with Fedora, FUDCon has changed a lot and has become bigger and better. Organizing a FUDCon also requires a lot of careful planning and community participation. While FUDCon Pune has a dedicated team behind it (<http://fudcon.in/content/meet-fudcon-team>), one has to experience being a part of the team to know the level of enthusiasm and dedication with which all of them have volunteered and executed all the different tasks. If you love and enjoy FUDCon, Free Software and Fedora as much as we do, be sure to say a hello and shake the team's hands. Our goals are simple:

- Introduce Fedora, free and open source software and our community to a lot more users.
- Spread our knowledge.
- Encourage more people to become contributors.
- Get work done via Fedora contributors.
- Have fun.

Not necessarily in that order!

We have a number of talks and hackfests to share our knowledge but remember that the best part of FUDCon is our friends in the community. If you don't have any yet, now would be a great time to fix that bug and make some. Talk to people around you. Ask questions. Be curious, don't be shy and you will realize the true potential of Free and open source software.

I would like to thank Red Hat for sponsoring FUDCon and supporting me in organizing this event and COEP for providing us with the venue without which none of this would have been possible.

Happy hacking,
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