Survey Results - TL

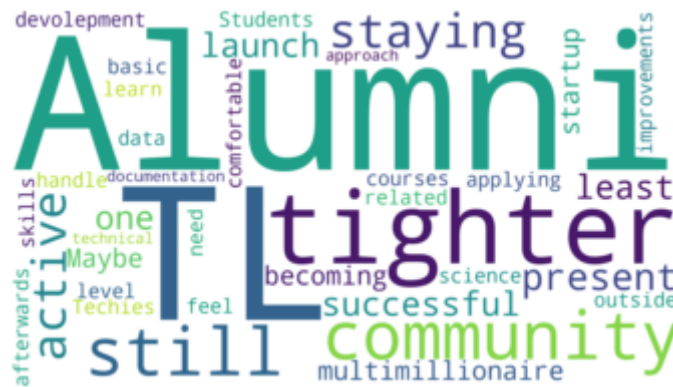What motivates you to volunteer with TechLabs?

TL leads are motivated by being able to make an impact and help others to change their life or career. They want to support, guide and pass on their own knowledge. Volunteering helps them grow individually as well and lets them refresh their own knowledge. The community aspect is admired.

What do you think are the students' motivations and goals when the project phase is done?

It is regarded as difficult to keep contact with Techies after the project has finished, so it is considered hard to tell. Most participants are sure that Techies will apply for jobs after the project phase. Some want to keep learning as well, especially the ones with high ambitions.

Which improvements would you like to see after the project phase?

Generally it is wished that people (Alumni) stay more active after the project ending and launch the projects in reality! A further development of projects is considered a valuable improvement, as well as better documentation.

What do you like the most about the end/completion of the project phase?

TL leads love the fact that they can see proud students who were able to finish their tough projects. During that time, many Techies build up additional competencies though hands-on experience as well as being able to experiment.

What do you like the least about the end/completion of the project phase?

There is a large consensus that there is a gap after the final deliverables, the projects are discontinued and some students even get stuck completely and stop putting effort into their own development. One lead wishes that TL had more resources to support Alumni after the project phase for exactly that reason. Also, there are no gatherings on Tuesdays anymore :)

How do you perceive the communication between you and the students after the tracks have finished? Why do you think this is so?

It is perceived that communication gets lost after the projects, some people even log out from the Slack channels and never attend an event again. There is the wish about more resources / volunteers to address and support Alumni after the project phase. Generally, communication is considered relatively low even before the project phase.
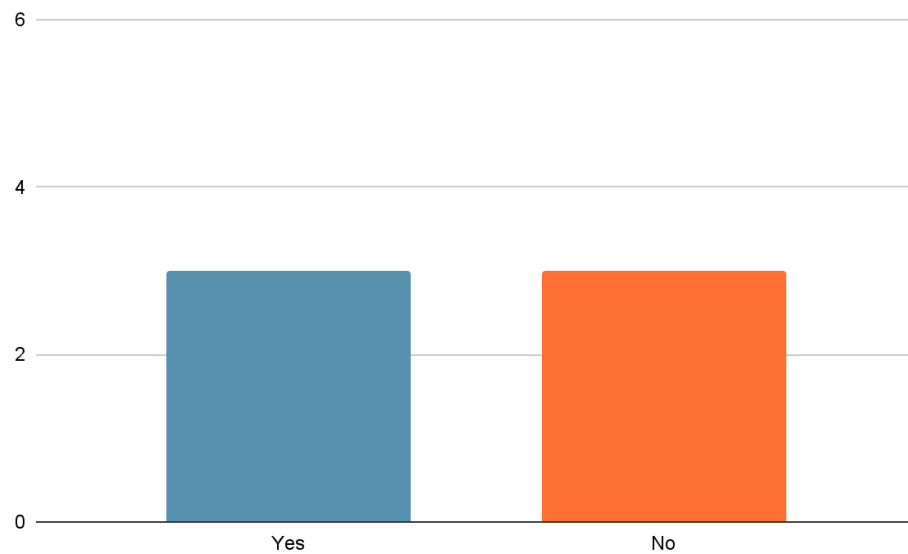
From a scale from 01 (poor) to 05 (high) how would you rate the quality of the documentation of the final projects?

Based on this question, what could be done differently?

There are not many suggestions here except for looking up good GitHub repos for inspiration on what a good documentation looks like.

How would you rate the motivation of students to continue with their projects post Techlabs from your experience? 01 (unmotivated) to 05 (highly motivated).

If you could present the final projects of students outside Github, what would you like them to look like? What information/data to include? Would you even choose to present them outside Github in the first place?

There is a strong urge to present the projects while GitHub is considered a good medium especially for employers who can look at code snippets. Additional presentation with visual elements or videos are considered helpful. Also, it would help to put a usable version of the prototype online so interested people can test them.

Desired content for such a platform: challenge, solution, outcome, method used, audience (focussing on the process)

Do you think there is enough public visibility of Techlab's project portfolio, the people behind student projects and the Techlab's team?

If your previous answer was NO, please provide some ideas you might have for improvement.

- Reason might be that TL only existed for 2 years and no marketing campaigns have been run
- Increase social media presence
- Hackathons
- Scholarships