

Podcast Script: New Developer Resources

Welcome to this 60 second Sugar snippet. My name is Susie Williams. Today we'll cover some upcoming improvements to the Sugar developer community. We'll go over some new resources that we are building for you, and we'll highlight some new items that others have made that can help you get started as a Sugar developer or administrator.

First of all, we've been working hard all summer to revamp and retool some of the main community resources. You may have noticed the facelift we gave SugarExchange.com earlier this summer. We have redesigned the site so it's clean, simple, and easy to navigate. The Featured Listings are at the top, and you can see the most recent listings a little further down on the page. You can browse by Category, Designation (such as Certified or Featured listings), Edition or Version, so you can find the right product to fit your needs and environment.

One new item on SugarExchange that you may have missed is a great new book by Dr. Mark Alexander Bain. He has written a fantastic step-by-step guide entitled the [*SugarCRM Developer's Manual*](#) and it's really a great resource for learning how to develop a module and how to make common customizations. We at Sugar have no affiliation with this book other than being reviewers during the editing process. The book has gotten high marks from the Sugar community so far and we think it's a worthwhile addition to your library.

Now, on to SugarForge.org. We are working on lots of improvements in this area and you'll start to see some changes in the next month as we get closer to the release of Sugar 5.0. One of the most exciting updates is to the Downloads area. We're putting in a "Downloads Wizard" to guide you through the maze of choices that we offer for downloading the product and the LAMP stack. Of course, we'll still offer the old, tried and true Downloads page if you know what you're looking for and just want to get to a particular package. Coupled with the Downloads Wizard is a new optional program we're setting up to help guide you through the installation and setup process. You'll be able to request the right documentation, training and adoption materials at each step in the process, and we'll coach you with the next steps after each part of the setup. We think this will be a valuable service to folks who are new to Sugar, and based on its success, we'll extend the concept to other areas.

Another big project that we are undertaking just in time for the 5.0 release is a new developer-centric site. It will be a one-stop shop for all developer-related information, from manuals to "how-to" guides to video tutorials on new 5.0 features. The tutorials will include segments on Business Logic hooks, field level access controls, the new charting engine, the meta-driven UI, and the new, highly anticipated Module Builder, to name a few. We will also have links to other relevant developer sites such as [*Getting Started with MySQL*](#) and [*Getting Started with Linux*](#) so you can learn more about the other component pieces of the LAMP stack. We want to have one gathering spot for pointers to all this great information that's scattered throughout the Sugar universe.

Special thanks go to Lam and Julian for building the framework for these new and improved sites. So go out and enjoy the rest of your summer, or winter if you're in the Southern Hemisphere, and we'll have some great new tools for you soon!

And that's your 60 second Sugar snippet. Goodbye!