

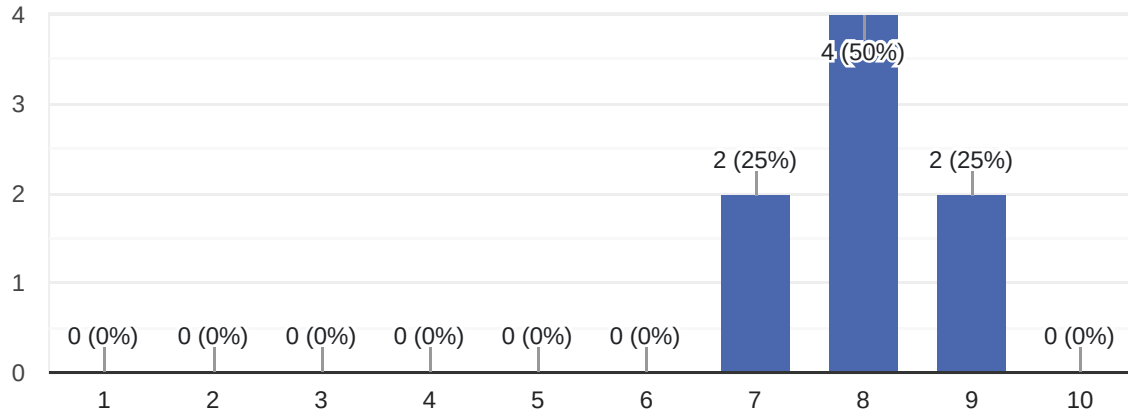
Bootlin training course evaluation

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Overall rating of the course

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Comments and suggestions

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Trainer very competent but too much information too present. Difficult to digest everything.

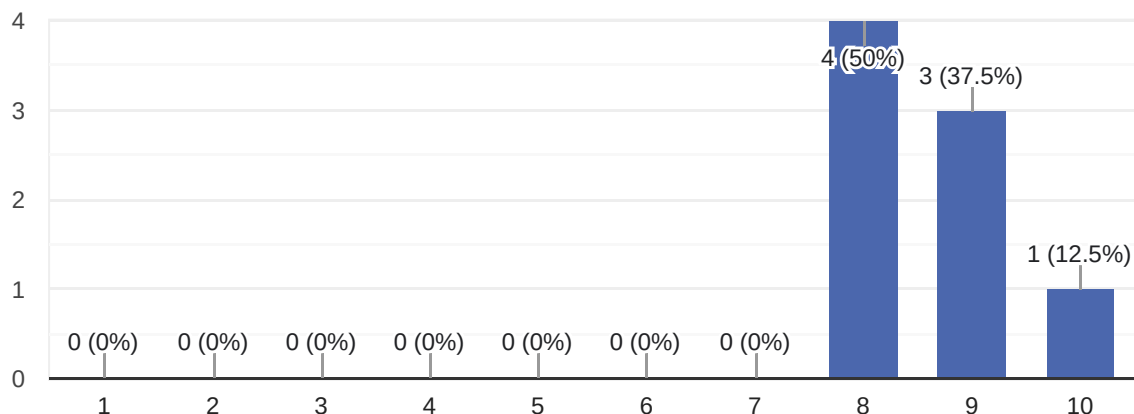
We need more schema to understand some parts, especially for rauc for example

I enjoyed the security training, though felt the scope of it was a bit too wide / ill defined. I didn't need the first 4 hours to be spent on rehashing (pun not intended) encryption methods I already learned about in university. Sboms and CVEs are no doubt an important part of a secure system, but I could have spent all available time on securing bootloaders and working with keys via hw modules.

How useful were the lectures?

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The material was very interesting and useful

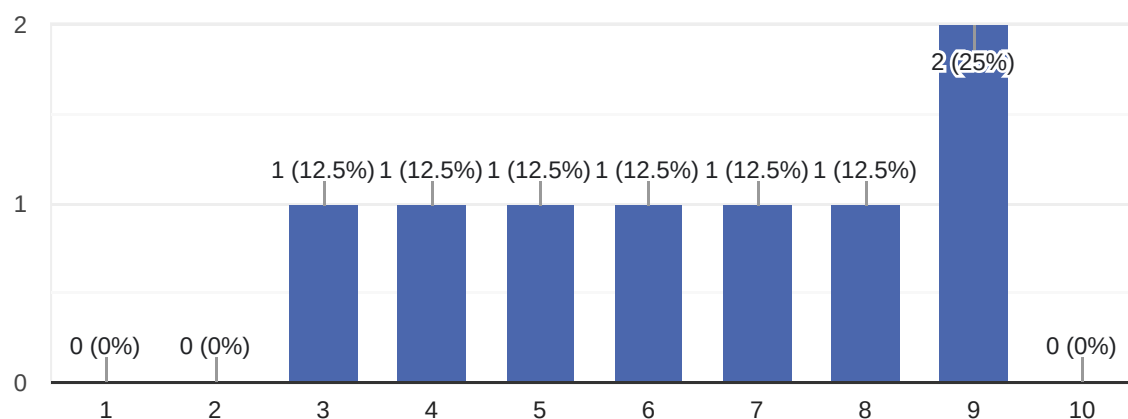
Useful lectures about interesting topics, although I feel like the structure of some of the chapters need some work. For example in the userland security measures chapter, we went straight into the mechanisms and how they work without first exploring what threats we're mitigating with these mechanisms.

I think the lectures would benefit from an overarching example we can point at in every chapter to see where the thing we will discuss slots into the security model, spend some time explaining (or questioning) "provided we implemented all the security measures in the previous chapters: do we still have holes? can we still improve? what if measure X breaks for some reason, does Y save us?"

How useful were the practical demos?

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I was not able to run the demos

I think these were the weakest part of the course: Olivier seemed to encounter quite a lot of unforeseen issues, which took valuable time and caused me to lose track of what we were even trying to accomplish at some points. I think it would help a lot if the demos were a bit better prepared and more streamlined.

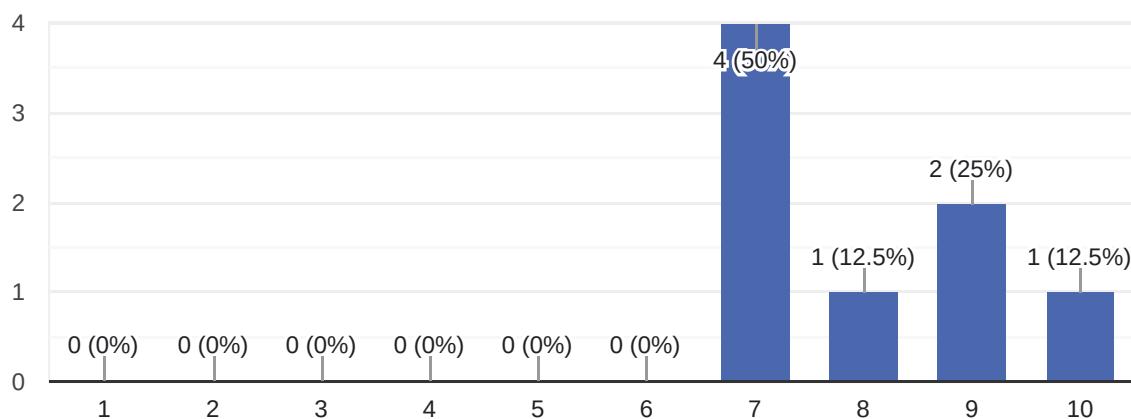
I don't have a firmware background so it was difficult to follow for me.

This is quite complex to follow the demo without doing some part at the same time

How would you rate the overall organization of the course?

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Very organized

Organization of the course was good, we were provided with all the necessary information to join the course well in advance and knew what to expect.

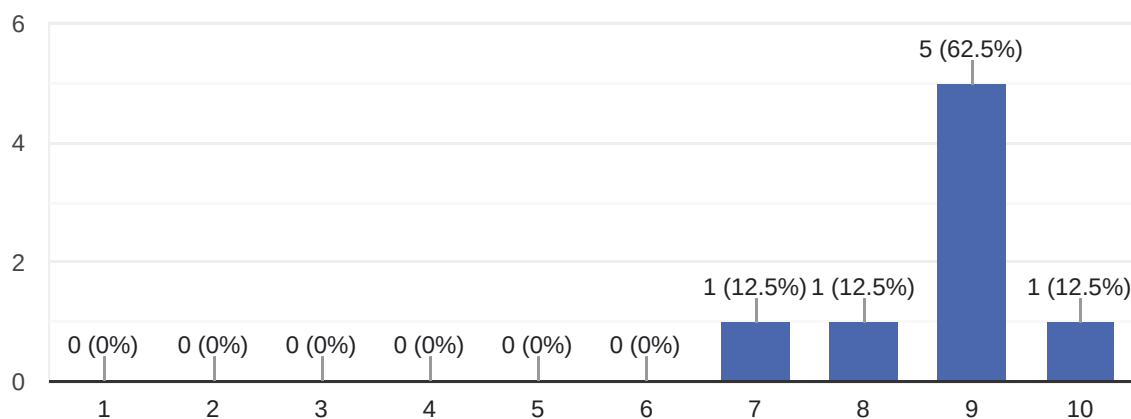
Regarding the time balance between lectures and practical demos: while I think the practical demos have value, in my opinion some of the time spent on those could have been put to better use by going into some more detail in the lectures instead.

Very good except that we needed to go over on Friday (1.5 h)

How would you rate the trainer?

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Olivier was very knowledgeable

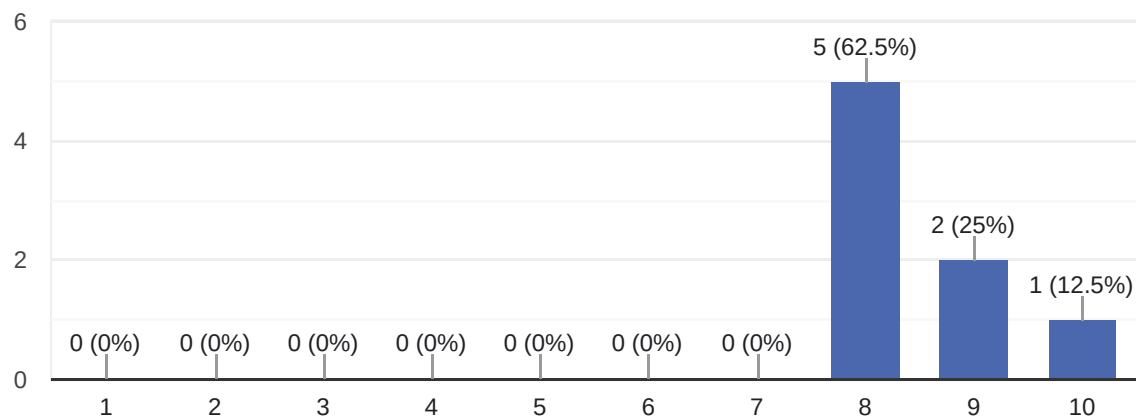
Olivier is enthusiastic and obviously knowledgeable about the material in the course. He welcomes questions and is happy to provide extra information if necessary. His knowledge allows him to answer most additional questions accurately and he is also honest when he doesn't know the answer to a question.

Speak a bit fast. Should do more pause to verify auditoire.

How did the course meet your learning objectives?

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It was a lot of information for a week-long course! While the real-world demos and examples are very useful to see as a reference, it would have maybe been better to spend more time on core material and exercises / quizzes to understand those concepts and less time on demos

The course covered most of the topics I was hoping to learn more about, but because of this breadth, it's mostly useful as a way of learning what I still need to learn about, rather than building deep knowledge. (Which would of course be impossible in the limited time about a topic as huge as this)

I liked the labs, and its more practical approach to the knowledge. I can read Wikipedia to learn the theory on my own, it's much more valuable to get a practical showcase of these things. More of that!

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

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The course material was very thorough and practical. Instructor had good experience with all the subjects covered.

Secure Boot, TrustZone, HSMs

I gained a lot of valuable insights about these concepts and technologies from this course, and they are immediately applicable to my work.

First part on Certificate, then Secure boot, TPM

CVE

The practical demos of creating CA cert chains, and creating trusted apps and firmware.

Secure boot and optee

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

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I was not able to do the demos myself. Even running Yocto on my laptop crashed my system. I would have preferred exercises that did not require so many HW/SW dependencies even if they were less "real".

Threat modeling frameworks: while knowing they exist is useful, I think we spent too much time on these.

Symmetric vs assymetric encryption/hash functions/TLS: I'd assume most developers already know this stuff, so IMO it took away precious time from the (for me) more interesting topics.

All the user-land security

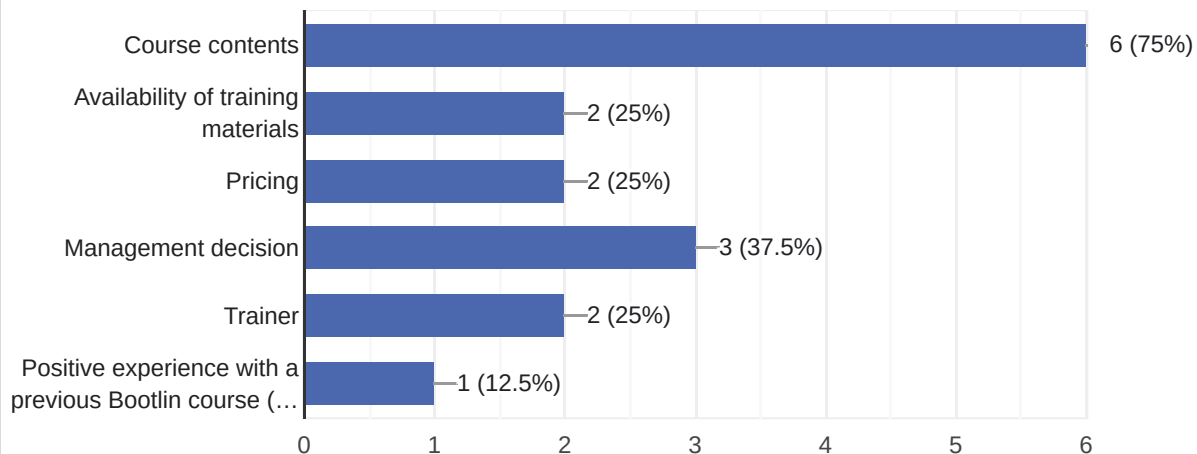
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Sbom , cve (lots of dry theoretical slides)

What reasons prompted you to choose a Bootlin course?

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General suggestion: invest in some proper microphones for the streaming setup, I think it would help a lot to make the course feel more professional and also help me understand the instructor better, especially since the instructor isn't a native English speaker (don't get me wrong, I think Olivier's English is very good and understandable, but there's still an accent). I think it's also less tiring to listen to higher quality audio, especially for prolonged periods of time.

In one of the later labs we had to disable SELinux to make things work... that's not what I expected from this course. I wanted to learn how to do things the RIGHT way.

Further training needs?

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Kubernetees for HA setup, complex networking and cloud

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