

Attendance

We had 50 total sign ups. Of those, 28 (56%) showed up. We also had five attendees who did not sign up (our two organizers, and three others.) There may also have been attendees who did not sign in on the white board.

We had 26 people who responded to the personalized emails one or more times. Of those, 21 (81%) attended. 21 people did not respond to the personalized emails at all. Of those, 7 (33%) attended.

(For context, roughly 25% of Wellesley sign ups showed up, so even those who did not respond to the personalized email were more likely to come.)

Of the five people who responded to emails but didn't come, 3 (60%) let me know ahead of time.

Of the fourteen people who did not respond to emails and didn't come, 4/14 (28%) let me know ahead of time.

You might notice that $26 + 21 = 47$. Three people replied to the personalized emails saying they could not come and were not categorized with either of the above groups.

Attendance by Interest + Experience

Experience

I read through sign up responses and categorized attendees as having:

- 1 - no experience with OSS - 19 total (38% of sign ups)
- 2 - uses but does not contribute to OSS - 27 total (54% of sign ups)
- 3 - contributes to OSS - 4 total (8% of sign ups)

74% of sign ups with no experience attended, 48% of attendees with some experience attended, and 25% of sign ups with significant experience attended. The average experience level of attendees was 1.54 while the average experience of no-shows was 1.91. That is, people with less experience were more likely to attend.

Interest

Interest refers not to amount of interest in open source but to how specific sign ups were about their interests.

- 1 - none specified - 28 total (56% of sign ups)
- 2 - general area of interest specified - 8 total (16% of sign ups)
- 3 - specific project listed - 14 total (28% of sign ups)

Exactly half of sign ups with none specified (group 1) attended. Half of sign ups with a specific project listed (group 3) attended. 7/8 of those in the middle group - a general area of interest specified - attended. It does not seem like specificity of interest affected attendance.

Gender

I attempted to assign gender to attendees. Mt Holyoke students were all labelled female. People with names typical of a gender were labeled as that gender. A subset did not have names I recognized as belonging to a specific gender. Google searching allowed me to assign gender to a handful of these, the rest were excluded from analysis.

18 women and 28 men signed up, making the sign ups 39% women. Women and men were equally likely to attend - 10/18 women attended (55%) and 16/28 men attended (57%). Women and men were (roughly) equally likely to confirm (61% for women, 54% for men.)

(These numbers may be somewhat skewed by the fact that the majority of female attendees were from Mt Holyoke, which was significantly further away from the event than the average attendee had to travel.)

Women attendees had on average less experience than men. The most common level of experience for women was 1, with 55% of sign ups. The most common level of experience for men was 2, with 64% of sign ups. Practically speaking, we can say that most women did not mention using OSS while most men did. Only three people total - one woman and two men - mentioned contributing to OSS.

Women attendees also had on average less specific interests than men. The majority (14/18, or 78%) did not specify an area of interest. Conversely, less than half - 46% - of men did not specify an area of interest. Three women (16% of sign ups) listed specific projects while nine men (32% of sign ups) did.

School

Of 50 sign ups, the vast majority were from UMass (35 sign ups, 70% of the total) and Mt. Holyoke (13 sign ups, 26% of the total). The one student from Hampshire and one from Amherst have been excluded from this analysis. At the event, another student mentioned being from Greenfield Community College, but either they did not sign up or we did not correctly identify their school.

Mt Holyoke students attended the event at similar rates as UMass students, despite the greater inconvenience (Mt Holyoke is ~ 10 miles away, and most students took a bus that runs every 90 minutes.) 7 of 13 (54%) Mt Holyoke sign ups, and 19 of 35 (54%) UMass sign ups attended.

On average, UMass students had more experience and more specific interests:

8 Mt Holyoke students had no experience with open source, 4 had used OSS but had never contributed, and 1 had contributed, for an average of 1.46. 10 UMass students had no experience with open source, 22 had used OSS but had never contributed, and 3 had contributed, for an average of 1.8.

10 Mt Holyoke students stated no preference regarding projects, 1 stated a preferred area, and 2 named specific projects, for an average of 1.38. 16 UMass students stated no preference regarding projects, 7 stated a preferred area, and 12 named specific projects, for an average of 1.89.

If only UMass students had been asked to sign up, we would have had 35 total sign ups and 19 total attendees. There would have been 5 women signed up (14%) and 3 women at the event (16%).