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MEETUP FACTS

What is a Meetup? It's a local gathering of a group of people brought together by a common interest, typically over coffee or a beer.

Where are Meetups? Meetups happen in hundreds of cities around the world, including cafes, bars, bowling alleys, donut shops and other places. People vote online on where their local Meetup will take place.

How are Meetup venues picked? Participants vote on where the local Meetup will be. The service offers three possible local spots, and then chapter members vote on the location they prefer. After voting closes, members get e-mail announcing the winning venue and reminding them to confirm their attendance or send their regrets.

When are Meetups? Most Meetups are weekday evenings or Saturdays. Meetups on the same topic are on the same day everywhere. Most topics have a Meetup day every month.

Are Meetups free? Yes.

Who leads the Meetup? Nobody. Meetups are informal; it's peers talking to peers. Most Meetups have volunteer hosts who make things go smoothly; but think of it as a casual get-together, not an official meeting.

Where can I get more information? Go to <http://www.meetup.com>.

Note

There are meetups for various forms of dance.