

Background

- Is a Fedora contributor since June
- Final year student(btech CSE)
- while in Bangalore as an intern at Red Hat, organized 4-5 events
- Mostly in universities
- 1 Online event
- 50-60 participants approximately

Blog links

Events in banglore

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/foss-wave-fedora-bangalore-india/>

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/foss-wave-bangalore-uvce/>

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/foss-wave-cmr-institute-technology-bengaluru/#more-2811>

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/fedora-24-party-bangalore-india/>

Event in goa

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/foss-wave-go-a-india/>

Event in indore

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/foss-wave-indore-india/>

Event on women

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/women-technology-fedora-campus-presence/>

<https://communityblog.fedoraproject.org/foss-wave-women-in-technology-part-2/>

Basic structure of these presentation events:

How to start with Fedora contributions

Where to contribute? – Testing, Documentation, Packaging, CommOps, etc.

Creating a FAS account, joining a mailing list, and how mailing lists work.

Using IRC to connect with the community

Fedora Apps

A session on women in FOSS if a female speaker present.

How do you decide content for an event?

- Mostly with beginner's as target audience.
- Assumed that they don't know anything about open source

- Special focus on girls as there are very few
- Used to find female speakers (like she herself gave talks)/ or someone in office to tag along for the event
- Content was self decided
- Not Fedora specific
- After explaining the topics, used to explain using Fedora examples
- Try doing hands-on session for doable topics

Funds for such events?

- No funding from Fedora for such events (Self-funded)
- Funding was required to commute to the location and that too was intra-city.
- Used to distribute Fedora 24 dvds and swags

How did you contact the universities for the events?

- Contacted universities through mutual friends or the tech clubs of the universities
- for one event we mailed the college authority, the proposal for the event, after getting a positive reply we further discussed the details and everything through mail itself
- Universities used to contact us mostly through a student branch, which used to reach us through Facebook (Since we used to share event details on Facebook itself) or mutual friends.

Opportunities/gaps during the presentation? What is more engaging for the audience?

- Slides and live demos usually used
- Internet availability should not be taken for granted in the host university. Git demos can be very difficult to demonstrate without internet, same with pagure
- Git and pagure are better explained through hands on approach than slides

How is the general reaction of the audience? Do they approach post event?

- Tone of the talk should be informal, else people hesitate to approach for doubts
- Mostly people approach after the session for doubts
- There are people who just want to talk and not contribute. As a student yourself, it is important to invest your time in contributors

Opportunity areas for ambassador programs?

- People don't know what Fedora is
- They ask why Fedora, why not ubuntu. Difficult to make them understand the difference
- Most of them don't know how easy it is to start contributing to Fedora
- Mozilla's ambassador program has been going since long, so valued by students in universities more

- Mostly sophomores and freshmen students at the talk
- For advanced topics, it is difficult to gather crowd
- Not aware of any ongoing Fedora project in an university as classwork

What is the procedure you tell to a newcomer at an event?

- After gauging their interest areas, tell them about the Fedora projects
- Ask them to join the mailing list
- Post an intro, tell them what all to include in it
- Stay around in IRC channel