



How to be a Community Superhero

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Hint: We do not have super powers...

What can you do?

Write

Write

blog posts

articles

tutorials

HOW-TOs

official documentation

Teach

Teach

BoF

User Groups

Conferences

Record

Record

audio

video

www.technocation.org

Relay

Relay

retweet

new blog post

Kill FUD

Connect

Connect

Meet people

Match needs

Discuss

Discuss

at the conference

#mysqlconf

blog comments

forums/lists

irc

Low-tech

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Help start, or organize an existing:

user group

podcast

videocast

magazine

[un]conference

But I'm not a
genius....

Challenges

Knowledge

Resources

MySQL Community Team



http://forge.mysql.com/wiki

The screenshot shows the main page of the MySQL Forge Wiki. The browser title is "Main Page - MySQL Forge Wiki - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "http://forge.mysql.com/wiki/Main_Page". The page content includes a navigation menu on the left, a welcome message, and several sections: "Upcoming Events", "Getting Involved", "Documentation, FAQs", "Software and Development", "APIs", and "Platform-Specific".

Welcome to the MySQL Forge Wiki!

The [MySQLForge](#) Wiki is a Community place for the sharing of ideas and knowledge about the MySQL Server and related products. Users, DBAs and Developers working on MySQL are welcome to collaborate and share their expertise and experience here!

Upcoming Events

- [MySQL Campus Tour 2009](#)
- [MySQL Conference and Expo 2009](#) - presentation files, notes, social events, and more!
- [MySQL Camp 2009](#)

Getting Involved

- [Contributing](#) to the MySQL Project
- [MySQL University](#) - MySQL University is the weekly MySQL Engineering Training Program
- [MySQL User Groups](#) - Meeting MySQL Users and Enthusiasts in your area
- [MySQL Events](#) - information about conferences and events worldwide that involve MySQL.
- [Google Summer of Code 2008](#) - MySQL intends in participating in the Google Summer of Code 2008. Come code with us!
- [MySQL Merchandise](#) - links, ideas and suggestions
- The [MySQL Community Relations Team](#)
- [MySQL On The Internet](#) - a list of communities, social networks and individuals related to MySQL

Documentation, FAQs

- [Getting Help](#) - Pointers to Community resources to get you going
- [Getting Started](#) - Articles and tutorials for MySQL beginners
- [The MySQL User Guide](#) - A user-driven guide to MySQL

Software and Development

- [Contributing Code](#) to the MySQL project
- The [MySQL Internals](#) Guide
- [Forge Projects](#) - MySQL Forge Project Wiki pages
- [GUI Tools](#) - MySQL GUI Tools
- [Storage Engines](#) - MySQL supports quite a few storage engines, and this is the one-stop resource center for them.
- [Software Preview](#) - Early access to new features
- [Specifications](#) for MySQL products.

APIs

Many programming languages provide APIs to access a MySQL Server.

- [C](#)
- [Java](#)
- [Perl](#)
- [PHP](#)
- [Python](#)
- [Ruby](#)
- [Other languages](#)

Platform-Specific

MySQL is supported on a huge variety of operating system platforms. The following categories contain platform-specific documentation, tutorials, installation instructions, and notes:

http://planet.mysql.com/

Planet MySQL - Mozilla Firefox

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http://planet.mysql.com/ Google

Planet MySQL
Your blogs, news and opinions

Home | MySQL Buzz | FAQ | Submit your blog feed | Feedback | Archive | Aggregate feed **RSS 2.0** English

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Top 20 Most Active Authors

Slides & photos of L.A. Meetup presentations of Sphinx, Mysql Sandbox & MySQL 5.1 rolling in
posted by **Joe Devon** on Sun 19 Apr 2009 07:12 UTC

We had a great meetup last night with Andrew Aksyonoff, Giuseppe Maxia and Sheeri Cabral. It was special to have so many top speakers all in one night. Here are the photos. Sheeri filmed the meetup and will have the video up soon. Her presentation was on "What's new in MySQL 5.1". Here are the slides [...]

1 Day to the MySQL UC: Journey Complete?!
posted by **Duleepa 'Dups' Wijayawardhana** on Sun 19 Apr 2009 06:18 UTC

23 days
2 provinces, 7 states
3000+ miles, 5000+ km
86+ hours in busses and trains
14 universities
400+ students, professors and sun employees

Our crack team of Giuseppe and Sheeri meanwhile accomplished the following spectacular numbers in southern California

4 universities + 1 meetup
180+ students and attendees

Giuseppe Maxia (38)
Ronald Bradford (31)
Baron Schwartz (xaprb) (29)
Arjen Lentz (25)
Mark Callaghan (25)
Duleepa 'Dups' Wijayawardhana (23)
Stewart Smith (22)
Colin Charles (21)
Domas Mituzas (20)
Sheeri K. Cabral (20)
Kaj Arnö (18)
Masood Mortazavi (17)
Peter Gulutzan (17)
Eric Day (16)
Anders Karlsson (15)
Gary Pendergast (14)
Shlomi Noach (14)
Evert Pot (13)
Johan Andersson (13)
Andrey Hristov (12)

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Quick Links

- Slides & photos of L.A. Meetup presentations of Sphinx, Mysql Sandbox & MySQL 5.1 rolling in
- 1 Day to the MySQL UC: Journey Complete?!
- Bring a Laptop to the MySQL Conference
- GlassFish and Friends at MySQL Users Conference
- Counting down the days before UC Time!!

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April 20-23, 2009
Santa Clara, CA
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MySQL Conference & Expo

Germany Spain France Italy Japan

Ask and answer:

#mysql on irc.freenode.net

<http://forums.mysql.com>

<http://lists.mysql.com>

Videos

<http://technocation.org/>

Mistreaks (Er, mistakes)

sheeri.com/archives/13

sheeri.com/archives/14

Today

Liveblog

Record Audio/Video

Conference Material

[http://forge.mysql.com/wiki/
MySQLConf2009WednesdayNotes](http://forge.mysql.com/wiki/MySQLConf2009WednesdayNotes)

#mysqlconf



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SANTA CLARA, CA



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 Join Attendee Network
 Add to Your Schedule

Sheeri K. Cabral (The Pythian Group)
9:45am Wednesday, 04/22/2009
Location: Ballroom E

Sheeri K. Cabral, a two-time winner of the MySQL Community Advocate award, passes the baton to the next generation of MySQL Community superheroes—you! Though you cannot fly or have X-ray vision, Sheeri will explain how you can make a difference in the MySQL Community without writing a single line of code.

Sheeri K. Cabral

The Pythian Group

Sheeri K. Cabral has a master's degree in computer science specializing in databases from Brandeis University. She has background as a systems administrator; has worked with Oracle, Sybase, DB2, Solaris, RedHat/Fedora, AIX, and HP-UX. Unstoppable as a volunteer and activist since age 14, Cabral founded and organizes the Boston, Massachusetts, USA, MySQL User group, and produces OurSQL: The MySQL Database Podcast for the Community, by the Community. Keep up with all this at www.technocation.org



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Fabulous keynote 9098 by @sheeri at #mysqlconf! Buying her book now, tinyurl.com/mysqlbible

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**Help because
you want to**

If you don't love it
you'll hate it.

Don't go at it alone

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