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What is a Meetup?

[Propose a Meetup for ApacheCon NA 2011!](#)

An Apache Meetup is defined as:

- Organized by the members of the project community itself
- Covering an Apache project (like Wicket, Cocoon, Jackrabbit, Portals, etc)
- Having an open agenda, for which anyone can propose a talk, covering a wide range of subjects
- Bring together a diverse crowd: committers, users and people merely interested in a specific project or technology
- Free or 'real cheap' for attendees (depending on sponsoring or location; [ApacheCon](#) Meetups are free)

Also, Meetups generally:

- Happen during evenings or in off-peak hours
- Are supposed to be fun 😊

Things that worked out well in previous Meetups:

- Keep it short: short talks of about 15 to 30 minutes in length keep the audience's attention
- Publicise your meetup (responsibly - no spam!) in relevant mailing lists or wikis
- Have a wiki-like homepage where people can register interest or talks ahead of time

Examples of Past Successful Meetups

Reminder: Meetups hosted in the evenings at [ApacheCon](#) are usually free to attend and don't require registration (although it always helps to signup on the individual meetup page!)

- [ApacheCon](#) US 09 Meetups <http://wiki.apache.org/apachecon/ApacheMeetupsUs09>
- [ApacheCon](#) EU09 MeetUps <http://wiki.apache.org/apachecon/ApacheMeetupsEu09>
- The Cocoon [GetTogether](#) 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- [Wicket Meetup](#) 2007, [Wicket Meetup](#) 2008