FOSS4G 2011 Post Conference Survey

1. How many FOSS4G conferences have you attended, including this one?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		**67.0%**	**191**
2		17.9%	51
3		5.6%	16
4		5.3%	15
5		1.8%	5
6		2.5%	7
		answered question	285
		skipped question	0

2. How heavily do you currently use geospatial open source? (1 - not at all, 5 - great deal)

	1 (not at all)	2	3	4	5 (great deal)	Rating Average	Response Count
Open Source Use	4.2% (12)	16.5% (47)	15.8% (45)	17.2% (49)	**46.3% (132)**	3.85	285
					answered question		285
					skipped question		0

3. What is your primary job function:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Software Developer	61.4%	154
Geospatial Software End User	18.3%	46
Manager	20.3%	51
Other (please specify)		49
answered question		251
skipped question		34

4. What country are you from?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Country:	100.0%	285
answered question		285
skipped question		0

5. How would you rate FOSS4G 2011? (1 - poor and 5 - excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
FOSS4G 2011	0.0% (0)	1.9% (5)	8.8% (23)	45.6% (119)	43.7% (114)	4.31	261
answered question							261
skipped question							24

6. General comments on the conference

	Response Count
	157
answered question	**157**
skipped question	**128**

7. What could we do better in future events?

	Response Count
	157
answered question	**157**
skipped question	**128**

8. Please rate the following conference aspects: (1 is poor, 5 is excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Venue (rooms, layout, etc)	0.4% (1)	5.8% (15)	15.1% (39)	**39.0% (101)**	38.2% (99)	1.5% (4)	4.11	259
Food	1.6% (4)	1.6% (4)	10.9% (28)	36.8% (95)	**46.9% (121)**	2.3% (6)	4.29	258
Network Access	14.0% (36)	27.5% (71)	**31.4% (81)**	16.3% (42)	6.2% (16)	4.7% (12)	2.72	258
Opening Reception at Wynkoop Brewery	0.0% (0)	0.4% (1)	3.9% (10)	17.8% (46)	37.2% (96)	**40.7% (105)**	4.55	258
Exhibitor Reception	0.0% (0)	4.3% (11)	24.9% (63)	22.9% (58)	9.9% (25)	**37.9% (96)**	3.62	253
"Big Party" at the Denver Art Museum	6.3% (16)	9.8% (25)	11.4% (29)	12.9% (33)	9.0% (23)	**50.6% (129)**	3.17	255
Social Facilities in General	0.0% (0)	1.2% (3)	17.1% (44)	**44.0% (113)**	26.5% (68)	11.3% (29)	4.08	257
						answered question		**259**
						skipped question		**26**

9. Please rate the quality of presentations during the main conference (1-5 where 1 is poor, 5 is excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Quality	1.1% (3)	0.8% (2)	15.3% (40)	**52.9% (138)**	27.6% (72)	2.3% (6)	4.07	261
						answered question		**261**
						skipped question		**24**

10. Did you attend a Monday AM workshop? If so, which one?

	N/A	Intro to the Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team	Dvlping Custom Apps in C#...	Intro to Geomajas	MapFish in Production	Intro to PosGIS	GeoNetw for Dummies
Monday AM	**71.1% (170)**	2.5% (6)	5.4% (13)	5.0% (12)	1.7% (4)	8.8% (21)	5.4% (1
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11. Please rank your Monday AM workshop (1 - poor and 5 - excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Monday AM	1.4% (3)	0.9% (2)	5.9% (13)	13.1% (29)	9.9% (22)	**68.9% (153)**	3.94	222

Comments	25

answered question	222
skipped question	63

12. Did you attend a Monday PM workshop? If so, which one?

	N/A	FOSS4G Workshop for Educators	The Moose is Loose, Mapping with GeoMOOSE	FOSS4G Routing with pgRouting Tools...	Web Mapping with GeoServer	OpenLayers Application Dvlp	GeoK A Pow Spa ET Too
Monday PM	**63.6% (152)**	3.3% (8)	1.7% (4)	6.7% (16)	7.1% (17)	9.6% (23)	7.9%
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13. Please rank your Monday PM workshop (1 - poor and 5 - excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Monday PM	0.0% (0)	1.8% (4)	8.9% (20)	10.7% (24)	16.0% (36)	62.7% (141)	4.10	225

	Comments	38

	answered question	225
	skipped question	60

14. Did you attend a Tuesday AM workshop? If so, which one?

	N/A	Interactive Space-time Dynamics...	Getting Started with MapServer	New Features for QGIS Power Users	Leveraging Mapnik...	Dvlping OGC Compliant Web Apps with GeoExt	Openin Data wit GeoNod
Tuesday AM	55.7% (132)	4.2% (10)	4.6% (11)	5.1% (12)	6.8% (16)	6.3% (15)	5.5% (1:

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15. Please rank your Tuesday AM workshop (1 - poor and 5 - excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Tuesday AM	3.6% (8)	4.5% (10)	7.6% (17)	16.5% (37)	13.4% (30)	54.5% (122)	3.70	224

	Comments	52

	answered question	224
	skipped question	61

16. Did you attend a Tuesday PM workshop? If so, which one?

	N/A	Practical Intro to the ZOO Project...	Practical Use of GeoServer and SLD for WMS	Customizing QGIS with Python Plug-ins	A Complete Open Source Web Mapping Stack	There's Javascript in Your Backend...	Deploying Map Services in Amaz Web Service
Tuesday PM	**68.1% (156)**	5.2% (12)	1.7% (4)	7.0% (16)	3.9% (9)	7.0% (16)	7.0% (1

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17. Please rank your Tuesday PM workshop (1 - poor and 5 - excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Tuesday PM	3.7% (8)	3.7% (8)	7.0% (15)	11.7% (25)	8.4% (18)	**65.4% (140)**	3.50	214

Comments	40
answered question	214
skipped question	71

18. How likely are you to attend the next FOSS4G in Beijing? (1 is definitely not and 5 is very likely)

	1 - Definitely Not	2	3	4	5 - Very Likely	Rating Average	Response Count
2012 Attendance	34.1% (87)	**38.4% (98)**	13.7% (35)	8.2% (21)	5.5% (14)	2.13	255

answered question	255
skipped question	30

19. If we held a "local FOSS4G" event in North America next year, how likely would you be to attend? (1 - definitely not and 5 - very likely)

	1 - Definitely Not	2	3	4	5 - Very Likely	Rating Average	Response Count
2012 North America	9.3% (24)	10.9% (28)	23.0% (59)	21.0% (54)	**35.8% (92)**	3.63	257
					answered question		257
					skipped question		28

20. Currently FOSS4G is focused on one global conference with a three year rotation between Europe, North America, and "Rest of the World", with some local/regional events that are independently organized. Please rank each of the following options from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent)

	1 - Poor	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
One global conference on a three year rotation (as now)	7.9% (19)	20.5% (49)	**32.2% (77)**	23.8% (57)	15.5% (37)	3.18	239
One global conference on a two year rotation between North American and Europe, with additional events in other parts of the world more focused on outreach	10.1% (24)	15.5% (37)	**36.1% (86)**	21.4% (51)	16.8% (40)	3.19	238
A global conference on a three year rotation as now, plus a regional conference in North America (which would be the global event every 3 years, and in other years would be timed to not clash with the global event) - plus potentially other regional events on a similar basis	5.3% (13)	9.4% (23)	18.0% (44)	23.8% (58)	**43.4% (106)**	3.91	244
					answered question		251
					skipped question		34

21. Additional comments/suggestions

	Response Count
	62
answered question	62
skipped question	223

Page 1, Q3. What is your primary job function:		
1	Research	Sep 22, 2011 2:08 PM
2	Researcher/Student/software developer	Sep 22, 2011 1:50 PM
3	user, educator, developer	Sep 22, 2011 1:15 PM
4	Application Developer	Sep 22, 2011 11:49 AM
5	Data and Planning/Implementation Specialist	Sep 22, 2011 11:03 AM
6	Geospatial consultant	Sep 22, 2011 10:56 AM
7	All of the above	Sep 22, 2011 9:21 AM
8	Technical Support Specialist	Sep 22, 2011 9:15 AM
9	Educator	Sep 22, 2011 9:13 AM
10	Educator	Sep 22, 2011 7:51 AM
11	Will be developing software as a service in future.	Sep 22, 2011 7:12 AM
12	Administration with some development	Sep 22, 2011 5:58 AM
13	Data Manager	Sep 22, 2011 5:48 AM
14	Scientific research and development in a university lab	Sep 22, 2011 5:44 AM
15	Application Development Team Lead	Sep 22, 2011 5:30 AM
16	Tech Lead	Sep 22, 2011 5:15 AM
17	Product Manager	Sep 22, 2011 4:52 AM
18	Geospatial software Trainer	Sep 22, 2011 2:26 AM
19	Researcher in Geographic Information Science	Sep 22, 2011 2:23 AM
20	Academic researcher	Sep 22, 2011 1:18 AM

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21	Adviser and developer	Sep 22, 2011 12:04 AM
22	service producer	Sep 21, 2011 11:59 PM
23	Teacher	Sep 21, 2011 10:49 PM
24	GIS Consultancy	Sep 21, 2011 10:40 PM
25	Educator	Sep 21, 2011 8:54 PM
26	Geospatial consultant supplying solution to end-users	Sep 21, 2011 8:22 PM
27	Educator/Librarian	Sep 21, 2011 5:48 PM
28	Cartographer/Web Dev	Sep 21, 2011 5:40 PM
29	GIS	Sep 21, 2011 5:23 PM
30	researcher, educator (involved in both development and use)	Sep 21, 2011 4:43 PM
31	CTO / Lead Developer	Sep 21, 2011 4:43 PM
32	Research	Sep 21, 2011 4:09 PM
33	And educator	Sep 21, 2011 4:03 PM
34	Educator	Sep 21, 2011 3:47 PM
35	GIS Coordinator / System Admin / Lite Development	Sep 21, 2011 3:19 PM
36	Software developer and Manager	Sep 21, 2011 3:08 PM
37	Researcher	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
38	Developer Advocate	Sep 21, 2011 3:02 PM
39	GIS Intern	Sep 21, 2011 3:02 PM
40	Education, Co-Founder of International Network of Crisis Mappers	Sep 21, 2011 3:00 PM
41	GIS Analyst	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
42	GIS Analyst	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
43	Educator	Sep 21, 2011 2:58 PM
44	Software Developer and Project Manager	Sep 21, 2011 2:58 PM
45	Geotechnical Engineer	Sep 21, 2011 2:58 PM
46	Director	Sep 21, 2011 2:56 PM
47	Librarian	Sep 21, 2011 2:49 PM
48	Researcher	Sep 21, 2011 2:45 PM
49	GIS Data Analyst	Sep 21, 2011 2:44 PM

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Page 2, Q6. General comments on the conference		
1	The registration fee it too expensive!!! The social dinner is too expensive too!	Sep 22, 2011 2:12 PM
2	could have been more technical :-)	Sep 22, 2011 1:23 PM
3	Great!	Sep 22, 2011 12:59 PM
4	Great to meeting other developers!	Sep 22, 2011 12:41 PM
5	Good overall range of talks. So many streams meant it was hard to prepare for each day but to have so many choices was also good. Some talks weren't really addressing open source software, they were simply talking about their projects - they seemed out of place. Sound quality was poor in many of the rooms especially when there were crowds gathering outside of the rooms. Lighting was also a factor, particularly in the 'Windows' room, so that the presentation was hard to see clearly. The projection screen was too low in most rooms so the	Sep 22, 2011 12:06 PM

	bottom of the screen could not be seen if you were at the back of the room (ie the other attendants were in the way).	
6	I learned about lot of new technologies and discovered the potential of OpenStreetMap	Sep 22, 2011 11:22 AM
7	The most valuable thing was the quality of the participants. I was engaged in so many interesting technical discussions with so many interesting people. The subject and range of presentations was very good, and the international presence was strong despite being in the US.	Sep 22, 2011 11:14 AM
8	I enjoyed FOSS4G! It had a good mix of sessions for developers and end-users.	Sep 22, 2011 11:05 AM
9	Great group of people. Organization in transition. Very uneven quality of presentations. Erred on the side of being "less structured."	Sep 22, 2011 10:59 AM
10	good wide variety of talks, very interesting	Sep 22, 2011 10:49 AM
11	very energetic, open conversations.	Sep 22, 2011 10:45 AM
12	I was glad to have the academic track, and gave a presentation in it. The conference is a bit overly weighted towards developers instead of users, and having the academic track to capture the interest of one user community counterbalances that somewhat.	Sep 22, 2011 10:32 AM
13	Great conference	Sep 22, 2011 9:47 AM
14	very well done.	Sep 22, 2011 9:39 AM
15	Great event in general.	Sep 22, 2011 9:30 AM
16	Love the community feel. Everyone very open to discussion and friendly.	Sep 22, 2011 9:25 AM
17	I thought the location was great. I think some of the presenters in the workshops should have demostrated the technolgy more by using an applied approach and standard workflows to demostrate the technolgy.	Sep 22, 2011 9:24 AM
18	Superb introduction to the world of FOSS IGS. Workshops were consistently well done. Keynote was much appreciated.	Sep 22, 2011 9:17 AM
19	Enjoyed the business & marketing related sessions; in addition to coding.	Sep 22, 2011 9:07 AM
20	The food was superb, the best conference banquet I have ever had. I was very disappointed in the pre-conference seminars. The first one I attended was basically a tutorial, which was essentially completed in 1 hr. The presenters seemed very unprepared in general.	Sep 22, 2011 8:57 AM
21	The short presentation periods made the feel very "introductory". e workshop I attended suffered from a combination of limited network and software not being pre-distributed. A room full of people trying to download a virtual machine does not make things go well. I hear the tutorials were a bit better than the presentations for learning how to use a new thing, but having them simultaneous with the presentations made the "get an overview of five things and decide which tutorial to go to" an impossible strategy, no matter how appealing it might be.	Sep 22, 2011 8:57 AM
22	While the conference itself was excellent, I was really disappointed by the food	Sep 22, 2011 8:34 AM

	that was available to vegetarians. There was no entree for vegetarians, and the labeling on the food didn't indicate if there's meat in the food (e.g. I ate beans with a bunch of my vegetarian colleagues, only to find out later that it has bacon in it!)	
23	Very enjoyable, lots of socializing and meeting people. Numerous opportunities to learn.	Sep 22, 2011 8:18 AM
24	Fun, good location	Sep 22, 2011 8:17 AM
25	I was really impressed with the conference. There was a lot excitment and people were engaged and friendly. It was not your typical vendor-driven, Kool-Aid drinking conference. I gained a lot of knowledge. I liked the workshops the better than the Tutorial sessions.	Sep 22, 2011 8:12 AM
26	Great conference, good mix of topics and lotsa of valuable information	Sep 22, 2011 8:06 AM
27	Well organized. The plenary talks were enjoyable and sometimes funny. Nice mix of international and U.S. speakers.	Sep 22, 2011 7:55 AM
28	great content, great networking opportunities, great plenaries	Sep 22, 2011 7:40 AM
29	A little over my head, since I'm new to Open Source, but excellent.	Sep 22, 2011 7:36 AM
30	Hectic 30 min sessions allow for very little depth of subject. Talks had a wide range of quality. Print schedule was difficult to read since tutorials were separate from talks and online schedule was hard to reach in the hotel.	Sep 22, 2011 7:34 AM
31	Talking about Material: In foss4g 2005, 2006 and 2007. The conference price included notepads, pencils, messenger bag, t-shirt , and other things. In foss4g 2011. The conference price included only t-shirt. (so bad) Talking about Food: In foss4g 2005, 2006 and 2007. The conference price included light breakfast, snacks, lunchs, coffes, etc. In foss4g 2011. The conference price included only lunchs and coffes. Talking about Tutorials: In foss4g 2005, 2006 and 2007. There were people trying to say the unknown. In foss4g 2011. Had people trying to hide the known. Talking about Plenary session, welcome and opening events: In foss4g 2005, 2006 and 2007. The welcome was exciting, wonderful, inspiring. In foss4g 2011. The welcome was boring, tedious and unexciting.	Sep 22, 2011 7:32 AM
32	Well organized with variety.	Sep 22, 2011 7:24 AM
33	Excellent way to become informed on the STATE of Open Source Software in general and with specific companies that are performing value added services.	Sep 22, 2011 7:19 AM
34	Poor network connectivity. Very hard to hear presenters. Poor coffee. The Big Party was a Big disappointment.	Sep 22, 2011 6:37 AM
35	Interesting topics, lousy AV, too many people for the space rented, no passing time between sessions, good lunches, no snacks, spotty WiFi	Sep 22, 2011 6:36 AM
36	the draw is having the actual developers around (ie not sales people) to talk with	Sep 22, 2011 6:32 AM
37	Good enough venue, excellent planning, great social activities to maximize interaction, and the heaviest technical (in a good way) content of any conference I've ever been to.	Sep 22, 2011 6:20 AM

38	A lot of technical sessions to choose from and the lunch was good.	Sep 22, 2011 6:12 AM
39	Excellent talks	Sep 22, 2011 5:53 AM
40	It wasn't distinctive between academic and technical sessions. Academic talks should focus more on scientific findings using geospatial analyses/products than technical details.	Sep 22, 2011 5:50 AM
41	Great job!	Sep 22, 2011 5:42 AM
42	I had a fantastic time! I thought the venue was just about the right size for the conference (maybe a little small).	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
43	Sometime, 30 min. it's not enough	Sep 22, 2011 5:26 AM
44	Very well organized, and paced about right.	Sep 22, 2011 5:02 AM
45	Good atmosphere, lots of interaction.	Sep 22, 2011 4:56 AM
46	great technical sessions. having the conference in north america was obviously very benefical to me.	Sep 22, 2011 4:54 AM
47	Well organized, very interesting topics, but too expensive.	Sep 22, 2011 4:18 AM
48	Really appreciated the availability of water throughout the venue. Might need session moderators to control session time so that we do not end up running through the halls like kids in high school.	Sep 22, 2011 3:45 AM
49	In some rooms, the sound could be louder. Internet was slow and not always available but that was not a big deal for me.	Sep 22, 2011 3:08 AM
50	Quality of technical sessions was excellent.	Sep 22, 2011 2:59 AM
51	Excellent conference, many possibilities for contacts, open people, great atmosphere.	Sep 22, 2011 2:30 AM
52	First time I participate, it was great...unfortunately not enough time and people to participate all the subjects.	Sep 22, 2011 2:25 AM
53	It is a good moment to meet people from around the world, and discuss a lot. However I didn't like the presence of commercial partners who clearly are there to sell their products, with little interest in OSGeo goals.	Sep 22, 2011 1:51 AM
54	I found it very well organized, the location was wonderful and also the organization (presentations, lunch, schedule) was excellent.	Sep 22, 2011 12:38 AM
55	Well-organized, great venue with hotel nearby.	Sep 22, 2011 12:19 AM
56	Good conference, could do with finding venues where visability and accoustics are better in the individual rooms.	Sep 22, 2011 12:02 AM
57	Great organization.	Sep 21, 2011 11:52 PM
58	overall good quality in presentations. However some presentations did not live up to my expectations mainly because the presenter had low level of english.	Sep 21, 2011 11:50 PM

59	Great conf, great social program, venue, catering, etc.	Sep 21, 2011 11:49 PM
60	Good	Sep 21, 2011 11:29 PM
61	In general good with many interesting topics. Perhaps the half hour sessions are a bit short leaving me a bit "fragmented"	Sep 21, 2011 11:21 PM
62	Very varying quality of the presentations, the two workshop i attended was quite low quality and interest	Sep 21, 2011 10:33 PM
63	Great sessions! Love the networking opportunities.	Sep 21, 2011 10:15 PM
64	Good, just the right number of attendees	Sep 21, 2011 9:41 PM
65	Well-organized and clear sessions	Sep 21, 2011 8:56 PM
66	Excellent!	Sep 21, 2011 8:50 PM
67	Great conference, lots of content, well organized. I found the event to be expensive when I have to pay for everything myself. Airfare, Hotel, Conference fees, etc probably cost nearly $3000 and I flew from Boston area.	Sep 21, 2011 8:31 PM
68	Most tutorial sessions good	Sep 21, 2011 8:29 PM
69	Sheraton wi-fi was hit and miss. crowded presentation rooms. some of the workshops were poorly planned. the projector screens were too low to stand above the people seating in front of you	Sep 21, 2011 7:24 PM
70	Great conference. I really enjoyed the technical sessions and networking. I would of like to see more technical sessions and less Plenary talks.	Sep 21, 2011 7:23 PM
71	It was inspiring, the talks were great and provided a good overview on what is going on.	Sep 21, 2011 7:13 PM
72	Great community atmosphere, interesting sessions and topics, good pace	Sep 21, 2011 7:07 PM
73	A really enjoyable conference	Sep 21, 2011 7:03 PM
74	Generally liked getting to know other developers who were working on similar problems to the ones I am working on.	Sep 21, 2011 6:57 PM
75	It was amazing.	Sep 21, 2011 6:35 PM
76	A very good edition with a good mix between dev/tech and biz	Sep 21, 2011 6:11 PM
77	Very well organized, excellent, relevant presentations	Sep 21, 2011 6:08 PM
78	the most energy, talent, creativity i have seen at a geospatial conf in a decade	Sep 21, 2011 6:08 PM
79	Wifi problem, but good lunch and Coffee. Without a decent meal, the Big Party is overpriced, when I have to go back to the hotel with an empty hungry. (btw, I don't fancy alcohol)	Sep 21, 2011 6:01 PM
80	Would love more discussions between developers and end-users	Sep 21, 2011 5:51 PM
81	good talks, good organizing, i missed introduction of speakers from sessions	Sep 21, 2011 5:51 PM

chairs and the "big party" was really nothing special - and or 100$ for some fingerfood and three drinks it looked like there was a lot of manx used for something else.

82	A great gathering of minds.	Sep 21, 2011 5:50 PM
83	Very good conference in terms of content, I had to choose between different presentation at the same time, kind of very big (maybe too big), workshops I attend were not as expected, big party was not so "big" no alcool after two hours...	Sep 21, 2011 5:49 PM
84	The projection screens were set in front of floor to ceiling windows in some of the rooms. THAT WAS A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE! Staring into the glare from the windows all day took away from the presentations and caused extreme eye strain.	Sep 21, 2011 5:45 PM
85	great organized great programme	Sep 21, 2011 5:32 PM
86	Great get together, clearly a success.	Sep 21, 2011 5:31 PM
87	Great job!	Sep 21, 2011 5:25 PM
88	Thanks for all the hard work! It was especially noted that we did not run out of food at any point! Internet also for the most part worked very well. The big party format was very good for socialising and better than a sit down meal. I know some were disappointed / hungry but I found the format to be very well done. The QA on the live DVD could use a bit of a hand; we really worked those people to death :(	Sep 21, 2011 5:24 PM
89	For such a technology-oriented conference with extremely tech-savvy attendees, it was unconscionable for simple internet access to be unavailable to the many workshops/presenters whose sessions depended on it.	Sep 21, 2011 4:53 PM
90	did not like the tiering of participants into those that could pay for classes and parties and those that could not.	Sep 21, 2011 4:52 PM
91	Fantastic content! I would like to see some more sessions/presentations on the business use/cases of FOSS.	Sep 21, 2011 4:52 PM
92	It would be nice if the technical sessions were a little longer, like 45 minutes.	Sep 21, 2011 4:52 PM
93	Internet slowness caused a lot of problems especially on the first day.	Sep 21, 2011 4:50 PM
94	I had a lot of fun. It was nice to be in a conference with so many people. Most people I met at the conference were really nice	Sep 21, 2011 4:49 PM
95	I came away inspired!	Sep 21, 2011 4:49 PM
96	Too commercial not enough slots for emerging projects	Sep 21, 2011 4:48 PM
97	Split personality: developer and user sides, never the twain shall meet!	Sep 21, 2011 4:45 PM
98	Great conference, well run, great content	Sep 21, 2011 4:44 PM
99	I thought that the conference was great! Though many of the presentations were a little lack luster in terms of knowledge transfer, seemed more of just showing	Sep 21, 2011 4:43 PM

off current projects vs ideas/suggestions about how to improve things.

100	Venue, orginizing committee, perfect on the tech side of things... begining of biz ... The edition where we started to see and feel an InDUSTRY with big boys preoccupations	Sep 21, 2011 4:29 PM
101	Was great. Great mix of topics, people, etc. Not too vendor or sales pitch heavy (which is key).	Sep 21, 2011 4:18 PM
102	Nicely organized. Kind of hard to find all the right people to talk to because of the shear numbers of attendees. But good work.	Sep 21, 2011 4:06 PM
103	Great conference overall and a great venue. The conference facilities at the Sheraton were very nice. The plenary sessions were very good, and I particularly liked the panel discussion.	Sep 21, 2011 4:01 PM
104	Content was uneven. Excellent in some cases, not so good in others. I expected that in the free sessions, but not for the paid workshops. Logistics (wireless, vms) was problematic the first first three days.	Sep 21, 2011 3:57 PM
105	Interesting sessions and plenaries. Denver was a great venue, and good time of year. The folks that the conference attracted were doing interesting things with OS geopspatial, and bringing together all these minds was valuable.	Sep 21, 2011 3:51 PM
106	It was a fantastic conference overall!	Sep 21, 2011 3:50 PM
107	Exciting. Well done. Good plenaries and lightning rounds, as well as talks and workshops. I like having the buffet lunch - you can chat with people in line, so waiting is not a big deal, and lines were pretty short. And thanks for not having lunch speakers, it was good just to visit with folks.	Sep 21, 2011 3:46 PM
108	Very good, but somewhat lacking in technical content. Need more talks like Paul Ramsey's PostGIS Tips and Tricks for Advanced Users. Need fewer talks on why Open Source is a viable alternative. You don't spend $1000 to attend a conference on this topic if you don't feel that it is a viable product.	Sep 21, 2011 3:45 PM
109	expensive	Sep 21, 2011 3:42 PM
110	great variety	Sep 21, 2011 3:42 PM
111	A great event - I was really impressed with all aspects!	Sep 21, 2011 3:35 PM
112	Best GeoSpatial conf I've ever attended!	Sep 21, 2011 3:35 PM
113	Impressed with the panels.	Sep 21, 2011 3:31 PM
114	I got a lot out of the conference, and was happy that I attended. The big party seemed a bit expensive (especially given the limited food options), and it was disappointing that not everyone could attend. Rather than spend money on the venue, I would have preferred to see better food & beverage choices... I was disappointed that I bought a ticket, and would have rather attended the baseball game had I known the limitations in advance.	Sep 21, 2011 3:29 PM
115	The only reason I gave it a 4 instead of a 5 is because all 3 of the pre-conference workshops I paid for were very disappointing. And it wasn't just the miserable internet connection - the workshops themselves were very	Sep 21, 2011 3:29 PM

	disorganized and quite frankly, I resented parting w/ the extra $350 for basically nothing useful	
116	great mixture of attendees and topics	Sep 21, 2011 3:28 PM
117	Great conference. Mainly for the great spirit and vibe, the no-holds-barred technical questions in sessions, and all the smart people — and the relative lack of marketing and sales types.	Sep 21, 2011 3:27 PM
118	Very good, well organised and a great way of meeting people. Lots of great presenters.	Sep 21, 2011 3:24 PM
119	Brian Timoney did a great job	Sep 21, 2011 3:18 PM
120	Should have the code sprint in the middle	Sep 21, 2011 3:16 PM
121	Good blend of activities.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM
122	30 minute sessions seemed a bit rushed.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM
123	Great - people make it what it is, place only has bearing (potentially) on the people that participate.	Sep 21, 2011 3:13 PM
124	Have the lightening talks in the morning plenary session. This would allow people like me who may develop an interest in the material presented in the lightening talks to have an opportunity to sit through them. Thanks.	Sep 21, 2011 3:13 PM
125	Well run and a blast. Best conference I've been to in years.	Sep 21, 2011 3:11 PM
126	Most of the presentations in the main room was good, for instance the debate on friday morning. Many of the presentations in the smaller rooms was terrible, perhabs software developers just arent that good speaker.	Sep 21, 2011 3:11 PM
127	I thoroughly appreciated my time at the conference. People were friendly, the Denver group and GITA helpful. I noticed it was very gender imbalanced. Some of the rooms had the chairs oriented to look right into the glare which made it difficult to view slides. Just a 90 degree change in the arrangement would have taken care of it. Was pleased to see esri there and that the Denver crowd was friendly to them. I feel very grateful to esri and know that education would be nowhere near where they are today in spreading the word and skills with geospatial without all their free and open attitude to educators and students.	Sep 21, 2011 3:09 PM
128	Nice facility, great food Excellent presentations Good social events	Sep 21, 2011 3:08 PM
129	Maybe I chose my presentations to attend poorly, but most presentation were very poor. Software programmers that have never given a presentation before, students that appear very nervous, or death by bullets. I also attended some presentations with in depth detail about a particular tool or activity but zero context of how or why you would use this tool.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM
130	Overall, a great conference. The quality of individual sessions/workshops/tutorials can vary greatly, depending on the actual presenter. Eight simultaneous sessions makes for some difficult decisions -- I wish I could have attended more sessions. The 1.5-hr tutorials were especially hard to commit myself to, since it meant missing three other 1/2-hr sessions, although I did attend one.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM

131	It was mind-blowing what was presented.	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
132	Very good	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
133	The variety of the presentations was good, lots of networking opportunities, Internet access at the conference site was not good.	Sep 21, 2011 3:05 PM
134	I like the introductory event and getting my feet wet. Great Networking! Glad it was in Denver and nice timing because I just came back to the state after graduation!!!	Sep 21, 2011 3:04 PM
135	Very well organized, really great sessions, really great people there.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
136	Great conference. Hands-down the best GIS conference I've attended.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
137	Simply a great conference!	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
138	Great attendance. Good workshops. Great presentations. The Wynkoop social was EXCELLENT. Venue was nice.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
139	Some tutorials demanded the LiveDVD, which almost none had. It should have been handed out to all participants.	Sep 21, 2011 3:02 PM
140	Focus was probably 80% developer:20% user.	Sep 21, 2011 3:00 PM
141	Content was great. Venue was nice and compact. Food was excellent.	Sep 21, 2011 3:00 PM
142	I thought the organization, venue, and content of this conference was excellent.	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
143	Interesting topics, not too detailed tutorials	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
144	Some of the 20 min seminars were very good. But there were definitely more than a few that were not very good.	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
145	Great content, enjoyed the workshops and talks. Awesome food too!	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
146	In general one of the best FOSS4G conferences so far, but more than 500 attendees makes it difficult for new attendees to get in touch with "old" attendees. The size also requires to run several interesting presentations at the same time, leading to sometimes very crowded rooms. "Big Party" was overprized and short. Sheraton rooms were not a good deal at all. There were much better priced hotels around.	Sep 21, 2011 2:56 PM
147	Great venue	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
148	What a great introduction to FOSS4G and all the interesting developments going on in the space!	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
149	Really enjoyed the conference this year. It was very productive.	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
150	Great Orgainization!	Sep 21, 2011 2:52 PM
151	Excellent content, well organised.	Sep 21, 2011 2:52 PM
152	Overall the conference was great, educational most of all but also enjoyable.	Sep 21, 2011 2:52 PM

Page 2, Q6. General comments on the conference

153	Great Conference! I learned a lot and it was very fun and personal. The workshops were great!!!	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM
154	Too big, talks were too short.	Sep 21, 2011 2:50 PM
155	Except for internet connection first days, *everything* perfect (organization, food, vanue, Denver, ...)	Sep 21, 2011 2:49 PM
156	Great access to other developers!	Sep 21, 2011 2:48 PM
157	Great venue! Great program!	Sep 21, 2011 2:47 PM

Page 2, Q7. What could we do better in future events?

1	Provide more career opportunities for students and scholars	Sep 22, 2011 2:12 PM
2	Enable better communication between workshop organisers and participants (e.g. workshop participant mailing list) Better wifi!	Sep 22, 2011 1:55 PM
3	Keep a conference in the US every year.	Sep 22, 2011 1:23 PM
4	A little more space would help.	Sep 22, 2011 12:59 PM
5	Ensure audio was up to scratch. Make sure lighting was good for presentation. Ensure projection screen was high enough to see clearly. Ensure that each presentation met goals of conference - ie, addressed use of open source spatial software within project, etc.	Sep 22, 2011 12:06 PM
6	more booths of exhibitors. Charge less for booths of OsGEO members	Sep 22, 2011 11:22 AM
7	Better wifi or fix networking at the workshops. Also some workshops could have been better planned (especially node.js). Some of the conference rooms were too small for the number of attendees. I guess this is hard to plan in advanced, and was only a minor issue. Some rooms also had bad lighting (too strong back-light in tower D, for example).	Sep 22, 2011 11:14 AM
8	I heard several complaints about wifi being slow.	Sep 22, 2011 11:05 AM
9	Better structure overall. Process of finding sessions and getting to them in 30 min blocks was difficult. "Tracking" of similar talks would've been helpful. Sessions with 2+ talks would have eased logistics.	Sep 22, 2011 10:59 AM
10	The Monday and Tuesday workshops (at least the ones I went to) need a little bit of work; they didn't seem to target the right group.	Sep 22, 2011 10:49 AM
11	find it hard to find anything to improve upon	Sep 22, 2011 10:45 AM
12	The "Big Party" dinner was too expensive and I opted not to go.	Sep 22, 2011 10:32 AM
13	With so many concurrent sessions it would be nice if they would all be a little bit closer so to be able to change quickly.	Sep 22, 2011 9:47 AM

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14	I didn't realize how short 30 minutes is. Many presentations could have used a longer time slot.	Sep 22, 2011 9:39 AM
15	less 20min presentations. More tutorials (minimum of 1hr). More advanced workshops (ex: OpenLayers)	Sep 22, 2011 9:30 AM
16	More frequently in north America. Every other year? Larger rooms for sessions.	Sep 22, 2011 9:25 AM
17	I think the conference would benefit from having more hands on workshops with some of the technolgies.	Sep 22, 2011 9:24 AM
18	Some of the workshops were truncated or revised (not hands on). Would be great if we could stick to the description of the workshops in the program	Sep 22, 2011 9:17 AM
19	Provide workshop/session materials (VMIs, software, setup) prior to events.	Sep 22, 2011 9:07 AM
20	Better preparations for the pre-conference seminars.	Sep 22, 2011 8:57 AM
21	Presenters should have wired connections, and workshops should have system dependencies and "please have $FOO installed before hand" listed. It may also be better if tutorials conflict with each other instead of with the presentations, so that the "appetizer" comes before the "meat".	Sep 22, 2011 8:57 AM
22	Several workshop were not well prepared!! Presentation rooms were often too small... not enough chairs! Internet connection in hotel and conference rooms was very slow!	Sep 22, 2011 8:40 AM
23	I think that too many presentations were turned down. This led to some topical overlap of offered talks and workshops. I would like to see about 2/3 of proposals accepted. This would increase topical diversity and increase total attendance since you would have more presenters but also more people interested in those presentations.	Sep 22, 2011 8:18 AM
24	It seems like most sessions were running into the half hour mark, making it difficult at times to leave one session and attend another in a timely fashion.	Sep 22, 2011 8:12 AM
25	The wi-fi was limiting. I liked the Big Party, but it seemed very expensive for the limited amount of food provided. The Tutorial sessions seemed not to be as good - there were many technical problems.	Sep 22, 2011 8:12 AM
26	Better conference program. It was poorly arranged and difficult to read.	Sep 22, 2011 8:06 AM
27	take care of the exhibitors a bit more. nickle and diming them is just annoying. Include conference attendance in the exhibitor fee for 2 exhibitors.	Sep 22, 2011 7:40 AM
28	More entry level Open Source!	Sep 22, 2011 7:36 AM
29	Include more tutorials. Make sure facilities can handle the bandwidth of a technology conference, and have curtains so that screens can be seen. Tell speakers to speak into microphones so that they can be heard. Maybe call some of the sessions, free consulting and let people just ask questions... More longer talks? Perhaps a bunch of hour or 1.5 hour talks.	Sep 22, 2011 7:34 AM
30	I would try to participate more developers are not business people, improve food, improve tutorials.	Sep 22, 2011 7:32 AM

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31	It was more valuable to attend workshops that went in depth with working examples to better understand functionality. However, only two days were made available for this kind of training. It would be significantly more useful to have more workshops. Escpecially with each of the core types of functionality to build a full stack...such as front-end, back-end, database, business logic, etc. That would help some of us "newbies" become proficient more quickly. Other than that, EXCELLENT job!	Sep 22, 2011 7:19 AM
32	Install Mics in all rooms not just the larger ones.	Sep 22, 2011 6:41 AM
33	Don't schedule sessions back to back. Speakers invariably went over, creating havoc for others. If you're going to have 30 minute breaks in the morning and afternoon, provide some kind of snack in between	Sep 22, 2011 6:36 AM
34	Have more of them in North America	Sep 22, 2011 6:20 AM
35	The mediators need to keep track of the sessions better or have 5 minutes between conferences.	Sep 22, 2011 6:12 AM
36	more concerted effort to create technical tracks, e.g., lidar, WPS, etc., that are co-located and could reduce some of the back and forth between rooms	Sep 22, 2011 6:10 AM
37	More reliable WiFi would be nice. I was in the workshops for the first two days and it was constantly dropping.	Sep 22, 2011 6:04 AM
38	Must bring FGDC into the mix to get better federal participation on all levels.	Sep 22, 2011 5:53 AM
39	The setting in Windows room was not good. Too big. The microphone didn't work well, the screen was set too low to see from far etc. There should be at least a five minute break between sessions. You have to run to move to the next room.	Sep 22, 2011 5:50 AM
40	Enable more breakout sessions, or places for ad-hoc interest groups to meet, besides the one night BOF.	Sep 22, 2011 5:42 AM
41	The Intro to Open Source GIS workshop should either be on the first day of workshops or the day before the workshops (in this case on Sunday). I was really disappointed that I missed out on other workshops because I attended the Intro one. You should introduce OS GIS, then give people time to get their hands dirty (as a confidence booster), then have the other talks.	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
42	Some of the talks were a bit sparse by necessity of the 1/2 hour slot length. Might be good to have some 45 minute sessions, and at the other end, more lightening talks.	Sep 22, 2011 5:02 AM
43	Nothing, it really was outstanding.	Sep 22, 2011 4:56 AM
44	not sure that I can make a trip to Beijing for next year's conference. It would be useful to have a yearly north american session.	Sep 22, 2011 4:54 AM
45	Better hardware (especially mics) and net connections for presenters in all rooms. If the next "primary" event is in China, the cost to most academics (just getting there) will be too cost prohibitive and I believe your attendance will drop by 1/2, maybe more. Europe, S. America etc are not as expensive.	Sep 22, 2011 3:45 AM
46	The sound installation in the rooms.	Sep 22, 2011 3:08 AM

47	Only minor things: possibly having more beverage options at breaks, maybe a job/resume board.	Sep 22, 2011 2:59 AM
48	As a workshop organiser, I have two comments regarding the workshops: a. There should be one computer for each participant. b. It should be possible for the workshop organisers to get in touch by e-mail with the registered participants before the workshop. Like this, it is possible to provide instructions to set up the workshop environment on the participants own computer well before. It would also allow to inform the participants more precisely what the workshop is going to be about, what are the requirements and so on. I have the feeling that the abstract only is not always enough. Beside this, the workshops have been great, and it has been a pleasure to organise one of the workshops. Other than this, the hotel was quite expensive for our small budget ;-)	Sep 22, 2011 2:30 AM
49	Some items discussed in half an hour only are really limited. Maybe for some we could increase the time. Larger room for important WorkShops, we could not participate OpenLayer because was SOLD OUT.	Sep 22, 2011 2:25 AM
50	Give more space to spontaneous (discussion and coding) gatherings. These are really useful for more inter-project collaboration that a standard presentation.	Sep 22, 2011 1:51 AM
51	First few days there was no speach amplification, printed program was unstructured and compared to the online version practically useless. Only use for the printed program was when the horrible wifi went out.	Sep 22, 2011 1:46 AM
52	Code sprint should last 2 days.	Sep 22, 2011 1:40 AM
53	Better wifi, food for all also in the workshop days	Sep 22, 2011 12:44 AM
54	The screens on which the presentations were projected were located ad a very low height in the wall, and for people not sitted in the fiorst raws it was quite impossible to see the bottom half of the slides.	Sep 22, 2011 12:38 AM
55	WIFI More food and drinks (or longer opening hours for the bar as well as a better beer selection) at the social event. The start of the conference day was a bit early in the morning, though manageable in the end. 4 hours was very long for workshops IMHO.	Sep 22, 2011 12:19 AM
56	OSGeo could hardly do better, but for the hotel: Unscented cleaning material, less noisy A/C, avoid solar backlight making it very hard to see the face of the presenters,	Sep 22, 2011 12:07 AM
57	Not charge 99$ for a mediocre buffet!!	Sep 22, 2011 12:02 AM
58	More technical talks.	Sep 21, 2011 11:52 PM
59	Internet for sure. A dedicated network for presenters and workshops is a must IMHO. If you have to ban someone, are the attendants not the presenters to let them do their presentations and demos correctly. Maybe program a social event more "outside" like a visit to somewhere (a park, an IT research center, etc.)	Sep 21, 2011 11:49 PM
60	Perhaps more longer and deeper workshops also Wed-Fri. Maybe if someone could put together workshops on a stack of tools? PostGIS->MapServer/GeoServer->OpenLayers/GeoExt->GeoNetwork to give a more solution oriented overview?	Sep 21, 2011 11:21 PM

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61	I think the sessions where a bit to short, I think 20 minutes is not enough. And I got the feeling that some of the presenter were just there to present there company.	Sep 21, 2011 11:14 PM
62	More diversity of presentations, put a limit on the number of presentations any single person or company can make	Sep 21, 2011 10:44 PM
63	It would be great if the presentations could be more sorted into different tracks. This year there were some collisions where interesting sessions all were at the same time. Some workshops should be of higher level and not be introductionary	Sep 21, 2011 10:33 PM
64	Vegetarian friendly meals (especially for hardcore vegetarians or culturally sensitive vegetarians). Also be more prepared for the tech sessions with computers preloaded and ready to work with.	Sep 21, 2011 10:15 PM
65	Seemed fine	Sep 21, 2011 8:56 PM
66	1. Need to provide a simple schedule with all events laid out chronologically for planning and navigating the day. There was too much flipping between pages. 2. Need a way to connect with people you have only interacted with online.	Sep 21, 2011 8:31 PM
67	Less focus on alcohol. More opportunities to socialize without alcohol. More food at the Big Party.	Sep 21, 2011 8:21 PM
68	Longer breaks in between lectures and longer lectures (over 30 minutes) when needed	Sep 21, 2011 8:19 PM
69	carefully vet the presentation. a nice abstract is insufficient to judge presentation quality. many of them are tedious monotones of screen shots and pages of code in tiny text. need more concept and much less 'here's what happens when I press this button'	Sep 21, 2011 7:24 PM
70	More North America events. Less Plenary talks. Cheaper venue and registration fee.	Sep 21, 2011 7:23 PM
71	Internet was quite slow, The 'Big Party' could have had a sit down meal	Sep 21, 2011 7:13 PM
72	I can't really think of anything. It's really well organized.	Sep 21, 2011 7:07 PM
73	Some of the technical presentation could have had a longer time slot	Sep 21, 2011 7:03 PM
74	Cheaper food, cheaper entry fee.	Sep 21, 2011 6:57 PM
75	I would like you to make workshops (hands-on) on different days.	Sep 21, 2011 6:52 PM
76	A better network access. Poor bandwidth has resulted in problems especially in many workshops.	Sep 21, 2011 6:11 PM
77	Keep the price down a little. Curtains on windows...presentations were difficult to see at times.	Sep 21, 2011 6:08 PM
78	not much! maybe build 'the big party' in differently so folks arent priced out	Sep 21, 2011 6:08 PM
79	Provide slides before the conference.	Sep 21, 2011 5:59 PM

80	Foster an environment where everyone feels they have something to add to the conversation. that would mean avenues for Developers to hear end-users and for End-users to discuss with developers to understand the constraints of developing software and how software are built.	Sep 21, 2011 5:51 PM
81	s.o.	Sep 21, 2011 5:51 PM
82	avoid ballroom style plenaries, prefer amphitheater ones.	Sep 21, 2011 5:51 PM
83	Better wireless. Power strips. Better wireless. More water coolers. Better wireless. More consistent quality in workshops.	Sep 21, 2011 5:50 PM
84	The bandwith at the hotel was not good for this type of conference (geek, maps, tiles, data download, etc.), less presentation in less days, a bigger party for the "big night".	Sep 21, 2011 5:49 PM
85	Never, ever set the screens in front of windows again!	Sep 21, 2011 5:45 PM
86	speakers in lecture rooms moderation of sessions (short bio of next speaker, organize questions) mor space in the rooms (although this is very hard to plan)	Sep 21, 2011 5:32 PM
87	The brochure schedule layout was a little confusing. It was unclear when the workshops ended and the sessions began. Prefer a day by day color coded layout. wireless clogged when sessions began and everyone tried to download and install. Use USB or DVD installs where possible.	Sep 21, 2011 5:31 PM
88	Make it free :)	Sep 21, 2011 5:25 PM
89	I did not get a chance to visit the academic posters and meet the students responsible; it would of been good to have them on hand during coffee/tea in order to answer questions. The quality of the presentations / workshops was varied. I am not sure how to improve this other than to only accepted "second hand" presentations that have been shown to the appropriate local chapter before hand. More feedback for OSGeo - it would of been good to organise a presence at the OSGeo booth; I was able to meet "new" users a couple of times but a great deal more could be done.	Sep 21, 2011 5:24 PM
90	More of a variety of talks, found it was very heavily PostGIS	Sep 21, 2011 5:02 PM
91	I must be assured that one of the following steps have been taken before attending another FOSS4G: A) Beef up internet access beyond whatever meager wireless is made available by the facility; B) Explicitly require that every workshop/presenter arrive for their session with the necessary material to distribute to students, rather than relying on internet downloads/demos for conducting their session.	Sep 21, 2011 4:53 PM
92	one price for all	Sep 21, 2011 4:52 PM
93	Some training/mentoring for presenting. Many of the presentations abstracts sounded great, but the presenter was completely unprepared; or was not very good at presenting. Other conferences I've been to offered some tips/training/mentoring to folks to make these better.	Sep 21, 2011 4:52 PM
94	It would be good if the FOSS4G site would post the slides or web site links presented during the technical sessions	Sep 21, 2011 4:52 PM

95	Make sure internet is functioning well.	Sep 21, 2011 4:50 PM
96	The A/V was poor - it was very difficult to see screens. That took away from a lot of the presentations which is very unfortunate. The slow internet was an issue as well, as there were presentations where it would have been nice to see something 'in action' as opposed to on a slide.	Sep 21, 2011 4:49 PM
97	Less OpenGeo presentations	Sep 21, 2011 4:48 PM
98	One day in the not too distant future, you may have to do TWO conferences, one for users and one for developers	Sep 21, 2011 4:45 PM
99	Please add some sort of description to the presentations instead of just the topics. I went to many of the presentations with a completely different idea of what the 30min presentation was about. Felt like I missed out on some of the other presentations since I ended up going to ones that were not of interest for me.	Sep 21, 2011 4:43 PM
100	Clear tracks for technical stuff (techno &project perspective) + a track for end-user / succesful implementations + a track for enterprise ready solutions (biz)...	Sep 21, 2011 4:29 PM
101	5 minutes in between sessions. Just put it on the schedule so everyone knows. Some room monitors/speakers were too timid to speak up and let people start leaving. Also, offer longer sessions in different tracks, or beginning/advanced sessions. Some sessions were great, but were too short to give the speaker enough time to really dig in to a topic. Encourage more live coding/demo presentations. Having to go upstairs for some sessions wasn't ideal, but not sure too much could be done there. Otherwise really liked the venue.	Sep 21, 2011 4:18 PM
102	I would like even more workshops and hands on tutorials. I liked the PostGIS one, but how about raising the bar? A more advanced PostGIS tutorial with raster would be great for next year's FOSS4G.	Sep 21, 2011 4:12 PM
103	More in depth, technical sessions. I felt like the presentations were rushed having only 20 minutes, and wanted to know more details about the implementations.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 PM
104	Set up impromtu meeting points. Basically empty tables in a public place that people can reserve and put a sign up to hold impromptu discussions. Also you could offer a deep discount to the OSGeo projects to have an exhibitor booth.	Sep 21, 2011 4:06 PM
105	The conference agenda/schedule, both on the web and in PDF, was packed with information but could have been organized a little better. Before the conference started, it was a little unclear to me from looking at the schedule that the workshops on Monday/Tuesday were not part of the main conference (which is all I paid for). I also didn't realize that lunch was provided until lunchtime on Wednesday - a nice surprise but would have been good to know in advance.	Sep 21, 2011 4:01 PM
106	Talk to jzimmerman@bigskytechnology.com who organizes the 20+ tech conferences a year for NoFlufJustStuff for advice on how to handle logistics. Ask presenters to upload presentations in advance and make available for download (except shootout, of course). Ask workshop participants to rate workshop teachers to decide who to bring back and how they can improve. OK, you're already doing that.	Sep 21, 2011 3:57 PM
107	Switch Intro GIS day to Monday More talk detail in program (title not enough)	Sep 21, 2011 3:54 PM

	Less fluff in plenary speeches more vegetarian options	
108	My comments here are mostly logistical and not content-related. Content was great! * Provide coffee in the morning well before the 10 am break * The AV was an issue in some of the sessions. While my colleague was presenting, the projector broke down. There was no backup available, and so it was challenging to conduct a quality workshop without a way to show his demo onscreen. * Remember the vegetarians, even during the Exhibitor evening event.	Sep 21, 2011 3:51 PM
109	better wifi access	Sep 21, 2011 3:50 PM
110	ouch, the hotel was expensive... but the venue and food was good.	Sep 21, 2011 3:46 PM
111	- Less dependency on WiFi in workshops	Sep 21, 2011 3:45 PM
112	charge less	Sep 21, 2011 3:42 PM
113	The Thursday night party was way over priced...would have been happy with just another Wyncoop night or something like that.	Sep 21, 2011 3:35 PM
114	Audio in the sessions had some issues. The WI-FI worked poorly or not at all and could use some attention.	Sep 21, 2011 3:31 PM
115	I felt that sessions were a bit short, and a bit rushed. An extra 10-15 minutes would have been good. Egress to & from rooms should also be addressed so that attendees are able to freely enter and leave a room without creating a distraction...many rooms were packed, hot and once you were in, you were stuck. Further, doors had to be shut because of the noise outside (and of course, folks were in & out of those doors, so a constant opening & closing was that much more a distraction). Some presenters would have benefited from a bit of training in public speaking. Quite a few times, I saw slides with 10's of bullets, and the speaker reading all bullets verbatim, and the audience lost by slide two. Each presenter should be required to have their slide-decks peer reviewed (to avoid cluttered & hap-hazard content), and then be required to attend a practice / review sessions of the presenters (in the room they'll be speaking in) so they can rehearse prior to their session. Rooms should also be co-located in a single area. Moving up & down between floors was bit crazy, especially with 1/2 hour sessions. The rooms need to be able to handle ~200 people each. And any common areas outside the rooms should be cleared (or run like a library) so that the doors don't need to be shut while a session is taking place.	Sep 21, 2011 3:29 PM
116	Ensure that each of the workshop rooms has a hardwired internet connections to a local server with all the software and data or demos, rather than trying to use overtaxed wireless to hit some server halfway across the world and download the needed files. AND - have the conf workshop committee VET the actual workshop content ahead of time to ensure that it is well organized and contains appropriately detailed content and exercises.	Sep 21, 2011 3:29 PM
117	provide the presentation timing as a table view in the printed material - as on the website, it was hard to compare what is taking place at what time. Please provide the venue map on the last or on the first page, always looking for page 12 was a little tedious	Sep 21, 2011 3:28 PM
118	Obviously the wireless internet was a major problem for many presenters. Presenters should at least be given accurate advice about what the Internet's real availability will be. Since most presenters relied heavily on a projected	Sep 21, 2011 3:27 PM

	display it would be great if the next venue had better displays. Some were faint or too small.	
119	Try and show a little more presentation content in the printed program. I attended some sessions where the presentations were not at all what I though they were.	Sep 21, 2011 3:24 PM
120	Better venue, make workshop files available online, make all presentations available online.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM
121	serve breakfast as well.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM
122	If you plan to have food service in the future, having a food-preference as a signup option might help both the participants as well as the venue (who were scrambling to accommodate the participants needs - and did a good job in handling special requests).	Sep 21, 2011 3:13 PM
123	Many sessions were too crowded. I felt like I was always rushing to get a seat.	Sep 21, 2011 3:11 PM
124	In general terms, be more professional. Many of the sessions (like the WMS-shootout), was interesting but poorly presented. The audio quality on wednesday morning opening session was terrible (didnt anyone do a sound check?). Compared to other conferences, foss4g needs to mature a bit.	Sep 21, 2011 3:11 PM
125	Create an special group of sessions for non technical foss4g enthusiasts	Sep 21, 2011 3:10 PM
126	This is constructive criticism, but I volunteered to collect tickets at one of the workshops and had issues with people who had not signed up for the workshops thinking that they could just sneak in, sit down, and go unnoticed OR, they would try to bargain with me or use the excuse of "I'm speaking at the conference" to get into my workshop. Everyone had a laptop in my workshop, so we didn't have this issue, but one of my co-workers paid to attend the Geoserver workshop and wasn't able to sit at a laptop. Again, just something to think about for next year!	Sep 21, 2011 3:09 PM
127	Would like to see a lower rate for educators, as for most conferences I attend. For example, the esri user conference is either comped because of our license or $500.00 for 5 days. That rate includes the big party at the end.	Sep 21, 2011 3:09 PM
128	Cookies with coffee blazing fast stable wireless internet Sessions in an actual brewery	Sep 21, 2011 3:08 PM
129	Provide some guidance to your presenters. Many people at the conference were new to open source and most presentations assumed that all attendees new what the tool was and why you would use it. I assume some or most people are attending that sessions because they want to learn what that tool is.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM
130	More vegetarian/vegan food options. Considering that many attendees are new to open source development, it could be useful to offer a few sessions not directly related to geospatial, covering things like Git, best practices for coordinating code development among a global group of developers, unit tests, etc.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM
131	Less and longer sessions. It was all a bit rushed.	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
132	Have some way to know what organisations are present. There are too many participants to search people out. I would have got more value from finding	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM

people working in the same application domain as my organisation.

133	Better Internet access. Having workshops organizers use the OSGeo LiveDVD/USB for their workshops would be great. That way every participant could easily have direct access to a machine. The one laptop for every two people was not great.	Sep 21, 2011 3:05 PM
134	More users presentations... case studies etc.	Sep 21, 2011 3:04 PM
135	Do more of them	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
136	The venue was almost too small. Maybe leave 5-10 minutes between sessions so you can get from one room to another on time.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
137	The wireless network could be improved. The big party was over far too early. Besides I realized too late that there is no further food coming, my fault I know.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
138	Hotel wifi was poor, broken demos -- future venues, check that they can handle 1000 nerds with laptops.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
139	Better plenum room	Sep 21, 2011 3:02 PM
140	More case studies/workflows	Sep 21, 2011 3:00 PM
141	Big party should not have had an attendee cap. Everyone that wanted to go should have been able to. That said, I was told it kinda sucked from a value perspective.	Sep 21, 2011 3:00 PM
142	Lunch the first two days (during the workshops) generated long lines. That was a mild annoyance, and was overshadowed by a well planned and executed conference.	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
143	Have workshops free, considering the quite high fee of the conference	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
144	I would like to have more time to go between seminars. It would also be nice if some of these seminars were longer. I think you could probably cut down on both lunch and the breaks and gain some good time.	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
145	Big party could have been better, venue was nice but not worth the $ in my opinion.	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
146	1) Hard to view main display in a room with lots of light coming in the windows. 2) Since speakers generally had only 30 minutes, take less time talking about their company and more time about the software being presented.	Sep 21, 2011 2:58 PM
147	I would prefer to get away from "bigger is better". Better make four than three days presentations. The community doesn't need a 5 star conference with 5 star lunch, but some affordable alternative. SotM was much better in that way handing out lunch packages which goes quicker and was a lot more convenient.	Sep 21, 2011 2:56 PM
148	Some things were way too technical and some glitches in technology should be ironed out before 30 minute blocks are rushed in.	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
149	Have more hands-on tutorials that aren't a half day long.	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
150	It wasn't clear to me when the opening reception was going to be. I would have	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM

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	liked to attend that event.	
151	Better Mic for all the rooms.	Sep 21, 2011 2:52 PM
152	The rooms weren't great for presenting in terms of acoustics wifi and light	Sep 21, 2011 2:52 PM
153	For me the big party was a major disappointment. The gallery and people were fine, but I understood "plenty of food" as something other than tiny appetizers. And while I don't drink alcohol the selection of stuff was pretty crappy. The value for how much it cost just wasn't there even if I had taken advantage of the alcohol. $100 is a lot of money to STILL have to go out to dinner afterwards.	Sep 21, 2011 2:52 PM
154	More benchmarks in the shootout!	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM
155	Longer slots for talks, better IT infrastructure.	Sep 21, 2011 2:50 PM
156	Be sure, internet connection will be stable.	Sep 21, 2011 2:49 PM
157	Sessions could be longer and a 5 minute break between each to let the rooms clear would be nice.	Sep 21, 2011 2:48 PM

Page 2, Q11. Please rank your Monday AM workshop (1 - poor and 5 - excellent)

1	N/A	Sep 22, 2011 9:24 AM
2	Awfully basic for me but always a pleasure to see Paul present and this time I was able to figure out much of the problems by myself since I have some PostGIS experience.	Sep 22, 2011 8:18 AM
3	great!	Sep 22, 2011 8:12 AM
4	Well, organized. Targeted to an intro user and easy enough to follow along. Would have preferred to know in advance that laptops were provided. It would have been useful to have a minimum requirements in advance if we wanted to follow along on our own machines.	Sep 22, 2011 7:34 AM
5	We started a little late but were able to finish the entire workshop.	Sep 22, 2011 7:19 AM
6	The content was good, but I was getting bogged down by the WiFi not performing well so some of the download processes put me behind.	Sep 22, 2011 6:04 AM
7	Presentation was fine, but the product was not what I was expecting.	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
8	The speaker was late.	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
9	Not much hands on development	Sep 22, 2011 1:46 AM
10	The exercises were a bit basic. But I guess that for beginners they were really well planed.	Sep 21, 2011 11:58 PM
11	Too oriented to final users, but being a dev. framework, I expected to see any java code.	Sep 21, 2011 11:49 PM

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12	A good workshop. Well prepared!	Sep 21, 2011 11:21 PM
13	The workshop did not match up with the given text in the invitation. Very little actual work and somewhat unorganized prestenter.	Sep 21, 2011 10:33 PM
14	I attended this workshop [presented by mark Leslie] in Sydney 2009. Paul Ramsey and the PostGIS absolutely nailed it--the gold standard by which any workshop should be measured	Sep 21, 2011 9:41 PM
15	A bit disorganized at first, but went smoothly for the bulk of the session.	Sep 21, 2011 8:29 PM
16	poorly paced. the instructions for the exercises were ambiguous. The content on the projector was dense and unreadable. too much xml to pore thru. unclear the role of client config vs server config.	Sep 21, 2011 7:24 PM
17	Paul is a great speaker and the hands-on was well organized so it was helpful but didn't take up too much setup time.	Sep 21, 2011 4:49 PM
18	As mentioned, I think one can raise the bar a little.	Sep 21, 2011 4:12 PM
19	Very hands-on, and leveraged the break to go outside and do live walking paper mapping. Presenters had a schedule and objectives, but still enough flex time to answer questions in depth. Valuable.	Sep 21, 2011 3:51 PM
20	Decent workshop however the curriculum of content and the presenters could have been significantly better and more dynamic.	Sep 21, 2011 3:27 PM
21	Not knowing anything about software, it took a while to grasp what, why, and how I was setting things up. What is the purpose of the software in the whole OSGeo world?	Sep 21, 2011 3:25 PM
22	Paul is a great presenter.	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
23	Very informative. We won't use the software but we learned techniques.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
24	Tough to get through all of the material	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM
25	Paul Ramsey is THE MAN!!!	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM

Page 2, Q13. Please rank your Monday PM workshop (1 - poor and 5 - excellent)

1	Lack of laptops meant that it was impossible for everyone to work through the tasks themselves. The presentation was erratic. Sometimes it seemed like they knew what was going on, sometimes there were pauses and silences. It could have been more fluid.	Sep 22, 2011 12:06 PM
2	Poor wifi made some things a little difficult, but the workshop was well planned and easy to follow in general.	Sep 22, 2011 11:14 AM
3	would appreciate mode advanced stuff	Sep 22, 2011 9:30 AM
4	Good hands on experience with Quantum GIS.	Sep 22, 2011 9:24 AM

5	Kurt did a great job! I felt the scales falling from my eyes. Now actively implementing some of his material into courses I teach.	Sep 22, 2011 9:17 AM
6	Nice content, but ran very short on time due to everyone trying to setup a virtual server at the same time. For me, the VM was a problem because the virtualization system was not available on the platform of the computer I had with me.. Had I had the information that it would be a VM install, I could have both had the right computer to run it, and had it pre-downloaded.	Sep 22, 2011 8:57 AM
7	pretty good. Some technical problems due to wi-fi	Sep 22, 2011 8:12 AM
8	Great workshop. Perfect for educators.	Sep 22, 2011 7:55 AM
9	Basic introduction to geoserver, but too much time spent talking about styles, not info on how to use with a DB. Too much time spent answering specific questions people in the audience had.	Sep 22, 2011 7:34 AM
10	Too much time doing nothing.	Sep 22, 2011 6:02 AM
11	Excellent tool, excellent presentation	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
12	I thought the speaker did an excellent job. This was, by far, my favorite workshop.	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
13	We would have attended OperLayers but was SOLD out.	Sep 22, 2011 2:25 AM
14	Great workshop by Thierry, with lots of exercises to do at home, very well documented and explained.	Sep 21, 2011 11:49 PM
15	Not very well organised, but I understand the presenters stepped in at short notice. Scrappy notes, and a disorganised presentation sequence	Sep 21, 2011 9:41 PM
16	pretty good synopsis of how to do it. good visual displays and pretty clear exercises. instructor easy to understand and hear	Sep 21, 2011 7:24 PM
17	software and example data should be prepared before workshop	Sep 21, 2011 6:52 PM
18	Very well-prepared and well-presented. Learned a lot.	Sep 21, 2011 5:50 PM
19	Not enough interaction with the code, we just to listen the speaker, I would have liked to test the code directly in PostGIS and GeoExt	Sep 21, 2011 5:49 PM
20	Daniel is running essentially the same session he ran at FOSS4G 2007. But at least he was not dependent on internet.	Sep 21, 2011 4:53 PM
21	They worked on a level of experts and there was some attendees with no much knowledge/	Sep 21, 2011 4:50 PM
22	This moved way too slowly and didn't take advantage of the amazing developers that were there.	Sep 21, 2011 4:49 PM
23	observer	Sep 21, 2011 4:29 PM
24	I wasn't aware this was an "introduction" workshop. I had previously developed applications using open layers and hoped for a much more advanced workshop.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 PM

25	The network connection was very slow, and so it took a long time for the VM machine on the FOSS4G disk to download the tools. Yet, because the exercises were dependent on databases/other resources on the VM, there was not the option to do the exercises on our own machines. I still left with GeoKettle installed on my laptop, and am looking forward to examining it further.	Sep 21, 2011 3:51 PM
26	Outstanding and provides a wealth of information in the documentation.	Sep 21, 2011 3:45 PM
27	Bit slow moving, but that's natural given the varying levels of experience with the participants.	Sep 21, 2011 3:31 PM
28	It might have been a good workshop if we'd been able to get through it, but we spent ~2 hours waiting for an updated version of the software installer and data package to download & install. By the time we got everything ready to go, there was no time left to work though the exercises. We got to do only the first one.	Sep 21, 2011 3:29 PM
29	Solid, well presented workshop. Slightly less frank than I've come to expect from FOSS4G presentations, as it was in part a product pitch for GeoServer, but really good.	Sep 21, 2011 3:27 PM
30	I've been programming with MS Virtual Earth/Bing Maps for the last 5 years and this class helped me to have a firm understanding on replacing BING and Google.	Sep 21, 2011 3:25 PM
31	Good speaker, good tips for beginners.	Sep 21, 2011 3:15 PM
32	Had to download some things from net. Access was slow.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM
33	I helped with this workshop.	Sep 21, 2011 3:09 PM
34	I knew most of the introductory things but also took away some things that I didn't know so well.	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
35	Having the workshop as part of the LiveDVD would be a huge benefit. I didn't get a lot of hands on experience.	Sep 21, 2011 3:05 PM
36	Mike kept talking about "doing things" with Geoserver, but we never really got to that beyond styling. I realize it's a tall order to get folks to use server software, but a bit more directed work would have been nice.	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
37	Not as much new material as I was hoping for and I probably could have really just benefited from using the packet as a tutorial if I had found it online. It was very informative, but not really targeted at me.	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
38	Dr. Badard was very friendly and the workshop demonstrated his ETL tool very effectively.	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM

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1	Disappointing. It was more of a sales pitch for open source than an 'Introduction	Sep 22, 2011 12:06 PM

	to Open Source'. Yes it was beneficial highlighting the differences between OS & proprietary but this is all it seemed to focus on. I went thinking that it would provide a good summary of open source categories within the spatial industry and that it would prepare me for the upcoming days and assist my decisions as to what presentations I was going to attend. It failed to do that. I do note that I may have completely misunderstood the role of the workshop but I felt my money was wasted.	
2	The second half was useful, but spending over an hour discussing the syntax of dictionaries and hashes in python and javascript was definitely a waste of time and not relevant to the main reason people attended this workshop, which was to see how to do the interactive space-time dynamics. Sadly, the last part had to be rushed, reducing the value of the workshop a bit. Next time skip the basic javascript/python overview, or make it much shorter.	Sep 22, 2011 11:14 AM
3	N/A	Sep 22, 2011 9:24 AM
4	Would have been better if they had contributed to distributed OSGeo Live DVD/VM so that it could have been used (since people already had that.)	Sep 22, 2011 8:18 AM
5	Good - a little bit too basic for me, but overall it was good.	Sep 22, 2011 8:12 AM
6	The MC was excellent, with interesting presenters.	Sep 22, 2011 8:08 AM
7	My notes aren't too clear on what I learned in this workshop, so it wasn't really good, or really bad.	Sep 22, 2011 7:34 AM
8	Even though this was only a "Getting Started" session, it went deep enough to see how everything played together. This course has peeked my interest and I would definitely enjoy taking it to the next level, either on my own or preferably through another course, as I like asking a lot of questions.	Sep 22, 2011 7:24 AM
9	This course was for more advanced users. There were some issues with connections. The instructors didn't really guide us through anything. It was a do on your own kind of thing.	Sep 22, 2011 7:19 AM
10	I learned quite a bit about OS in general which was useful since my exposure has only really been to a couple of applications. It filled in a couple of knowledge gaps and also made me more comfortable with the jargon of OS.	Sep 22, 2011 6:04 AM
11	All very cool	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
12	I got a lot of material but I felt like it should've been offered on Sunday afternoon instead of taking up an entire day.	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
13	I did organise this workshop, so my ranking would be excellent, but it is biased ;-)	Sep 22, 2011 2:30 AM
14	Great	Sep 22, 2011 2:25 AM
15	It seems as if the expected audience was not the same as the actual. There were a lot of software developers and not a lot of end users. The workshop really seemed focused on the latter. The workshop trainers really tried to improvise though, so they get points for that.	Sep 21, 2011 11:58 PM

16	It would be great to see the teacher to really USE Geonode, but instead we had some slides from past FOSS4G and we saw some demos from OpenGeo projects. At the end we tried to install Geonode in a brand new AMI instance, but without success as the installation procedure failed.	Sep 21, 2011 11:49 PM
17	A good workshop. Well prepared!	Sep 21, 2011 11:21 PM
18	Most of the time was waiting for getting servers ready, the workshop itself took about 1,5h to complete then it was waiting again while presenters tried to find new tasks to do.	Sep 21, 2011 10:33 PM
19	Pretty good, but we needed the notes to be up to date, not half-finished	Sep 21, 2011 9:41 PM
20	nothing terribly wrong with it, but not very memorable either. pace of exercises a bit fast.	Sep 21, 2011 7:24 PM
21	Was very useful talking to Dane about recent changes in Mapnik, enjoyed the excuse to get to know more about Tilemill.	Sep 21, 2011 6:57 PM
22	Very well prepared, good companion materials.	Sep 21, 2011 6:08 PM
23	Presenters were incredibly unprepared. Their content wasn't on the DVD. The student images weren't the same as the instructors and MapNik didn't work. They didn't use their time wisely, spending way too much on the performance aspects. AND THEY DIDN'T COVER MAPNIK DETAILS. I should have asked for a refund.	Sep 21, 2011 5:50 PM
24	Great job!	Sep 21, 2011 5:25 PM
25	Good but wasn't what I was expecting. Thought it would be more of a "getting started with opensource"	Sep 21, 2011 5:02 PM
26	Very knowledgeable presenters, VirtualBox Mapnik VM was buggy due to last minute changes, internet could have fixed it but was unavailable. Evolved into a marketing demo of TileMill rather than a Mapnik workshop.	Sep 21, 2011 4:53 PM
27	Not enough technical introduction. The Mapping Ecosystem handout seem to have a complete list of everything, but there was almost no discussion of those lists in the presentation.	Sep 21, 2011 4:52 PM
28	Explanation was really fast.	Sep 21, 2011 4:50 PM
29	An excellent way to wade into Open Source GIS.	Sep 21, 2011 4:14 PM
30	Interesting overview, but I had expected a little more technical stuff.	Sep 21, 2011 4:12 PM
31	Organising workshop, so no rank	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 PM
32	Directed towards a non-technical audience. I'm a very experienced developer, just new to GIS. These talks were long on the FOSS sales pitch dimension and low on the provide information dimension.	Sep 21, 2011 3:54 PM
33	Great introduction to geospatial open source. Defining the difference between open standards, open software, and open data is critical, and was made clear.	Sep 21, 2011 3:51 PM

	That was valuable to many attendees I think. However, I was a little taken aback by the MC comments against Esri... I work for Esri, and though of course most of our software is not open source, anytime someone describes our company as an "800 pound gorilla" that must be fought against is disheartening. Especially when the venue is a room full of folks new to FOSS4G, and there is no avenue to contest the comment. For an intro to Geospatial Open Source morning workshop, the comment came out of left field.	
34	The people running this workshop didn't check that the data or exercises worked before starting the workshop and didn't seem well organized in general.	Sep 21, 2011 3:50 PM
35	The Introduction had some great speakers, notably Geoff Zeiss, Michael Byrne, and Matt Krusemark (and it was fun to see Frank W!). I found it very helpful to get an idea of funding models for sustaining open source projects.	Sep 21, 2011 3:46 PM
36	Useless...should return peoples money for this one. The only presentation at the whole conf I would say was poor.	Sep 21, 2011 3:35 PM
37	extremely disorganized. very little actual content. Not at all useful. If I wanted to "just go online and look over the docs" (as one of the presenters had the nerve to tell us) then I wouldn't have paid extra for a workshop! Developers aren't typically the best people to be leading the workshops. Someone with some decent presentation skills would be more useful.	Sep 21, 2011 3:29 PM
38	Great, exciting workshop. Dane dealt well with network difficulties and adapted the content to deliver what was possible. Technology on show was exciting.	Sep 21, 2011 3:27 PM
39	This wasn't what I was expecting. I was expecting an introduction into each of the open source products so I would better know where to focus my time the remainder of the conference. What was presented was informational and very interesting but completely different from what I had expected.	Sep 21, 2011 3:25 PM
40	I really wanted to understand how data from OSM was styled, but this class didn't help. I walked out half way through. I didn't get an understanding of what the software was supposed to do. Was it a style editor? Was the presenter trying to sell me on a new style sheet language? I have enough languages to remember as it is. Very unorganized presentation.	Sep 21, 2011 3:25 PM
41	Brian Timoney did a great job	Sep 21, 2011 3:18 PM
42	Software seemed finicky.. also not incredibly relevant to me so I wasn't as focused.	Sep 21, 2011 3:15 PM
43	Subject needs more time.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM
44	Hard to cover the basics and review new features in the latest release. Should stay focused on using latest stable release, and building a couple of examples	Sep 21, 2011 3:08 PM
45	Much of it seemed to be duplicated in the opening plenary session.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM
46	Disorganized. A great project, but I could have learned as much looking at the website on my own and chatting with one of the developers for 10 minutes at a pub.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM

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47	Knew most of it already, but it was a good presentation.	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
48	A few too many software glitches. Dane needed a few more hours sleep before the workshop. However, the content was great	Sep 21, 2011 3:05 PM
49	I presented "New Features for QGIS Power Users". Wrong VM image and and VirtualBox tools missing.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
50	The Introductory event, presumably targeted at encouraging developers and decision makers to adopt FOSS, needed to have more "business rationale" meat. It was too much FOSS vs commercial. And yet, who can afford to use FOSS who isn't commercial - hobbyists?	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
51	I was interested in knowing more about geospatial open source, but I'm not a manager. I already use the software and didn't need convincing to use it. I did not attend the afternoon session, choosing instead to see more of Denver.	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
52	Jeff's delivery was a bit unorganized, but mostly effective.	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM

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1	Have codebase on local machines before workshop	Sep 22, 2011 12:14 PM
2	The talk was good and very detailed. It was well presented and provided a good introduction to deploying web services in Amazon. However, as we weren't previously advised to get an Amazon account, and advised that there were costs in doing so, the workshop ended up being a few hours of watching a whole lot of dry, text filled slides.	Sep 22, 2011 12:06 PM
3	Badly prepared, and due to the very poor wifi at the venue, it was not possible for them to recover or compensate for the bad preparation. Once things were finally installed, the workshop seemed to switch to a presentation, not a workshop. The information was certainly interesting, and the presentation was quite good, but as a workshop I think it needs to improve a lot.	Sep 22, 2011 11:14 AM
4	The description of this workshop was a bit misleading, but that might have been my fault for not reading it close enough. I was hoping for in depth practical geoserver use, but it was pretty much web cartography.	Sep 22, 2011 10:49 AM
5	network problem reduce the workshop time by 1.5hrs	Sep 22, 2011 9:30 AM
6	N/A	Sep 22, 2011 9:24 AM
7	There was maybe 45 minutes or more history on the project at the beginning of the session. It would have been better to get straight to the actual workshop sooner. Likewise, this workshop would have been better had it been possible to use the OSGeo Live DVD/VM.	Sep 22, 2011 8:18 AM

8	The PM session of the Intro to GOS was good	Sep 22, 2011 8:12 AM
9	The session was fast paced. A few people had a hard time with that, but I appreciated the fast pace to cram everything in at a high level from idea to finished product. Traveling through the whole life cycle is extremely important to me, as I can learn on my own to fill in the details. The part that impressed me was the fully detailed training website (http://www.qgisworkshop.org). There was no need for the instructors to take us through every step because we could take the detailed training approach on our own and at our pace. I would have been bored if they went slow enough for everyone and just followed the training website. The instructors took a great approach... much more like a Graduate level course. The presented the high points and explained the more difficult concepts, and expected you to return to the coursework to learn the details on your own.	Sep 22, 2011 7:24 AM
10	This was very helpful as the company I work for may be implementing QGIS for a solution at small client locations. I should have attended the other workshop though -> A Complete Open Source Web Mapping Stack.	Sep 22, 2011 7:19 AM
11	Internet connectivity really slowed down the workshop -- I was hoping to see some of the advanced items like web sockets, but we were only able to touch on it briefly.	Sep 22, 2011 5:42 AM
12	Course was poorly planned. There was a requirement that all students needed an amazon services account. Many students were still trying to signup for the account, while the instructor kept going. The outline of the course was disjointed and there was a lot of code that was brushed by without a chance to copy it. There was no way for anyone in the course to accomplish what was trying to be taught in the session. I left half way through, in disgust. I'm not typically a critical person, but that session was a huge waste of time.	Sep 22, 2011 5:35 AM
13	Major network problems in the room. Weighted to heavily towards node.js as opposed to polymaps, but that's mostly because I am familiar with node.js	Sep 22, 2011 5:27 AM
14	A bit too quick run-through.	Sep 22, 2011 2:23 AM
15	Well organized workshop, although it would have been nice if the participants had been told to sign up for AWS upfront. At times it was a bit hard to keep up with Sophia :)	Sep 21, 2011 11:58 PM
16	Even with too much connectivity issues we ended the workshop 30 minutes before time, so I would expect more contents and code to see and try. We had just one easy example of integration of the two components we saw.	Sep 21, 2011 11:49 PM
17	Those who had already done workshops on individual components of the stack found themselves repeating exercises from those.	Sep 21, 2011 10:44 PM
18	Utter chaos. Quite a few participants left halfway through	Sep 21, 2011 9:41 PM
19	The preparation was incomplete. The session was too dependent on remote servers. It would be better to require that a laptop be set up as a server on the local wireless network for any web based session.	Sep 21, 2011 8:29 PM
20	not well prepared for. confusion on part of presenters. failure of a server with	Sep 21, 2011 7:24 PM

	necessary files so had to copy manually around the room and lost much time doing that. exercises unclear. no conceptual framework of what it all does.	
21	I expected hands-on training on the workshop	Sep 21, 2011 6:52 PM
22	Instructor wasn't very well prepared. Should have had the VM ready instead of having everyone download software for an hour. Any way to get a refund? 50+ people @ $99-150 is a lot of money for 3 hours.	Sep 21, 2011 6:08 PM
23	Well-prepared, well-documented, and good content. Pace was too quick, however, not pausing to let concepts sink in, and finishing almost 90 minutes early. Would have been nice to pause when we learned that most of the class didn't have AWS accounts, which meant "hands on" simply wasn't. In her defense, Sophia hoped to tell students before class that AWS accounts were required, but apparently this couldn't happen because of OSGeo wouldn't release email addresses (clearly there could have been another solution). Also, Sophia stay to the very end of the 4 hour time slot to answer questions -- much appreciated.	Sep 21, 2011 5:50 PM
24	Completely internet-dependent without access to internet, an hour spent trying to distribute files to the computers using thumb drives. Ended up being a software demo rather than hands-on workshop.	Sep 21, 2011 4:53 PM
25	Chris did a great job. Would encourage all workshop folks to send out an email prior to the conference encouraging attendees to download/install code.	Sep 21, 2011 4:18 PM
26	I liked the workshop, but network difficulties used up the first hour getting software installed. Knowing how to install was useful, but I think prevented coverage of more advanced topics.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 PM
27	The speaker was great, but it was more technically oriented than I'd anticipated from the description.	Sep 21, 2011 3:50 PM
28	Meh... There was some good material in it, but it didn't feel very cohesive. Also entirely lacking in documentation.	Sep 21, 2011 3:45 PM
29	A completely disorganized mess. And the usual internet connectivity difficulties. And lack of correct tutorial files loaded on the workshop computers. Developers aren't typically the best people to be leading the workshops. Someone with some decent presentation skills would be more useful.	Sep 21, 2011 3:29 PM
30	The content was ok, but nothing new to me — I think it was pitched at a slightly low level. A more in depth discussion of the programmable AWS toolset would have been better than the load-balancing GUI walkthrough. Still a valuable session though.	Sep 21, 2011 3:27 PM
31	Class took me from begin to end in deploying a solution. I installed the servers, loaded data into the db, gen and cache tiles and then displayed it on the web.	Sep 21, 2011 3:25 PM
32	All around great talk. I do wish that they would have given us a link to the presentation.	Sep 21, 2011 3:15 PM
33	Too much time fussing with building a symbol.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM

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34	Had to make some last adjustments to VM to participate.	Sep 21, 2011 3:14 PM
35	I wasn't clear what the objective was in the workshop until about 2/3 of the way through. When I found out what the presenter was doing I only thought to myself there must be a better way to do this. The title of the workshop could have been an Impractical use of GeoServer and SLD for WMS.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM
36	Was very practical, almost too practical, but very good. Nice slides and I could view them from here which was the best, so I could take away more information.	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
37	Hard way to deploy EC2 with command line; same thing can be had with dashboard and a mouse. Learned nothing.	Sep 21, 2011 3:03 PM
38	Moved a little slowly, but that was because people did not know that they should have an Amazon account set up before hand. Still interesting though. I learned quite a bit.	Sep 21, 2011 2:53 PM
39	Sam did a great job walking through the comprehensive setup and implementation of the opengeo suite.	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM
40	Again: internet!	Sep 21, 2011 2:49 PM

Page 3, Q21. Additional comments/suggestions

1	Each region could have their own annual regional conference but the international title and funding be rotated between the three major centers.	Sep 22, 2011 12:08 PM
2	I think the current three year rotation is a good way to try to get GIS people around the world to meet. I fear that if the US has its own conference, the chance of meeting internationally goes down. People will simply attend the local conference only.	Sep 22, 2011 11:17 AM
3	Need to resolve what's more important the "continental rotation" or "maximizing attendance." There are benefits of being inclusive, but what happens if attendance in Beijing is <50% of Denver? What would be the "main language" of a conference in Beijing? Would it be English?	Sep 22, 2011 11:01 AM
4	I'm not that enthusiastic about the annual regional North American conference idea, it seems like it would diffuse the energy a lot. I doubt I would go annually, though I definitely plan on going to the global event when it is in NA.	Sep 22, 2011 10:32 AM
5	North America every other year	Sep 22, 2011 9:37 AM
6	les 20min presentations and more technical tutorials	Sep 22, 2011 9:31 AM
7	N/A	Sep 22, 2011 9:26 AM
8	Thank you!	Sep 22, 2011 9:08 AM
9	The "local FOSS4g" is a GREAT option! I would certainly attend every single one	Sep 22, 2011 8:36 AM

of them. Considering the shrinking budgets of many departments, it would only make sense if such a useful conference is held in a place that's easy to travel for folks living in the region.

10	Don't insult the rest of the world. There are substantial contributions to OSGeo Projects from Australia, South Africa, Israel, Japan, Brazil, etc. Those places should be able to look forward to one day hosting a FOSS4G. In fact, those that have have done well. I rate the regional North American conference high and have been involved in organizing a local conference for several years, however, it is important to note that these are more outreach and will not make money. This niche of conference is already filled in many parts of the US and the cost is typically $0-100. There is no room for a $400+ conference that tries to compete. Also, there is increasing integration to existing GIS industry conferences. Many 'typical' GIS conferences are 1/3 OSGeo/Open Source presentations. OSGeo is increasing becoming main stream, thus there is less need to have an OSGeo specific conference. Locally, I see the typical regional GIS industry conference slowly merging with the local OSGeo conference. It is just becoming the way that GIS is done. One day OSGeo will not be special, it will just be part of everyday work.	Sep 22, 2011 8:30 AM
11	I like the idea of regional conference for N. America. I still think there should be global conferences as there are now - there is a lot to be gained by including Europe, Asia, Africa in the rotation.	Sep 22, 2011 8:15 AM
12	Would mind a tech / business split in the conferences as well.	Sep 22, 2011 8:08 AM
13	Maybe you need to try other locations in South America as Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, etc..	Sep 22, 2011 7:34 AM
14	Cheaper travel expenses makes it more likely to get approval.	Sep 22, 2011 7:26 AM
15	National/regional events would be benefitial to those who cannot afford to travel across the globe to attend. The USA specifically could be split into three zones: West Coast, Midwest, East Coast.	Sep 22, 2011 7:21 AM
16	FOSS4G should be protected as an international brand. Having regional conferences under the same brand name will detract from the value of the international conference and take prospective international attendees away. It will kill the international event. If the regional FOSS4G events go ahead, I will not bother trying to help organise another international FOSS4G event. It will be a waste of my time. The current debate needs to be quickly squashed as it is taking away focus from the FOSS4G 2012 event and organisers which is in very very bad taste. Bruce	Sep 22, 2011 6:43 AM
17	My biggest gripe on the conference was the poor AV. screens were too small and washed out, and by its nature, FOSS4G attracts many international speakers who can at times be difficult to follow. This makes a good microphone / loudspeaker setup in each room even more critical.	Sep 22, 2011 6:39 AM
18	Very good idea guys	Sep 22, 2011 5:30 AM
19	each year a Europe ánd an North American conference would be the best option.	Sep 22, 2011 4:50 AM
20	Conference is not worth travelling that far. Some good, but generally too many bad talks. Weak program this year in Denver.	Sep 22, 2011 3:54 AM

21	In general, unless the person is more eloquent in delivering a talk, a developer shouldn't present, except as the "go-to" technical expert standing next to the presenter. I'm sad to say that I am dissapointed by poor presentations given by developers who either spoke too softly, too quickly, interjected with numerous "ands" and "uh's" and developing "on the fly" in the presentation. Please try to have ALL presenter take at least one class in giving a speech. Please consider the lighting in the rooms as well. If the only location for a screen is against the window wall, then try-try-try to have curtains! The glare from the window made viewing difficult, especially from the back of the room.	Sep 22, 2011 3:54 AM
22	Overall, very good job!!!	Sep 22, 2011 3:46 AM
23	As a European, I would probably attend a local European conference next year... As I don't go to China, I won't attend the Beijing conference.	Sep 22, 2011 2:33 AM
24	It is clear that it's safe to organise conferences in English-speaking developed countries, but it would be good to reach all places of the world. I strongly support OSGeo-related regional events to reach people who could hardly travel far away.	Sep 22, 2011 1:59 AM
25	I really don't know which option would work best. The many conferences the easier it is to attend, however then it may lead to focus disperse, abstraction, leading in turn to loss of quality.	Sep 22, 2011 1:43 AM
26	I think regional conferences might be the way forward with a global conference every 2 years. 1000 participants for the kind of presentations you find at FOSS4g (eg technical, detailed) is too many. I suspect a European regional FOSS4g would gather well over 500 people alone, as would an American one.	Sep 22, 2011 12:04 AM
27	Who is this question focused, it seems meant for north american people and this survey is for foss4g attendants. ???????	Sep 21, 2011 11:51 PM
28	Is it possible to arrange presnations into different tracks (beginner, intermidiate, expert). That would make it easier to choose preseentations to attend.	Sep 21, 2011 10:35 PM
29	The Denver Art Museum Big Party event went quite well, but [as a non-drinker of alcohol] I was surprised that spirits and mixed drinks were available at the bar. In similar events at other conferences, the 'free' drinks are limited to wine and beer, and spirits [if available] are at the cost of the individual. I'm sure some people got their money's worth, but I felt that I was subsidising it.	Sep 21, 2011 9:49 PM
30	direct the content a bit more to the customer side of FOSS4G, and recruit more actively for customer types to attend. lessen the reliance on standard 25-minute presentations with slides, hybridize the lengthy workshops with the technical presentation/tutorial format. adopt more of the 'unconference' constructs such as BOFs, more panels and audience participation. make enough live dvds for everyone. make it clear, if there ARE workshops, that there are more students than available PCs, so give advance instructions how students can set up their own laptops to use.	Sep 21, 2011 7:31 PM
31	Live feeds, so that we are able to have conferences simultaneously	Sep 21, 2011 7:16 PM
32	seize the momentum and have an annual event in US or Canada	Sep 21, 2011 6:10 PM
33	not only local north america should be discussed, but also other local events - americans tend to forget the rest of the world ;-)	Sep 21, 2011 5:52 PM

34	I think OSGEO is at a stage to prioritize regional event in North America and Europe instead of annual (too big) event. Maybe every three year one big annual event.	Sep 21, 2011 5:52 PM
35	Definitely need an annual regional conference in North America. Ideally we grow into annual regional conferences in Asia and Europe with the International one walking around every 3 years.	Sep 21, 2011 5:33 PM
36	Can we please subidize speakers for global conference?	Sep 21, 2011 5:26 PM
37	See my other comments for my criteria for returning to FOSS4G. It seems pretty simple: if you cannot guarantee the quality of internet access, REQUIRE presenters to arrive with the ability to run their workshops/sessions without relying on the internet.	Sep 21, 2011 4:53 PM
38	I would prefer a global conference every other year with series of regional conferences during the year in between - so there will be a conference every year and regional conferences could be coordinated	Sep 21, 2011 4:49 PM
39	Big ups to Peter and the rest of the organizers - this was a truly world class event. Only recommendation is to lean off on the "red meat" COTS hate. FOSS can stand on it's own and there is no need to taint things by being to overly aggressive. Show respect - get respect and all that jazz ;-)	Sep 21, 2011 4:47 PM
40	Keep the same name for all the event with geography and year as differienciators...	Sep 21, 2011 4:31 PM
41	In Denver, we're lucky to have lots of GIS-y folks that volunteer to do things like WhereCamp. But maybe regional conferences - several of them - are also a good idea. i.e. NYC FOSS4G, Atlanta FOSS4G, San Diego FOSS4G...that way, maybe it encourages it to stay small/local, so that everyone doesn't treat it like the 'big' event and not consider attending the international FOSS4G's. As for Beijing, I'd love to go, just can't make it happen.	Sep 21, 2011 4:21 PM
42	I think the global conference would suffer from lack of participation if reginal conferences are introduced. However, not everyone have the funding available to attend the global so I see the point.	Sep 21, 2011 4:14 PM
43	Tea (with actual tea on it) was hard to find. A North Amerigan FOSS4G seems to me as a poor idea, as I'm european.	Sep 21, 2011 4:12 PM
44	I'm not a big open source user but I am deeply engaged in GIS application development, mostly with Esri and Microsoft technology. I do like to see what the open source community offers, but the main reason I attended this year (my first FOSS4G conference) was because I live local to the Denver area, so it was too good an opportunity to pass up. I'm very glad I went and the organizing committee did a great job overall!	Sep 21, 2011 4:04 PM
45	Truth of the matter is that most of the software projects themselves are originated from somewhere in North America. There are also a huge number of core contributors from Europe. I can see trying to split the effort between those 2 groups, but not sure that it makes sense to go to Beijing, for example.	Sep 21, 2011 3:49 PM
46	A big part of the excitement of this conference for me was its international representation - there's a lot going on in Europe and having some of those developers here was a big plus. I don't need to attend a conference every year	Sep 21, 2011 3:46 PM

(but I'm more of a sponsor / project manager / user type anyway)

47	Raleigh NC in Feb 2013 for a North American conf is something some of us would like to explore. The NC GIS conf is on a Thu & Fri, with a URISA Workshop day on Wed. Maybe hold FOSS4G on M-W and if you want to do preconf workshops, hold them on Sat & Sun prior. The Raleigh Convention Center will already be geared up for the NC GIS Conf, so it would be less expensive to piggyback with that event. It would also help use expose ~800 state and local gov GIS people to a lot of outstanding FOSS GIS software. That is something they desperately need - to counteract all that "Redlands KoolAid" they've been OD'ing on for years...	Sep 21, 2011 3:36 PM
48	As an Australian I'm strongly against the conference becoming confined to North America and Europe. I'm also concerned that creating a 'splinter' North American event would starve the global event of oxygen. My preference would be for 'one FOSS4G to rule them all' sticking to a three year rotation.	Sep 21, 2011 3:30 PM
49	My company probably will not send me to an annual conference outside North America, so for me the three options boil down to simply will I be able to attend a FOSS4G conference every 3 years, 2 years, or 1 year.	Sep 21, 2011 3:30 PM
50	Attending once every two years would be ideal. Once every 3 years would be okay (but not really good). Once every 4 (situation now) is not good.	Sep 21, 2011 3:30 PM
51	I would propose that we do a global on the odd years and local conference on the even. so that we don't split up the audience.	Sep 21, 2011 3:18 PM
52	A North American conference would kill the rotating global one. I don't expect people to travel to e.g. Beijing if all US devs come to the North America conference. There should be more local ones instead, like a Californian one (or at most a West/East coast, Center one).	Sep 21, 2011 3:16 PM
53	My current employer will not allow me to travel outside of the United States for conferences (yes, even to Canada.) Beijing sounds great, but I definitely won't be able to attend -- and can't foot the bill myself, whereas with Canada, maybe I could since it's less expensive to get there. I would love a North America option, or mini-FOSS4G every year, as long as it doesn't conflict with the main event.	Sep 21, 2011 3:11 PM
54	I think regional FOSS4G could water down the global event with US participants not bothering to attend the global event. Might be overcome by staggering the events over years e.g. global every 2 years, US or Euro regional events in he year in between.	Sep 21, 2011 3:09 PM
55	This was the most valuable event in my career so far and it was a lot of fun.	Sep 21, 2011 3:08 PM
56	Rank order makes more sense for this question rather than the five point scale.	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM
57	A bit afraid that a "local FOSS4G" event in North America would "steel" a lot of participants from venues in for instance Beijing.	Sep 21, 2011 3:04 PM
58	Annual North America event is a great idea; travel to the rest of the world too expensive. Highly likely to attend a North American event.	Sep 21, 2011 3:04 PM
59	I personally like very other year in N America. IT would be good if that cycled as well between the US and Canada/Mexico. But I think you may also begin	Sep 21, 2011 3:01 PM

	competing with conferences like Where 2.0 so need to be careful that attendance doesn't drop due to over-saturation.	
60	Maintaining a global group of conference participants is very important, but in an era of shrinking or non-existent travel budgets, I can't go to a non-North American location for a conference.	Sep 21, 2011 2:55 PM
61	Loved the collaboration between geoserver and mapnik in the shootout! FOSS4LIFE!!!	Sep 21, 2011 2:52 PM
62	Same applies for Non-US regions.	Sep 21, 2011 2:51 PM