

India Community Guide



What is Community?

How does it work?

Community is a group of like minded people who come together to share knowledge over some specific or general subject areas. The process of knowledge sharing can happen either online or offline. Online sharing, typically points to the internet media and involves online user groups and discussion forums, while offline sharing happens through physical meetings, seminars and other such community events.

What is a user group?

A user group (also users group) is a type of club focused on the use of a particular technology. User groups started in the early days of mainframe computers, as a way to share sometimes hard-won knowledge and useful software, usually written by end users independently of the factory-supplied programming efforts. A users group may provide its members (and sometimes the general public as well) with one or more of the following services

- periodic meetings
- annual or less frequent users conferences
- a newsletter
- a library of media or tools
- a software archive

- technical support
- social events

User groups may be organized around a particular technology (such as Sharepoint, Windows, SQL) or they might be generic Developer, IT Pro or Database groups.

In India there are a variety of groups which are supported by three non-profit organizations;

1. INETA APAC (International .Net Association, Asia Pacific) - Supporting the .Net Developer community.
2. Culminis – Supporting the IT Pro community
3. SQL PASS - Supporting the SQL Server database community.

Culminis



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bringing IT together™

Representing over 1278 member organizations and over 4 million IT professionals, Culminis is the world's largest international not-for-profit independent organization powered by dedicated volunteers devoted to the development and growth of the IT

community by providing services to support leaders and connect user groups, associations, and student IT organizations. Culminis stands committed to the free exchange of resources, ultimately elevating the status of the IT Professional both in their industry and in the community. Culminis facilitates and promotes the development and maintenance of a partnership between IT Professionals and Microsoft.

Culminis Core Benefits:-

- **Community Development** - facilitate the continued growth of IT Pro User Groups.
- **Relationship mapping** - provide leaders a point of contact with other leaders worldwide.

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- **Event Support** - promote and sponsor user group led events.
- **Participation** - recognize & reward volunteers, leaders and user groups.
- **The VOICE** - communication and feedback received from and about the IT Pro Community.
- **LiveMeeting** - free account for user group leaders.
- **Access to User Group Support Services (UGSS)** - Speaker's Repository; Sponsorship Repository; Event Management; UG Kits in supported regions; Study Group support.

Visit <http://www.culminis.com> for more information.

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Group Focus : IT Pro
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Small Business Server, Technical Support,
Web Development, Wireless
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INETA APAC



The International .NET Association Asia Pacific (INETA APAC) provides structured, peer-based organizational, educational, and promotional support to the growing worldwide community of Microsoft .NET user group. INETA's mission is to offer assistance and resources to community groups that promote and educate their membership in Microsoft's .NET technologies. INETA welcomes user group's or special interest groups from all facets of the .NET user community including developer, architects, project managers, and IT Professionals.

INETA provides the following key benefits for it's member groups:

- Sponsorship of User Group events
- Speaker Bureau
- Best Practices via webcasts
- Free Live Meeting
- Free TechNet Direct
- Support forum for leaders
- Discounted Offerings from various vendors

Visit <http://apac.ineta.org> for more information

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Group Focus : All Microsoft Products, WPF,
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User Group : **DotNetBuzzDelhi**
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Group Focus : .NET, SQL Server, Sharepoint, etc
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Group Focus : Microsoft Technologies, .Net Framework
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- User Group** : **SQLBang**
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- Group Focus** : SQL Server and BI related topics
- URL** : <http://bdotnet.in/forums/13.aspx>



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Group Focus : .Net, SQL, MS XNA Game Studio,
MS Robotics Studio
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Group Focus : .NET

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PASS



The Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS) is an independent, not-for-profit association, dedicated to supporting, educating, and promoting the Microsoft SQL Server community. From local user groups and special interest groups (SIGs) to webcasts and the annual PASS Community Summit – the largest gathering of SQL Server professionals in the world – PASS enables knowledge sharing, in-depth learning, access to the Microsoft SQL Server team, and the ability to influence the direction of SQL Server technologies.

PASS was founded in 1999 by Microsoft and CA and continues to enjoy executive level endorsement from both organizations. As the number one user community for Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft looks to the PASS community for valued feedback, input, and inspiration.

The mission of PASS is to empower the global Microsoft SQL Server community to collaborate, learn, grow and be inspired through knowledge sharing and peer-based learning by:

- facilitating member networking and enabling unlimited exchange of information

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- working directly with Microsoft to influence the direction of SQL Server products and services
- publishing high quality, up-to-date, technical content
- providing access to over 100 local PASS Chapters, special interest groups, webcasts, newsletters, training, certification and much more
- hosting the annual PASS Community Summit – the don't-miss event of the year for the SQL Server community

Visit <http://www.sqlpass.org/> for more information.

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Group Focus : Microsoft SQL Server

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Group Focus : Microsoft Technologies .Net, SQL Server
URL : <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/DotNetChaps>



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Microsoft User Group Support Services

User Group Support Services exists for one reason and one reason alone – YOU!



Our mission is to support Developer and IT Professional User Groups worldwide in their success! User Group Support Services is not intended to be your final destination or your only destination. It is a site with a robust set of tools and information developed in close partnership with Culminis, INETA and PASS to help you manage your group, gain access to funding, speakers, sponsors and event content and connect you to user group communities worldwide. User Group Support Services is dedicated and committed to serving technical user group communities worldwide.

Get Extra \$ for Your Events!

Microsoft, in partnership with Culminis, INETA and PASS now offers funding for your next community-led event! Whether it's a monthly user group meeting, a product launch event, or a code camp - whatever the format, invite UGSS!

» Get People at Your Events!

Add your events to our new robust global events calendar and gain publicity for your events worldwide. This calendar is synced with the Community Megaphone event calendar and will soon expose events listed on additional community calendars such as Culminis, INETA, PASS and perhaps even yours!

» Get Great Stuff to Show!

You are a very busy, dedicated community leader. You need content for your meetings and time is a premium commodity. Take advantage of our services for your next meeting and we can provide the content! Our content library is growing... check in monthly to see what's new!

Visit: <http://www.UserGroupSupportServices.com> for more information.

Microsoft Most Valuable Professional Award Program



Independent Experts. Real World Answers.

The Microsoft MVP Award recognizes exceptional technical community leaders who foster the free and objective exchange of knowledge by actively sharing their real world expertise with users and Microsoft.

MVPs are exceptional technical community leaders from around the world who are awarded for voluntarily sharing their high quality, real world expertise in offline and online technical communities. Microsoft MVPs form a highly select group of experts, representing the technical community's best and brightest. They share a deep commitment to community and a willingness to help others.

MVPs give Microsoft many times more valuable feedback than others, to help improve products. They are vocal and independent and represent the voice of thousands in the community. They are trusted, passionate, and highly knowledgeable familiar with the real world solutions to issues, and thus reaching out to millions of technology users. MVPs know the real world solutions to issues and help users solve their own problems. MVPs also run user groups and speak at events.

Over 100 million people take part in technical communities every year and

on an average MVPs answer around 20% of the questions in Microsoft Forums. Microsoft awards around 4000 MVPs in over 90 countries, speaking over 30 languages and across nearly 90 technology areas. Over 65% of MVPs are outside the USA with around 130 in South Asia.

The program helps MVPs to realize their full potential through accelerated adoption and productive use of Microsoft technologies. The MVPs expect higher quality 'everything', are eager to participate and hear from other customers. They want to be heard and responded to, and want Microsoft to know them and recognize their contribution.

Know more about the MVP Program at:
<http://www.microsoft.com/india/mvp>
and know the latest activity by the MVPs at:
<http://blogs.technet.com/southasiamvp>

