

# Text and Paragraph Responses by Question

## 61863 Code4Lib Conference (41 of 137 29.9%)

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**Question:** Please explain any Poor or Very Poor answers regarding the presenter(s).

Presenters need to be more polished.

Most speakers had poor presentation/writing skills. (e.g. Few, if any, actually introduced their topics before diving in., Several clearly knew little about their topic.)

It was a mixed bag of presenters, ranging from very good to awful

Lots of "what I did on my summer vacation" talks in the plenary sessions: they should be saved for breakouts. Far too little time for questions.

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**Question:** Any suggestions on topics for future events?

I'd love to come back again.

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**Question:** Inst 1 comments

Inspirational

Roy did an excellent job being master of ceremony

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**Question:** Ins1 ID

Karen Schneider

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Roy Tennant

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**Question:** Ins2 ID

Erik Hatcher

Karen Schneider

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**Question:** Inst2 comments

Her keynote was interesting but not technical enough for the audience. Apparently she has limited experience with proprietary software that is like a kitten (except unlike OSS, it's an expensive and can't be trained to not destroy the furniture).

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**Question:** What did you like about the program you attended?

I really like to format of everyone attending all the same sessions.

Cutting edge

Very relevant

Wide range of topics; presentation style (lightning talks and short sessions)

Length of the presentations and the overall loose format

speed, administration was excellent

Some of the talks were very stimulating

very stimulating - lots of interesting ideas and projects

Excellent opportunity to meet people in the field and learn about the state of the art in our area.

I liked that it was really practical and small enough to get to know or meet almost all of the participants.

Perfect amount of structured versus unstructured time.

chance to mingle with others, learn about new technologies, short talks

Everything

the conference was very well organized and well run by the conf team.

I liked that the talks were short, though they could have been 1/2 hr instead of 20 min. I liked the lightning talks too. And the casual atmosphere.

I loved the technical aspects where people described HOW they did stuff.

Great opportunity to discuss new tech in real time, meet #code4libbers in person.

friendly atmosphere, smart people, good ideas

The informal nature and geeky atmosphere contributed to a feeling of smartness sharing.

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Most conference presentations were irrelevant to me. Several others were simply poor.

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**Question:** What additional comments do you have about the program?

Collegial, convivial

Great conference atmosphere

A group activity would be nice for the shy people attending.

Needs to ramp up the professionalism: better programs, better connection to website.

My new favorite conference!

talks could be organized a bit better, there could possibly be themes for the talks

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**Question:** What comments do you have about the hotel, meeting room, registration, meals and breaks?

nice facility

The food was very good. There were some complaints about lack of vegetarian and Kosher options, but I was very happy with the food - especially the snack breaks.

The facilities were wonderful. The food was quite good as well, though it would have been nice to have more obvious vegetarian options.

See above.

The meeting room was fantastic, breaks were good (with good drink/snacks), the hotel was acceptable

I'm not a strict vegetarian, but I don't eat pigs or cows, and as a result found the meals unsatisfactory. It's not that difficult to come up with tasty protein alternatives to provide what would quite frankly be a better balanced and healthier menu.

Meals should offer vegetarian selections

The staff were great. I locked my keys in my car and they helped me call AAA!

In-room Internet connection was buggy - connection would occasionally just go dead for an hour or two; satellite TV reception cut out during a rainstorm

Vegetarian/special diet options were not on the buffet - it wasn't clear how to get requirements met

Wifi was spotty, and network cable that was in my hotel room near the work desk did not work. It was not until checkout that I noticed the other jack hidden on top of the tv cabinet.

Wireless internet access could be more robust

There was little food provided for vegetarians. Arriving after 9pm there were no on-site or near-site food/bar options.

The bathrooms need to be modernized but the facility overall was nice.

You were unprepared to meet the demand for network access and power in the main hall or the break rooms. Your desks (lobby and conf registration) were under-staffed at peak times. The staff were pleasant and competent. The food was above-average in quality

I would come back to Athens, Georgia, and the Georgia Center any time. Terrific people. Comfortable facility. It was a perfect match for our event. Thanks!

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Need better wireless access - should be set up in advance of the event

You all did a great job across the board. The meeting facilities were great, the food at meals was good, the refreshments at breaks were better than any I've had, the hotel staff were knowledgeable and responsive, and I could go on. Thank you!

Should be easier to get vegetarian and other diet specific meals at catered events. You need to work out kinks in your wireless access system

The bar closed too early. Limited vegetarian options. Wireless network issues (however, on-site Georgia Center Staff were very easy to work with and tried there best to work with the restrictions in place. They deserve a big round of thanks for making wh

Wireless networking was extremely unstable throughout most of the event

the wireless network had some issues

Other than these problems, the facilities were excellent.

The Wireless network never worked for me, that is I never manages to connect to my office computer via ssh

there were issues with network infrastructure, partly the fault of conference organizers, but better planning all around would have ameliorated the problems

Fantastic meeting room. Staff worked quickly to address issues with wireless connectivity and port blocking.

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**Question:** Please explain any Poor or Very Poor answers regarding the Georgia Center.

the food line was very long, but food was generally very good

I received a confirmation that my credit card had been charged for registration fees and then nearly a week later, an e-mail saying registration was full. Don't confirm registration that hasn't happened.

Vegetarian options should be available as a routine part of service. Salads with lunch and dinner too please.

There were not vegetarian options easily available despite having registered for them prior to the conference; the one I did get also was very bland.

The internet took a couple of days to get ironed out properly.

Not enough food choices

No vegetarian or kosher options at most meals.

The person at the counter would not give me a receipt for a mistaken charge the first couple times I asked. He also didn't know how to change the name on the room.

Need better vegetarian options, especially for people who signed up in advance

IT infrastructure needs an upgrade

Too many forms/notifications. Hotel was different registration from the conference which was confusing

Meeting room environment was affected by wireless networking problems which have since been addressed. Food was poor for vegetarians (wet veggies between slices of brown bread is not my idea of lunch).

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**Question:** What improvements would you like to see?

The wireless network was inadequate for a conference consisting entirely of library technologists. I would like to see a more robust, open network in the future.

See my comments about food service.

Better food/vegetarian choices

Better internet (as in totally open, like a coffee shop!) experience is required.

Buses to town a little more obvious

Longer lobby bar hours would be great

improved technical coordination (internet access, etc)

Better organized breakout sessions

Registration filled up? Allow registration to be earlier and no limit. Some of us have to ask for money and time to go.

More vegetarian and vegan food options at all meals. This is important not only for vegetarians, but for anyone on a restricted diet.

Would have been nice if the gym was open 24 hours, and if room-service was available until midnight.

Maybe slightly better food, but this was perfectly acceptable given the cheap registration fee.

More preparation in advance of the event, more social activities

better wireless

More reliable networking

better wireless

Don't change a thing. It was wonderful.

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**Question:** As our surveys are anonymous, please tell us your name if we can use your comments in the future.

Mike Rylander

Ralph LeVan

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**Question:** Any additional comments

Nope, very enjoyable conference overall

Beautiful setting

Next year in Jerusalem^h^h^h^h^h^h^h^h^hPortland!

Seriously, one of the best conferences I've been to.

Good overall - enjoyed the visit

Congrats to the organizers. It was a coup!