



OpenInfra Days North America

Indiana University Indianapolis
October 14-16, 2024

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Executive Summary

The Midwest RCD Scientific Cloud Computing Affinity Group examines how traditional HPC centers are adopting cloud technologies to support increasingly diverse research and education needs, and what skills CI professionals require to manage these evolving workflows.

In line with these priorities, Indiana University hosted **OpenInfra Days North America 2024** in Indianapolis, IN on October 14-16, 2024. sOpenInfra Days events are part of a global series organized by local user groups and companies in the ecosystem. These one- or two-day workshops typically feature keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and hands-on learning opportunities. They are supported by the **OpenInfra Foundation**, which hosts global open-source communities that advance infrastructure projects such as OpenStack, Kata Containers, StarlingX, Zuul, and OpenInfra Labs.

As the local hosts, we worked closely with global participants from the U.S., Mexico, and Canada to jointly organize an event that brought together 66 attendees, including students, researchers, developers, IT leaders, and industry partners. Advancing the goal of open infrastructure development and adoption requires a dual focus on local strategies and global collaborations. Through events like OpenInfra Days North, users foster communities that will shape how open infrastructure is built and operated in the future.

Workshop Goals

The goals of OpenInfra Days North America 2024 were to:

- **Educate the community:** Provide practical insights into open infrastructure projects through keynotes, breakout sessions, and workshops.
- **Foster community and networking:** Create a space for users, developers, and vendors to exchange knowledge and build local connections.
- **Share user stories:** Highlight real-world case studies on deploying and operating open infrastructure software.
- **Promote collaboration:** Encourage discussion among both experts and newcomers on emerging technologies.
- **Cover diverse topics:** Sessions addressed AI, cloud technologies (OpenStack, Kubernetes), edge computing, security, digital sovereignty, and other open-source projects (Kata Containers, StarlingX, Zuul).

Participants & Target Audience

The workshop attracted 66 participants representing a wide spectrum of roles — from students and newcomers to seasoned professionals in IT leadership, research computing, system administration, and cloud engineering. The mix of academic, nonprofit, and industry perspectives enriched the discussion and reinforced the event's role as a community-building space.

Organizing Committee:

Allison Price (OpenInfra Foundation)
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Mike Lowe (Indiana University, Midwest RCD)
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Results & Impacts

The program featured a balanced mix of **keynotes, panels, technical presentations, workshops, and forums**, addressing both strategic vision and practical implementation.

- **Keynotes & Sponsor Talks:** Speakers from NASA, Argonne National Laboratory, VEXXHOST, the OpenInfra Foundation, and others highlighted cloud migration, AI integration, and the future of open-source ecosystems.
- **Technical Presentations:** Covered HPC + AI infrastructure, container orchestration, monitoring, vulnerability management, and sustainability. Institutions shared lessons from OpenStack deployments, VMware-to-OpenStack transitions, and persistent research platforms.
- **Panels & Forums:** Tackled key issues such as VMware transitions, project security, diversity and inclusion, and long-term planning for open infrastructure. Specialized groups (e.g., Scientific Cloud Affinity Group, Ironic Project, Kolla User Forum) also convened.

- **Hands-on Workshops:** Provided practical training in Kubernetes cluster management, contributing to OpenStack projects, and onboarding with Sunbeam.

Together, these elements offered participants multiple pathways to gain knowledge, share expertise, and strengthen collaborations.

Discussion & Key Takeaways

A post-event survey (n=12) provided limited but useful feedback:

- **Areas for Improvement:**
 - Sessions were often too short, leaving little time for Q&A.
 - Some industry presentations were perceived as overly commercial.
- **Positive Feedback:**
 - Attendees valued the non-commercial, educational sessions.
 - Networking opportunities and community building were highlights.
 - Participants appreciated the option to join virtually.
- **Key Takeaways for Future Events:**
 - Schedule fewer, longer sessions with adequate time for engagement.
 - Build in intentional networking opportunities (e.g., longer breaks, offsite events).
 - For multi-day events, conduct daily surveys to capture feedback from participants who may not attend all days.

Implications & Next Steps

The 2024 OpenInfra Days North America workshop demonstrated the value of convening diverse stakeholders — from students and new professionals to senior researchers and industry leaders — around the shared challenges and opportunities of open-source infrastructure. The

event strengthened the Midwest RCD Scientific Cloud Affinity Group's role as a connector between traditional HPC centers and the broader open infrastructure community.

Implications for NSF Priorities:

- **Intellectual Merit:** Sessions highlighted technical advances in cloud migration, AI-enabled infrastructure, container orchestration, and persistent platforms, directly contributing to the knowledge base needed to sustain research computing innovation.
- **Broader Impacts:** Inclusion of students, newcomers, and cross-national participants broadened the pipeline of future RCD professionals and underscored the importance of accessible, non-commercial training opportunities.
- **National Priorities:** Discussions on security, digital sovereignty, and cloud modernization align with federal imperatives around research security, open science, and resilient cyberinfrastructure.

Next Steps:

- **Annual Continuity:** Future OpenInfra Days will continue to provide a platform for shared learning, community building, and cross-sector collaboration.
- **Refined Program Design:** Based on participant feedback, upcoming IU-hosted events will feature fewer, longer sessions with structured Q&A, intentional networking opportunities, and daily surveys to capture actionable insights.
- **Expanded Engagement:** Greater outreach will be directed toward students, R2 institutions, and regional campuses to diversify participation and strengthen the national talent pipeline.
- **Deepened Affinity Group Role:** The Midwest RCD Scientific Cloud Affinity Group will use insights from this workshop to guide peer-to-peer exchanges and inform accelerator programs, ensuring alignment with both regional needs and national priorities.

By pursuing these next steps, the consortium will build on the success of OpenInfra Days to expand participation, strengthen technical expertise, and advance NSF's strategic goals in **cyberinfrastructure, workforce development, and open science.**

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Attachments

Agenda

Survey Results

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OCTOBER 14 • MONDAY

5:00pm – 7:00pm

A Registration and Help Desk

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Committee: Robert Ping

Sponsors: Pervasive Technology Institute at Indiana University

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OCTOBER 15 - TUESDAY

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| 8:00am – 9:00am | S | Breakfast and Exhibits | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 8:00am – 5:00pm | A | Registration and Help Desk <i>Committee: Robert Ping</i> <i>Sponsors: Pervasive Technology Institute at Indiana University</i> | 450C Lobby: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 9:00am – 9:10am | R | IU Keynote Welcome 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) <i>Speakers: Beth Plale</i> <i>Sponsors: Pervasive Technology Institute at Indiana University</i> | |
| 9:10am – 9:20am | R | OpenInfra Keynote: WeAreOpenInfra: How Open Source Communities are Defining the next Generation of Infrastructure <i>Speakers: Jimmy McArthur</i> 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) | |
| 9:20am – 9:40am | R | One Giant Leap 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) <i>Speakers: Jonathan Mills</i> | |
| 9:40am – 9:50am | R | Driving Cloud Innovation Through Open Source Integration - VEXXHOST Sponsor Keynote <i>Speakers: Mohammed Naser</i> 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) <i>Sponsors: VEXXHOST</i> | |
| 9:50am – 10:00am | R | The Power of One: Rackspace Sponsor Keynote <i>Speakers: Don Norton, Kevin Carter</i> 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) <i>Sponsors: Rackspace Technology</i> | |
| 10:00am – 10:30am | S | Break and Exhibits <i>Sponsors: RDO Project</i> | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 10:45am – 11:30am | F | Finding a forward direction on OpenInfra project security <i>Speakers: Julia Kregar</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 10:45am – 12:15pm | W | Cluster API: Manage Kubernetes on OpenStack AND maintain your sanity! <i>Speakers: Julian Pistorius, Stephen Bird</i> | 307: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 10:55am – 11:15am | R | CI/CD for HPC on OpenStack <i>Speakers: John-Paul Robinson</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 11:20am – 11:40am | R | Which Vault? Don't tell me your secret(s)! <i>Speakers: Michel Schildmeijer</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 11:35am – 12:15pm | F | Bridging the gap between community and contributing organizations <i>Speakers: Jeremy Stanley</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 11:40am – 12:00pm | R | OpenStack Plus: The perfect recipe for enterprise-grade deployment <i>Speakers: Ajith Narayanan</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 12:00pm – 12:20pm | R | Students in Open Source: The OpenInfra University Partnership Program <i>Speakers: Kendall Nelson</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 12:05pm – 1:30pm | S | Lunch and Exhibits | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 1:30pm – 1:50pm | R | Rapid baremetal provisioning with Ironic <i>Speakers: James Denton</i> <i>Sponsors: Rackspace Technology</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 1:30pm – 3:05pm | W | From zero to code: A hands-on guide to making your first OpenStack code contribution <i>Speakers: Goutham Pacha Ravi, Carlos Eduardo da Silva</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 1:30pm – 3:05pm | W | OpenStack made easy: Learn how project Sunbeam effectively lowers entry barriers <i>Speakers: Billy Olsen, Jason Nucciarone</i> | 307: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 1:55pm – 2:15pm | R | Transparent Vulnerability Management <i>Speakers: Jeremy Stanley</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 2:20pm – 2:40pm | R | The HPC+AI Cloud: flexible and performant infrastructure for HPC and AI workloads <i>Speakers: Stig Telfer</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 2:45pm – 3:05pm | R | OpenStack Cloud Upgrades & Operations at Scale <i>Speakers: Shrinivas Phalke, Satheesh Kumar Ulaganathan</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 3:05pm – 3:35pm | S | Break and Exhibits <i>Sponsors: RDO Project</i> | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 3:35pm – 4:00pm | P | VMWare Panel 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) <i>Moderators: Jimmy McArthur</i> <i>Speakers: Mohammed Naser, DJ DONGJOON MIN, Kevin Jackson, Maciej Lecki</i> <i>Sponsors: VEXXHOST</i> | |

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| 4:05pm – 4:25pm | R | The development and deployment of a persistent BinderHub instance on Jetstream2 <i>Speakers: Kevin Tyle</i> 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 4:30pm – 4:50pm | R | An example of digital sovereignty from Europe <i>Speakers: Robert Holling</i> 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 4:50pm – 5:15pm | A | Close of Day 1 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 6:00pm – 8:00pm | S | Reception Indiana State Museum Skybridge - 650 W Washington St (or enter from Canal) (650 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204) <i>Speakers: David Hancock, Beth Plale</i> <i>Sponsors: Jetstream2, Pervasive Technology Institute at Indiana University</i> |

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OCTOBER 16 - WEDNESDAY

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| 8:00am – 9:20am | S | Breakfast and Exhibits | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 8:00am – 5:00pm | A | Registration and Help Desk <i>Committee: Robert Ping</i> <i>Sponsors: Pervasive Technology Institute at Indiana University</i> | 450C Lobby: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 9:20am – 9:40am | R | Planning for the Next Generation of OpenStack in a research environment: Seven years of lessons learned providing infrastructure as a service to researchers <i>Speakers: Graham Allan, Edward Munsell</i> | 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 9:40am – 10:00am | R | Keynote presentation: Platform for Innovating in the Edge to Cloud Continuum <i>Speakers: Kate Keahey</i> | 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 10:00am – 10:30am | S | Break and Exhibits | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 10:30am – 10:50am | F | Diversity and Inclusion Working Group interactivity <i>Speakers: Jeremy Stanley, Amy Marrich</i> | 307: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 10:30am – 10:50am | R | Building a Zuul instance on Kubernetes with zuul-operator <i>Speakers: Jan Gutter, Shatadru Bandyopadhyay</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 10:30am – 10:50am | R | How highly available CephFS NFS unlocks a great promise with OpenStack Manila <i>Speakers: Goutham Pacha Ravi, Carlos Eduardo da Silva</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 10:55am – 11:15am | F | Ironic Project Status/Direction <i>Speakers: Julia Kreger</i> | 307: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 10:55am – 11:15am | R | Building and scaling the Cloud Native Continuum <i>Speakers: John Forman</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 10:55am – 11:15am | R | Seamless Migration: Transitioning VMs from VMware to OpenStack with Open Source Tools <i>Speakers: Maciej Lecki</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 11:20am – 11:40am | R | Building a Future-Proof Cloud Strategy with Atmosphere OpenStack <i>Speakers: Ankit Sachdeva</i> <i>Sponsors: VEXXHOST</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 11:20am – 11:40am | R | Service Mesh for the Mere Mortal <i>Speakers: Bruce Basil Mathews</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 11:20am – 12:05pm | F | OpenInfra leadership | 307: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 11:45am – 12:05pm | R | Kubernetes Upgrade Operator + Cluster API: Managing upgrade version of multiple Kubernetes Clusters. <i>Speakers: Nguyen Dinh Hoang</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 11:45am – 12:05pm | R | VM High Availability with Masakari <i>Speakers: Zain Marvi, Vijay Kovvuri</i> <i>Sponsors: Rackspace Technology</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 12:05pm – 1:30pm | S | Lunch and Exhibits | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 1:30pm – 1:50pm | R | Modern application debugging: An introduction to OpenTelemetry <i>Speakers: Josh Lee</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 1:30pm – 1:50pm | R | No more waiting: How software-defined storage eliminates application timeouts for OpenStack - Lightbits Labs sponsor presentation <i>Speakers: Sagy Volkov</i> <i>Sponsors: Lightbits Labs</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 1:30pm – 2:15pm | F | Scientific SIG <i>Speakers: Stig Telfer</i> | 307: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 1:55pm – 2:15pm | R | OpenStack at Rackspace Technology - Rackspace sponsor presentation <i>Speakers: Chris Blumentritt, Ronald Naquin</i> <i>Sponsors: Rackspace Technology</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 1:55pm – 2:40pm | R | Network Observability: Optimized anomaly detection and capacity planning with AI/ML <i>Speakers: Gurpreet Singh, Jamie Parker</i> | 309: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 2:15pm – 2:40pm | F | Kolla User Forum <i>Speakers: Michal Nasiadka</i> | 307: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 2:20pm – 2:40pm | R | Open-Source Migration with Migratekit: Transitioning from VMware to OpenStack - VEXXHOST sponsor presentation <i>Speakers: Mohammed Naser</i> <i>Sponsors: VEXXHOST</i> | 305: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA) |
| 2:40pm – 3:20pm | S | Break and Exhibits | 450B-C: 4th Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |
| 3:25pm – 3:45pm | R | How the Mexican Government is a promoter of Open-Source technology? <i>Speakers: Federico</i> <i>Christian González Waite</i> | 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202) |

3:50pm – 4:10pm

R **Back to the fundamentals: Are you "actually" monitoring your Cloud?**

Speakers: Mohamed Elsakhawy 002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202)

4:10pm – 4:20pm

A **Closing Day 2**

002: Theater Level (Basement) Theater (CE 002) - IU Indianapolis Campus Center, 420 University Blvd (420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202)

4:30pm – 6:00pm

A **Co-located event: Midwest RCD Scientific Cloud Affinity Group meeting**

310: 3rd Floor - IU Indianapolis Campus Center - 420 University Blvd (420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN, USA)

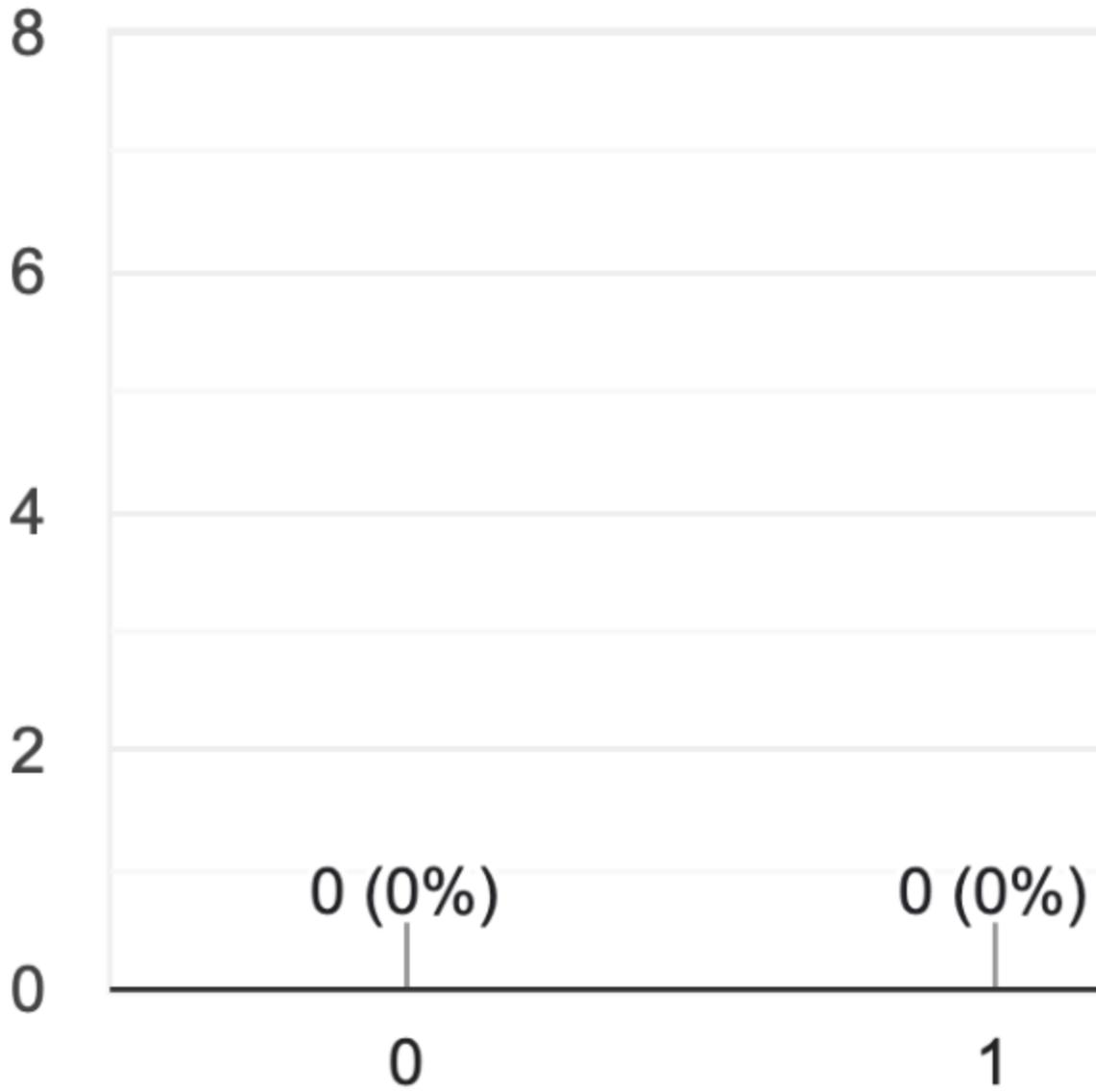
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Post Event Survey Responses

Total number of responses: 12

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On a scale of 0 to 5, how likely are
colleague?

12 responses

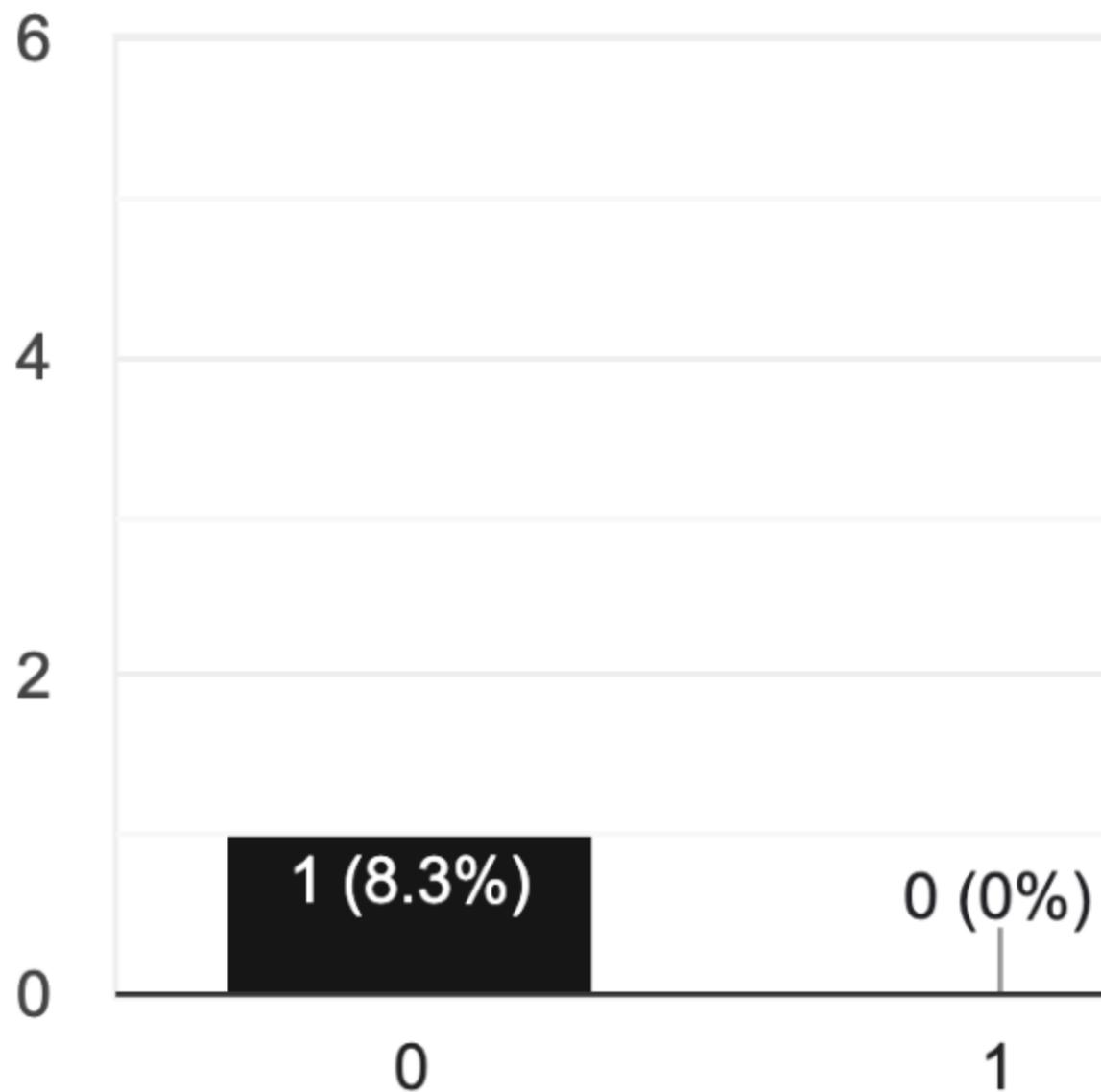


What is the primary reason for your score?

- I want everyone to be aware of OpenStack and the OpenInfra meetings
- Education and networking
- OpenInfra Days are a great, but smaller and focused event. Not quite a 5. Some teething problems need to be ironed out.
- Too many corporate sales talks. Sessions were too short. Not enough Q&A time backed in
- Great Conference
- Lots of relevant info and networking!
- Possible VMware to OpenStack migration
- Very good presentations and nice to meet people
- Great opportunity to attend online
- Good information and great to have the meeting in Indianapolis on the IU campus
- Speaking
- The event was great, well-organized, full of quality content, and an excellent venue to boot!

On a scale of 0 to 5, how would you rate OpenInfra Days North America?

12 responses



3. Any feedback you would like us to share with our sponsors for the next OpenInfra Days North America?

8 responses

- Have more exhibitors with more engagement like swag or contests
- Socks and t-shirts are good swag.
- Keynotes are corporate sales talks that contribute nothing. 0 breakout sessions nor a dedicated space to have breakout sessions.
- Thank you for sponsoring this important event!
- Lunch on Day 1 was problematic for those of us with dietary issues.
- Please continue offering the online event
- Appreciate your investment and non-commercial sessions.
- Keep on going, it was amazing fo

4. What is the most important thing the OpenInfra or OCP Foundation could do to improve the OpenInfra Days North America?

8 responses

- The schedule doesn't allow for late running timings; allow 5 minutes at least between talks to provide less disruption when moving between rooms/talks.
- Get rid of keynotes.
- More folks maybe? Or more opportunities for like-minded folks to find each other. It was a great conference overall!
- Some sessions for OpenStack newbies would be helpful.
- Improve networking apps, pre and post event
- 3 days
- I don't know at the moment
- Where was OCP Foundation in this? But yeah, include a clear reminder about the CoC in keynotes, figure out what keeps going wrong with things like pronoun stickers, promote the OpenInfra Diversity Survey in keynotes and post-event attendee communications, make it easier to opt out of some/all swag, don't insist on using microphones in Forum sessions (it's a struggle), more power outlets/strips for people to recharge their devices (especially in common lounge/lunch/break areas). And keep up the great work!!!

5. Anything else you'd like the organizers to know?

8 responses

- Awesome job!
- Provide alternative milk (soy/oat) for people with restricted diets

- Fuck keynotes. If you're going to host a panel. Schedule enough time for people to talk and not do 2.5 questions and run out of time.
- Add the schedule to sponsor slide rotation
- It was really cold in the theater.
- Great job
- Thanks for the time and effort
- Pronoun stickers were missing at reg desk, attempt to integrate remote participation was well-intended but overcomplicated talks and didn't work out well in reality, requirement to provide slide decks in proprietary Microsoft format seemed odd and was problematic for many, our usual speakers are more accustomed to presenting from their own computers, venue network was blocking some protocols which was annoying and forced me to keep switching to a phone tether.