

Bootlin training course evaluation

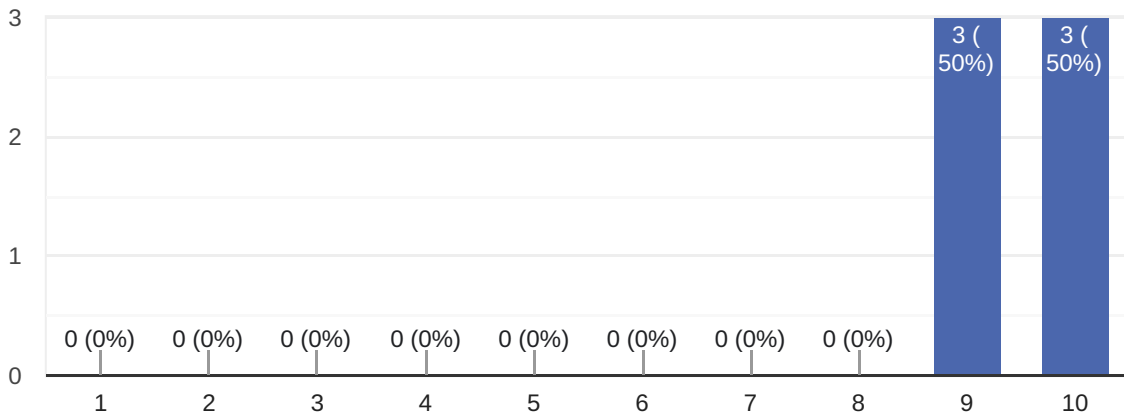
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Overall rating of the course

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Comments and suggestions

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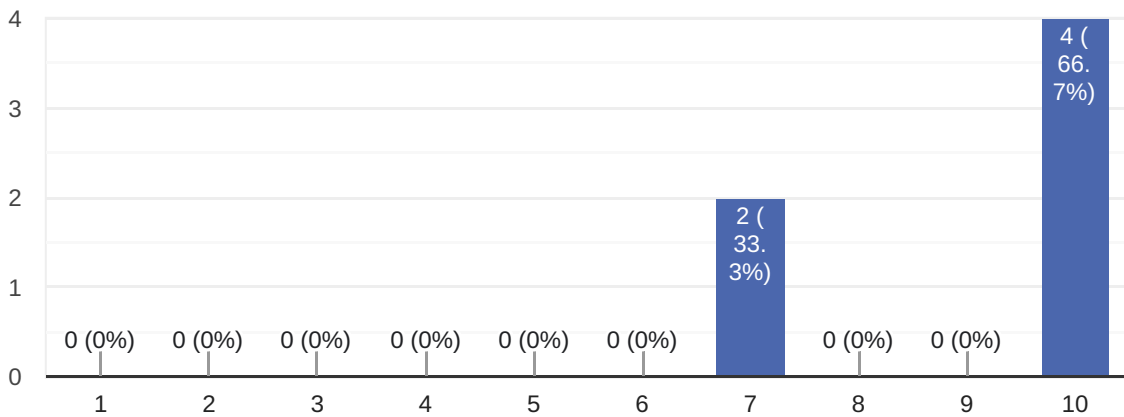
well presented and very interesting information, relevant to product

Lots of good information. Appreciate the extra effort taken to utilize our own product as the platform for demos/labs.

How useful were the lectures?

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Appreciated how training customized to our platform

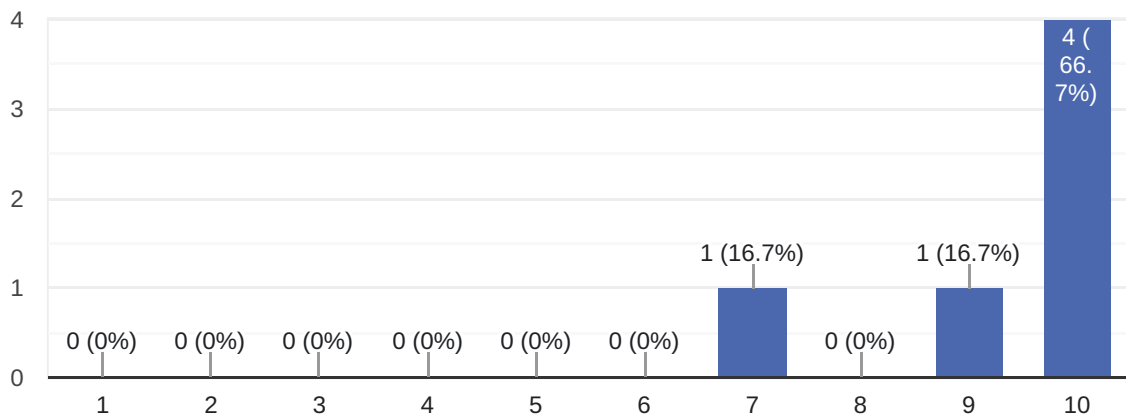
The lectures contained a lot of excellent and relevant information, were well organized and well presented. My main criticism is that they were very long with information that was very detailed. It's quite difficult to absorb so much information so quickly. I think the presentation slides will be an excellent reference in the future.

Good, but maybe better is broken up a little more with demos of each concept. And more consistent breaks.

How useful were the practical demos?



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The demonstrations were helpful, and like the option to go back and do ourselves. Set up of debugging instance of platform SW very helpful.

The labs/demos were excellent and highly relevant! The effort put into these demos was worth it.

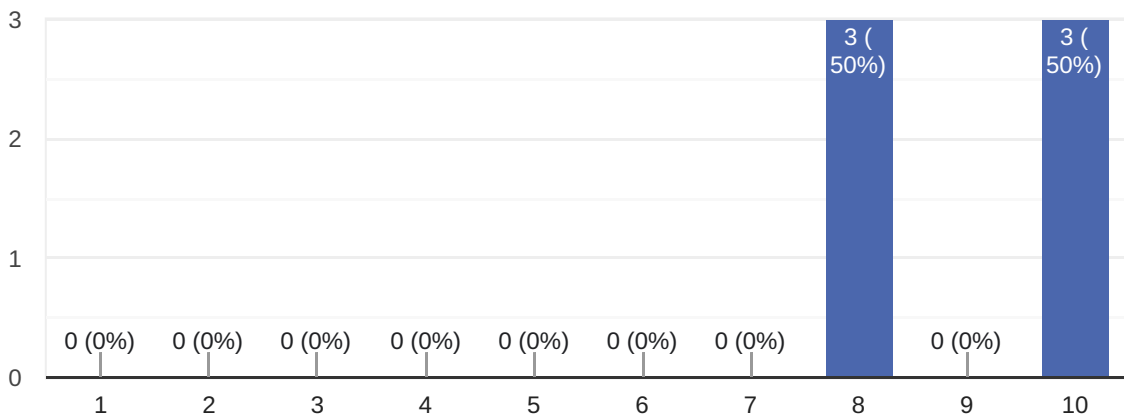
(I am assuming this refers to the labs, which as an online course were basically demos by the instructor.) This was the most disappointing. I think that in a "live" class the labs are actually worked through by students and the instructor is able to monitor activity by walking around and working with individuals. I understand that the monitoring and individual help is difficult in an online course, but there is less reinforcement when I am just watching someone else go through the steps. I would think after all these years of online teaching there would be some way to handle this.



How would you rate the overall organization of the course?



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well organized and presented. Content in agenda was well split-up.

The organization of the course was very clear. I never felt confused. The lectures felt quite long sometimes, so it would have been nice to have more short breaks - 2 hours of lecture is too long to stay focused. There was also some time during the demos which felt wasted while the trainer was debugging the solution.

Since this was a custom course for our company, I have no insight into the registration process. But the pre-course email of information was helpful. Unfortunately due to the timing of the course vs vacation/holiday, I did not have time to set up the build environment ahead of time, so fell behind on working the labs on my own and never caught up. The overall duration felt a little rushed for all of the information and activity- the planning of an extra half-day to catchup is smart, but perhaps it should just be planned that way and the content/labs be given more time to begin with.

I would alternate the readings and demos even more, trying to ensure that each part does not last more than an hour. This will allow you to stay more focused, especially in the case of remote training.

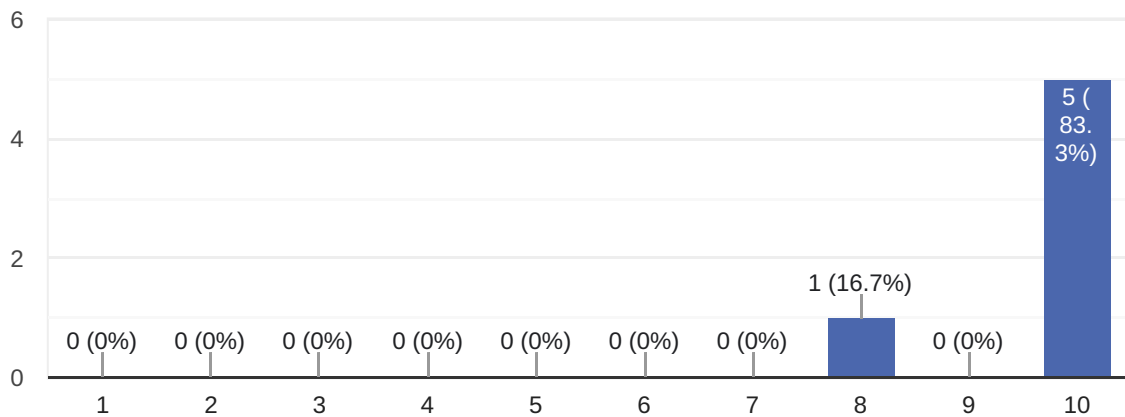
I strongly suggest changing videoconferencing tools, we have had many connection problems.



How would you rate the trainer?



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Alexis did a lot of useful preparation for course and provided great information in digestible way. Appreciated that he went back to make sure content was clarified and questions answered.

Alexis did a great job. His communication and presentation was very clear. He clearly is very knowledgeable on the subject and was able to answer most questions. In case he did not know the answer, he investigated and followed up the next day with relevant information. He had a few technical problems, but I don't think that is his fault.

Alexis is obviously well versed in the topic and did an excellent job presenting as well as following up when we asked questions to which he did not know the answer immediately. He often had experiential insights to add that provided insight into why things are the way they are. The only negative I have to say is that sometimes there was knowledge that was glossed over (e.g. when debugging the cache miss lab, "knowing how the cache works, I would make this change"- I think I know the reason why, but perhaps it would have been good to share more detail).

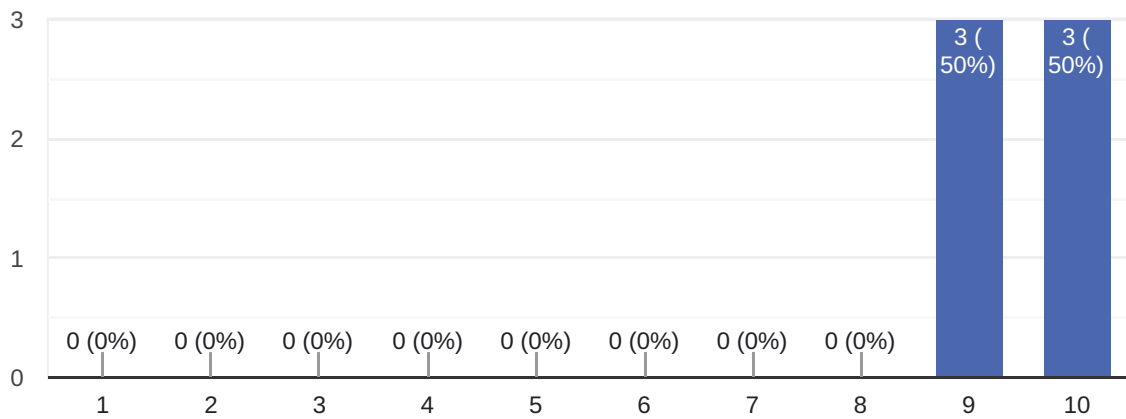
Alexis was great and very didactic!



How did the course meet your learning objectives?



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I think I am well prepared to try these tools/methods myself.

There were some things that I used to know and was reminded of, there were many things I newly learned, and even a few that I already knew. In general I feel that it was positive, but the lack of reinforcement during class (opportunity to work labs individually) is frustrating. I hope to be able to work through them on my own and appreciate that the Matrix channel will remain active for a while to support that.

What part(s) of the course did you like most?

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GDB debugging and the kernel stuff

Explanation of kernel and debugging the kernel was most interesting and relevant to our use case.

In general, the live demos were excellent. More specifically, I liked learning about different ways to profile and analyze program performance.

new tools: Massif, Cache/Callgrind, KernelShark!, and a bit of an introduction to BPF

The labs of course. The profiling part was very interesting for me.



What part(s) of the course did you like least?

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Maybe the introduction one

The long explanation of tools on Day 3.

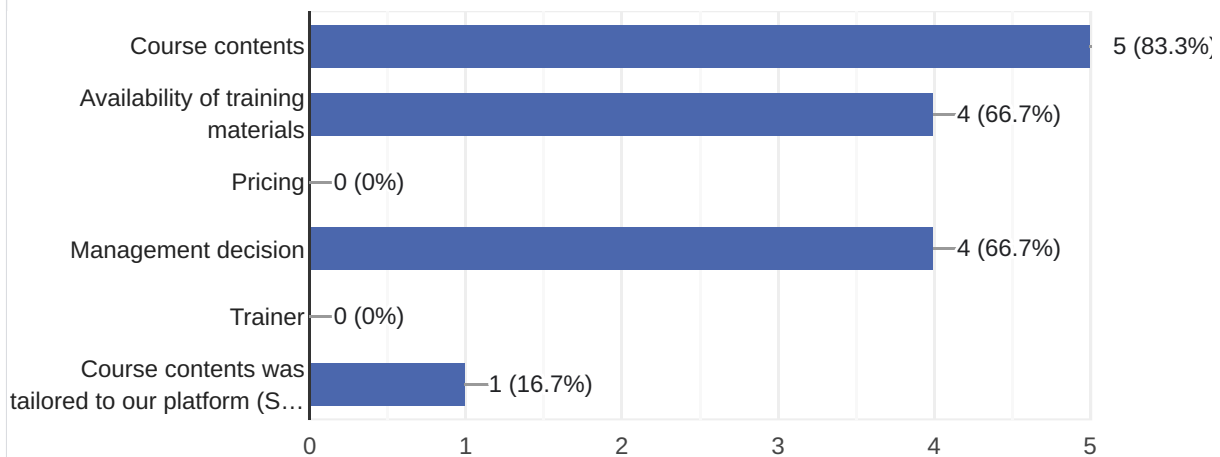
some of the "basics" (gdb, core dumps, tracing), although good review took time away from the newer stuff

none

What reasons prompted you to choose a Bootlin course?



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Very good training, intend to explore more of bootlin's training catalogue

Maybe use another videoconference platform, all the hiccups were due to this. Otherwise it was a great training, very useful, thank you !

I have utilized the training materials from Bootlin for a long time now on my own, so it was nice to have an opportunity to attend a course and I am glad we can support the company's efforts continuing to keep the materials available to all.



Further training needs?

2 responses

Kernel embedded development

Explanation of and development in kernel subsystems and in drivers

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