

SugarCRM: Sixty Second Sugar Snippets

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Welcome to this sixty second Sugar Snippet. This is SugarCRM co-founder Clint Oram and today's topic will be the Sugar Community Update for September 2008.

Hot on the heels of the release of Sugar 5.1 in August, the Sugar development team has released the new Developer Guide. The first definitive developer manual authored by the Sugar team, the Sugar Developer Guide is the starting place for developers who are new to SugarCRM. The guide provides details on the structure of the Sugar platform code and how to extend and customize it. The Sugar Developer Guide stems from the documentation work first started by the community on the Sugar Wiki. The Sugar dev team then expanded on that effort to bring you this guide. We would like to thank everybody in the community who helped participate to make this guide possible.

The Developer Guide is the authoritative resource for SugarCRM developers. It covers the application and module framework in detail and devotes a very thorough chapter to customizing Sugar. Topics include describing the code directory structure in detail, describing the internals of the Sugar metadata, deconstructing the Model View Controller framework and how to package customizations for installation using the Module Loader. Look for it today at <http://developers.sugarcrm.com>.

Now over to what's new in the community. Definitely some exciting stuff happening there. The September SugarForge Project of the Month comes from Patrick Dight, an IT consultant based in Ireland who implements SugarCRM for a living. Patrick has built the [JustCRMs project](#) which provides time entry and invoice creation capabilities to SugarCRM. Organizations would use this Sugar add-on to track the amount of time their service professionals spend working for a particular client and then gives them the ability to issue an invoice directly from the record within Sugar. Very useful indeed, no doubt about it. Visit <http://sugarforge.org> to download this module now.

Now for other notable news in the community. It's all happening around version 5.1 of Sugar, again just released last month. Almost all of the language pack projects have released their updates for the 5.1 release including the French, Spanish, Dutch, Swedish, Finnish and Russian language packs. Several of the top projects have also released their updates for Sugar 5.1 including ZuckerReports, the Enhanced Search projects and Starface. Be sure to check out SugarForge.org on a daily basis for the latest announcements.

This concludes this month's installment of the SugarCRM Community Update. I wish you all a good day and happy coding.

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