Dev Days
May 2025
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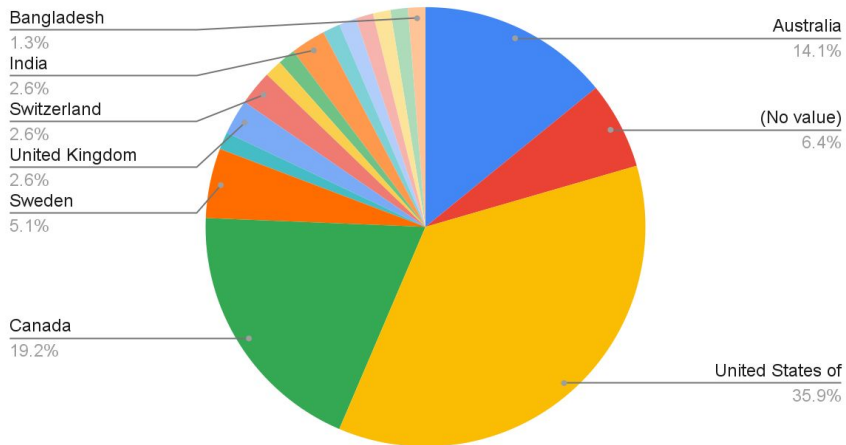
2025
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DEV DAYS

Goals for 2025 Dev Days

- All ASWF projects participate.

- Increase participation amongst contributors.

- Create a replicable framework for coordination, administration, and communication to streamline the event's organization.

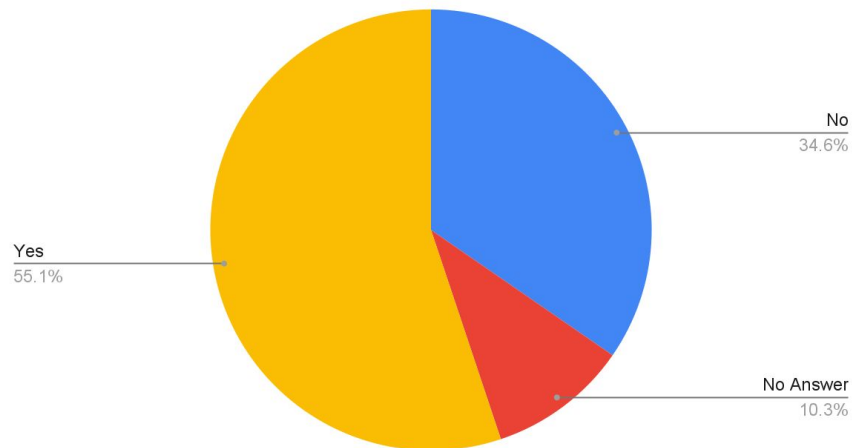- More companies to actively promote Dev Days within their organizations.

Dev Days by the numbers

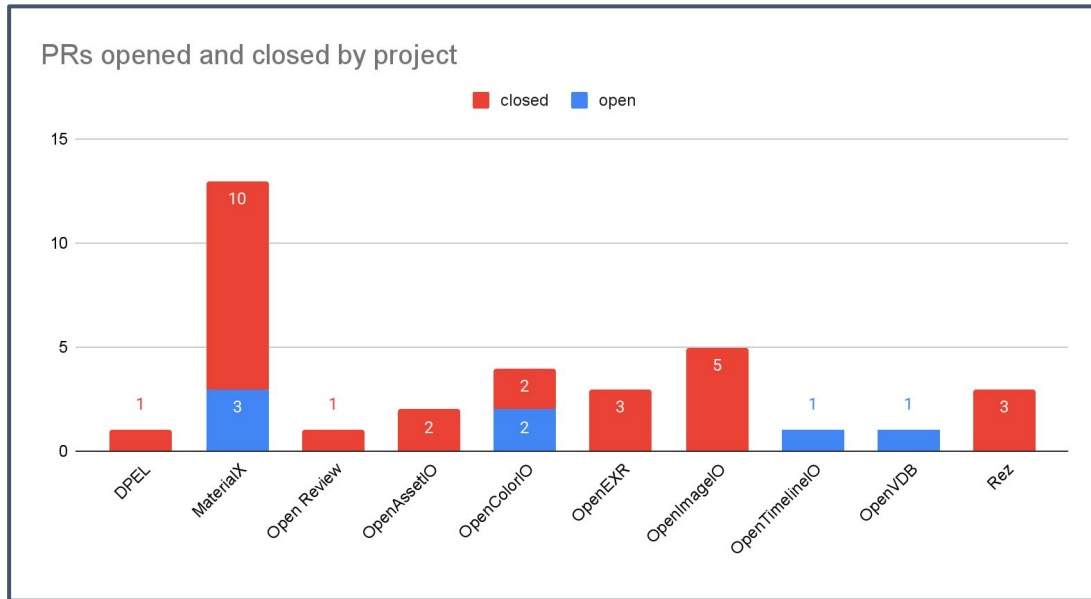- 78 Registrants
- 29 Participants

Count of Country/Region

Bangladesh
1.3%

India
2.6%

Switzerland
2.6%

United Kingdom
2.6%

Sweden
5.1%

Canada
19.2%

Australia
14.1%

(No value)
6.4%

United States of
35.9%

Is this your first time contributing to an open source project?

No
34.6%

Yes
55.1%

No Answer
10.3%

Dev Days by the numbers

This year all 16 ASWF projects were open to Dev Days contributors.

- 10 projects had PRs
- 34 Pull Requests
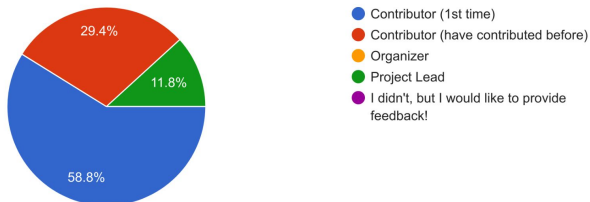- 27 Merged as of 06/23/25

PRs opened and closed by project

Dev Days 2023-2025

	2023	2024	May 2025	Sept 2025
Registrants	90	118	78	-
Projects worked on	5	7	10	-
Individuals Participating	51	47	29	-
PRs Opened	31	58	34	-
PRs Closed	20	35	27	-

Feedback

How did you participate in Dev Days 2025?

17 responses

- Contributor (1st time) — 58.8%
- Contributor (have contributed before) — 29.4%
- Organizer
- Project Lead — 11.8%
- I didn't, but I would like to provide feedback!

If you registered for the event, but were unable to participate, could you provide why?

2 responses

Unaware of the Event	0 (0%)
Scheduling Issues	0 (0%)
Lack of Interest	0 (0%)
Technical Difficulties	1 (50%)
Other Commitments	0 (0%)
Health Reasons	0 (0%)
I'm still working on it!	1 (50%)
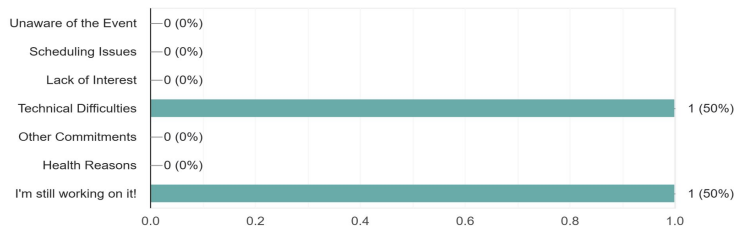
Did you find it easy to source information on Dev Days?

15 responses

- Yes — 93.3%
- No
- I used lots of chatgpt with the errors I was facing.
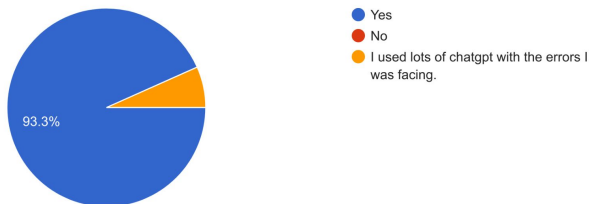
If you participated in the event, but were unable to complete a PR, why?

5 responses

Technical Difficulties	1 (20%)
Other Commitments	1 (20%)
Build Issues	0 (0%)
I'm still working on it!	1 (20%)
I was not able to build the project.	1 (20%)
Still waiting on the PR to be me…	1 (20%)
I had other things outside of De…	1 (20%)
Still in review	1 (20%)
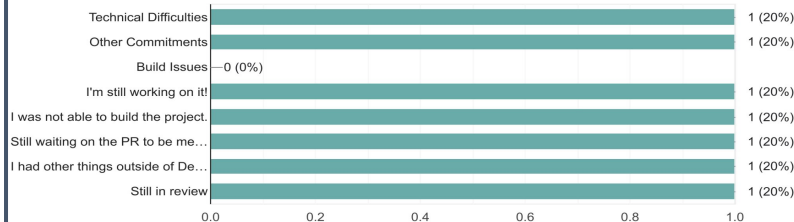
Feedback

How satisfied were you with the Dev Days logistics from the #devdays channel?   1 = Very dissatisfied   5 = Very satisfied
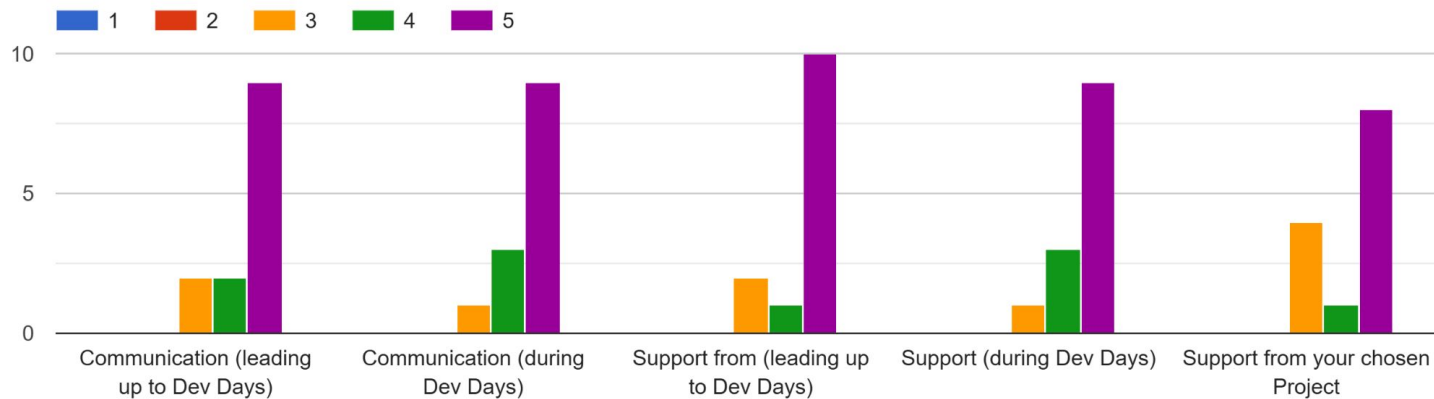
Feedback

How satisfied were you with the support from the projects?

MaterialX 4/5

OpenColorIO 5/5

OpenExr 4.5/5

OpenTimelineIO 4/5

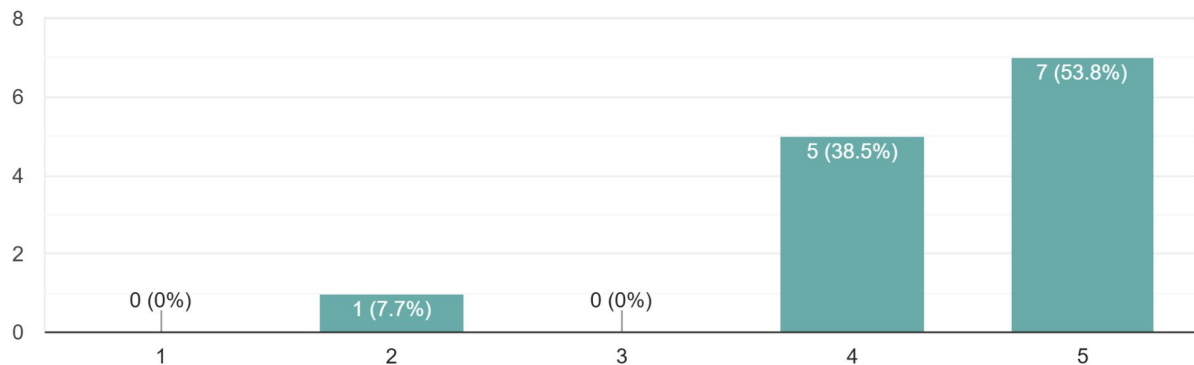**Digital Production Example Library 5/5**

OpenVDB 5/5

Rez 5/5

Open Review Initiative 4/5

Open AssetIO 5/5

How well do you feel the projects and issues were presented to you?

13 responses

Rating	Count
1	0 (0%)
2	1 (7.7%)
3	0 (0%)
4	5 (38.5%)
5	7 (53.8%)

Feedback from Participant Questionnaire

"I've been participating in Dev Days since it started and really appreciate the build support and advance issue selection reminders - they work great! This time I tried **MaterialX** after previously contributing to **OpenEXR**, and even though I didn't get my PR finished in time, I enjoyed learning what **MaterialX** does."

"As a returning participant, I'm finding it trickier to find the right issues. [...] I was wondering that as a returning participant to a project - is dev days still the right event for me?"

"A "pairing" program would improve outreach and participation. Pair applicants who registered with someone on the chosen project. I had the fortune of **Matthew Low** to walk me through all issues."

"I suspect **David Feltell** spent more time assisting me with build issues and contributor basics than it would have taken him to complete the simple #pragma once issue himself, and I am thankful for his help. [**OpenAssetIO**]"

"There seemed to be inconsistency in engagement between the various projects."

"I think the support from both the projects I participated in was really good and encouraging. [**OpenEXR, MaterialX**]"

"**Olga** and **Montana** were great in term of communication and patience, and **Larry** is always available to respond. In fact one of the reason I chose **OpenImageIO** from the beginning was, the way he comment on the bugs in the repo and clear communication."

Key takeaways

Successes

- Additional Dev Day Session *"How to host a a Dev Days at your company."*

- Increase in number of projects chosen by participants.

- Improved documentation and recorded sessions for participants.

- Improved project documentation and issue labels.

Room for Improvements

- Promotion, marketing, or publicity of Dev Days could be timed better with other Open Source events.

- Sending Feedback form sooner.

- Room for improvement of organizational framework and documentation.

- Returning contributor documentation / communication / 'good second issue'

Thank you for listening!