

rubyweekend

january 28–29, 2012



Response Summary

Total Started Survey: 17
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1. Would you recommend Ruby Weekend to a friend who wants to learn how to program?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		94.1%	16
No		5.9%	1
		answered question	17
		skipped question	0

2. How did you hear about this event?

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answered question	17
skipped question	0

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3. Before Ruby Weekend, rate your programing skill level?


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	None	Very little	Some	Know another language	Know several languages	Rating Average	Response Count
Your Programing Skill	17.6% (3)	47.1% (8)	17.6% (3)	11.8% (2)	5.9% (1)	2.41	17
answered question							17
skipped question							0

4. How did you feel about the pace of the event?



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	Too Slow	Just About Right	Too Fast	Rating Average	Response Count
Answer	0.0% (0)	64.7% (11)	35.3% (6)	2.35	17
answered question					17
skipped question					0

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5. Please Rate Day One (Ruby)

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	Not good	Average	Great	Outstanding	Rating Average	Response Count
Opinion	0.0% (0)	41.2% (7)	52.9% (9)	5.9% (1)	2.65	17
answered question						17
skipped question						0

6. Please Rate Day Two (Rails)

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	Not good	Average	Great	Outstanding	Rating Average	Response Count
Opinion	5.9% (1)	23.5% (4)	35.3% (6)	35.3% (6)	3.00	17
answered question						17
skipped question						0

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7. Do you plan to continue learning Ruby? If so, what do you plan to do with the knowledge you learned during Ruby Weekend?

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“It depends. It seems to me that the app we deployed today can be done using a CMS such as Wordpress.”

“Yes, I want to build my own apps.”

“Yes, ultimately, I'd like to build an app to mine basic marketing data for a company I work with, and possibly look at putting together a basic e-commerce site.”

“Yes, hack some simple ruby apps.”

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“Yes, will you help still?”

“I plan to keep up with Ruby, but will likely not develop much in it. I am more interested in developing my PHP skills for use at my job.”

“Yes, I will continue. I will buy a book to better understand the basics.”

“Yes”

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“Yes. Will use it at work.”

“Yes. Attending more classes and diving in the books.”

“Yes. Plan on understanding what the developers that are building my site are doing.”

“Yes. I have a web app I would like to create on my own.”

“Yes I do”

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“fuck yes. build shit.”

“yes. I plan to further develop my current website”



“Not sure. Might stick to php since its used at my current job while Ruby is not.”

“Yes. I have a web app I would like to create on my own.”


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8. How do you prefer to learn during an event like this?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
I prefer to write code as we go along.		88.2%	15
I prefer to watch someone else write code and follow along.		11.8%	2
		Other (please specify) Show Responses	3
answered question			17
skipped question			0

9. Did Ruby Weekend meet you expectations?

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	Fell far short	No	Yes	Far exceeded	Rating Average	Response Count
Answer	0.0% (0)	5.9% (1)	64.7% (11)	29.4% (5)	3.24	17
answered question						17
skipped question						0

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“I thought the first day was OK. I have a little bit of a programming background and found the pace to be fine for learning the Ruby language. However, I think the instructors should have first explained algorithms and programming. A concept as simple as for loops went way over some other people's heads in my opinion. The second day was a bit too fast when jumping into the Rails framework. I think it would help to have a tutorial in PDF form so no one will get lost. As far as app building in the 2nd half of the day, I felt the instructors were telling us to "copy this code and make sure this works" instead of making sure we understand why this works. I would venture to guess that 90% of the attendees didn't understand what was going on by the end. All in all, I appreciate all the effort put forth by the Las Vegas Ruby Group and look forward to improvements in the class.”

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“You gave us so much excellent info. The projects were perfect for this level and the overall build was great to see. I do not know/understand what the code was doing, but I don't mind that. I was very happy to see the outcomes. I wil fill in my knowledge later. I was happy to be here and amazed at how much you were will to share (for free). I feel privileged actually. I would recommend to teach reall 'newbies' like me in two weekends?? I don't know?? I wanted to know the details and knowing only part of it was difficult for me to 'move on'. although i say that, did appreciate the overall and you going forward with the whole process, otherwise, imagine, I would be stuck way back at the beginning. Thanks for everything, it was very good for me.”

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“The weekend felt a little unbalanced. It seemed somewhat slow and remedial the first day, and then really advanced and fast-paced the next day. I think that initial configuration issues were at fault. We dwelled on Ruby concepts a little too much initially at the expense of rushing through Rails. Don't get me wrong, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned a ton! It's obvious that you guys know your stuff, and are very accomplished presenters. It was a lot to try to accomplish in a short weekend.”

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“Totally enjoyed it. See you @ the meetup.”

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“Break up into 2 groups - one for people with programming experience in other languages and one for people with no experience. The experienced people asked questions that made me feel more lost. As a non programmer, it felt like the basics are still way over my head. Would have been nice to keep on the basics learning until the concepts clicked rather than watching lectures about what things meant without any practical application. I did not expect to be able to code at the end of the event (still can't) but I still enjoyed my time. All the guys were very friendly and helpful. I look forward to working with you guys in the future as I learn more.”

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“I would recommend starting out with a "key" that clearly shows the common names used, such as method, object, instance, occurrence, helper, symbols, etc. * call more attention to things that are ruby defined, as opposed to user defined * maybe have three examples of each thing being reviewed, such as different blocks and iterators.”

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“- hard to follow when variable names look similar to each other :/ - probably a good thing to know at the start would be how to comment so we could take notes directly on code while typing - handouts of slides before each presentation so we can take notes on the slides (maybe?) - all in all, great job!! learned a lot. Thanks!”

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“Everything I expected and more. You guys are great fun and super presenters! And even though I really couldn't explain a method yet to save my life (I feel I have a good shot at a Class though,) I have a better grasp, just going through this with you guys is a great start. I'm inspired. This was super fun. Don't change a thing.”

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“You had great presenters. Jeremy was especially exceptional. Overall, everyone who presented and organized did a great job. The value of your 2 day conference far exceeds the \$50. I've paid \$1,000+ for conferences where I learned less!”

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“relax u did good”

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“With this being the first event, it was a great success. A lot of materials were covered and there was enough support from the instructors to get us through troubleshooting. There were some issues on the first day that did impact the schedule. However, it is to be expected for the first time.”

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“The pace was brisk to say the least, but it had to be that way due to the time constraints. Could almost do with doing this over two consecutive weekends with some tasks to keep people fresh during the week. Teachers were patient and did a great job. Thanks for a great experience.”

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“It was good. The VM environment was too slow and caused too many problems. I think you'd be better off having everyone set up the environment and run complete rather than the Linux Virtual.”

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“setup/test people's machines prior to first day of class.”

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“I realize that this was a first time run and know that timing and "preparation" issues will be handled better in the future!”

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“Great work.”

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“Breaks should always be included in the schedule.”

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