USER GROUPALOOZA

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First, an announcement...

PostgreSQL EU

http://www.postgresql.eu

Now Officially Incorporated

What's a community?

A community is a group of people that **make things** together.

PostgreSQL has a thriving developer community.

What's a User Group?

A community that meets regularly in person, to share and learn.
And drink a pint or two.

2006

- JPUG (Japanese) (2000)
- SFPUG (San Francisco) (2003)
- PostgreSQLFr (French) (2004)
- PGUG (German) (2005)

2007

- JPUG
- SFPUG
- PGUG
- PDXPUG

- PostgreSQLFr
- New Zealand (Wellington)
- ITPUG (Italian)
- Pg-EU

2008

- JPUG
- SFPUG
- PGUG
- PDXPUG
- PostgreSQLFr
- Russian

- Moroccan
- Chinese
- Atlanta
- LAPUG
- ITPUG
- NZPUG
- Dutch

- Washington DC / Baltimore
- UKPUG
- Brazil
- Venezuela
- Austin
- Peru

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What happened?

More advocacy?

Conference Booths

FOSDEM (Brussels)

SCALE (Los Angeles)

NW Linux Fest (Bellingham, WA)

FISL 9.0 (Brazil)

German Linux Expo

LUG Radio Live USA

Russian Web 2.0 conf

LinuxWorld Expo

OSCON

USENIX LISA

Greek Open Source Conference

PyCon2 (Italy)

More PostgreSQL Conferences / PgDays?

Conferences

Our own:

PostgreSQL Conference East

PgCon - Ottawa

ITPUG PgDay

PDXPUG PgDay

SFPUG PgDay

Others:

Russian Internet Technologies

OSCON

InnoTech

- Pg-EU?

- Significant driver updates? (Perl, Ruby)

- Sun / MySQL merger?

- Critical mass?

Theory:

Users viewing PostgreSQL as more of a product than an academic project.

What does that mean?

business guy using postgresql for a big health data warehousing project

likes postgresql

Innotech 2008

More Business Users

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More Casual Users

More Junior Developers

More:
Questions
Problems
Bug Reports

More:
Designers
Advocates
Raw talent

User groups help bridge the gap between core developers and end users.

User groups are a training ground for new speakers, developers and organizers.

User groups are also just fun.

User Group Resources?

- http://pugs.postgresql.org

- Mailing list hosting

- Funding through SPI, other non-profits

- pgsql-advocacy@postgresql.org

- Me!

http://pugs.postgresql.org

- Easy blogging for groups

- Create an account!

credit: bugbunnybambam on flickr

Would like to...

- Get more youth involved in PostgreSQL - Google Summer of Code and Highly Open Participation Contest

- Get more PostgreSQL books written (O'Reilly, others are interested)

- More social networking tool use

How you can help:

- **Start** a user group (IN CANADA!)

- **Blog** about PostgreSQL

- Use a **social networking tool**, talk about PostgreSQL (I'm @selenamarie on Twitter)

- Do you own a business? **Fund** User Group activity!

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