

October 2024 Denver Dev Day

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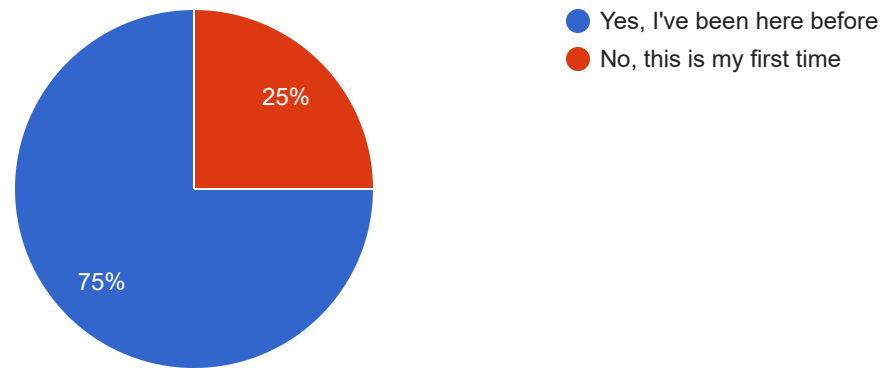
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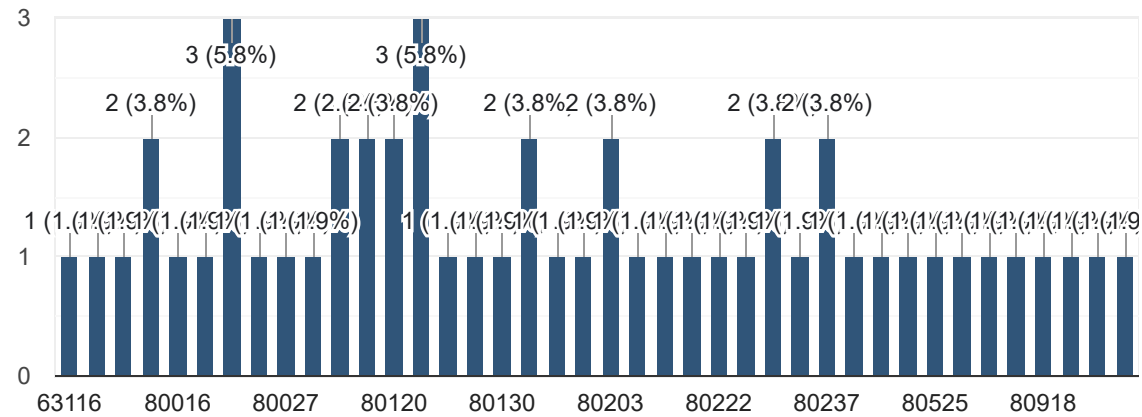
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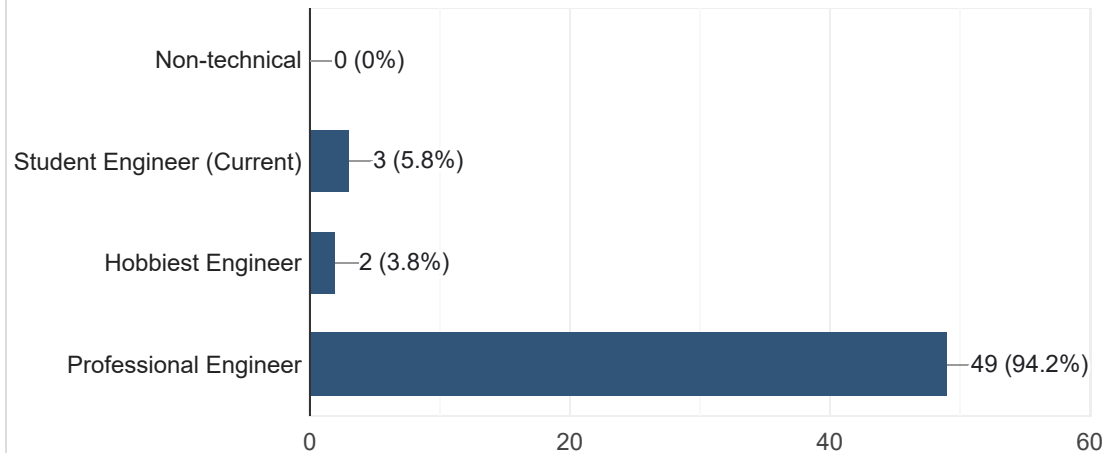
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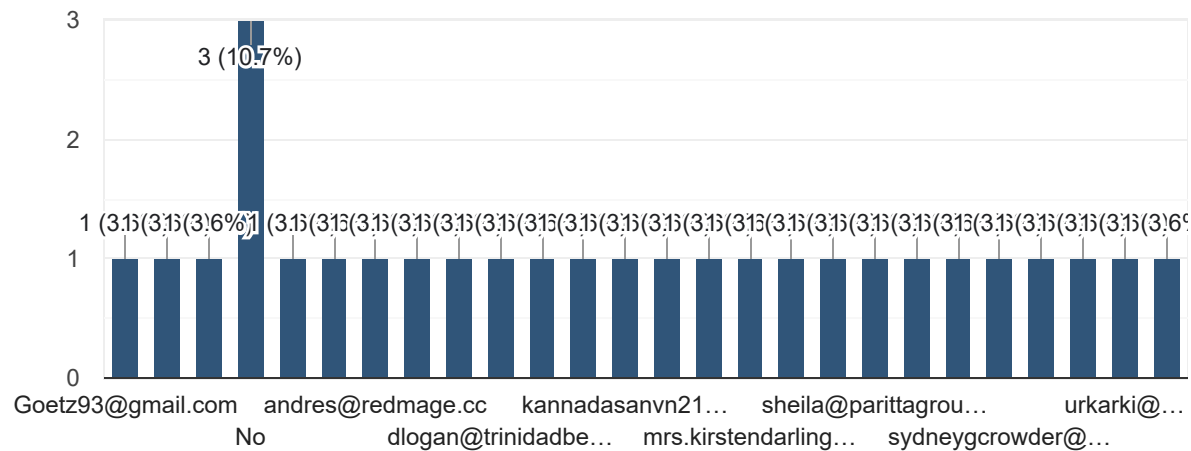
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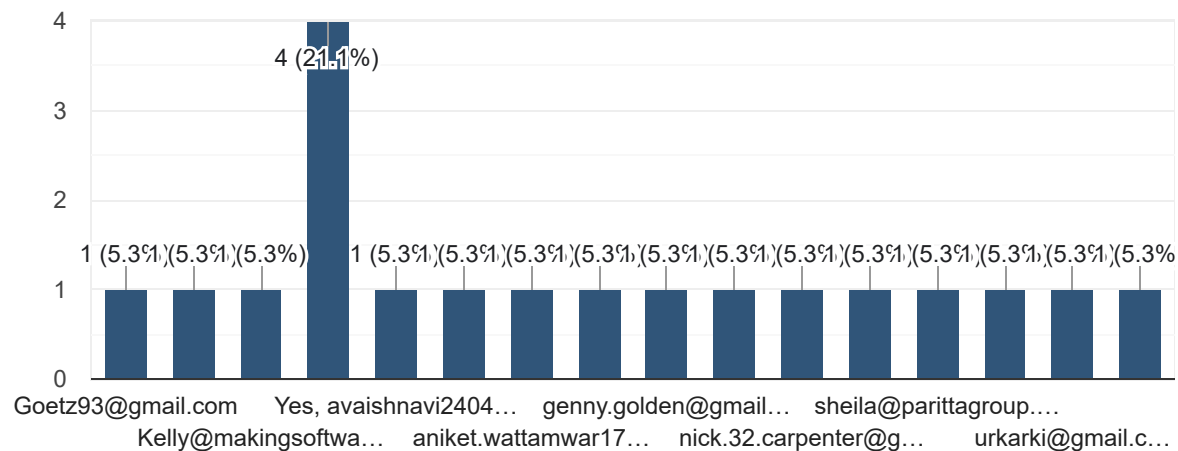
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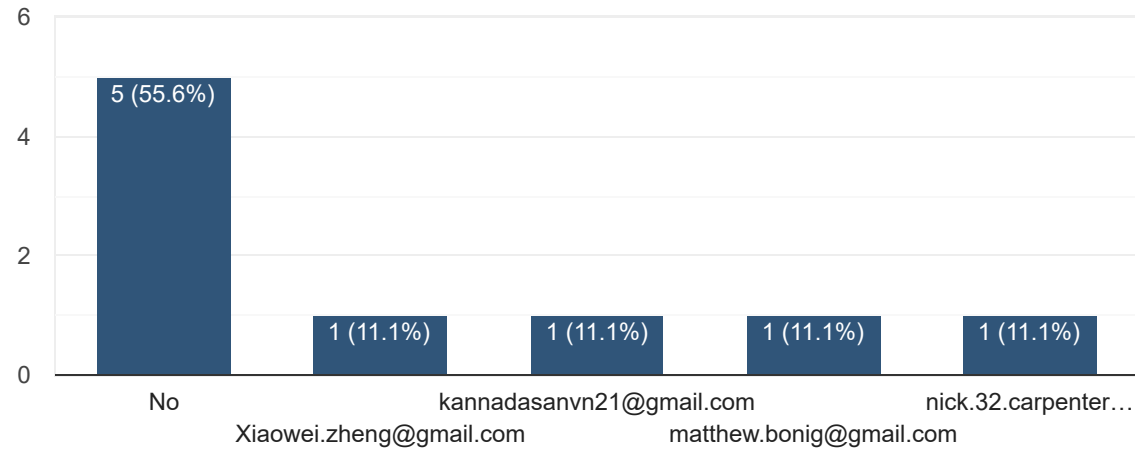
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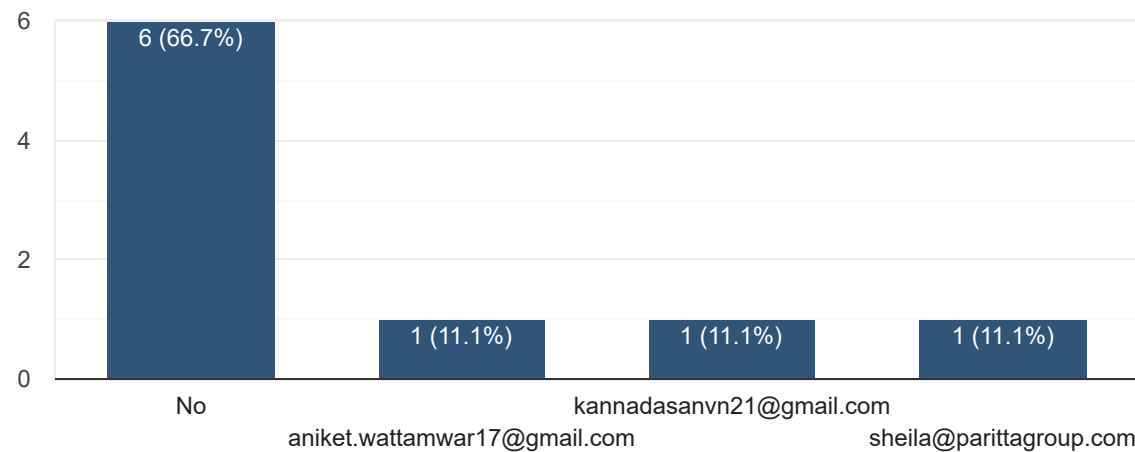
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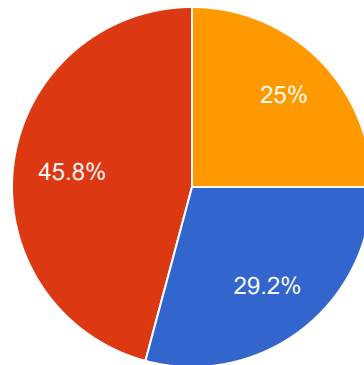


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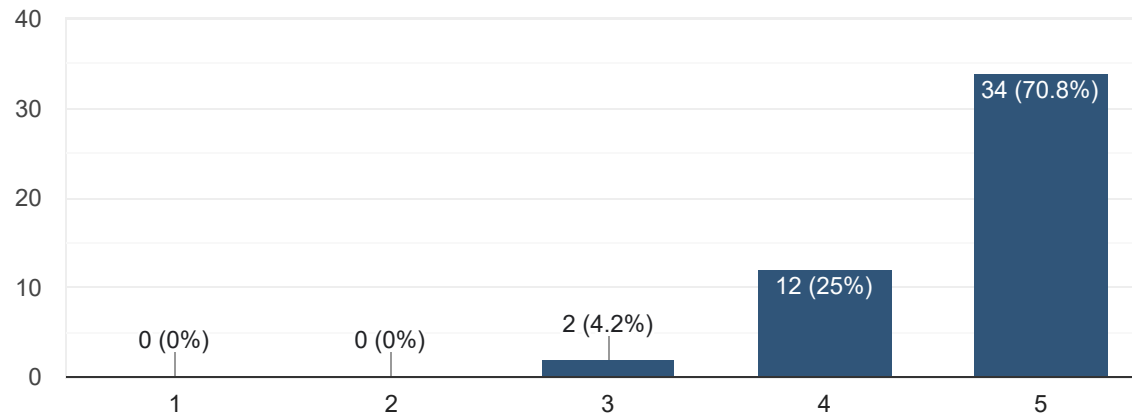


- Maroon 1: From DataOps to DataOps: Managing Your Database Code with SQL Database Projects - Jason Ho...
- Maroon 2: Get started integrating AI into your .NET apps with Semantic Kernel - Laurie Atkinson
- Pyramid Peaks: Building the Right Features & Unlocking User Satisfaction - Devon Se...

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No bullshit style presentation!

Great presentation. I am excited to check the semantic kernel out!

One of the best presentations of the day. Great demos.

Workbooks are awesome!

Great talk. Thank you for clarifying what platforms you can run things on. I'm on a Mac and greatly appreciate the info!

I love how much time you left for discussion

The way Laurie walked through different use cases with Semantic Kernel was very helpful.

very interesting topic, well presented

Laurie did a great job of rolling with some technical issues with the projector. It didn't phase her and she was able to continue. Very interesting topic since I recently worked on a POC doing something similar, but using different technology. This answered some questions I had on how we could do more. Thanks for the timely talk!

I thought Devon was engaging, took the time to answer questions and presented the material well. It was interesting and relevant to what I am working on. I also appreciate being able to download the PDF. The only issue I would say is not cuss so much, but that's just me!

Please curse less.

Content was pretty good but it didn't really flow well.

Very cool demo. can't wait to try it out myself.

Knows topic. Manage time to allow for q&a.

Real and comprehensive examples how to use AI almost in any app.

Thanks for the talk! A smidge over my head, but I'm an early career front end dev, so that's ok.

speaker approachable style made the technical content easy to understand and kept me engaged throughout.

Excellent presentation and I loved the use of the progressively extending demos (plugins, prompt templates, etc).

Good

I loved the presentation and Laurie's energy! Great demonstration of integration AI into an application

Great material and very well presented. This session gave me some great ideas.

A solid session pumped full of good information that explained the concepts well and helped give good examples.

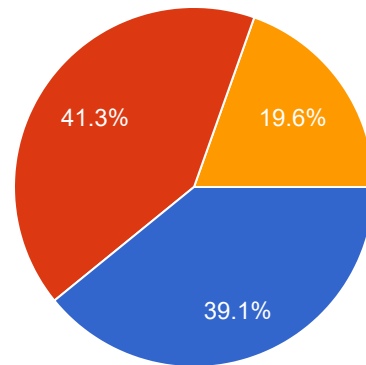
Great talk. Loved the demos and how they build on each other

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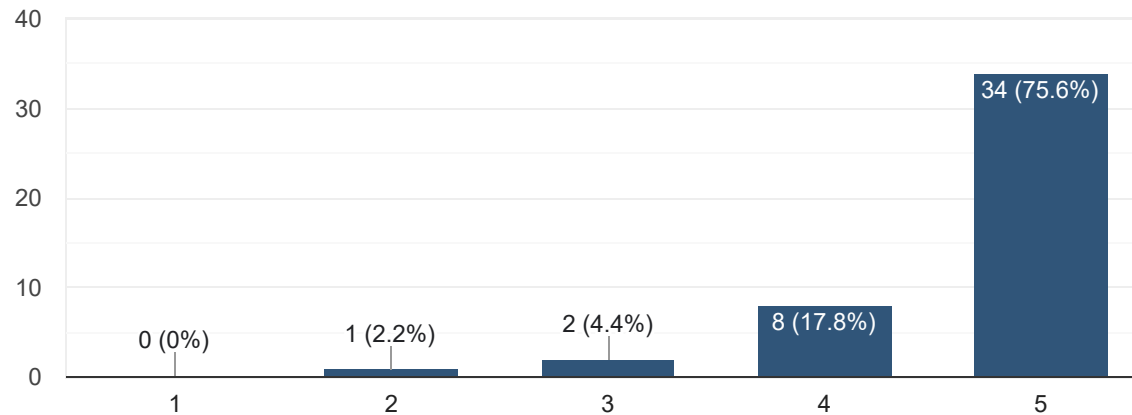


- Maroon 1: Architecture 101 - Jerry Nixon
- Maroon 2: Leveraging LangChain and AWS Bedrock: Crafting Custom Chatbots for Specialized Data - Aniket Wattamwar
- Pyramid Peaks: Data Quality Management Best Practices - Cher Fox

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Great info

Great presentation and I will keep researching this on aws. Thank you.

Excellent as always

Too many assumptions about prior knowledge were made.

Great talk. Very engaging. Helped to clarify a business/leadership perspective on the data processing and the value of clean data.

Thank you, lots to think about

I loved the story telling actually. From the early day architectures to how it evolved was very helpful

as always, a fantastic speaker on any subject

Aniket is very knowledgeable on his subject. A good deal of it went over my head, but there were several questions asked and he was able to quickly give appropriate answers. I was able to gain a little more insight in to the AWS services which my company has been using on a recent project. Thanks!

Very good overview of AWS ecosystem and how to run a chatbot using it. Btw try not to share your private keys :)

Jerry was engaging and very informative and personable. He gave a lot of good information that is beneficial to my role. i appreciate him giving us the link to the slides. I thought the

pacing was good too - not so simple we lose interest but not too fast where it flies over our head. He explained Acronyms and terms well making it easy to understand.

Jerry was a pleasure to listen to. For 101 might talk a little about how this would be applied in small companies.

I like how he used a real life example (one of his hobbies) for the demo.

Some simple visuals to support even a couple of the points each slide would be valuable

Excellent presentation. Wish we had more time to go a little in depth but this gives us a lot of thinks about.

Impression that presenter has some experience with RAG but Devil hides in details. It would be great to know why he chose this or that model for RAG, how they differ, what are suitable for what, how chunk size effects.

Jerry is my favorite! Always so engaging and easy to follow! This is my second time hearing this talk (I came back because it was so good the first time 😊). Very very helpful for a dev like me!

It's an informative and enjoyable session.I just loved it.

Loved the presentation the summarizes concepts I use on the daily, giving me a better method of presenting these concepts.

Questions

Felt a bit like a marketing demonstration, but Cher was a good presenter.

The presenter gave great high-level information and we very entertaining.

A solid presentation, but I am a total data management newbie, so many concepts went over my head.

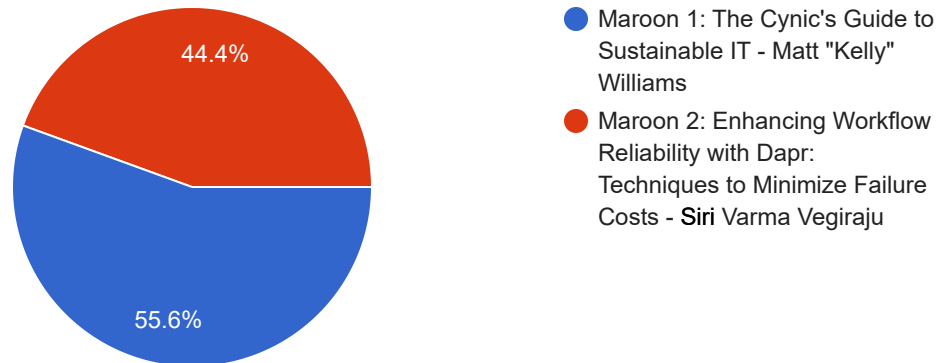
Wow. Lots of info. I'll have to see where I can start at my company

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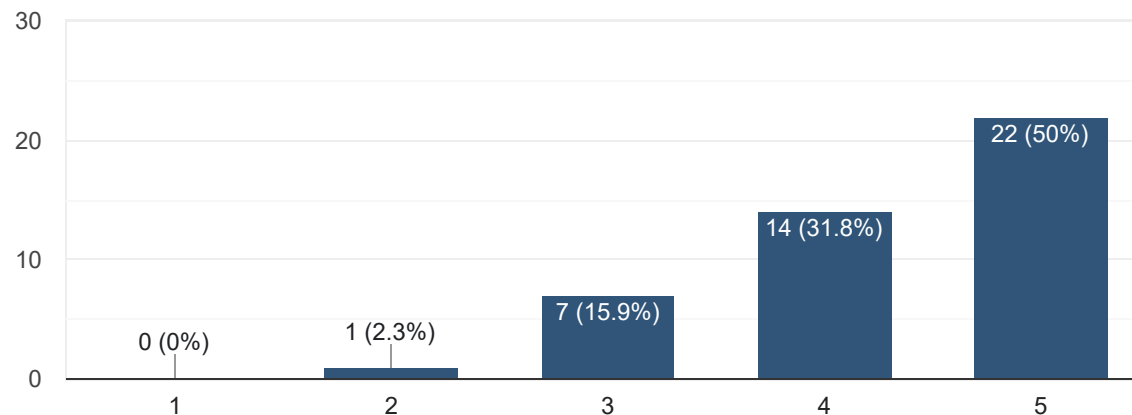
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I loved this session and have honestly never thought about sustainability in IT before this.
Thank you.

'Very informative.

Awesome quick intro to dapr workflows. I can already think of a few way to use this right away!
Thank you.

It would be nice to contrast Dapr with cloud based workflow services and state machine pattern.

Loved this talk. Very modern and relevant. Loved that it was presented with a cash/profit first methodology. These practices match my values, but my company definitely cares more about profit than matching progressive or modern values, as do most. This gave me great business-first benefits that I can use to pitch greener practices to my company's leadership.

Cool talk

I liked it very much....

5 star for my talk :wink

Siri was knowledgeable in his subject. I had heard of dapr before but wasn't familiar with what it does..this helped with an intro.Thanks!

The presentation was informative and useful but hardly cynical

Quick and to the point. Practical advice. Easy to follow and understand.

Didn't feel the bulk of the talk didn't apply well to the audience.

Just managing time against the allotted time. If 20 minutes, the last 3 minutes were rushed.

Powerful framework but too shallow demo. Would like to see more use cases.

Thanks!

Wasn't very technical. Would have preferred to see code.

Couldn't understand accent.

Session was straightforward and very useful.

I would have liked to maybe see more demos or examples since the presentation went very quickly.

Good

Interesting stuff, but I probably needed to do some research on Dapr beforehand.

An enjoyable talk with a good message. From the title I thought that the topic was going to be more of a cynical approach, but ended with a more heartfelt presentation.

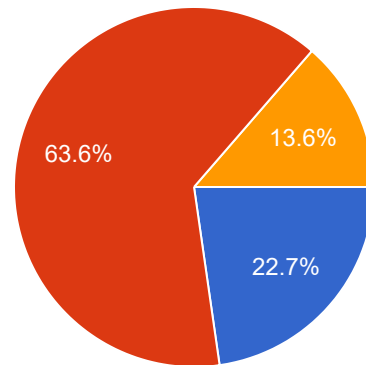
Loved it.

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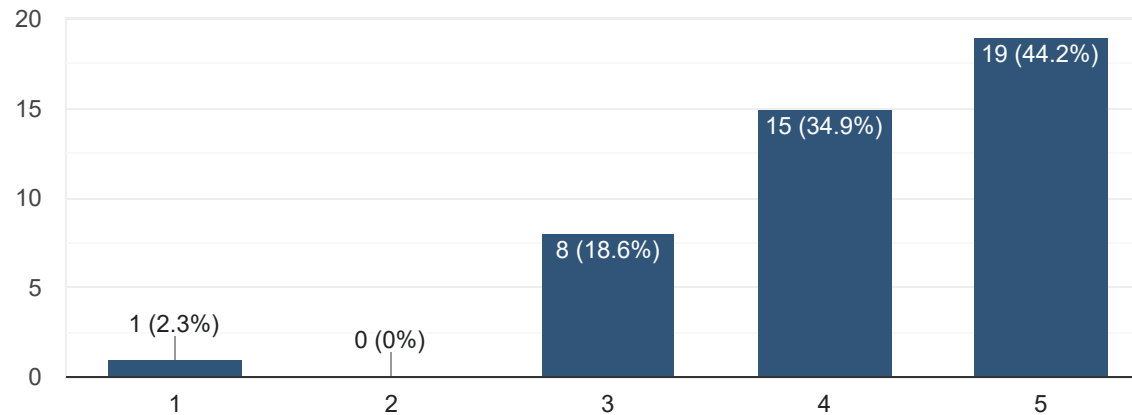


- Maroon 1: Continuous Integration with Local Agents and Azure DevOps - Steve Jones
- Maroon 2: Mastering AI Your Way: Custom GitHub Copilot for Tailored Coding Power - Rinat Shagisultanov
- Pyramid Peaks: A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To Product Market Fit - Jaxon Re...

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thank you for presenting

Fascinating topic. Thank you

I still didn't quite understand what this can be used for.

Thorough and inspiring. Of all the talks so far, this is the one that makes me want to go home and try to integrate the things that I've learned ASAP. This is my favorite kind of tech, the kind that gets you excited about what all you can build with it. I can see so many benefits and use cases for creating custom copilot extensions.

It's fun to hear about the journey. Some good tips, I like the POC tip

The demo was particularly helpful in understanding how Copilot works in the background

Was that interesting to see how GitHub copilot can be extended. Have not use copilot yet, so this may come in handy in the future. Thank you.

Went 15 mins over time.

Made good use of slides. Slides contained a lot of information which can be good and bad. The projector kept popping out. The speaker understandably seemed frustrated. The speaker did not try to engage with the audience outside of the presentation. It felt more like a lecture than a collaboration.

Was a little disjointed but had some good nuggets.

good primer

Hard to follow

I'm so excited to hear more about all things GitHub copilot, so I was happy to see this on the agenda! Looking into the conference you mentioned for next week. Thanks!

Good session! It was easy to follow, and I took away some useful points

Interesting to see what's on the horizon with CoPilot, and has me interested in attending this years GitHub U

Nice

Felt a little marketing driven

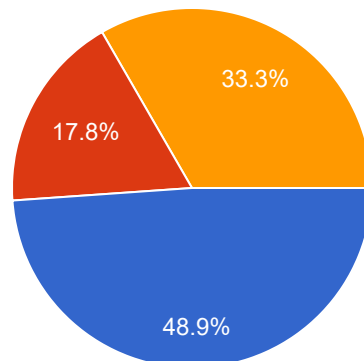
Great material and very well presented. This session could have been a full-length session.

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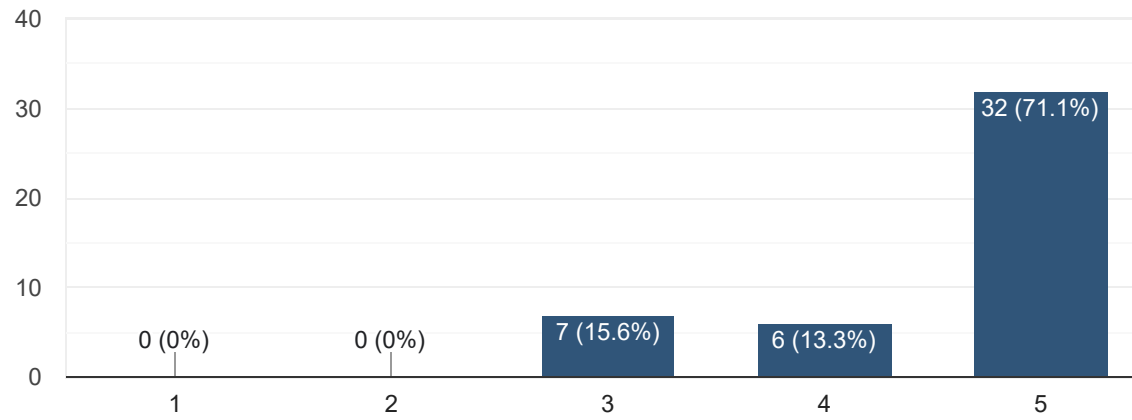


- Maroon 1: Explaining the Acronym Soup of AI, OSS, and RAG - Joe Mayo
- Maroon 2: Fusion Development w/Power Platform: Balancing Low-Code and Code-First Solutions in the Enterprise - Sheila Shahpari
- Pyramid Peaks: Simplified Animations on the Web - Mike Hartington

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Very good liked the approach and plugability

Thank you for the great intro Sheila!

Great presentation. Good examples.

I'm a web dev (React) first, data champion second, and .NET learner third aka Jill of all trades. I loved seeing a web focused talk in the mix. AI and .NET are super cool but so are web animations! Love the representation. Enjoyed learning the history/succession of animation tools. Literally did not notice the animations section of the web inspector until this talk enlightened me.

A nice overview and history

Thank you for helping understand RAG

Joe helped to reinforce some of the concepts I picked up in some of the other sessions today. He gave some good explanation of how some of the pieces got together. Helpful. Thanks!

Best talk of the conference with great examples!!!

11/10 well done

Informative session with a lot of good demos. Interactive and personable speaker.

This was pretty dry but I was here because none of the sessions for this time were of interest to me.

10 minutes (20%) spent on history which was maybe 5% of the content value. Otherwise, good

content. Even a glimpse into the apps/UI would have been helpful.

Wish we could do a little more indepth demo, I got stuck into signing in Microsoft One drive when running the MSGraphdemo ...

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Starting on the OneDrive File System Document Source

To sign in, use a web browser to open the page <https://microsoft.com/devicelogin> and enter the code BERB7U9AE to authenticate.

used the code to authenticate but no luck ...

Comprehensive explanation how RAG works why it is needed with code examples and where to

Thanks!

It was clear and to the point

Good presentation but felt a little too much like a pitch for the open source project, as opposed to breaking down the concepts and using the project as an example.

Cool

A great history lesson on web animations and some good info on View Transitions.

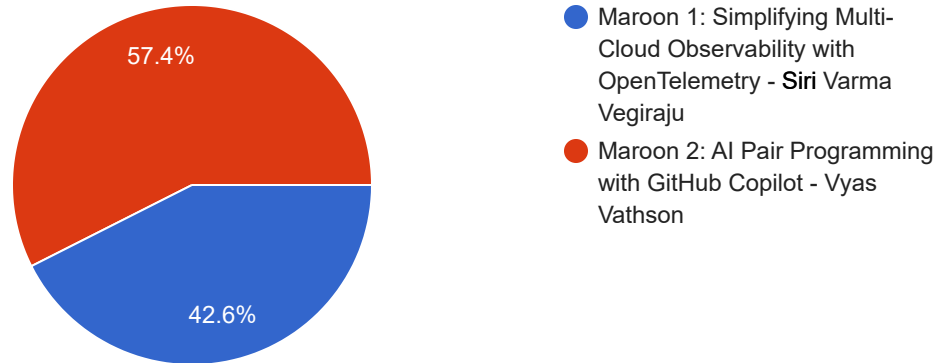
Best talk of the day. Great information and examples that included a good discussion among everyone.

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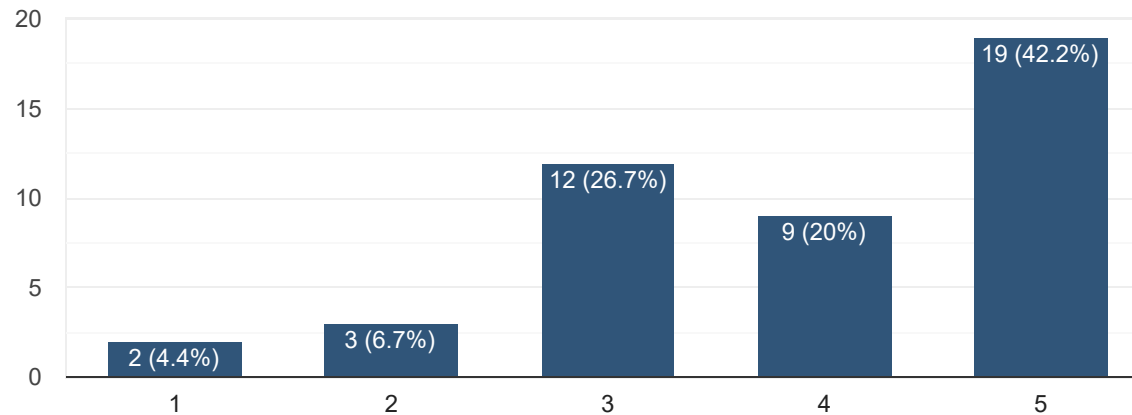
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Simple and sweet approach and style

Went way over time

Spoke to fast. Needs to slow down.

Cool intro to copilot. Thank you Vyas!

Kept to the time

The talk went over time. Consider less reading. It would be better to structure the talk around demo and show the key points live instead of talking through them using slides.

Very interesting. Thanks so much for sharing. Sorry about the noise interruptions with the wall changes, you handled it very very well!

Great presentation but speak a little louder!

It's the future

My talk :wink

Learned about something I wasn't aware of. Might come in handy in the future since we often deal with multiple cloud providers. Thanks!

Just a sales ad that ran way longer than it was supposed to

Not very engaging, reading from slides. Also went way over.

Went 15 mins over time

good primer

Lots of reading from notes rather than speaking about the content. Felt like an Audible. Good content.

Recommend separating the OTEL to sidecar that is syncing metric and logs with centralized logging. eg sidecar you can probably go with fluentd daemon that listen to logs in containers, then pushes to centralized logging like fluentbit, which eventually send to any external connector like datadog etc. This allows for centralized filtering, manipulation, etc, which can be handy for microservices. Also follows separation of concern pattern in architecture level.

Overview of opentelemetry framework that I am going to use in my next project. It would be great to get more practical examples like collecting metrics from asp.net or cpu/ram usage by the host process.

Nice work! Love hearing more about how to utilize Copilot! I do wish this talk had been scheduled for longer so we could see more demos.

I really appreciated the way you approached the subject

Obviously struggled with timing - need to practice more off-class to ensure you don't overflow.

Interruption was lame

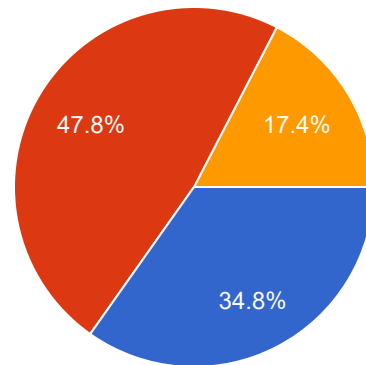
Good session, I wish it was longer.

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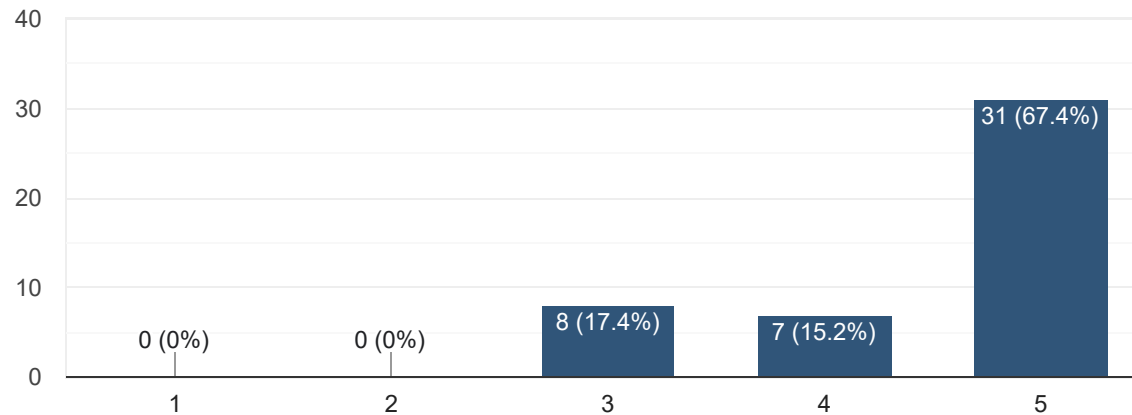


- Maroon 1: Introduction to the .NET CLI - Dave Rael
- Maroon 2: Building Flexible UIs with Feature Flags - Chris DeMars
- Pyramid Peaks: Coding on the Edge: Tackling Hard Problems in Automotive App Development with Arm & GitHub - Rinat Shagisultanov

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Great presentation memes

.very informative.

Sweet intro to feature flags, Chris. Hope to see you around!

Explained everything clearly. Worked well with audience.

Too basic for my taste. Consider speeding it up a bit. Good topic!

I'm a React Dev learning .NET - greatly appreciate the clarification on what bits of .NET that I can run on a MAC. Love, love, love a quick explanation, then diving into actionable physical examples - best way to fully grasp these concepts. Thank you!

Fun stuff

Good to know how to run dotnet on mac

speaker incredibly knowledgeable, maybe a little too much info and hard to relate to personally usable info

Chris is a great speaker. Good choice for late in the day to get people moving again. Good overview of some of the more advanced use of feature flags. Good info. Thanks!

Cool talk but not sure why we should use feature flags

You spoke pretty quickly. Take a breath and stay calm

Maybe do a quick demo to start ... Then start the slide show. ... What is the CLI ?

engaging

Good content, good explanations of simple/concise slides

Very energizing and well presented.

Chris is a great speaker! Enjoyed hearing about UI/feature flags. Would love to attend more of your talks on accessibility/etc

I liked the content

Great talk and I love the way you kept it fun! Keep up the great work.

Sweet

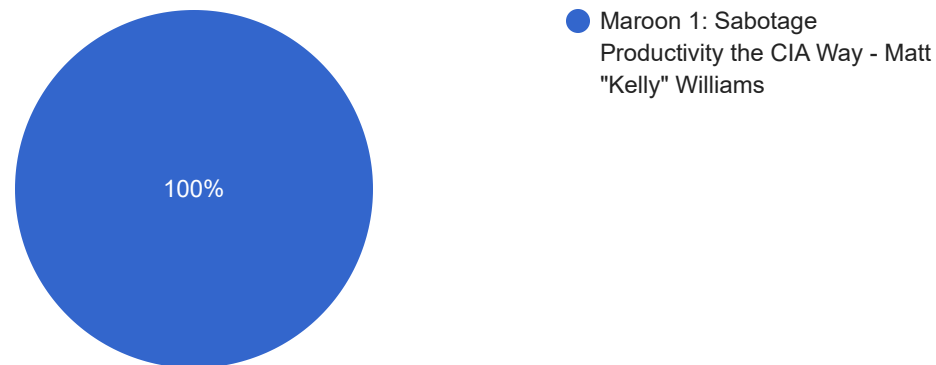
Interesting Feature Flags overview. Very entertaining presenter.

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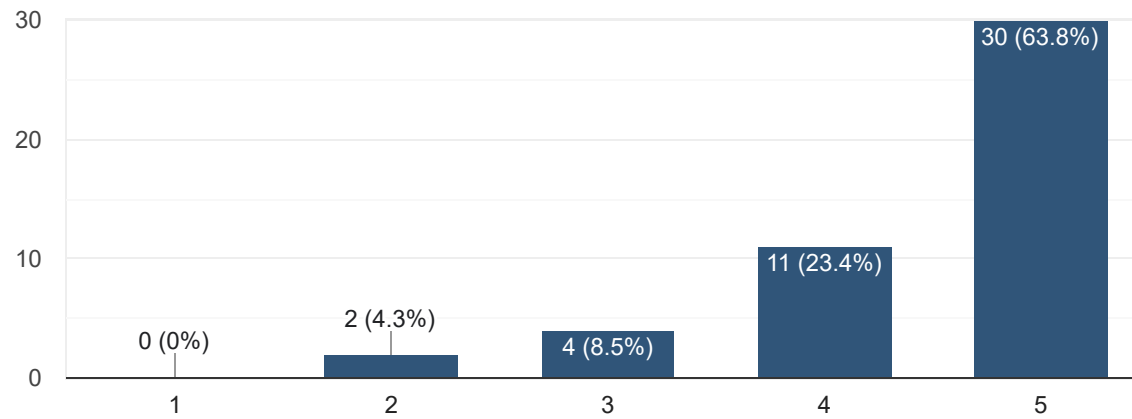
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Better than the Beastie Boys!

You are my favorite speaker here today. This was great.

Best presentation.

Fun talk. Thank you!

Loved the delivery. Witty, sarcastic, and entertaining. Perfect way to round out the day. Thank you for speaking and sharing!

Going to keep the feedback Top Secret

Funny but too long

Fun presentation of what not to do. Thanks!

There were funny parts here but this would have been better as a lightning session.

Entertaining

Fun is a must!

Thanks!

You did a fantastic job

Loved it! I love presentations done this way! Keep it up!

Great

Maybe end with some points on countering the ways of sabotaging productivity. But great presentation!

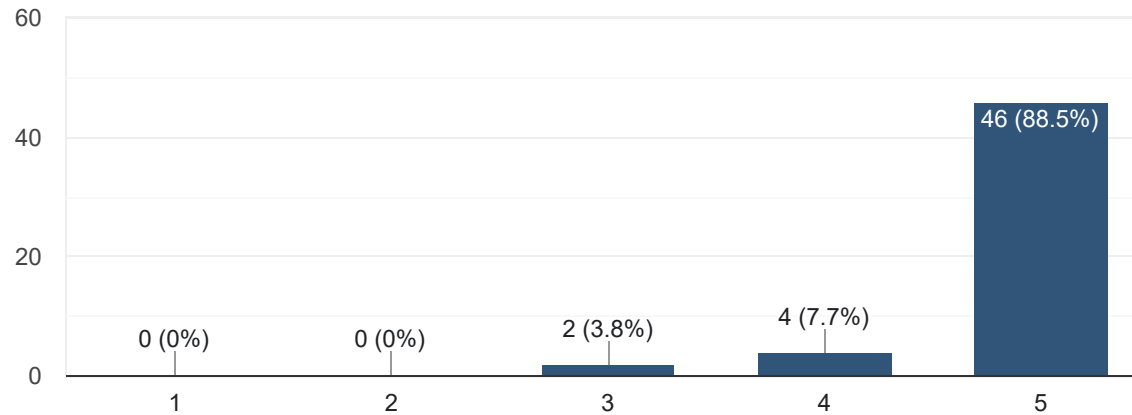
Very interesting approach to a talk.

Overall Rating

How was the venue?

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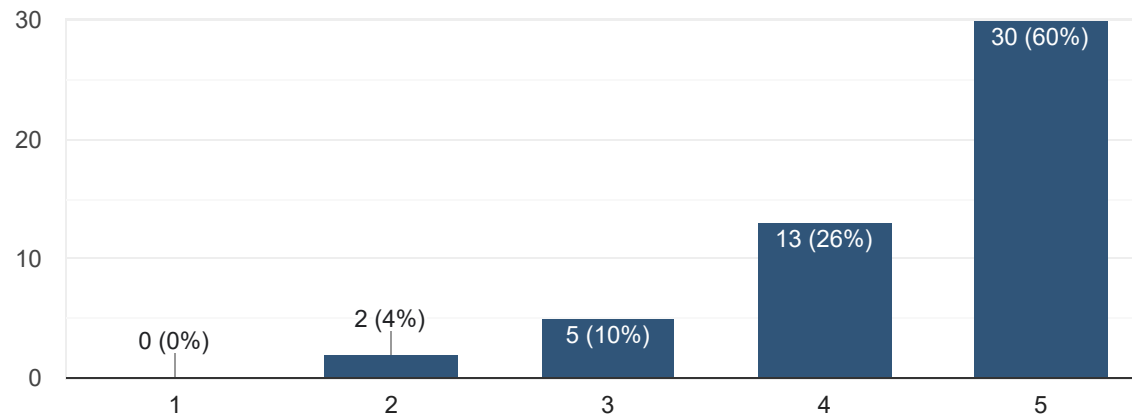
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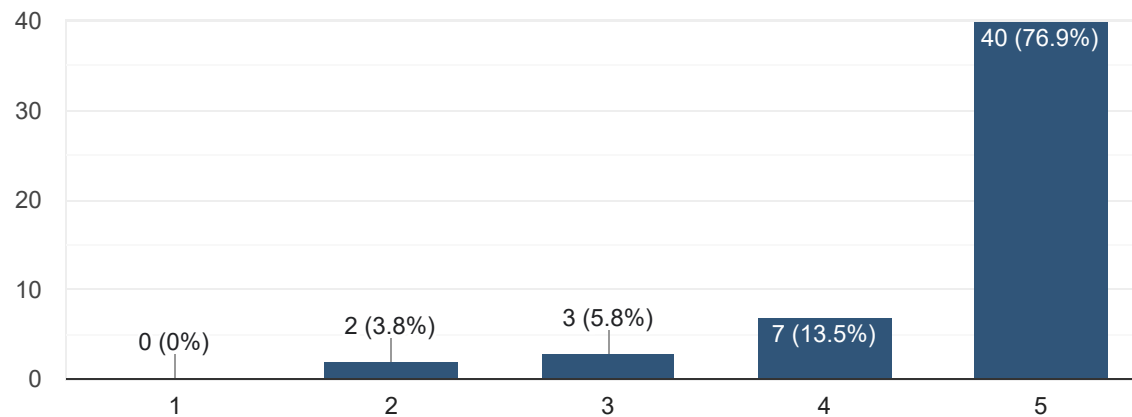
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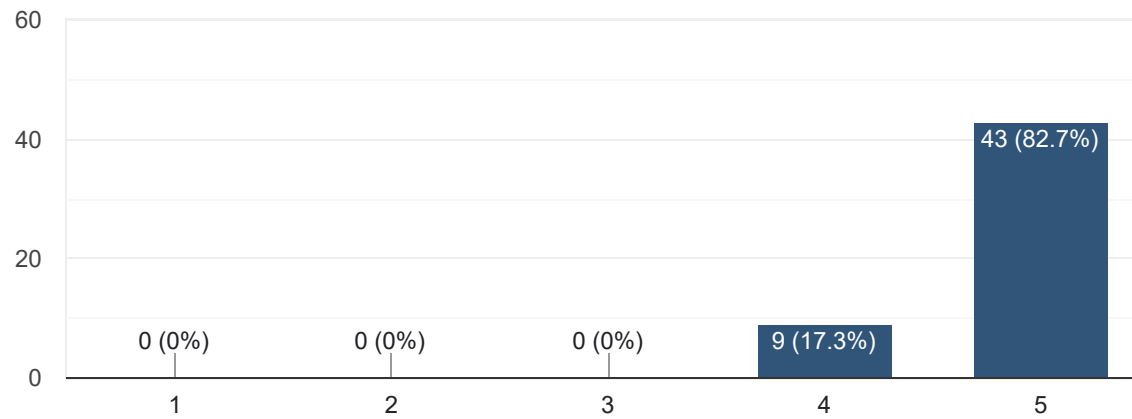
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How was Denver Dev Day overall?



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Good golly hope we can find a venue as convenient and nice as this and keep it free!!!

Not enough survey time

This was my first time and I greatly enjoyed it, even as a volunteer.

Awesome as always!

Thanks for putting on a great event!

Thank you!

Great team and awesome organizers 🥰

Thank you all so much!

More women than last time! And I just want to say y'all really need to congratulate yourselves on inclusiveness and equality because the percentage of women out of the total Denver Dev Day attendants was a greater percentage than the percentage of women out of the total # of devs... at least according to the last Annual Dev survey that included gender data. Loved all the talks. Every speaker was fabulous, kind, informative, and entertaining. Thank you for hosting such a lovely event.

Another great year with great speakers!

Awesome event

Thanks!

Thanks for a great day as always. Hope we can find a good venue for next time!

Really sad there isn't more here at the Microsoft Office, but excited to see where we head next! First impression is very solid, and I told a couple of people but y'all being active volunteers serving food is not unnoticed. Speaks to servant leadership and I LOVE IT!!!!

I like the venue - it was easy to navigate and very central for those of us who live south of Denver :) The sessions were good and the food and snacks were great. I wish there was a bit more time to network with other attendees. Maybe an optional happy hour or gaming session?

Great as always!

This was a decent dev days but needed a couple more higher content sessions.

Suggest a day-long effort to keep speakers starting on time and finishing within a reasonable time of the schedule (one session finished 15 minutes late, cutting into 10 of the following). Otherwise, appreciate the organizers, sponsors, and host.

Hope we find another venue for 2025. Good luck!!

Jerry is a star

Thanks for doing Krispy Kremes again 🥰 Love the event! Hope you're able to find a good location option for continued events!

Excellent job with the event! Having attended before, there's always something special about it that stands out. I've been to many sessions outside, but this one truly felt like the best. The networking opportunities were fantastic, and the content was outstanding. Thanks for bringing us all together!

Great

Always well organized! I hope to find a new venue before next year!

I've been to several Denver Dev Days and I sure hope we're able to find a venue for the next one.

Always one of my favorite events to attend. It's always a great day. Thank you so much for all your work.

Great job. Going to miss this place

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