

Looking back at Vim Meetup

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What we will talk about today

- I have organized a meetup called Gorilla.vim 28 times.
- Today, I will talk about:
 - Why I created Gorilla.vim
 - The challenges and positive aspects I've felt in managing the meetup
 - Why I continue to run the meetup even now

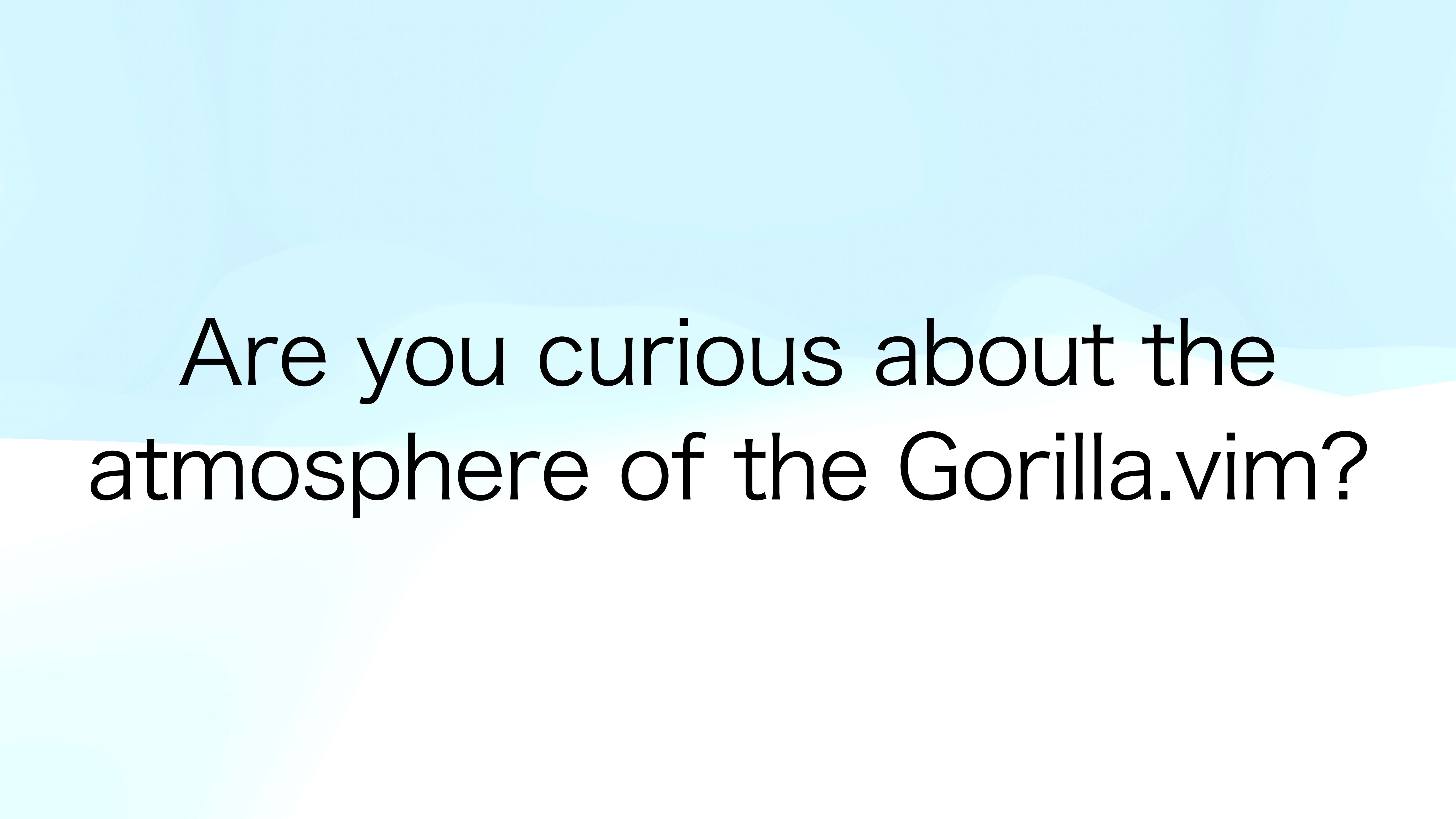
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- It's a gathering for people who are interested in Vim, those who use Vim, and those who love Vim.
- The concept is "**Enjoy Vim, Connect with Vimmers.**"

What is gorilla.vim?

- The first event was 2019/02/18
- For the first year after its inception, it was held offline every month.
- Now, it is basically held every other month.



Are you curious about the
atmosphere of the Gorilla.vim?



I've prepared some photos, so let's take
a look to see what the atmosphere is like.





That was a joke. Let's actually
take a look at the photos.



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- I started using Vim around 2018, and at that time, I was learning by myself, reading articles, help, and trying out plugins.
- While doing that, I came across a Slack community called vim-jp and joined it.

Why I created Gorilla.vim

- There were many people in the community, but I had never actually met another Vimmer in person.
- I wanted a place where we could meet offline and talk with various people, but there was no such meeting.

Why I created Gorilla.vim

- I hesitated a bit, but then I decided to go for it and started up the meetup and began managing it.
- Initially, since the meetup was to be held within the Kanto region, I thought a name like tokyo.vim would be suitable.

Why I created Gorilla.vim

- However, someone in vim-jp suggested "Gorilla.vim," and so the name was decided
- Even now, I don't quite understand the meaning behind "Gorilla.vim," but it's a memorable name, so I think it was a good choice.



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- It's enjoyable to talk with people.
- Sometimes,
 - people who have never used Vim before attend.
 - people who aren't usually active on social media also attend.

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- Almost everyone participates and says they had a good time.
- Sometimes the creators of plugins that are commonly used are present.

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- A student who used to come to Gorilla.vim became a working professional and offered a venue for the meetup.
- The hashtag #gorillavim momentarily made it into the world trends on X(Twitter).

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#rubykaigi

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ちゃんさん、他3人がこの話題についてツイートしています

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#gorillavim



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- It's often difficult to gather presenters for lightning talks (LTs).
 - When conducting surveys or asking participants, the common responses are "**I want to improve a bit more before presenting...**" or "**I don't have a topic.**"

The challenges aspects I've felt in managing meetups

- The themes tend to be repetitive.
- When in doubt, it defaults to LTs.
- This is less about external factors and more about my own tendency to resort to LTs.

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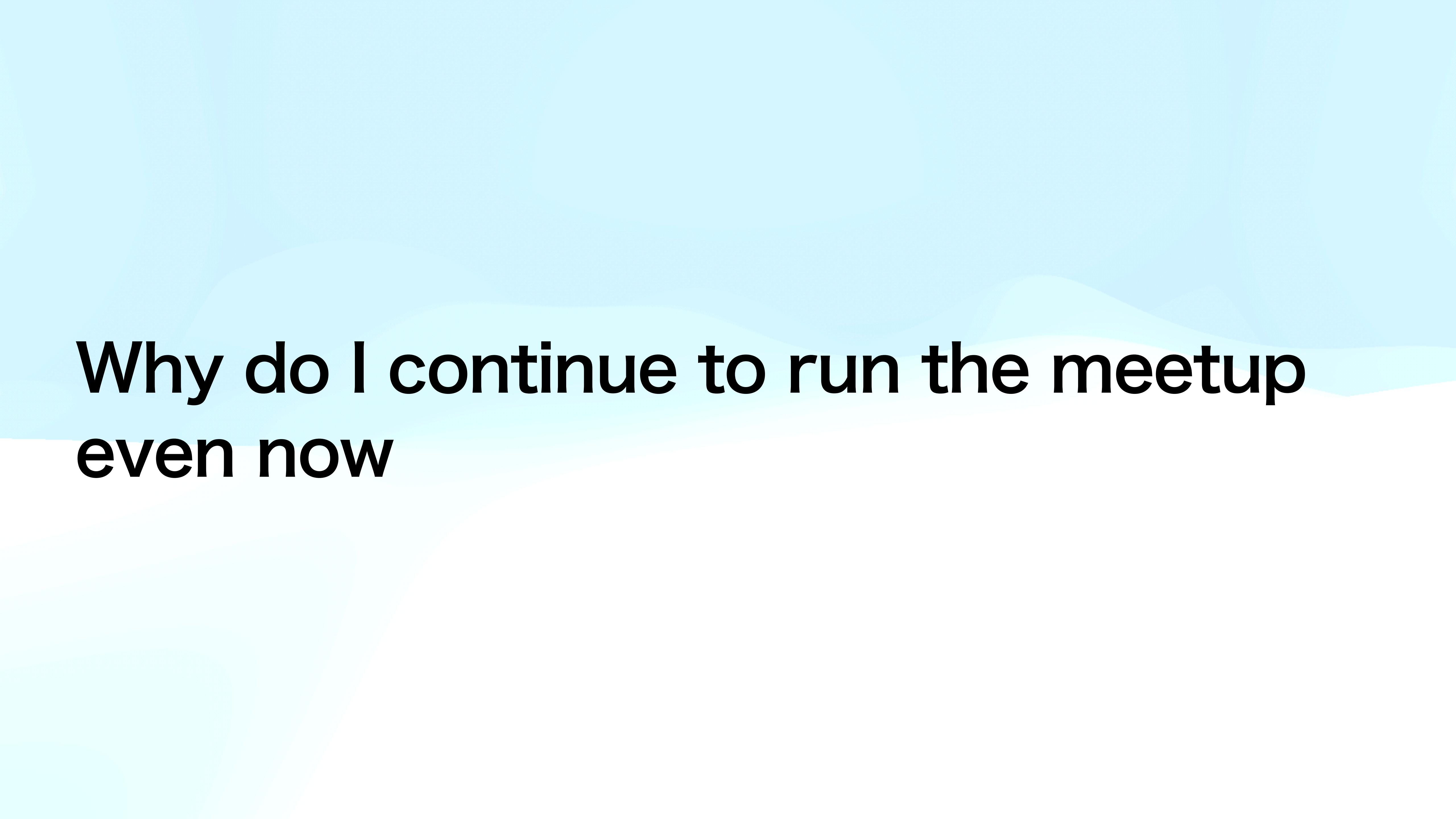
- I've attempted to plan hands-on sessions, but couldn't assemble a team of instructors.
 - For instance, I tried to recruit instructors for a hands-on session on creating Neovim plugins, but couldn't gather enough people.

The challenges aspects I've felt in managing meetups

- Maintaining motivation is the biggest challenge.
 - The activities almost came to a halt during the pandemic.
 - For a time, I held a Vim help file reading club, but it did not continue.

The challenges aspects I've felt in managing meetups

- Considering motivation and having enough content, I decided that bi-monthly meetups are better than monthly ones, and now I aim to hold them every other month.
- I felt that holding Gorilla.vim every other month was just right.



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- In daily life, it's quite rare to encounter Vimmers, and there are basically no opportunities to gather offline.
- I believe it's necessary to have a place that creates these offline connections.
- There is a sense of fulfillment that can only be gained from actually talking to people offline.

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- Having a meetup like Gorilla.vim makes it easier to start other meetups.
- I hope that besides Gorilla.vim, other meetups will increase.
- I think it would be great to create connections between Vimmers through various offline events.

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- Recently, besides Gorilla.vim, another meetup called vim-jp-west was established, and it has been held about four times already.
 - It's a small gathering with just a few people.
- Honestly, my personality is such that I prefer small, cozy gatherings.
- Sometimes, a "Shinjuku Mokumoku-kai" is also held.

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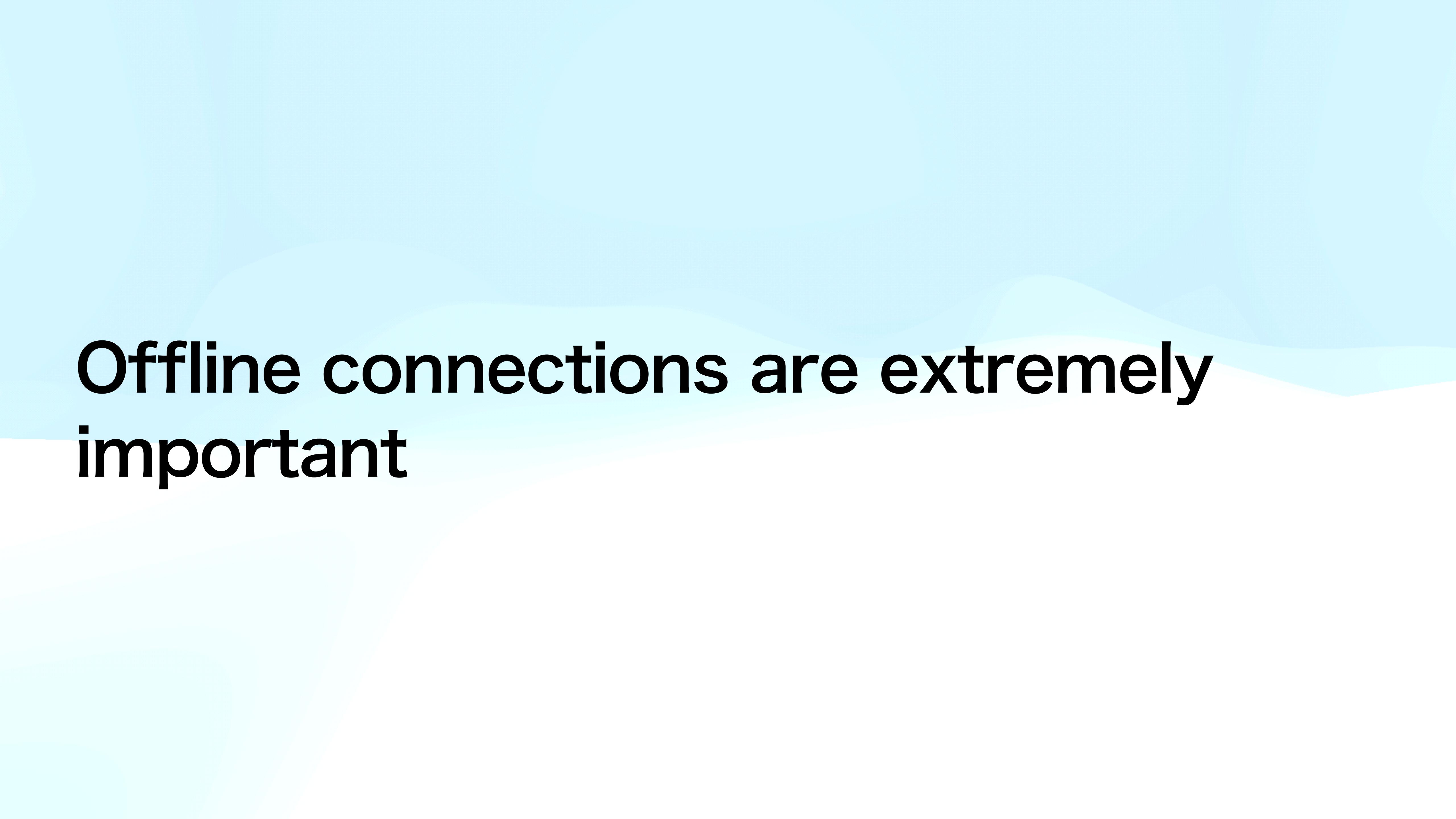
Just fun!

Lastly, I have a message for everyone.

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- Because any theme can be enjoyable.
- There's no requirement that the content has to be educational.
- The most enjoyable part of Gorilla.vim is being able to **talk about Vim with a variety of people**.
- Therefore, even beginners simply sharing what they find fun about using Vim can be very enjoyable for the audience.



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- Meeting and conversing with people is very important.
- Small gatherings are perfectly fine.
- If someone is thinking of trying it out, I definitely want them to go for it because it's surely fun.
- If there's any anxiety, it's good to consult in the vim-jp's event-organizers channel.

Happy Vimming!