Bootlin training course evaluation
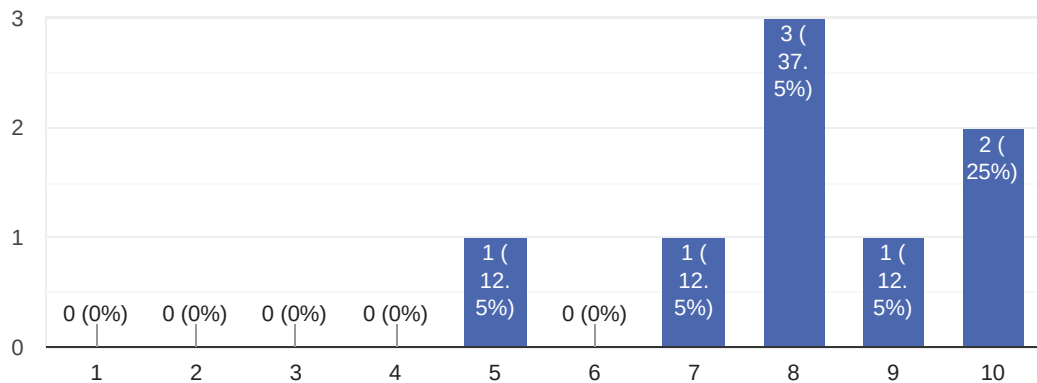
8 responses

Overall rating of the course

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8 responses

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Comments and suggestions
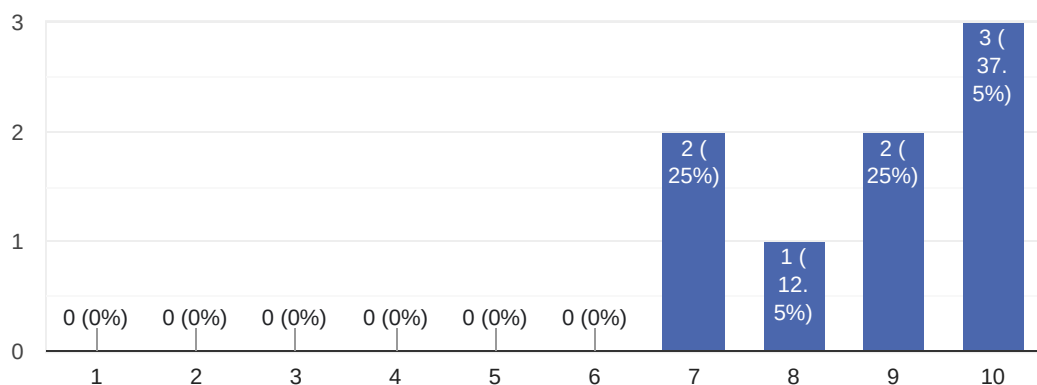
1 response

I'm very satisfied with the contents and the realization quality of the course.

How useful were the lectures?

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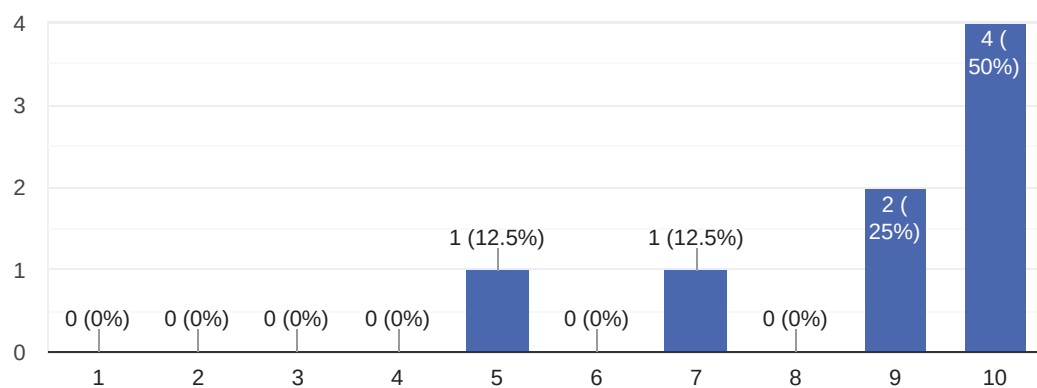## Comments and suggestions

2 responses

More visuals are needed.

I was able to understand some aspects of the kernel, and apply them to usecases on my job

How useful were the practical demos?

8 responses

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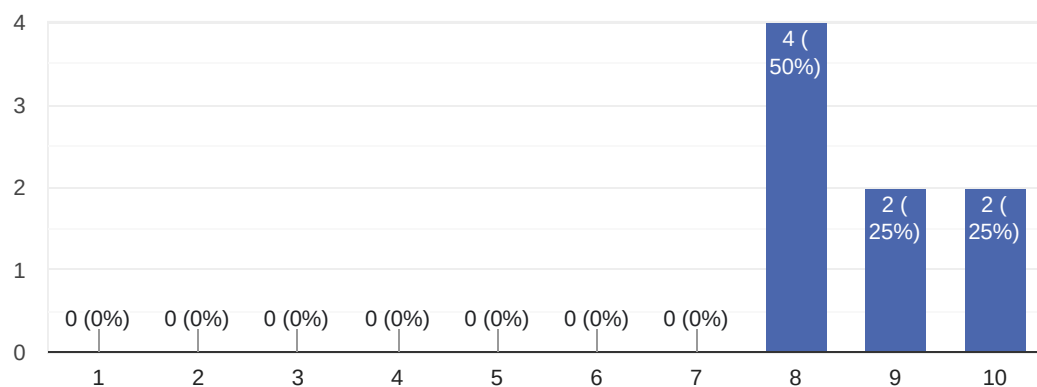- 10: 4 (50%)

Comments and suggestions

2 responses

See comment about the trainer (unstructured, unprepared, and many errors). The BBB used is also very old.

Practical examples are very basic, compared to the lectures.

How would you rate the overall organization of the course?

8 responses

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Comments and suggestions

1 response

More demos

How would you rate the trainer?

8 responses

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Comments and suggestions

3 responses

The trainer was very nice to everyone. I just personally find his English accent difficult to get used to.
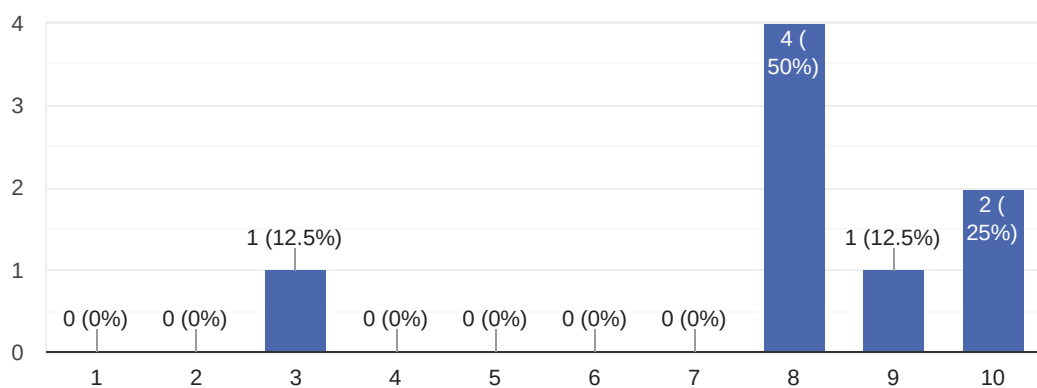
The instructor was unstructured, unprepared, and frequently made errors. On top of that, his strong French accent made IT terms hard to understand, further reducing clarity. I have no doubt he is an excellent developer, but his teaching lacked clarity. Given that I paid over 1000 EUR from my own consulting business, I expected a much higher level of professionalism and delivery.

The trainer was very knowledgeable, always ready to give answers to our questions.

How did the course meet your learning objectives?

8 responses

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Comments and suggestions

2 responses

The most important part for me was the final day, which covered DMA and debugging—it could have been extended, for example, with ftrace at boot time. The use of CSCOPE should be included, and rg could be explained as an alternative to grep. Personally, I use Wing (with CSCOPE via a wrapper) when writing drivers.

SOC based on FPGA would need a specific training

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

4 responses

Trainer doing experiment in real time, showing the tricks and pitfalls.

Linux Device driver model

The fact that you actually write up (code) a driver with the instructor during the course

Driver labs coding labs

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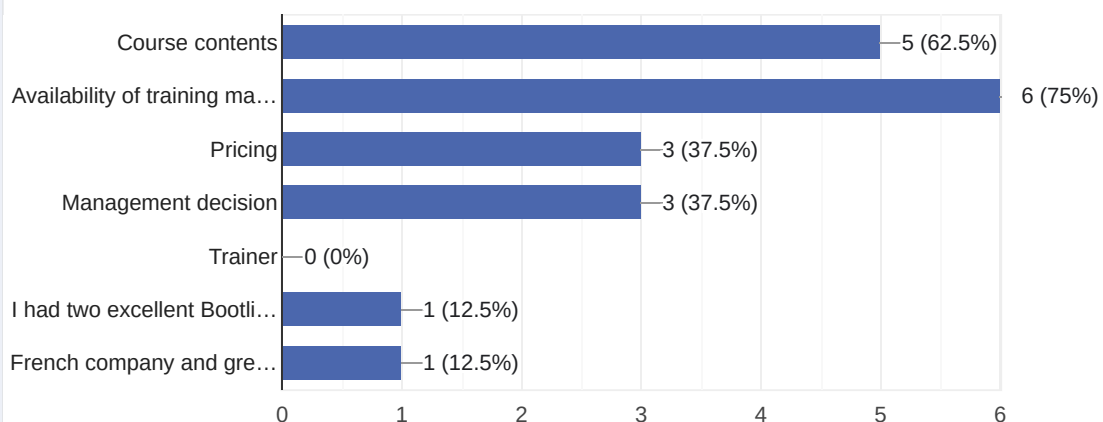
2 responses

I think the course could focus somewhat more on exposing how someone with experience goes about trying to debug drivers that are failing or not reliable

When there is a lot of slides without labs

What reasons prompted you to choose a Bootlin course?   Copy

8 responses

Reason	Value
Course contents	5 (62.5%)
Availability of training ma…	6 (75%)
Pricing	3 (37.5%)
Management decision	3 (37.5%)
Trainer	0 (0%)
I had two excellent Bootli…	1 (12.5%)
French company and gre…	1 (12.5%)

Comments

2 responses

I am considering whether a refund would be appropriate.

Very happy with the 2 courses I took from Bootlin, taking the training instead of just reading the slides by ourselves makes onboarding the topics a lot easier and it helps a magnificent amount for newcomers to be able to ask experts, instead of dwelling for ages on the internet searching for a solution for the exact problem they have.

Further training needs?

3 responses

yes i will take more Bootlin courses, one is already planned (Debugging) and I may take Linux Graphics later (I have patched one and written one panel driver some time ago)

Linux for FPGA applications; Petalinux

Again, a training "Linux from scratch" where you learn to build the lightest kernel for your SOC

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