

Bootlin training course evaluation

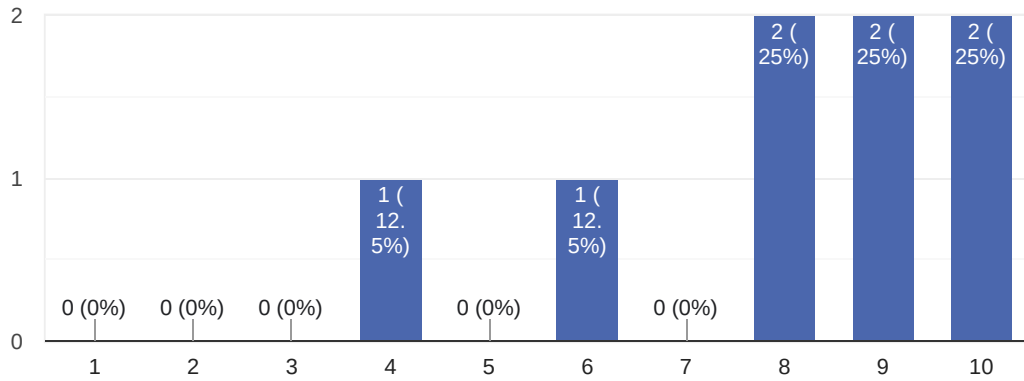
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Overall rating of the course

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Comments and suggestions

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Course is very useful, but I couldn't follow it fully because our company didn't acquire all required items on time in order to execute lab exercises.

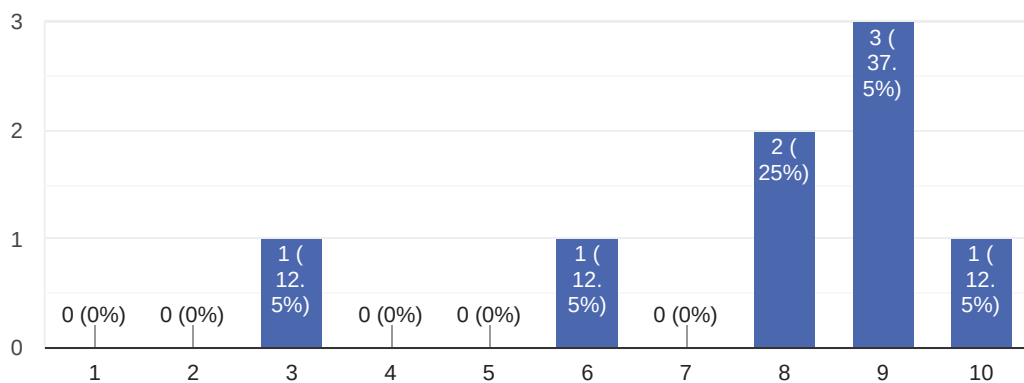
As someone without formal education in this area, I find the training detailed and the materials well-written. The skills I've gained are directly applicable to my current project.

Really a lot of information to take in such a short period of time. But overall good experience.

How useful were the lectures?

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Considering how much actual information there is, at times, it can be tough to focus. But luckily, all the materials are available freely on bootlin's website, so they can be studied later on

Pretty good but probably would be much better if the trainer worked with all participants step by step practically. Instant feedback in that case, and much better understanding of material, but that would take much more of trainer's time I guess.

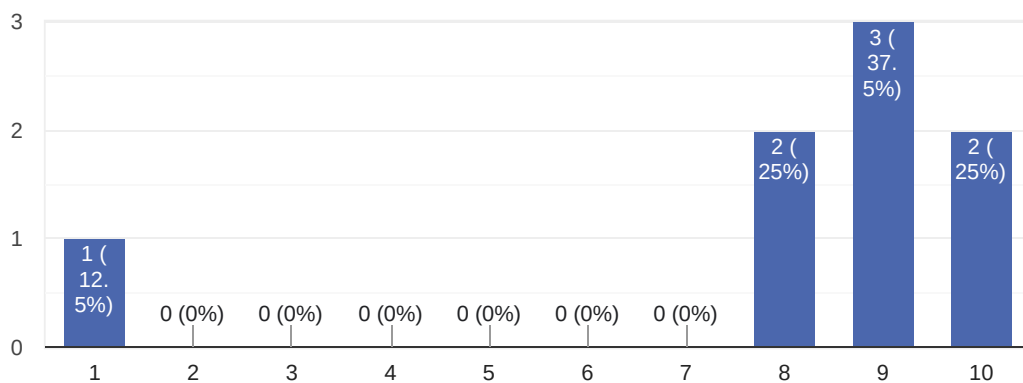
There's a lot to cover in a short time, which can be overwhelming and make it hard to stay focused.

When lectures are online it is really hard to follow.

How useful were the practical demos?



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They look fine, but there was an issue with boards on start, because training started on STM32 but I have an BBB board, it created some issues and confusion I guess, but on the other hand I saw differences in approach with different boards.

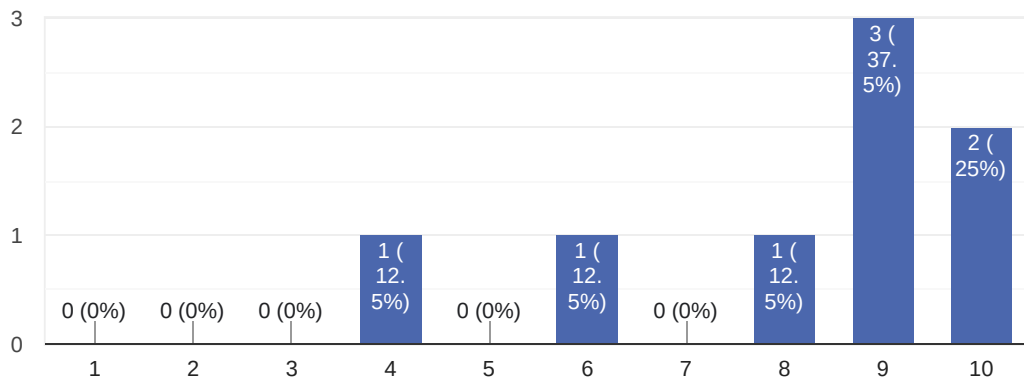
The practical demos were great, with clear explanations both verbally and in the materials. However, since it's an online session and participants later work through demos on their own, setup issues often arise. While it's not possible to address every potential problem during session, such problems can be time-consuming to resolve and may cause frustration, making it harder to stay focused on the main points of the demo.



How would you rate the overall organization of the course?



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Overall very well organized, but as said above, at times it can be really tough to soak up so much information at once, especially in online sessions where one might "wander off" unintentionally. Not sure if making the lectures a bit shorter would help, but it's something to consider

Generally OK, but it would be better if we worked together at slower pace, like this, we had a lot of material to cover each day, and with lack of equipment (which is our company fault) we lagged behind the trainer and couldn't give a proper feedback and ask the right questions. Pretty much made the course harder for trainer too because of lack of the proper feedback.

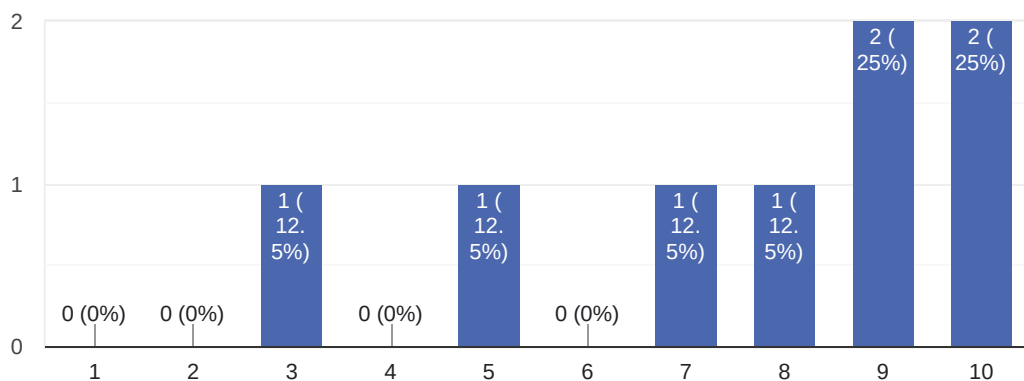
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Maybe more breaks in between the lectures.

How would you rate the trainer?



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Bastien is clearly a very knowledgeable person, he knows what he is talking about. One area he could work on is his presentation skills. It was his first online session, and it might be the language barrier, but it's one thing to work on. For example, worst part of being an online presenter is it feels like talking to yourself - one way to overcome this is to encourage more proactivity from the listeners. For example, instead of always saying "Any questions?", trying to encourage people to talk, by asking for their opinions "Would you rather we do A or B?" "What do you think would be a more viable option in this case?" etc. It not only helps those who attend the lectures, but also helps the trainer not feel like he's talking to himself. And stop saying sorry! You are doing amazing job, no need to apologize when something goes wrong - it actually helps us even more when things don't go as planned during the lectures. Because in reality, things never go smooth when we try them ourselves, so it is very helpful to see your approach to solving the issues.

Technical delivery seems fine to me , sometimes rushes a bit. I guess he'll improve over the time, if this is he's first course. It's hard to me to rate him because of the problems not related to him which made course much harder to follow.

You can tell that he is not a native English speaker, and at times I had to concentrate to fully understand him. However, aside from that, he is truly excellent.

All suggestions provided to the trainer were taken into consideration during the training.

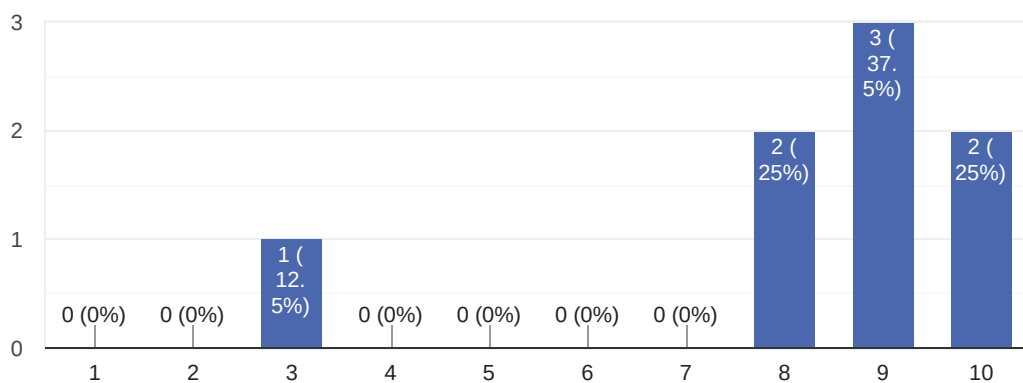
Trainer was open our to our suggestions and implemented them right away. It was really helpful that he shared his experience which related to the material which made it easier to understand.

Good knowledge and very responsive. Sometimes difficult to understand the way he pronounce English words, and it creates an extra effort to be understood and sometimes it raise certain level of frustration by listener.

How did the course meet your learning objectives?

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Helped me to understand many parts of (embedded) system building which I was not aware of before.

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

5 responses

Practical labs

Lab exercises, I could see all this in practice and understood it (at least some parts).

Bootloader, not sure why :)

Linux kernel

Practical labs.

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

5 responses

Presentation

More information about Yocto would've been useful. I know there is a course dedicated to it, but it was covered very briefly in this one, barely scratched the surface

Lab exercises, because I couldn't follow it fully, either because of pace of the course or equipment issues.

Open source licenses and compliance

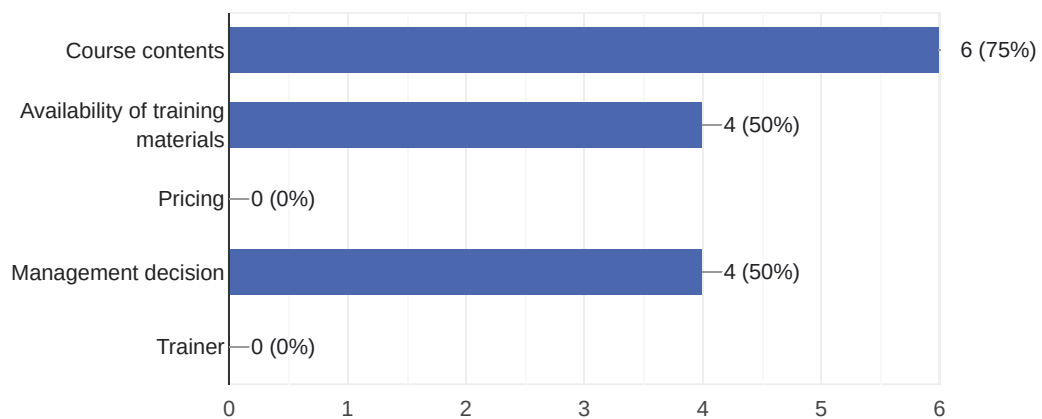
Theory which was most of the time reading from slides.



What reasons prompted you to choose a Bootlin course?



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Comments

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The course covers the basics of Linux very well and is an excellent introduction to the topic. However, I found the presenter to be the weakest aspect of the training. Since the presenter plays a crucial role in delivering the material effectively, I think there's room for improvement.

Here are a few suggestions:

Interacting more with participants—through questions, discussions, or live demonstrations—can make the sessions more dynamic and engaging.

Practice Delivery Skills: Instead of reading directly from the presentation, try explaining concepts in your own words. This will make the delivery feel more natural and relatable.

Use Real-World Examples: Incorporating practical scenarios or personal experiences related to Linux would help participants better understand how to apply the material in real life.

The content is strong, but refining these aspects would significantly elevate the training experience.

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From my perspective some of the theory lectures was too advanced for me and hard to follow. Also what I noticed is that we are covering some topic in lab or theory and we are mentioning some terms and using them in labs, and after a while in next lecture we are explaining those terms, I think it should be in different order.

Bastien was very good and responsive but I did not have many questions for him because I need to digest all information and to play with the board and investigate on my own. I am satisfied with course and I want to say thanks to Bastien!



Further training needs?

4 responses

Kernel programming, debugging/profiling

debugging, build systems, driver development

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