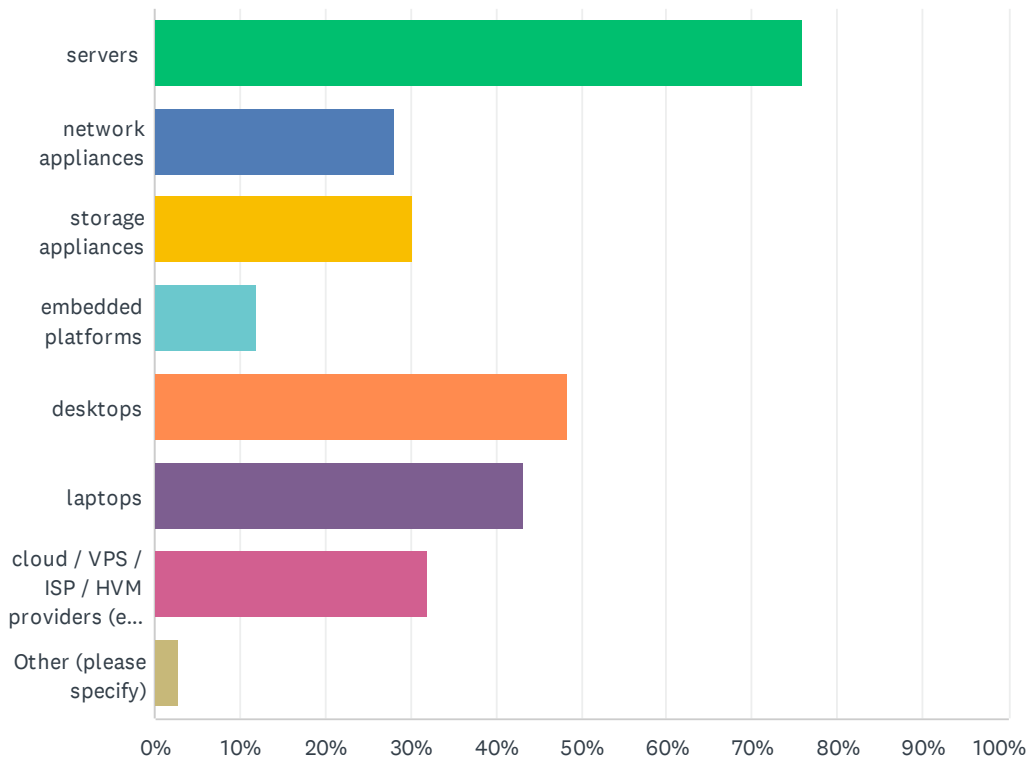


Q1 Do you use FreeBSD on...? (Check all that apply)

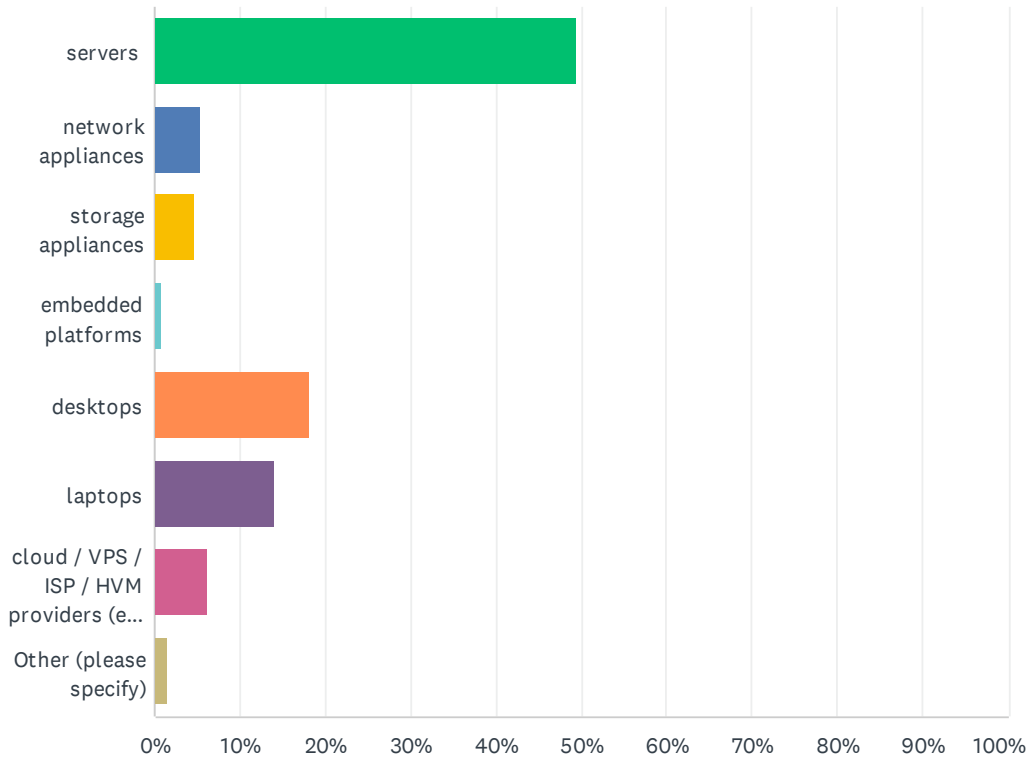
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
servers	75.85%	1,206
network appliances	28.18%	448
storage appliances	30.25%	481
embedded platforms	11.89%	189
desktops	48.30%	768
laptops	43.27%	688
cloud / VPS / ISP / HVM providers (e.g. AWS, GCP, bhyve, VMWare, OpenStack)	31.89%	507
Other (please specify)	2.77%	44
Total Respondents: 1,590		

Q2 Where do you primarily use FreeBSD? (Check only one)

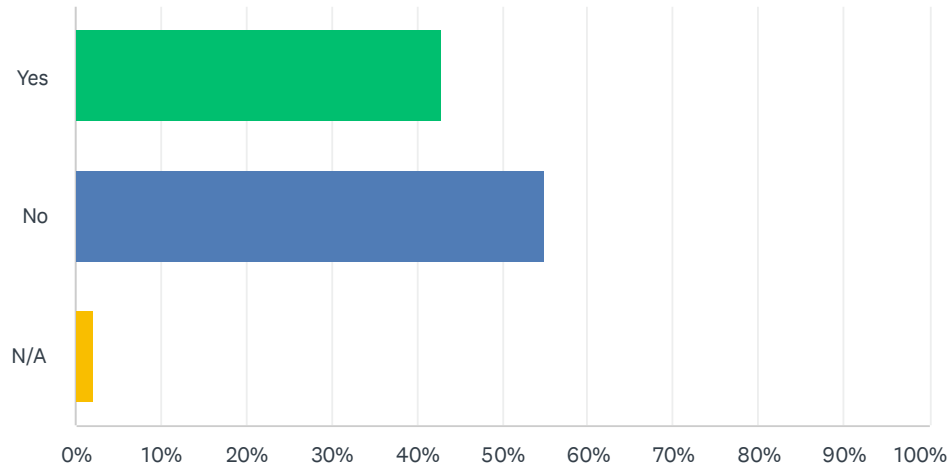
Answered: 1,584 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
servers	49.49%	784
network appliances	5.37%	85
storage appliances	4.61%	73
embedded platforms	0.82%	13
desktops	18.06%	286
laptops	14.08%	223
cloud / VPS / ISP / HVM providers (e.g. AWS, GCP, bhyve, VMWare, OpenStack)	6.19%	98
Other (please specify)	1.39%	22
TOTAL		1,584

Q3 Is FreeBSD your daily driver? (The operating system you use most frequently)

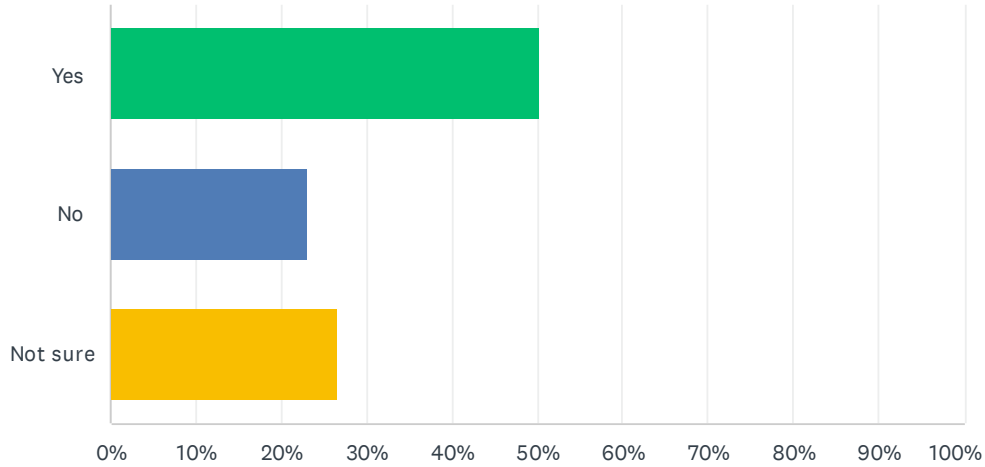
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	42.83% 681
No	54.97% 874
N/A	2.20% 35
TOTAL	1,590

Q4 If FreeBSD support on desktop/laptop hardware was roughly equivalent to that of Linux, would you use FreeBSD as your daily driver?

Answered: 853 Skipped: 737



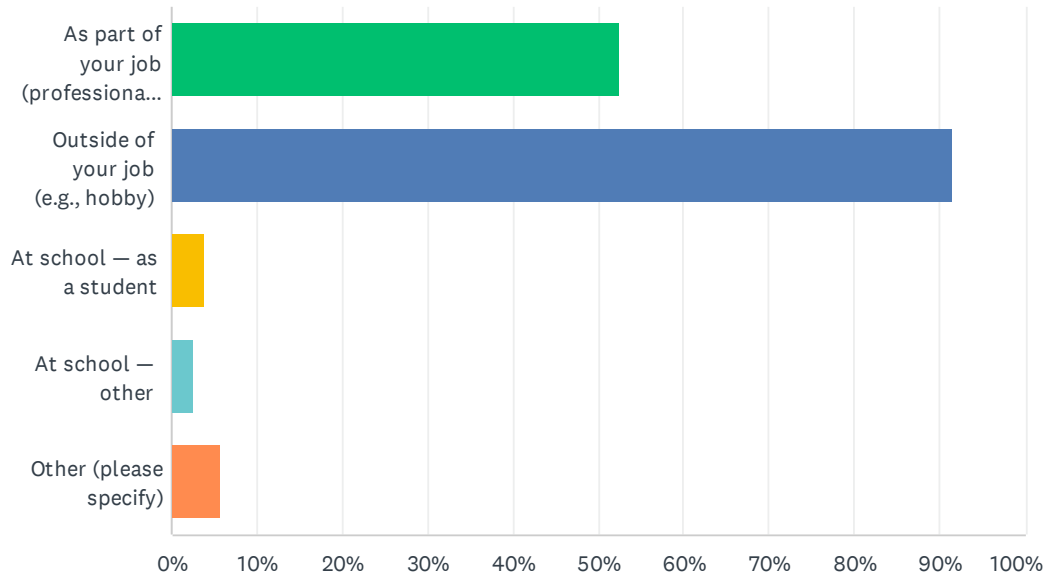
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.41% 430
No	22.98% 196
Not sure	26.61% 227
TOTAL	853

Q5 Which software applications would you need in order to run FreeBSD as your primary daily driver that does not work today? (if none, please enter that in the box below.)

Answered: 669 Skipped: 921

Q6 Do you use FreeBSD ... (Check all that apply)

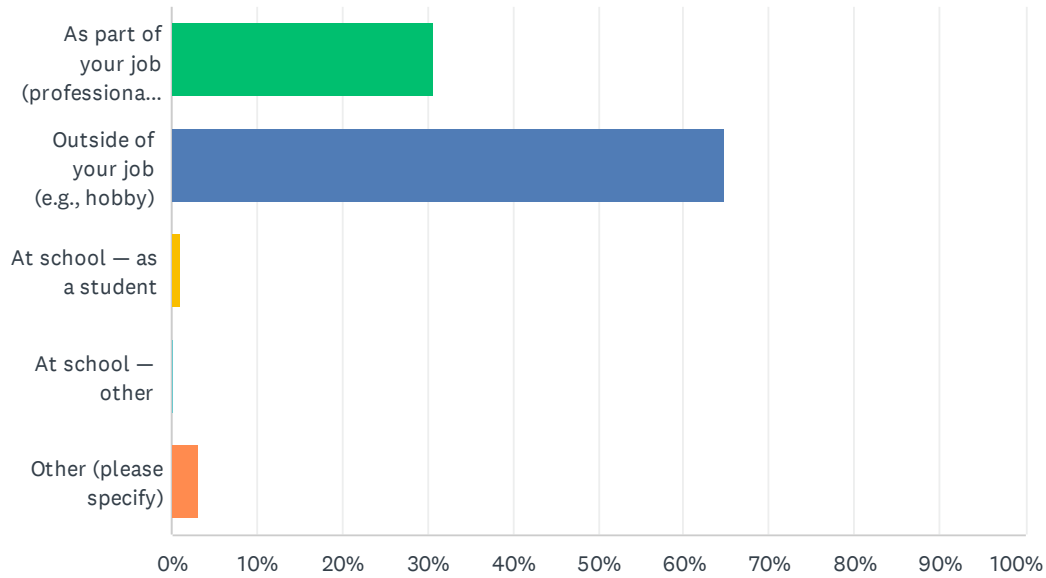
Answered: 1,446 Skipped: 144



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
As part of your job (professionally)	52.35%	757
Outside of your job (e.g., hobby)	91.49%	1,323
At school — as a student	3.73%	54
At school — other	2.49%	36
Other (please specify)	5.74%	83
Total Respondents: 1,446		

Q7 Do you use FreeBSD primarily. . . (Check only one)

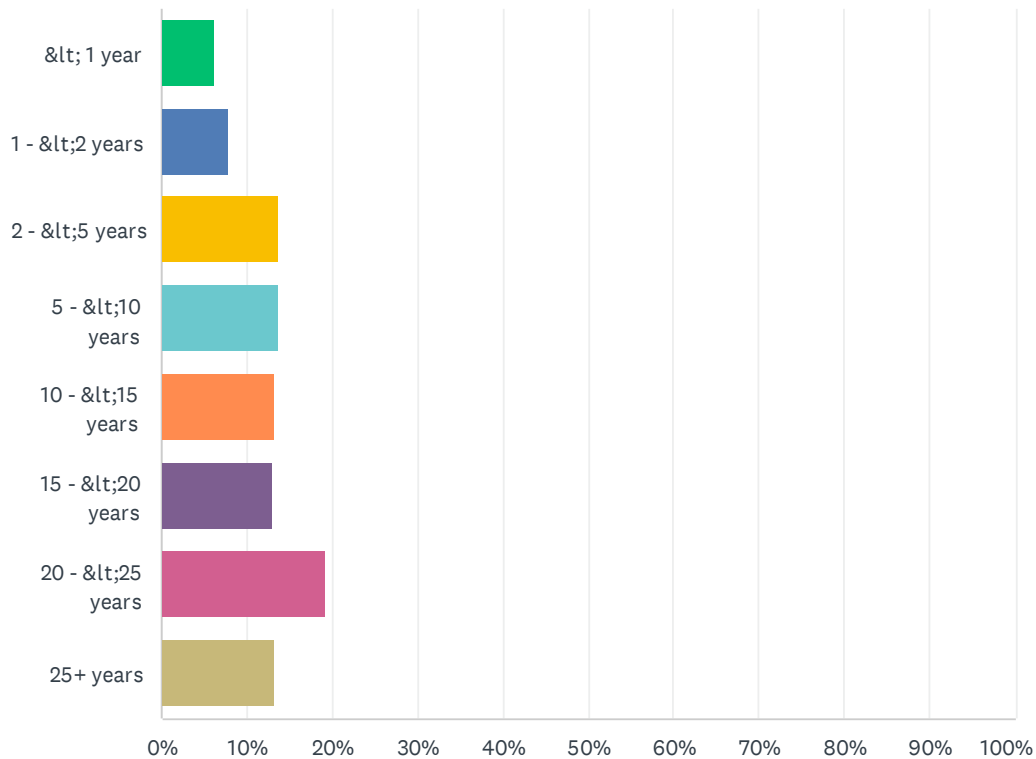
Answered: 1,433 Skipped: 157



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
As part of your job (professionally)	30.64%	439
Outside of your job (e.g., hobby)	64.76%	928
At school — as a student	1.12%	16
At school — other	0.28%	4
Other (please specify)	3.21%	46
TOTAL		1,433

Q8 For about how long have you been using FreeBSD?

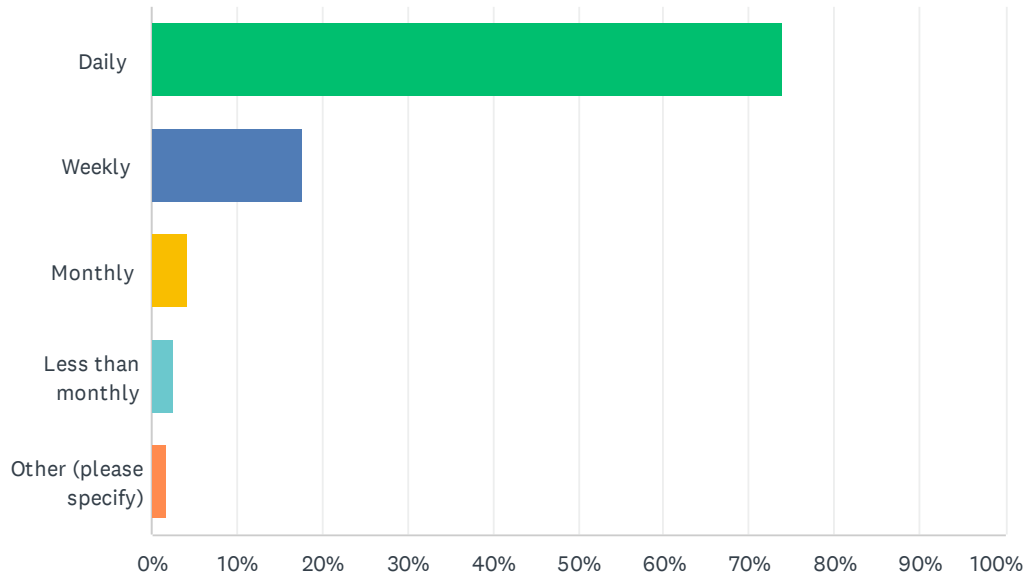
Answered: 1,444 Skipped: 146



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
< 1 year	6.16% 89
1 - < 2 years	7.96% 115
2 - < 5 years	13.57% 196
5 - < 10 years	13.64% 197
10 - < 15 years	13.23% 191
15 - < 20 years	13.09% 189
20 - < 25 years	19.11% 276
25+ years	13.23% 191
TOTAL	1,444

Q9 How often do you use FreeBSD?

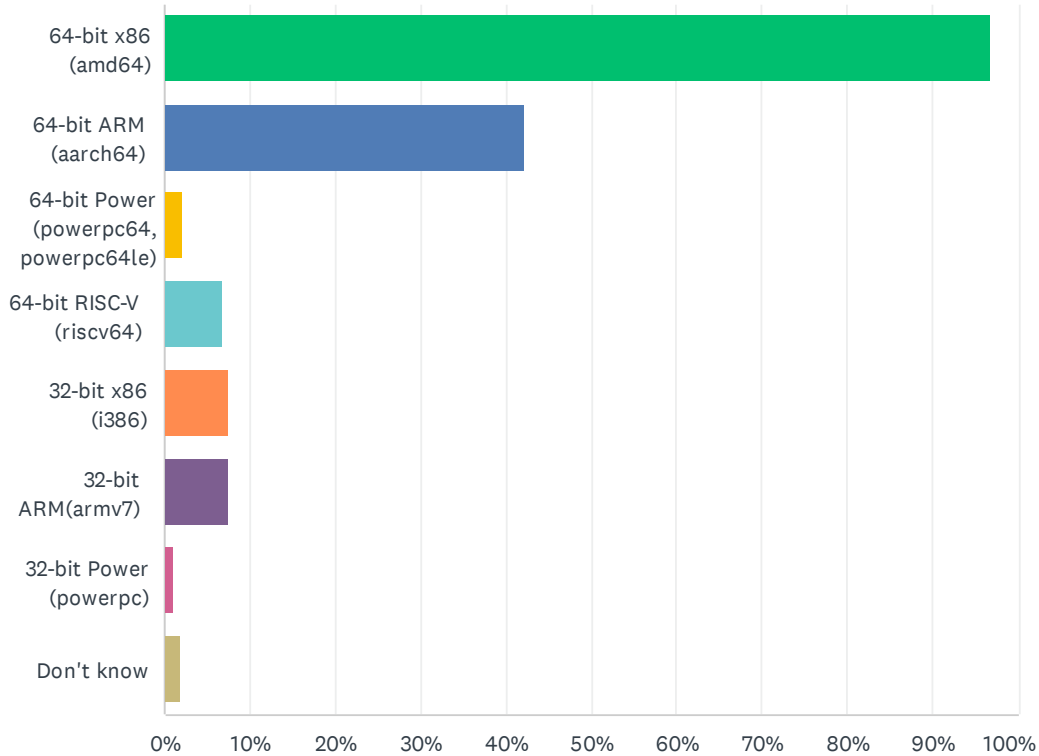
Answered: 1,438 Skipped: 152



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	73.92%	1,063
Weekly	17.73%	255
Monthly	4.24%	61
Less than monthly	2.50%	36
Other (please specify)	1.60%	23
TOTAL		1,438

Q10 Which CPU architectures will be used in the next 12 months by you or your employer in a production capacity (e.g., server, desktop, laptop, appliance and not as the target for development). (Check all that apply)

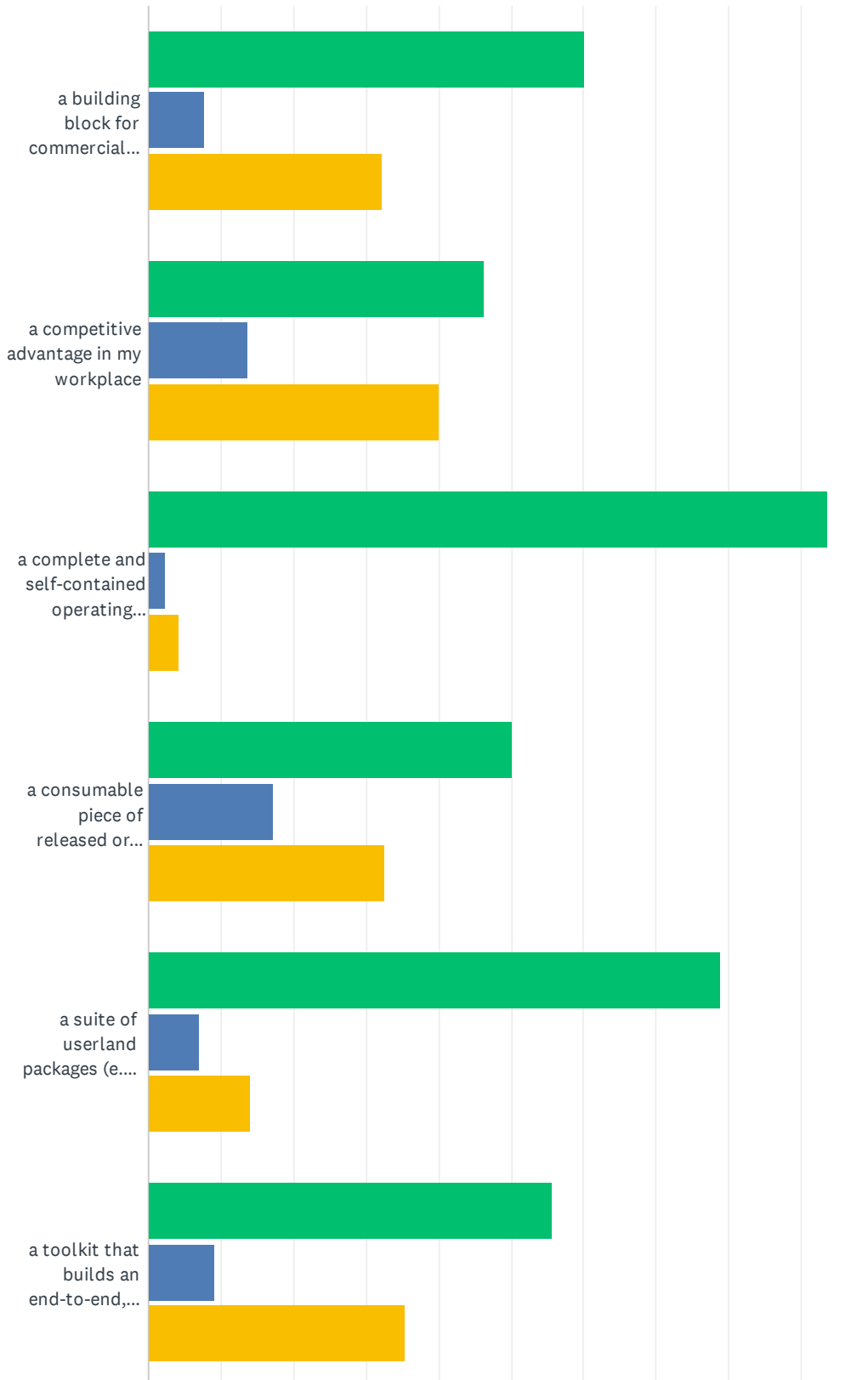
Answered: 1,440 Skipped: 150



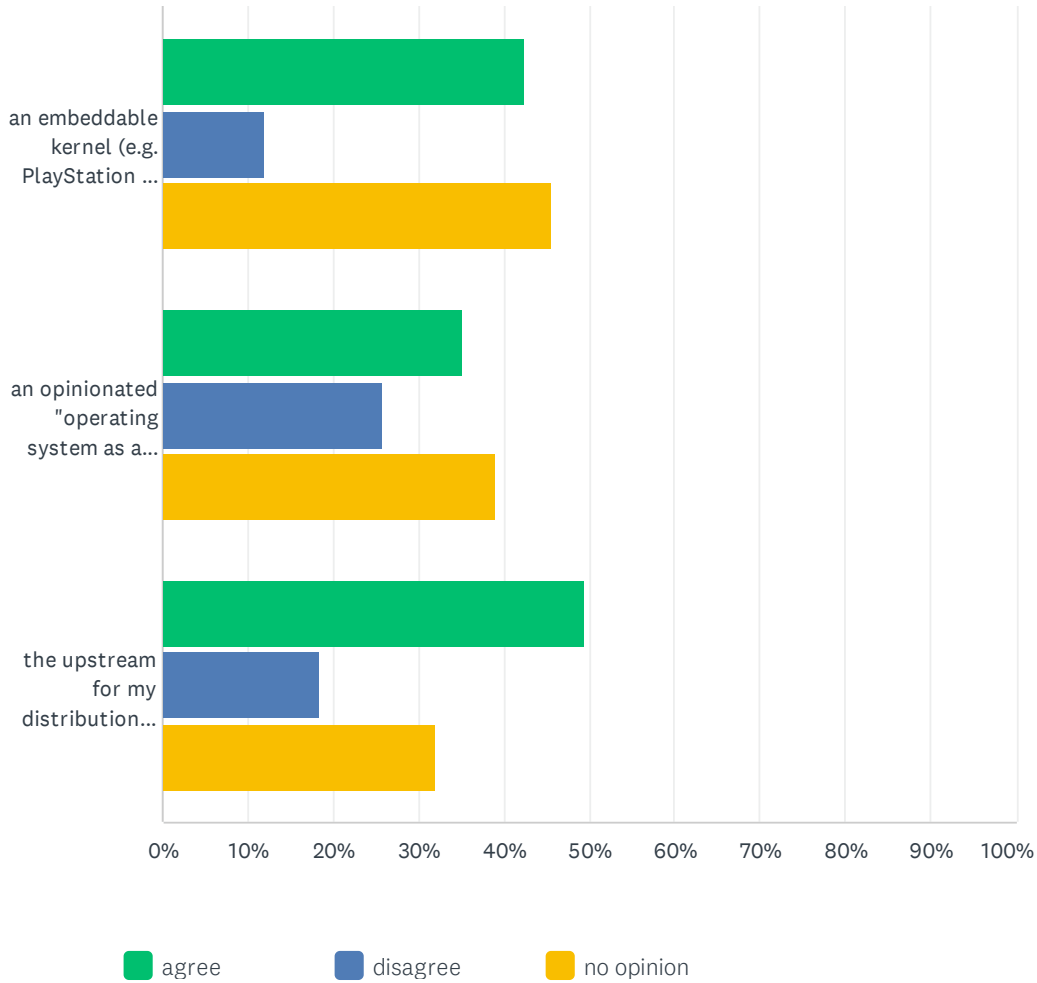
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
64-bit x86 (amd64)	96.88%	1,395
64-bit ARM (aarch64)	42.22%	608
64-bit Power (powerpc64, powerpc64le)	2.08%	30
64-bit RISC-V (riscv64)	6.81%	98
32-bit x86 (i386)	7.36%	106
32-bit ARM (armv7)	7.43%	107
32-bit Power (powerpc)	1.11%	16
Don't know	1.94%	28
Total Respondents: 1,440		

Q11 The FreeBSD Project produces software. How do you view FreeBSD's software?

Answered: 1,428 Skipped: 162



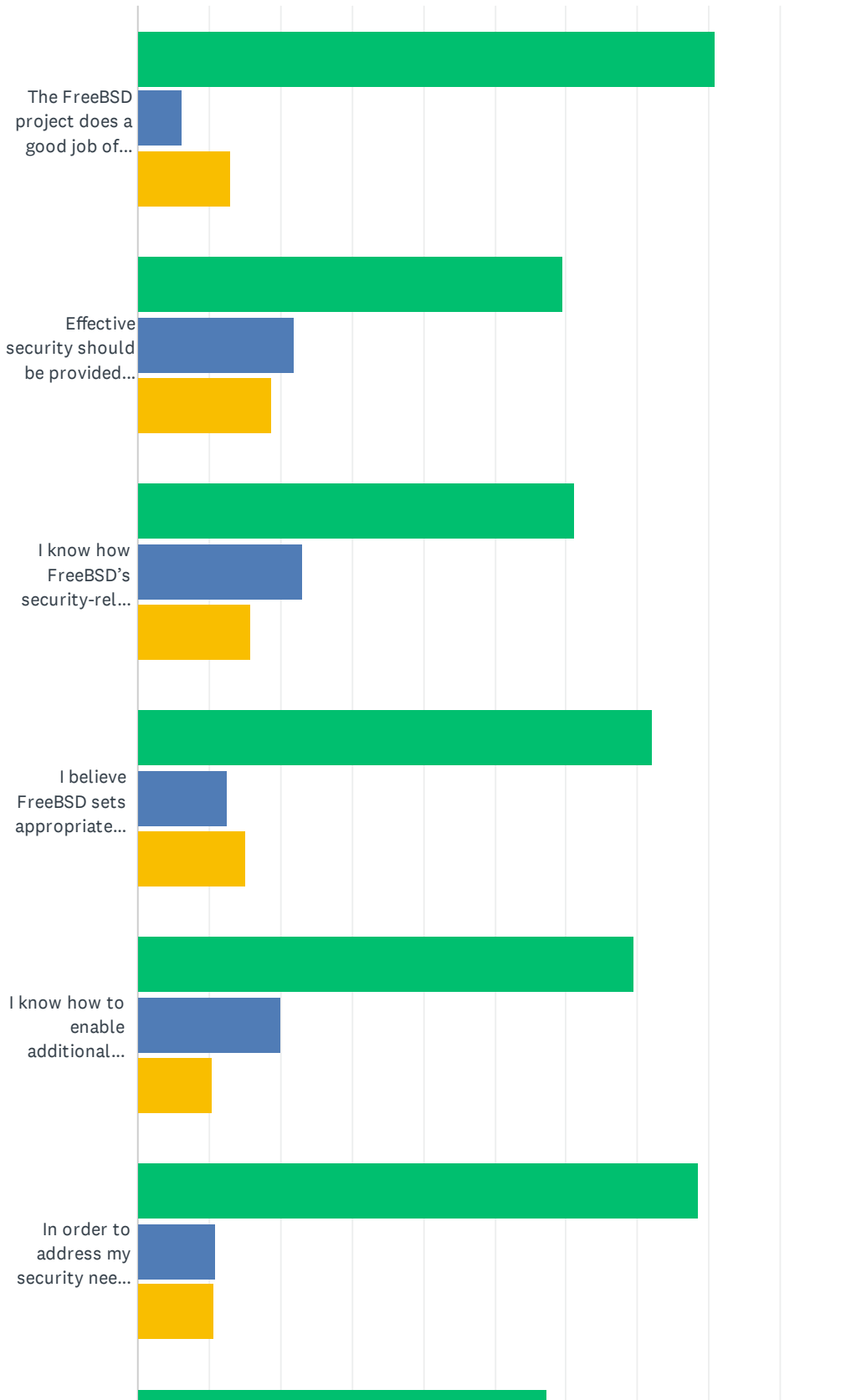
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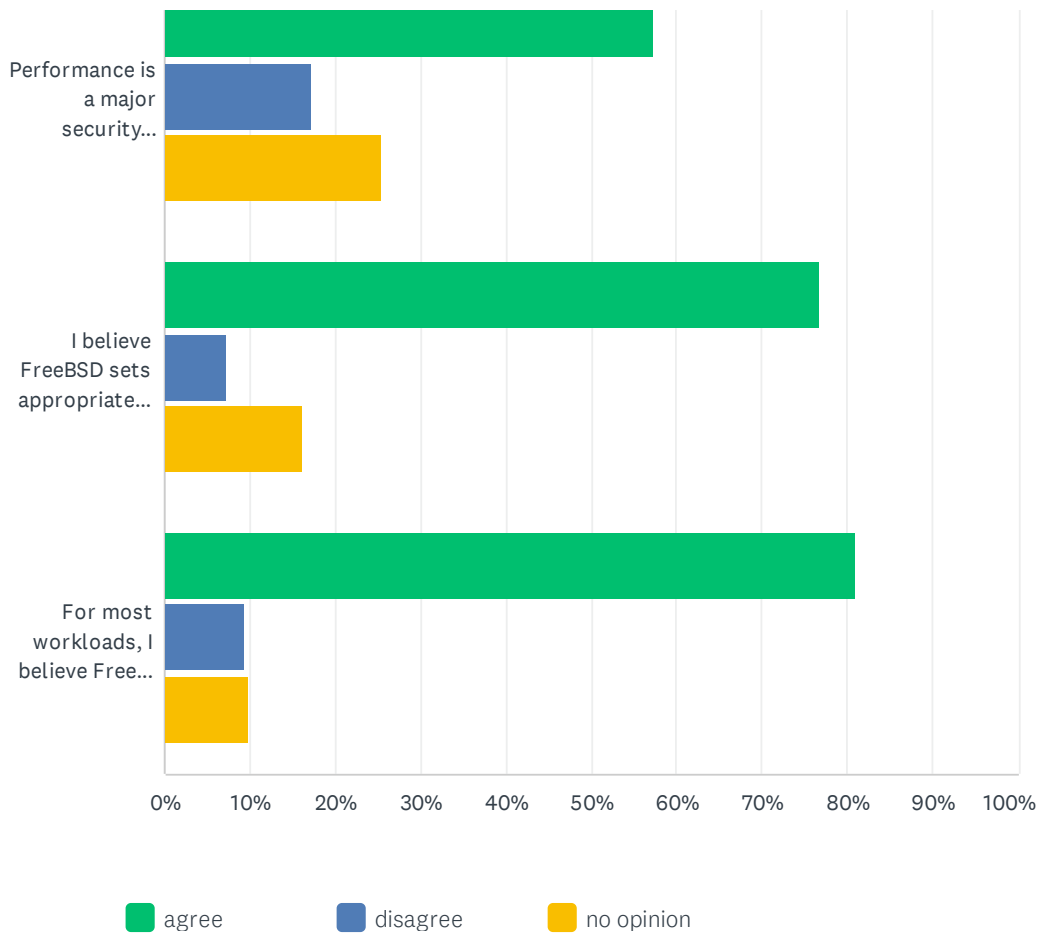
	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
a building block for commercial appliances (customizable kernel plus packages)	60.07% 838	7.67% 107	32.26% 450	1,395	1.72
a competitive advantage in my workplace	46.27% 645	13.56% 189	40.17% 560	1,394	1.94
a complete and self-contained operating system	93.54% 1,332	2.25% 32	4.21% 60	1,424	1.11
a consumable piece of released or shrink-wrapped software (a release)	50.07% 694	17.24% 239	32.68% 453	1,386	1.83
a suite of userland packages (e.g. ports)	78.86% 1,108	7.05% 99	14.09% 198	1,405	1.35
a toolkit that builds an end-to-end, customized distribution (e.g. make world + poudriere)	55.59% 776	9.10% 127	35.32% 493	1,396	1.80
an embeddable kernel (e.g. PlayStation 4 or 5)	42.50% 592	11.84% 165	45.66% 636	1,393	2.03
an opinionated "operating system as a service" that I consume	35.10% 490	25.86% 361	39.04% 545	1,396	2.04
the upstream for my distribution of choice (e.g. FreeNAS, pfSense, HardenedBSD, OPNSense, etc)	49.57% 694	18.43% 258	32.00% 448	1,400	1.82

Q12 Rate the following statements:

Answered: 1,431 Skipped: 159



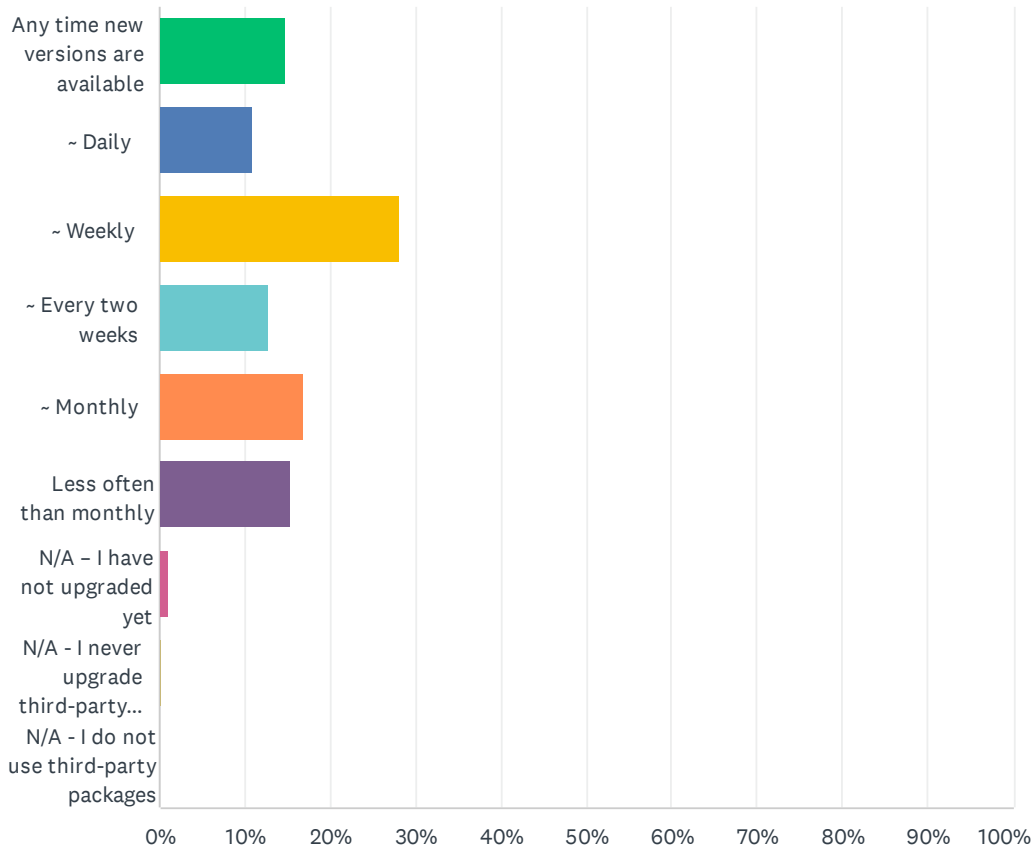
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	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The FreeBSD project does a good job of addressing security concerns	80.79% 1,152	6.24% 89	12.97% 185	1,426	1.32
Effective security should be provided "out of the box," even at the expense of functionality or performance	59.42% 845	21.87% 311	18.71% 266	1,422	1.59
I know how FreeBSD's security-related defaults are set	61.27% 870	23.03% 327	15.70% 223	1,420	1.54
I believe FreeBSD sets appropriate defaults with respect to various security mitigations and options	72.17% 1,027	12.65% 180	15.18% 216	1,423	1.43
I know how to enable additional mitigations that are not enabled by default	69.46% 985	20.03% 284	10.51% 149	1,418	1.41
In order to address my security needs, I perform research and configure my systems as needed for the individual application	78.45% 1,114	10.92% 155	10.63% 151	1,420	1.32
Performance is a major security consideration for server workloads	57.31% 815	17.30% 246	25.39% 361	1,422	1.68
I believe FreeBSD sets appropriate defaults with respect to performance	76.67% 1,091	7.17% 102	16.16% 230	1,423	1.39
For most workloads, I believe FreeBSD should set reasonable defaults that don't require post-installation adjustment	80.96% 1,152	9.28% 132	9.77% 139	1,423	1.29

Q13 How often do you upgrade your installed packages?

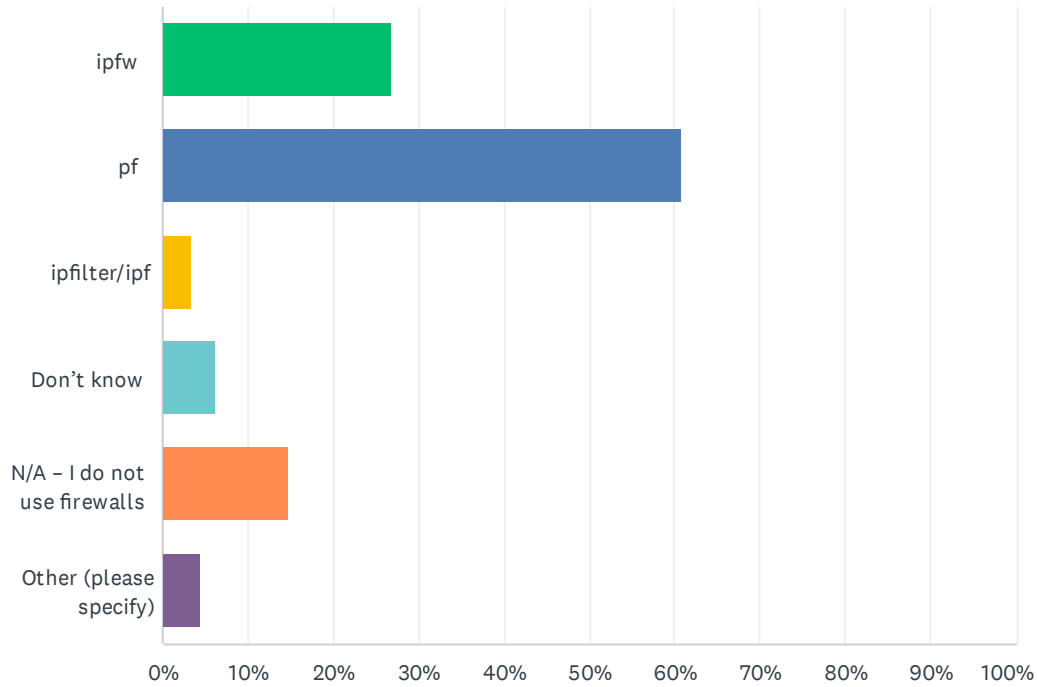
Answered: 1,436 Skipped: 154



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Any time new versions are available	14.76%	212
~ Daily	10.79%	155
~ Weekly	28.06%	403
~ Every two weeks	12.88%	185
~ Monthly	16.85%	242
Less often than monthly	15.32%	220
N/A - I have not upgraded yet	0.97%	14
N/A - I never upgrade third-party packages	0.28%	4
N/A - I do not use third-party packages	0.07%	1
TOTAL		1,436

Q14 Which firewalls do you use?

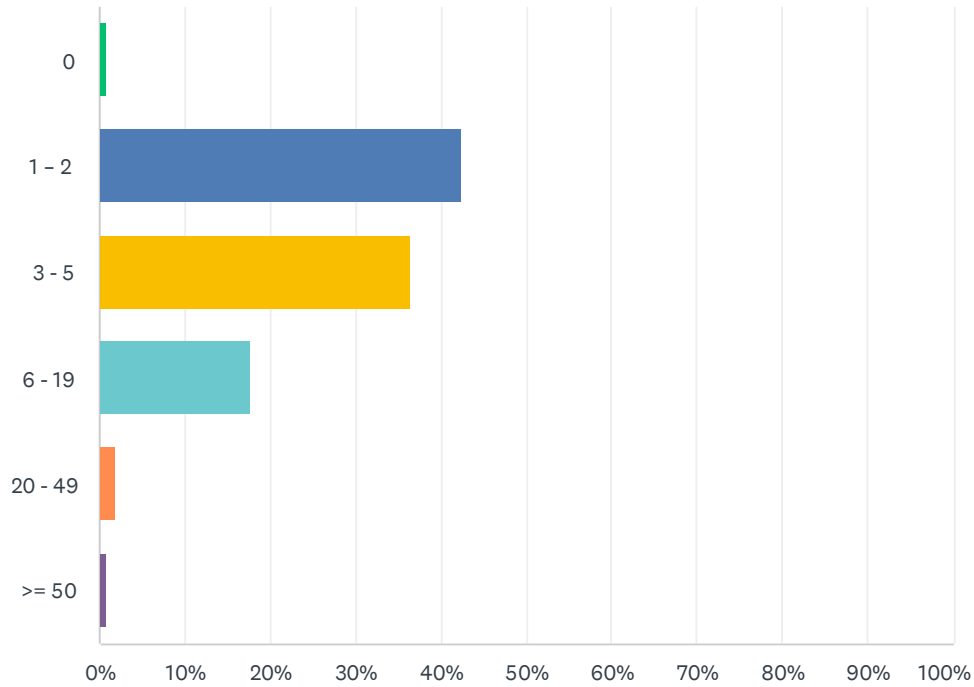
Answered: 1,433 Skipped: 157



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
ipfw	26.80% 384
pf	60.78% 871
ipfilter/ipf	3.42% 49
Don't know	6.14% 88
N/A - I do not use firewalls	14.72% 211
Other (please specify)	4.47% 64
Total Respondents: 1,433	

Q15 When using FreeBSD outside of your job, approximately how many physical and virtual FreeBSD installations do you have?

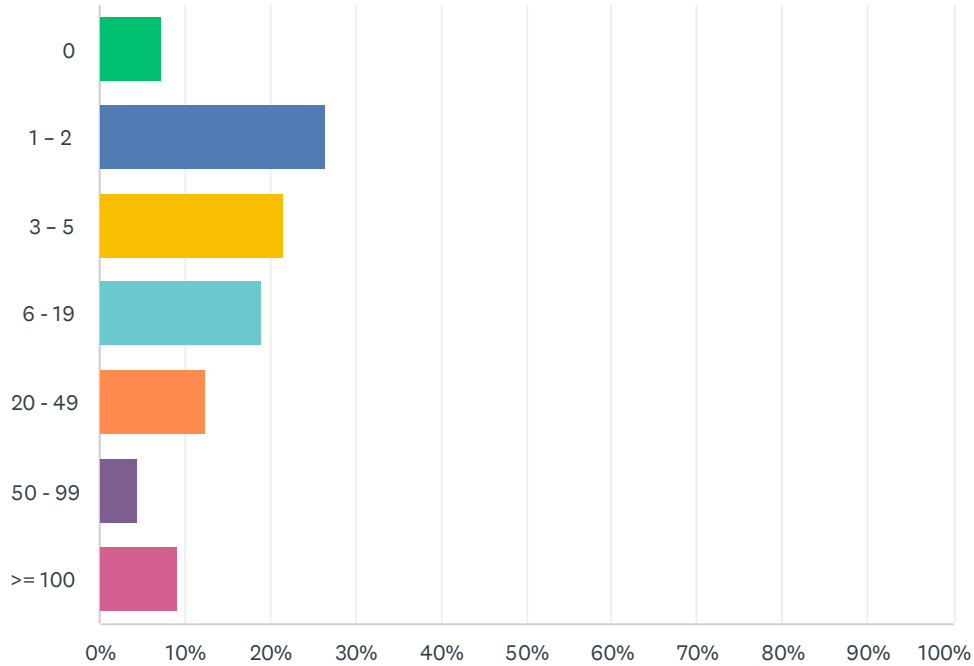
Answered: 1,306 Skipped: 284



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	0.84% 11
1 - 2	42.50% 555
3 - 5	36.37% 475
6 - 19	17.61% 230
20 - 49	1.84% 24
>= 50	0.84% 11
TOTAL	1,306

Q16 When using FreeBSD at work/school, approximately how many physical and virtual FreeBSD installations does the organization have?

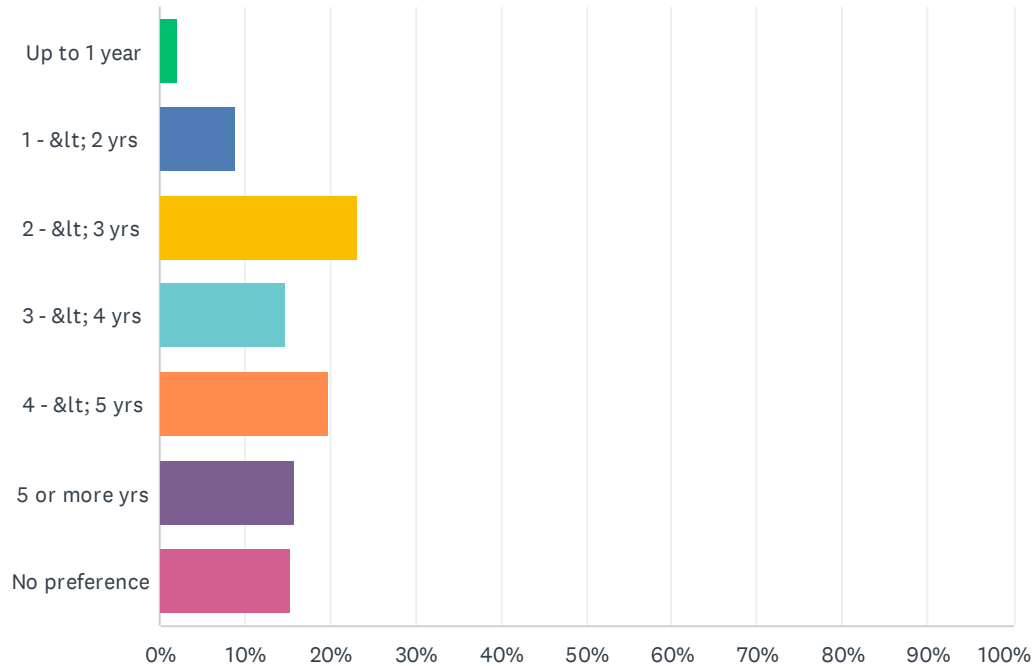
Answered: 768 Skipped: 822



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	7.29% 56
1 - 2	26.43% 203
3 - 5	21.48% 165
6 - 19	18.88% 145
20 - 49	12.37% 95
50 - 99	4.43% 34
>= 100	9.11% 70
TOTAL	768

Q17 Ideally, FreeBSD major branches (or an LTS branch) will be supported for _____ years (i.e. security fixes, critical bugs, packages).

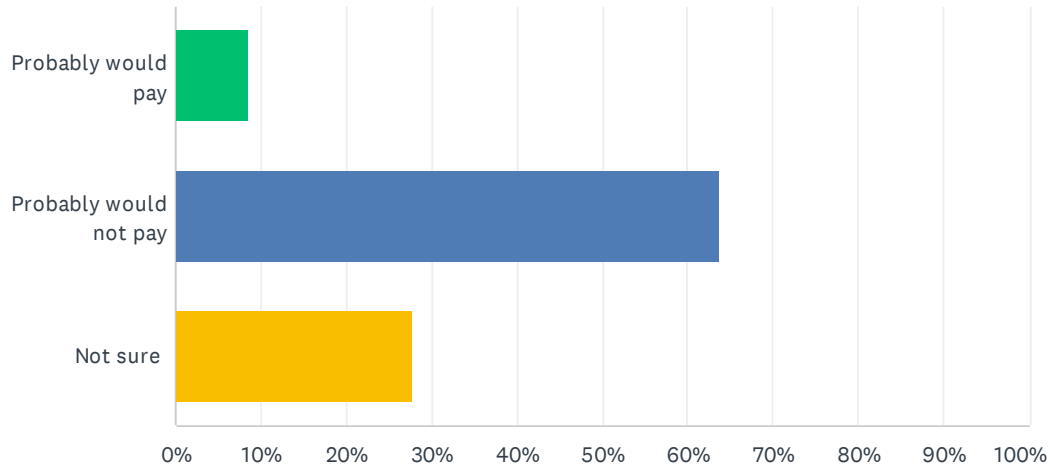
Answered: 1,429 Skipped: 161



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Up to 1 year	2.03% 29
1 - < 2 yrs	9.03% 129
2 - < 3 yrs	23.30% 333
3 - < 4 yrs	14.77% 211
4 - < 5 yrs	19.80% 283
5 or more yrs	15.68% 224
No preference	15.40% 220
TOTAL	1,429

Q18 If the project were to shorten LTS below your ideal timeframe, would you pay for extended support?

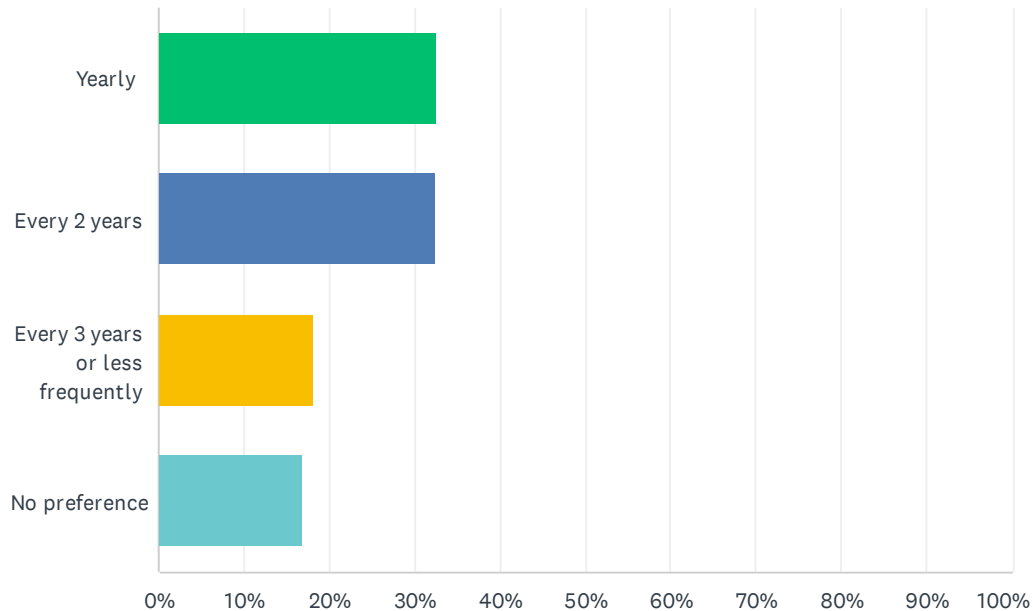
Answered: 1,420 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Probably would pay	8.59% 122
Probably would not pay	63.73% 905
Not sure	27.68% 393
TOTAL	1,420

Q19 How often do you prefer to make major version upgrades (e.g. 13.2 -> 14.0 in order to pick up new features, API/ABI changes, subsystem improvements, etc.(i.e., backing up data in prep for the upgrade))

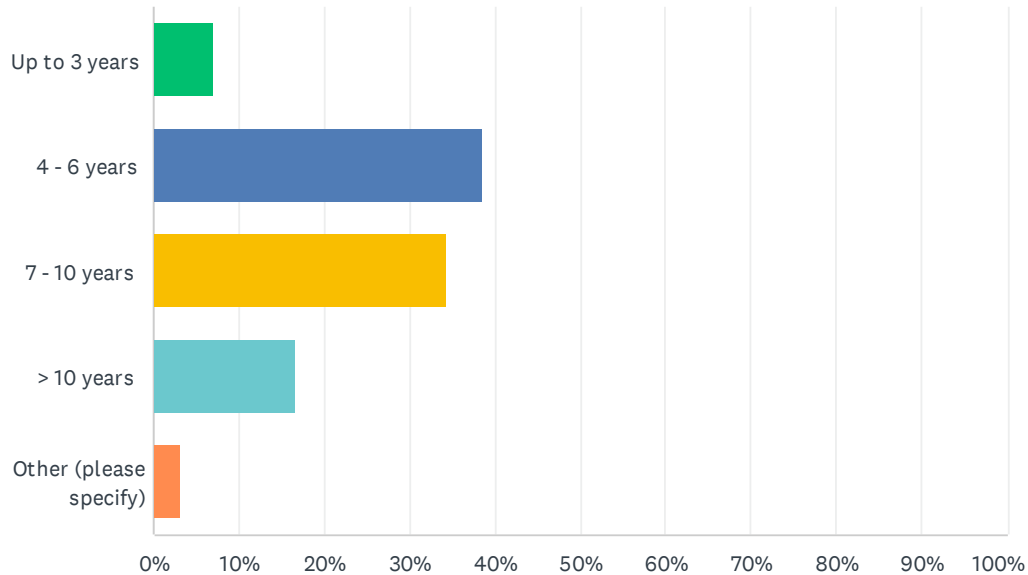
Answered: 1,425 Skipped: 165



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yearly	32.63% 465
Every 2 years	32.42% 462
Every 3 years or less frequently	18.18% 259
No preference	16.77% 239
TOTAL	1,425

Q20 When you install FreeBSD onto hardware (not a VM), what is the expected life of the hardware running FreeBSD?

Answered: 1,420 Skipped: 170

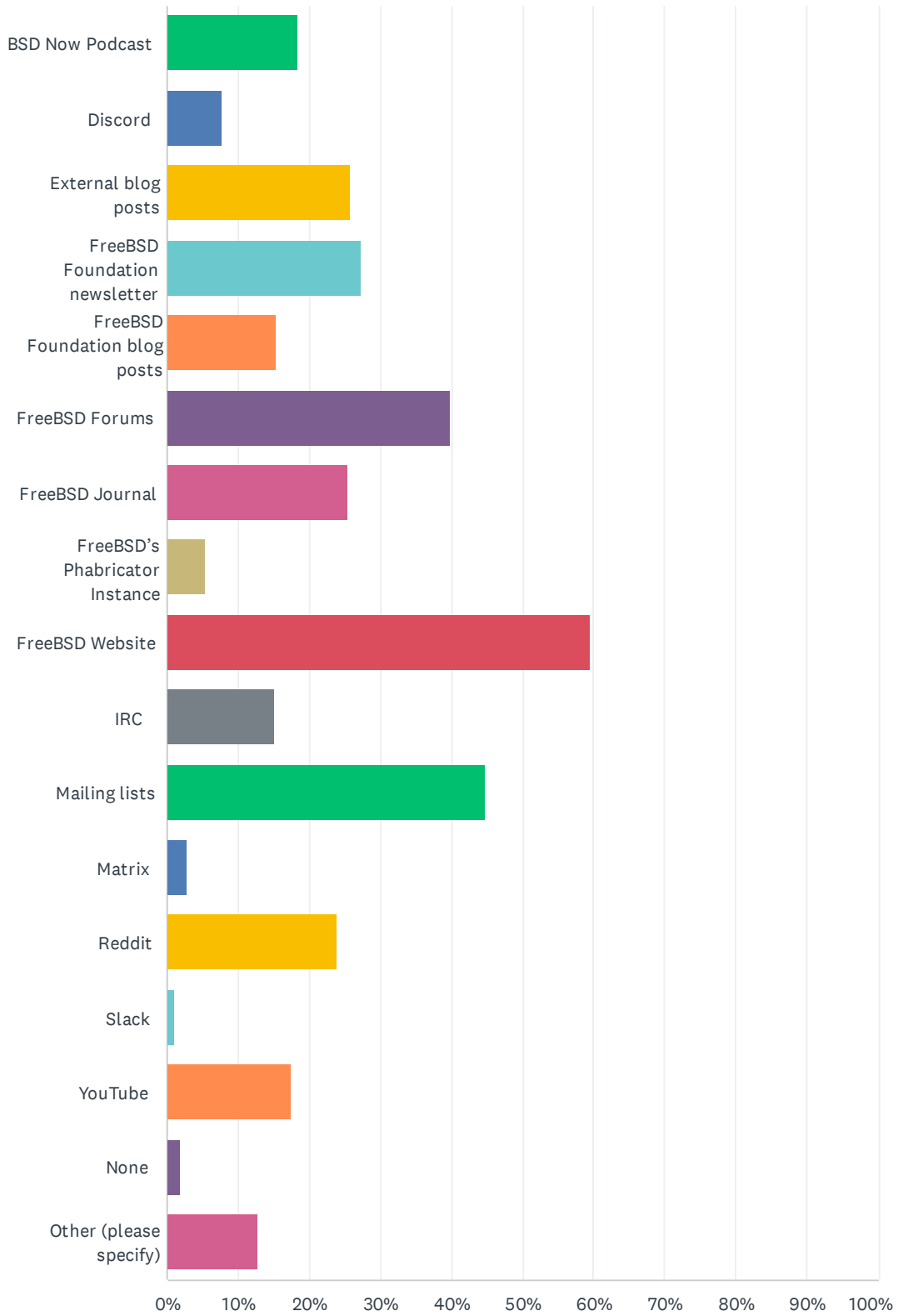


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Up to 3 years	7.11% 101
4 - 6 years	38.66% 549
7 - 10 years	34.30% 487
> 10 years	16.69% 237
Other (please specify)	3.24% 46
TOTAL	1,420

**Q21 Which sources do you use most to keep current with FreeBSD?
(check up to 5) Please scroll down for the complete list.**

Answered: 1,423 Skipped: 167

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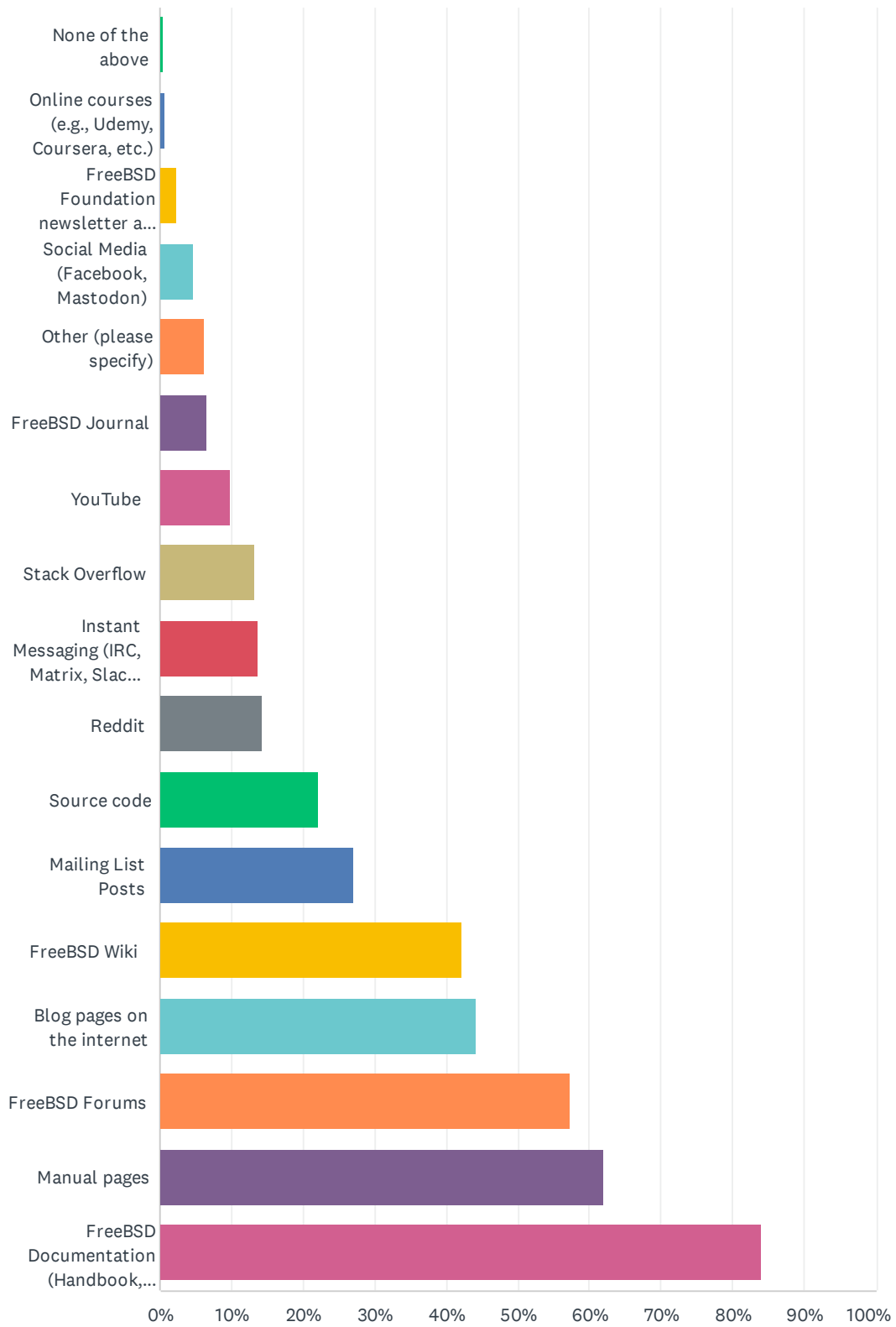
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
BSD Now Podcast	18.41%	262
Discord	7.66%	109
External blog posts	25.72%	366
FreeBSD Foundation newsletter	27.27%	388
FreeBSD Foundation blog posts	15.25%	217
FreeBSD Forums	39.85%	567
FreeBSD Journal	25.30%	360
FreeBSD's Phabricator Instance	5.27%	75
FreeBSD Website	59.59%	848
IRC	15.04%	214
Mailing lists	44.83%	638
Matrix	2.74%	39
Reddit	23.82%	339
Slack	1.12%	16
YouTube	17.50%	249
None	1.83%	26
Other (please specify)	12.72%	181
Total Respondents: 1,423		

Q22 Which sources do you use most for help with FreeBSD? (Check up to 5) Please scroll down for the complete list.

Answered: 1,423 Skipped: 167

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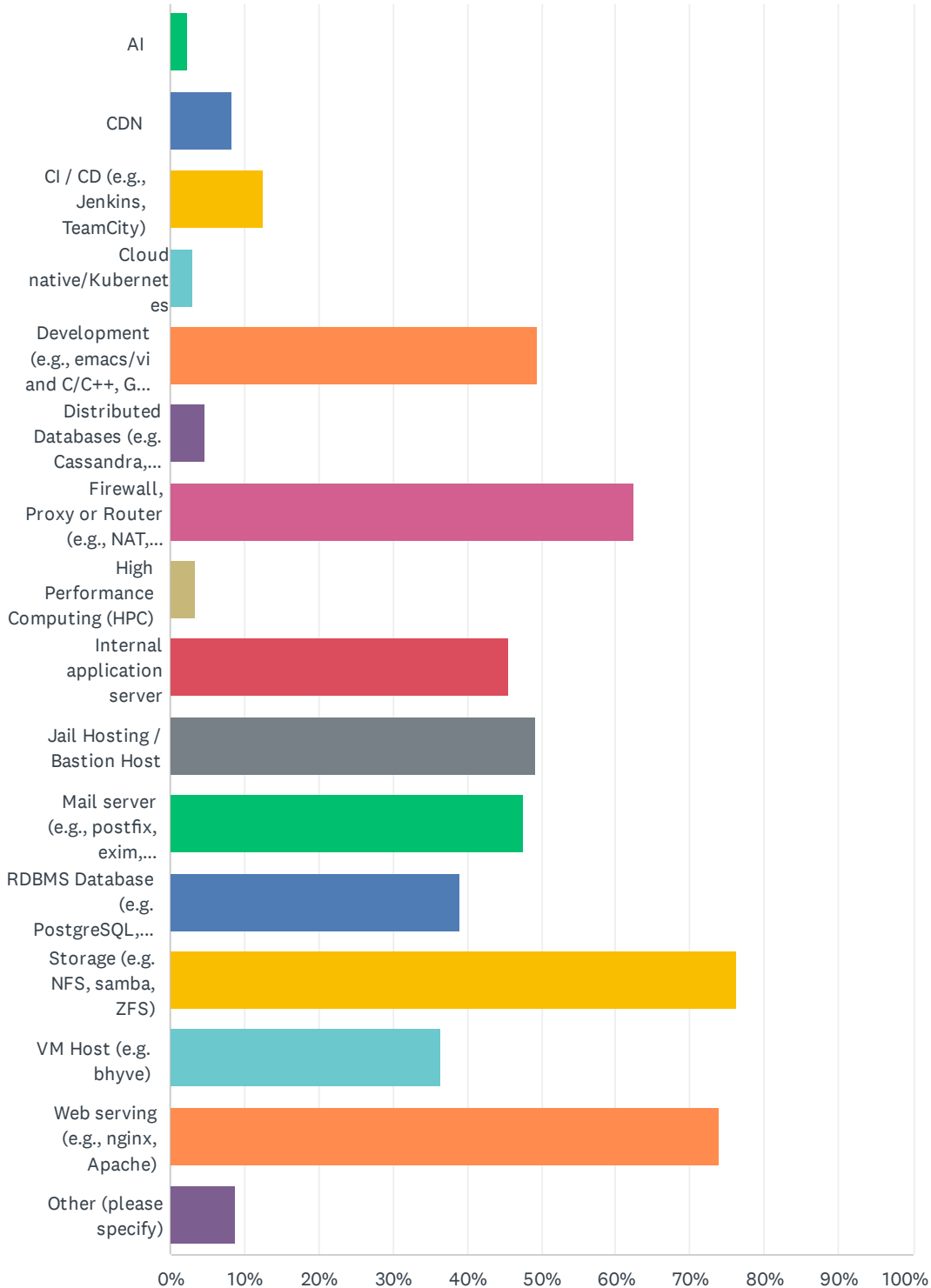


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.42%	6
Online courses (e.g., Udemy, Coursera, etc.)	0.63%	9
FreeBSD Foundation newsletter and blog posts	2.32%	33
Social Media (Facebook, Mastodon)	4.78%	68
Other (please specify)	6.11%	87
FreeBSD Journal	6.61%	94
YouTube	9.91%	141
Stack Overflow	13.21%	188
Instant Messaging (IRC, Matrix, Slack, Discord)	13.70%	195
Reddit	14.34%	204
Source code	22.14%	315
Mailing List Posts	27.06%	385
FreeBSD Wiki	42.30%	602
Blog pages on the internet	44.13%	628
FreeBSD Forums	57.34%	816
Manual pages	62.12%	884
FreeBSD Documentation (Handbook, Porter's HandBook, FAQ)	83.98%	1,195
Total Respondents: 1,423		

Q23 Which server workloads do you use FreeBSD for? (Check all that apply) Please scroll down for the complete list.

Answered: 1,088 Skipped: 502

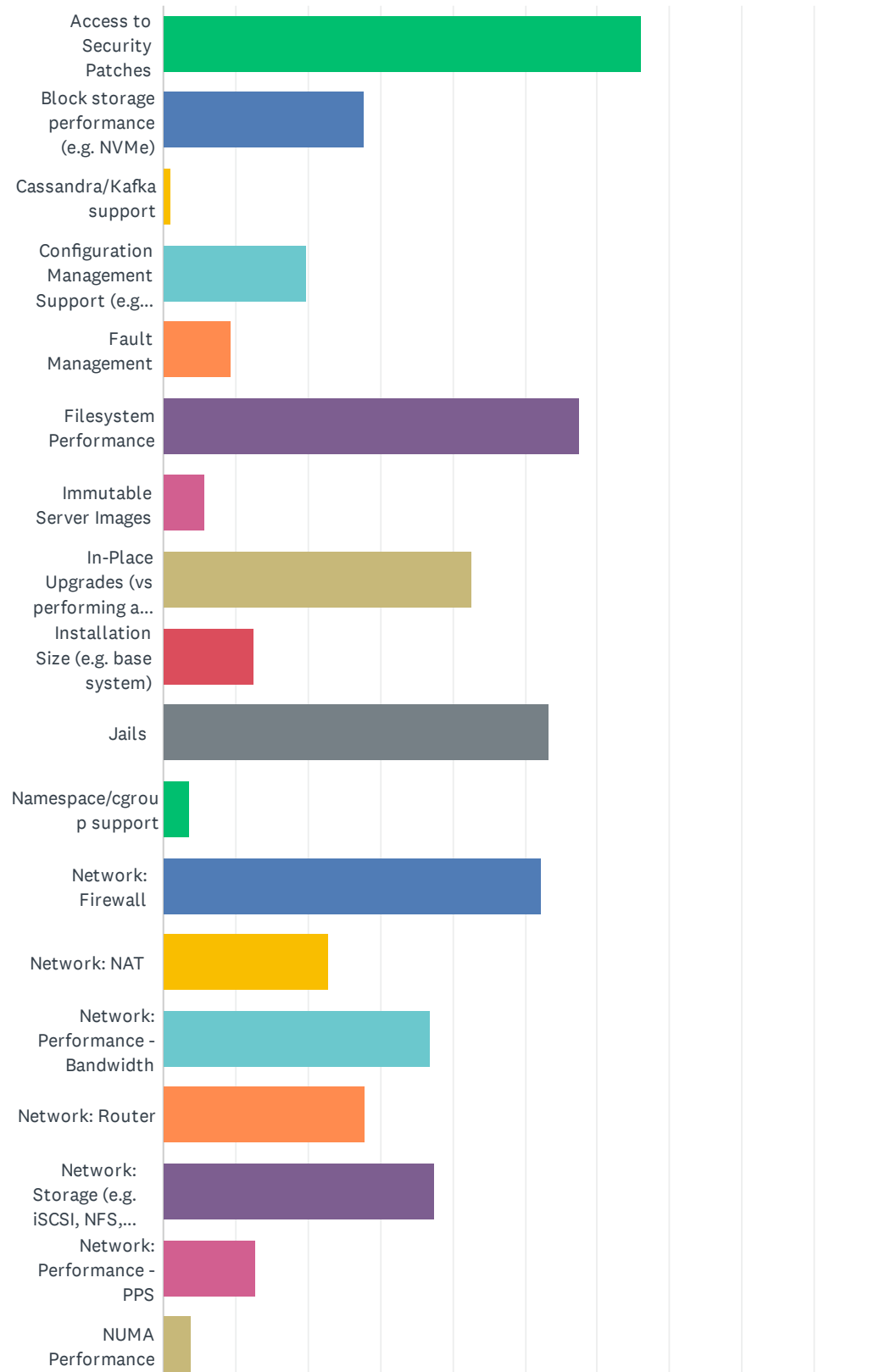


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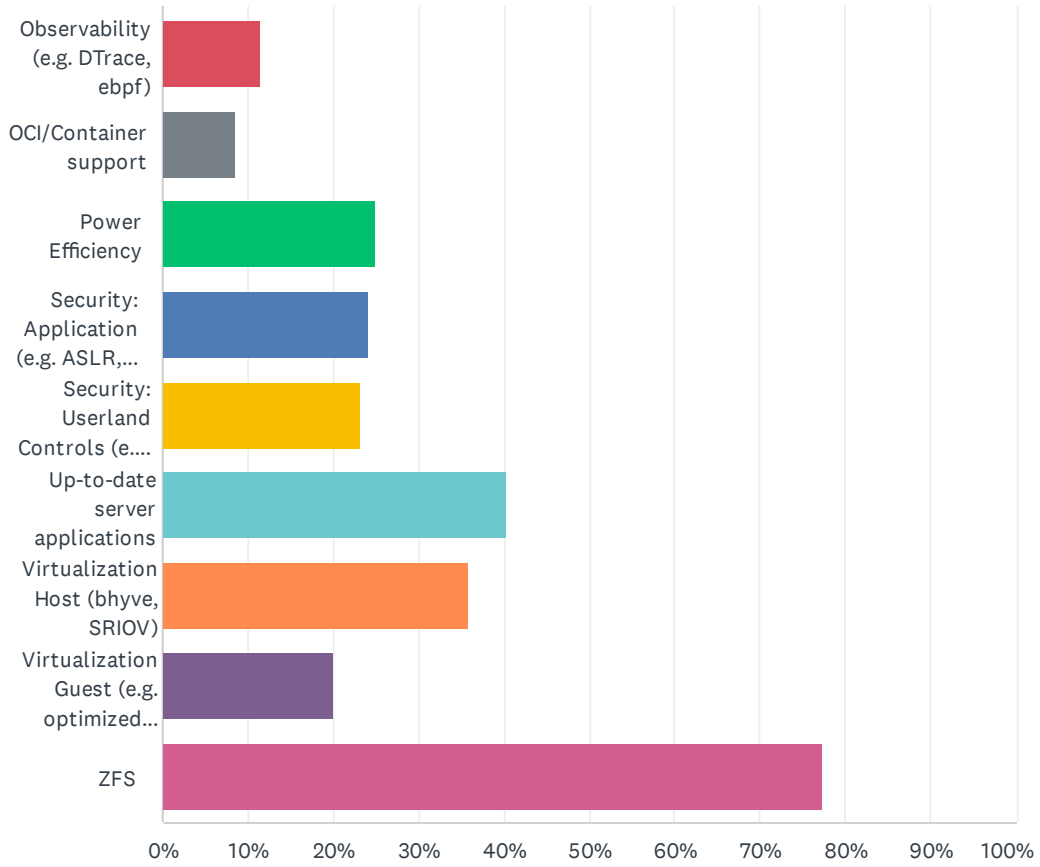
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
AI	2.39%	26
CDN	8.36%	91
CI / CD (e.g., Jenkins, TeamCity)	12.50%	136
Cloud native/Kubernetes	3.03%	33
Development (e.g., emacs/vi and C/C++, Go, Rust, Python, etc.)	49.54%	539
Distributed Databases (e.g. Cassandra, CockroachDB, Kafka)	4.60%	50
Firewall, Proxy or Router (e.g., NAT, firewall, load balancer, proxy, routing)	62.50%	680
High Performance Computing (HPC)	3.40%	37
Internal application server	45.59%	496
Jail Hosting / Bastion Host	49.36%	537
Mail server (e.g., postfix, exim, opensmtpd)	47.61%	518
RDBMS Database (e.g. PostgreSQL, MySQL)	38.97%	424
Storage (e.g. NFS, samba, ZFS)	76.38%	831
VM Host (e.g. bhyve)	36.49%	397
Web serving (e.g., nginx, Apache)	74.08%	806
Other (please specify)	8.64%	94
Total Respondents: 1,088		

Q24 Which of the following server workload attributes are most important to you? [Check up to 10] Please scroll down for the complete list.

Answered: 1,088 Skipped: 502



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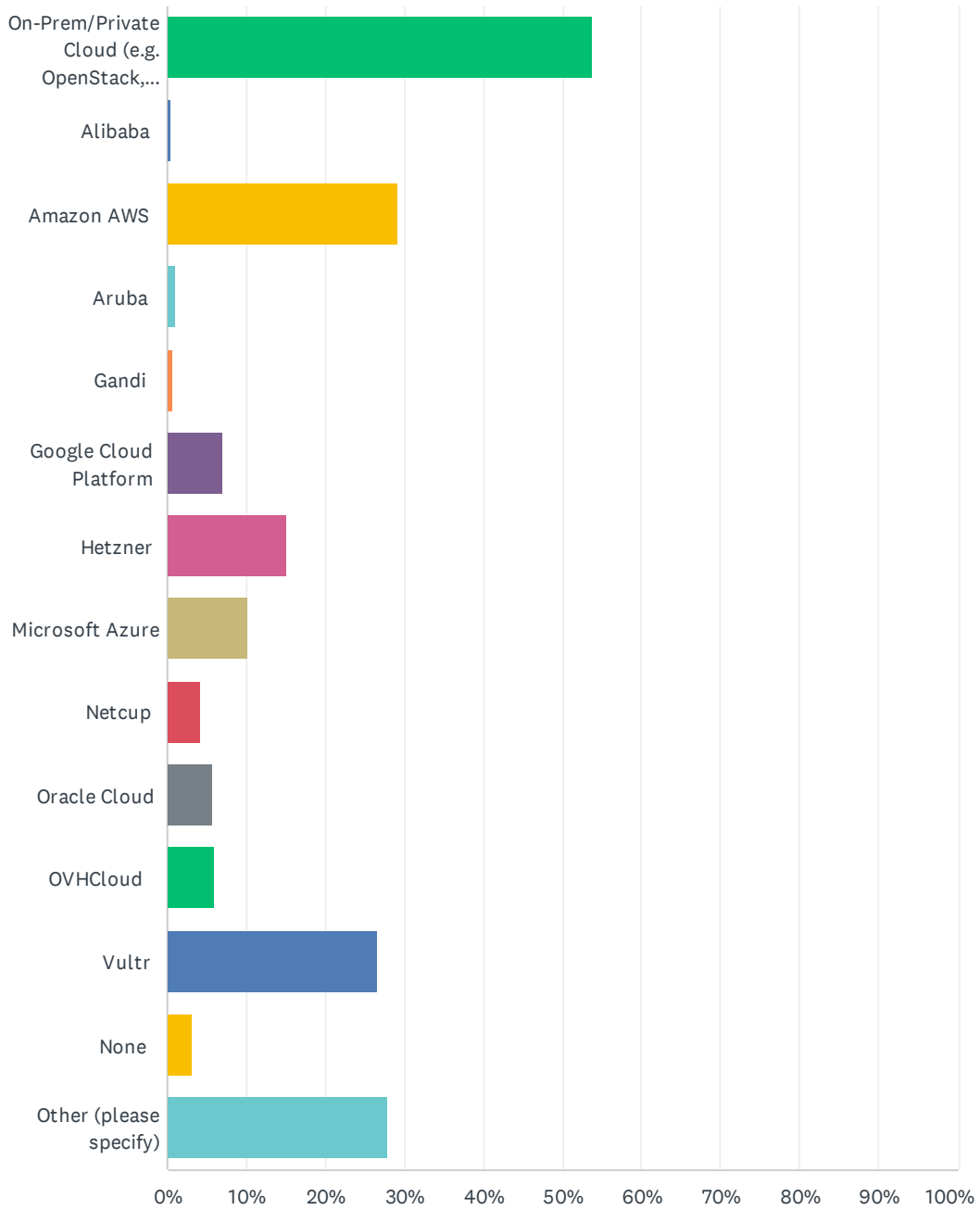


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Access to Security Patches	66.18%	720
Block storage performance (e.g. NVMe)	27.67%	301
Cassandra/Kafka support	1.10%	12
Configuration Management Support (e.g. ansible, chef, salt, packer, puppet)	19.76%	215
Fault Management	9.47%	103
Filesystem Performance	57.63%	627
Immutable Server Images	5.79%	63
In-Place Upgrades (vs performing a fresh reinstall)	42.74%	465
Installation Size (e.g. base system)	12.68%	138
Jails	53.40%	581
Namespace/cgroup support	3.68%	40
Network: Firewall	52.21%	568
Network: NAT	22.79%	248
Network: Performance - Bandwidth	36.86%	401
Network: Router	28.03%	305
Network: Storage (e.g. iSCSI, NFS, smb/Samba)	37.59%	409
Network: Performance - PPS	12.78%	139
NUMA Performance	3.86%	42
Observability (e.g. DTrace, ebpf)	11.49%	125
OCI/Container support	8.46%	92
Power Efficiency	25.00%	272
Security: Application (e.g. ASLR, spectre/meltdown mitigations)	24.08%	262
Security: Userland Controls (e.g. Capsicum, MAC, jails)	23.16%	252
Up-to-date server applications	40.26%	438
Virtualization Host (bhyve, SRIOV)	35.75%	389
Virtualization Guest (e.g. optimized paravirtual drivers)	20.04%	218
ZFS	77.48%	843
Total Respondents: 1,088		

Q25 Which cloud providers do you use when running FreeBSD?

Answered: 462 Skipped: 1,128



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On-Prem/Private Cloud (e.g. OpenStack, VMWare, KVM, bhyve, etc)	53.68%	248
Alibaba	0.43%	2
Amazon AWS	29.22%	135
Aruba	1.08%	5
Gandi	0.65%	3
Google Cloud Platform	7.14%	33
Hetzner	15.15%	70
Microsoft Azure	10.17%	47
Netcup	4.33%	20
Oracle Cloud	5.84%	27
OVHCloud	6.06%	28
Vultr	26.62%	123
None	3.25%	15
Other (please specify)	27.92%	129
Total Respondents: 462		

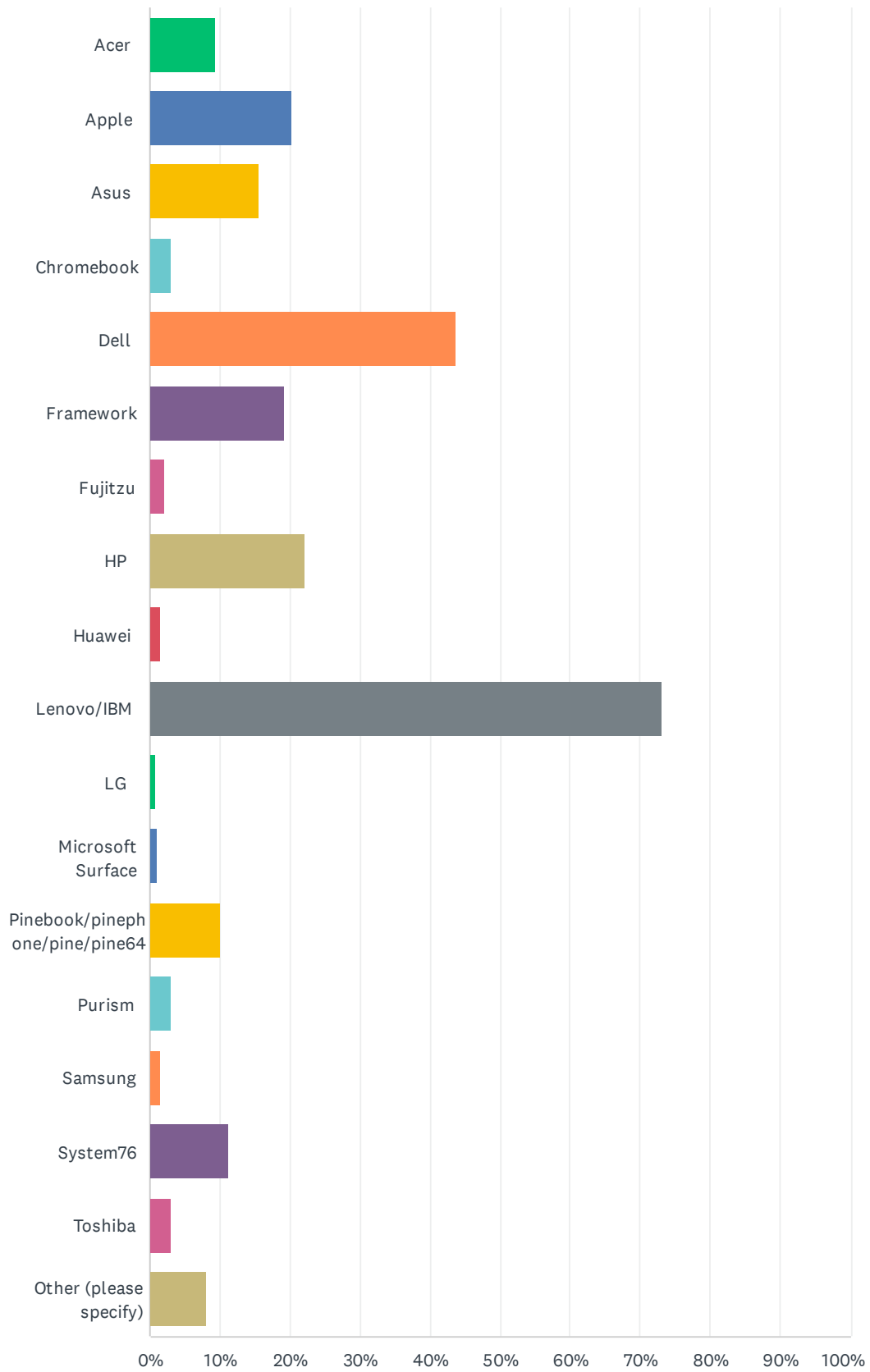
Q26 Which cloud providers do you not use currently, but wish you could use, to run FreeBSD? If the answer is none, please add to text box.

Answered: 257 Skipped: 1,333

Q27 Indicate which three laptop brands are most important to you for running FreeBSD as a laptop OS: (Check up to 3) Please scroll down for the complete list.

Answered: 623 Skipped: 967

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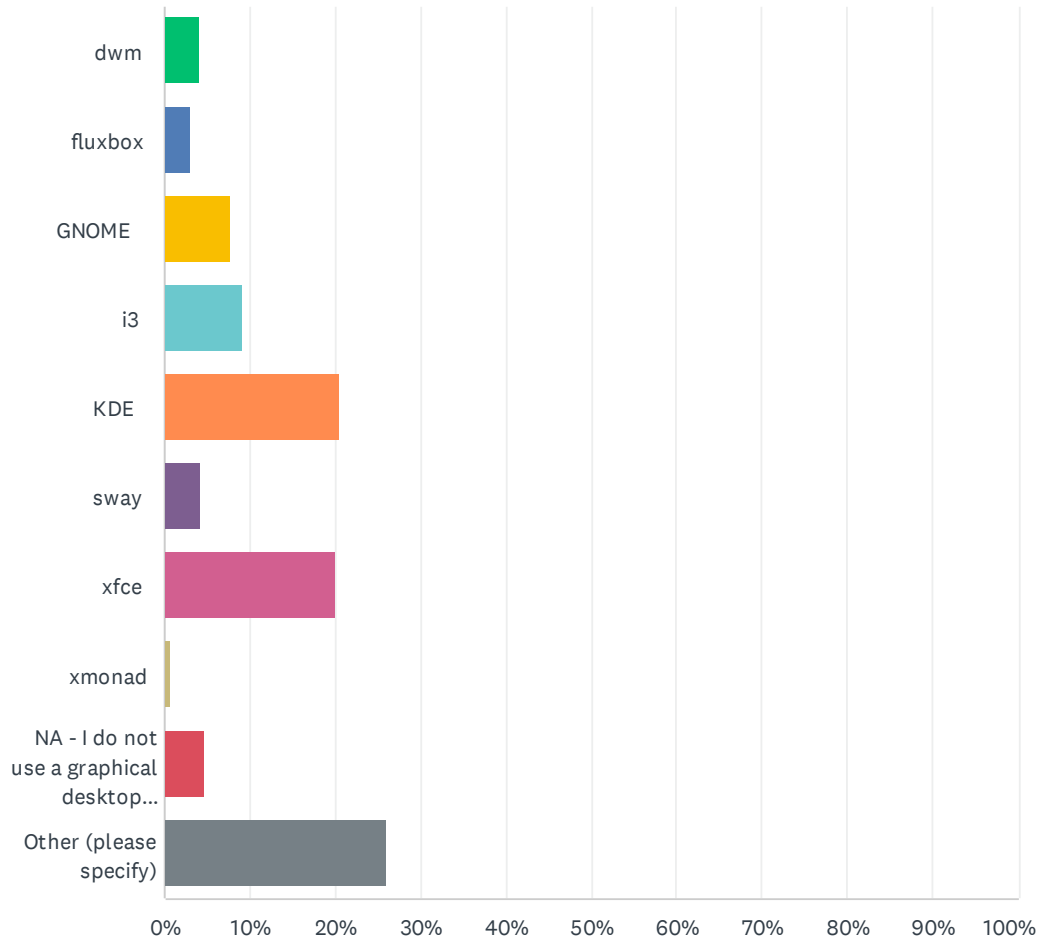


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Acer	9.47%	59
Apple	20.22%	126
Asus	15.57%	97
Chromebook	2.89%	18
Dell	43.66%	272
Framework	19.26%	120
Fujitsu	2.09%	13
HP	22.15%	138
Huawei	1.44%	9
Lenovo/IBM	73.19%	456
LG	0.80%	5
Microsoft Surface	1.12%	7
Pinebook/pinephone/pine/pine64	10.11%	63
Purism	3.05%	19
Samsung	1.44%	9
System76	11.40%	71
Toshiba	2.89%	18
Other (please specify)	8.03%	50
Total Respondents: 623		

Q28 Which graphical desktop environment or window manager do you use the most? (Check one)

Answered: 692 Skipped: 898



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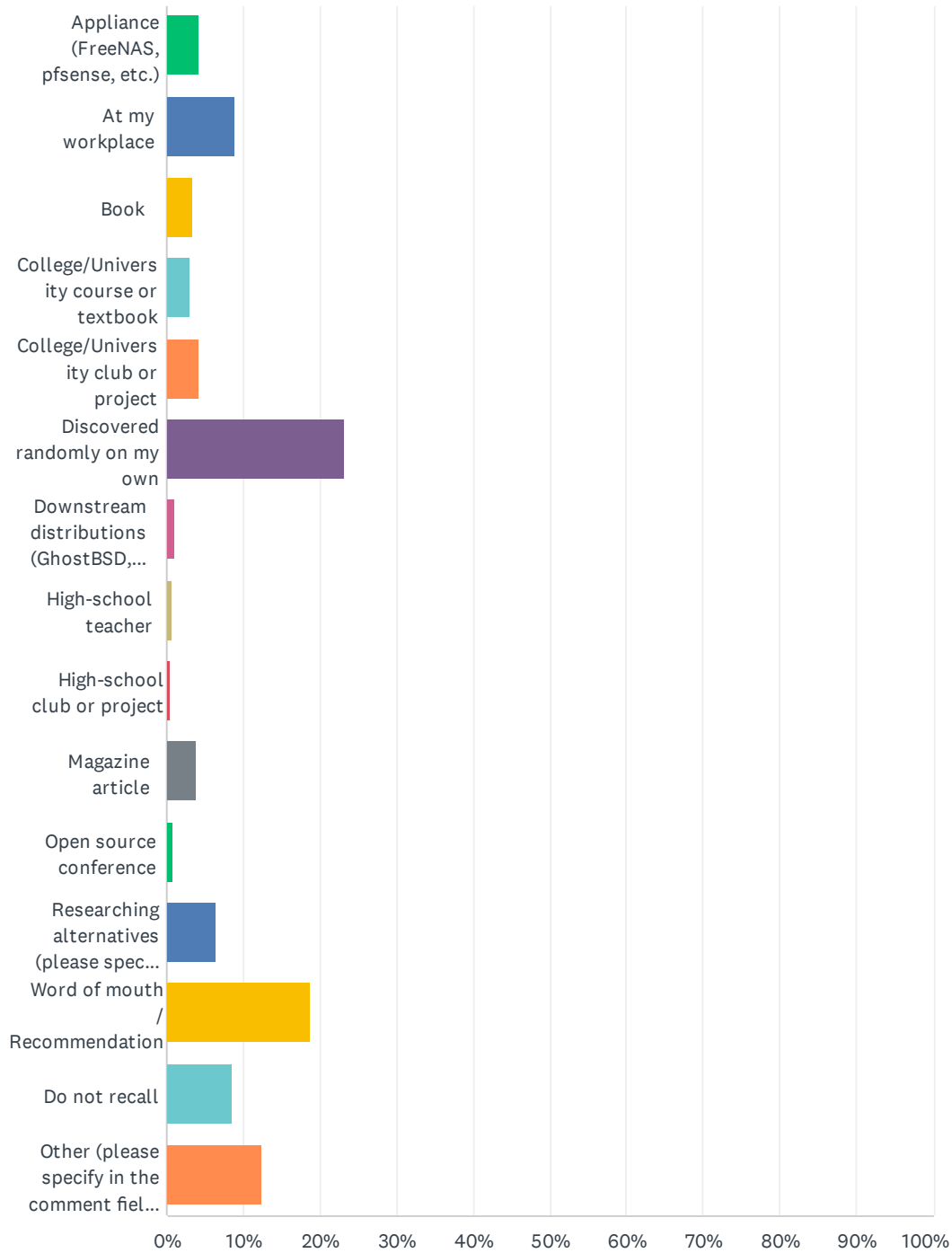
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
dwm	4.05%	28
fluxbox	3.03%	21
GNOME	7.66%	53
i3	9.10%	63
KDE	20.52%	142
sway	4.19%	29
xfce	20.09%	139
xmonad	0.58%	4
NA - I do not use a graphical desktop environment or window manager	4.77%	33
Other (please specify)	26.01%	180
TOTAL		692

Q29 What suggestions do you have for how to improve the end user experience in FreeBSD?

Answered: 376 Skipped: 1,214

Q30 How were you first introduced to FreeBSD? Please scroll down for the complete list.

Answered: 1,377 Skipped: 213



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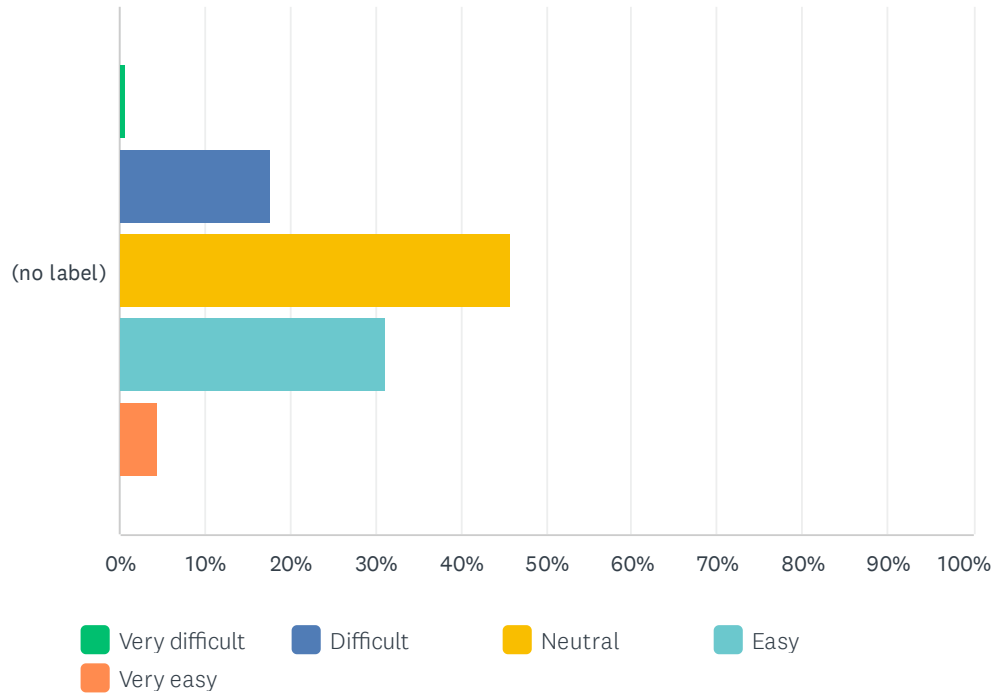
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Appliance (FreeNAS, pfsense, etc.)	4.28%	59
At my workplace	8.86%	122
Book	3.41%	47
College/University course or textbook	2.98%	41
College/University club or project	4.28%	59
Discovered randomly on my own	23.24%	320
Downstream distributions (GhostBSD, helloSystem, etc.)	1.16%	16
High-school teacher	0.65%	9
High-school club or project	0.44%	6
Magazine article	3.92%	54
Open source conference	0.94%	13
Researching alternatives (please specify in the comment field below)	6.32%	87
Word of mouth / Recommendation	18.74%	258
Do not recall	8.42%	116
Other (please specify in the comment field below)	12.35%	170
TOTAL		1,377

Q31 As best you can recall, what sparked your interest and made you want to continue to use FreeBSD?

Answered: 1,049 Skipped: 541

Q32 How would you rate the process of learning FreeBSD?

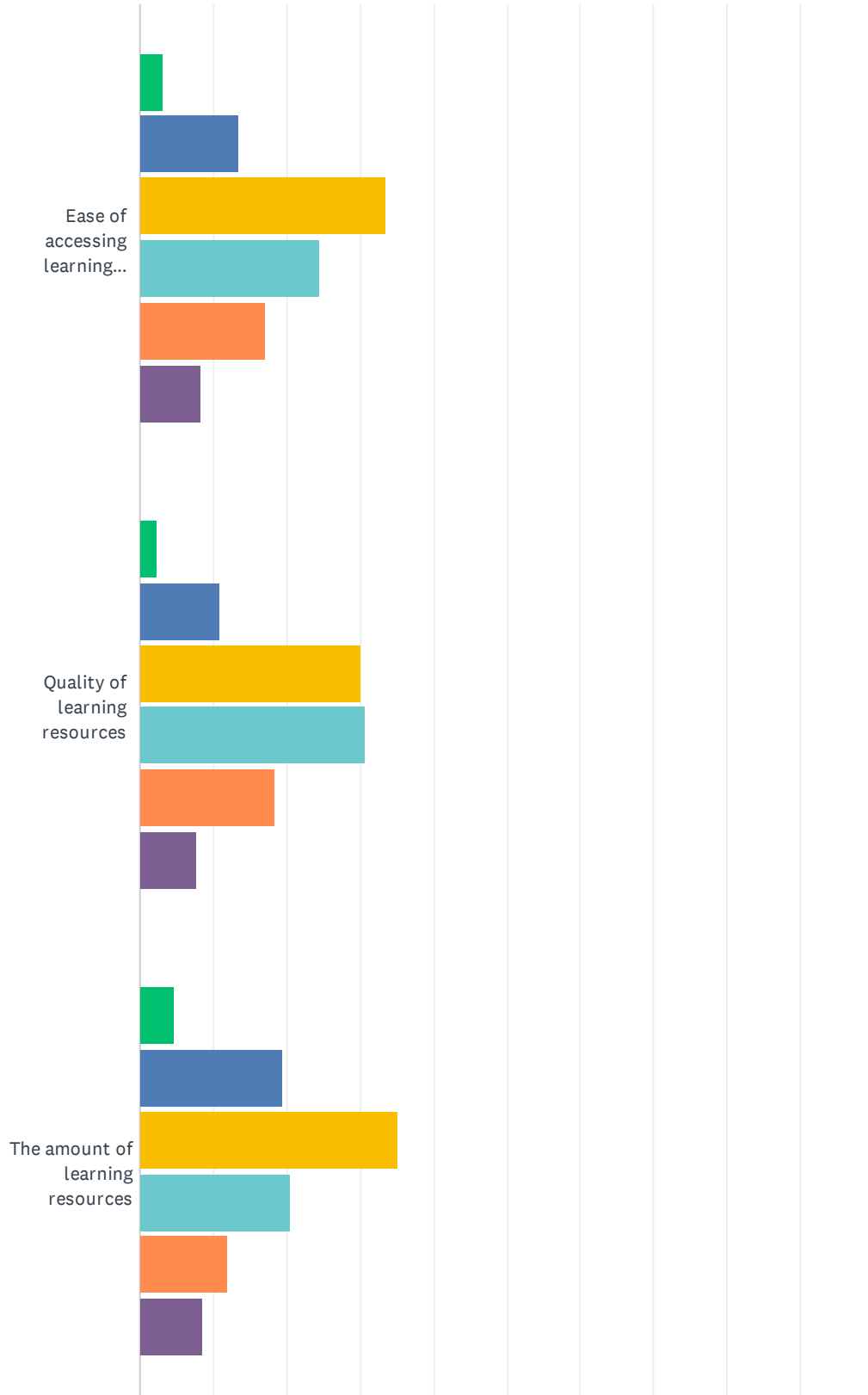
Answered: 1,354 Skipped: 236



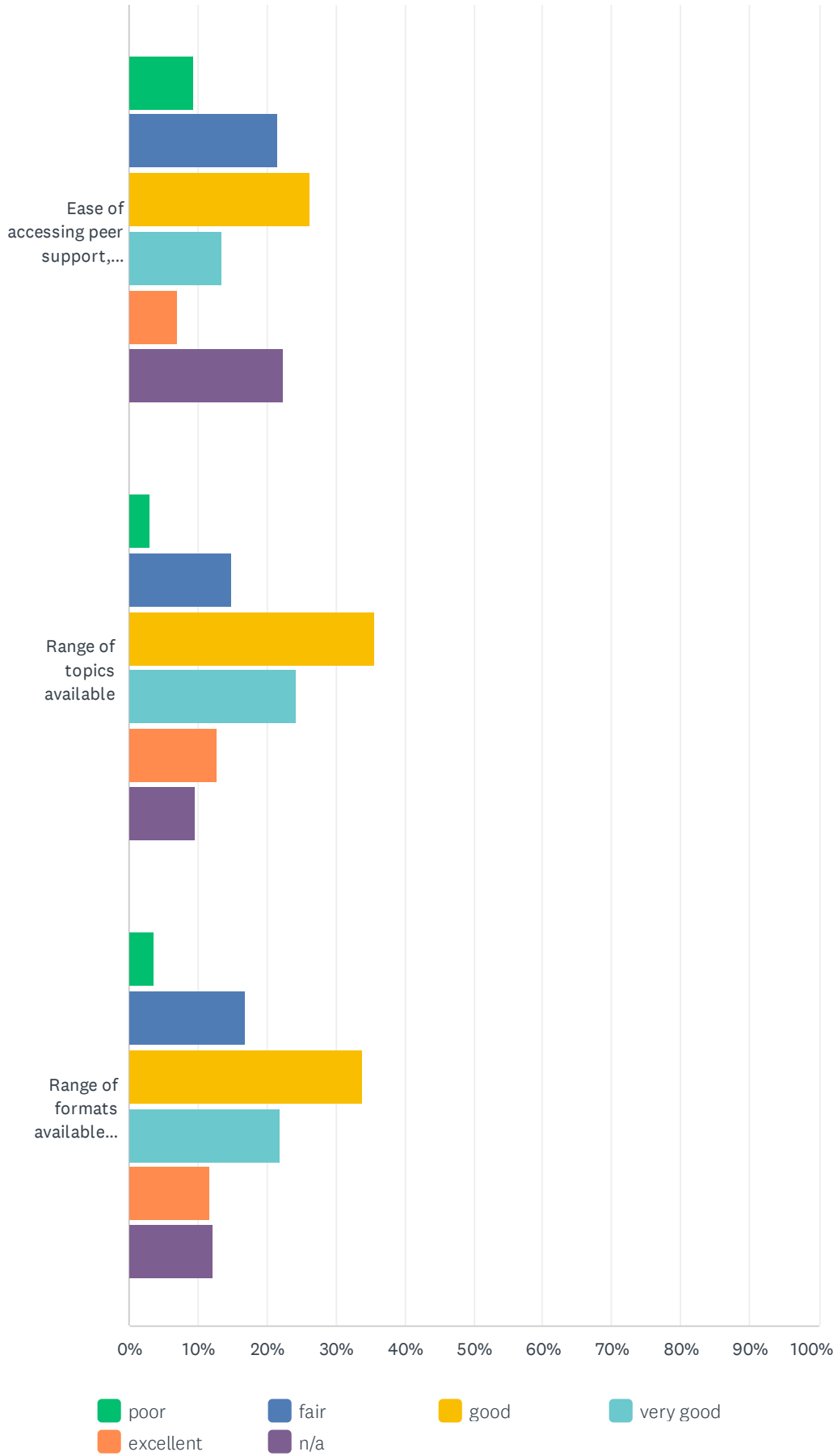
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(no label)	0.74%	17.80%	45.79%	31.09%	4.58%		
	10	241	620	421	62	1,354	3.21

Q33 Please rate each of the following aspects of FreeBSD training and support:

Answered: 1,344 Skipped: 246



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	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT	N/A	TOTAL
Ease of accessing learning resources	3.14% 42	13.53% 181	33.41% 447	24.44% 327	17.12% 229	8.37% 112	1,338
Quality of learning resources	2.40% 32	10.78% 144	30.09% 402	30.69% 410	18.34% 245	7.71% 103	1,336
The amount of learning resources	4.63% 62	19.34% 259	35.10% 470	20.54% 275	11.95% 160	8.44% 113	1,339
Ease of accessing peer support, mentors	9.35% 125	21.47% 287	26.33% 352	13.39% 179	7.11% 95	22.36% 299	1,337
Range of topics available	2.92% 39	14.92% 199	35.53% 474	24.29% 324	12.82% 171	9.52% 127	1,334
Range of formats available (e.g., written material, tutorials, seminars, etc.)	3.73% 50	16.79% 225	33.81% 453	21.94% 294	11.64% 156	12.09% 162	1,340

Q34 What recommendations do you have for how the learning process and/or resources could be improved?

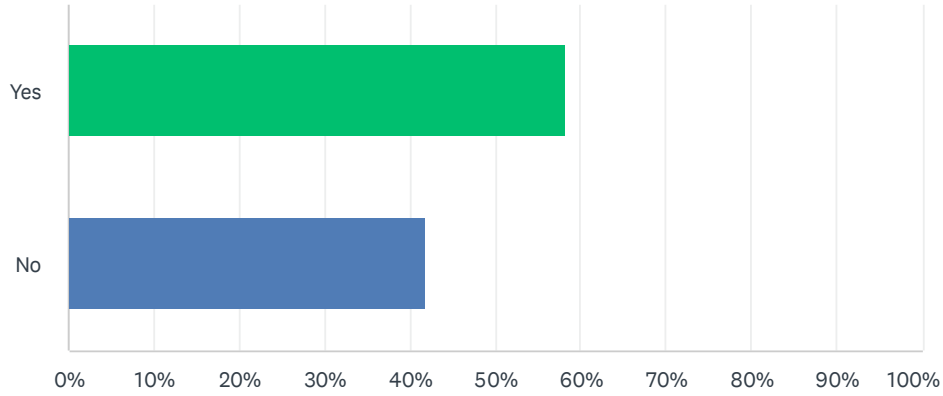
Answered: 588 Skipped: 1,002

Q35 What suggestions do you have for how to recruit new FreeBSD users?

Answered: 696 Skipped: 894

Q36 Excluding FreeBSD, have you contributed to any Open Source software projects in the past 12 months?

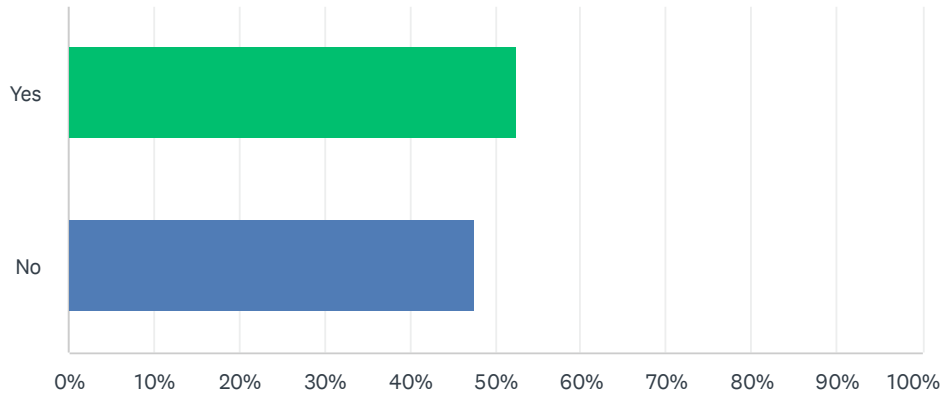
Answered: 1,371 Skipped: 219



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.21%	798
No	41.79%	573
TOTAL		1,371

Q37 In the past 12 months, have you contributed to FreeBSD (e.g. submitted a patch, opened a bug report, answered a newbie question)?

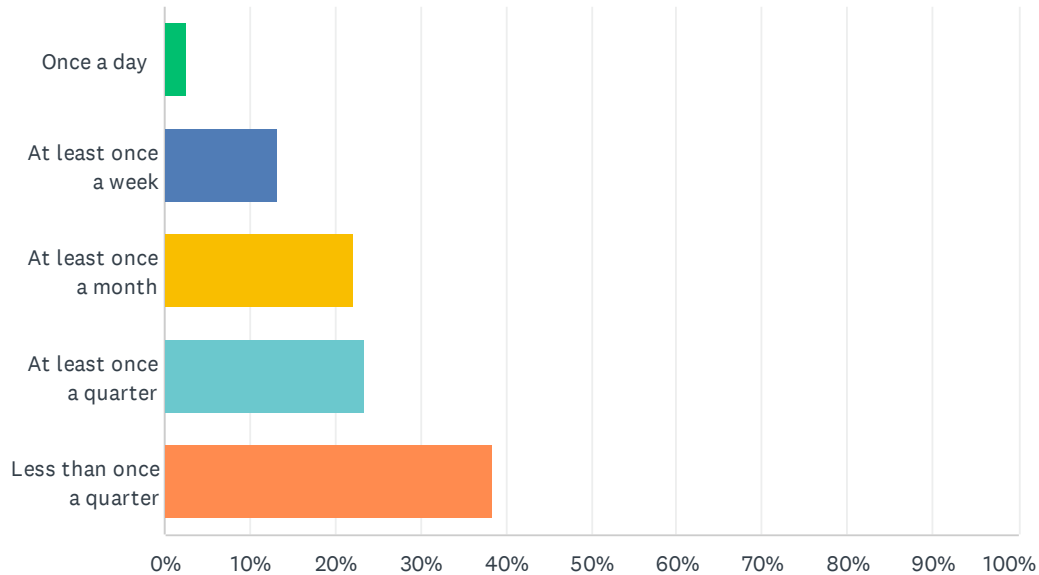
Answered: 1,372 Skipped: 218



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.55%	721
No	47.45%	651
TOTAL		1,372

Q38 About how often have you made contributions to FreeBSD over the past 12 months?

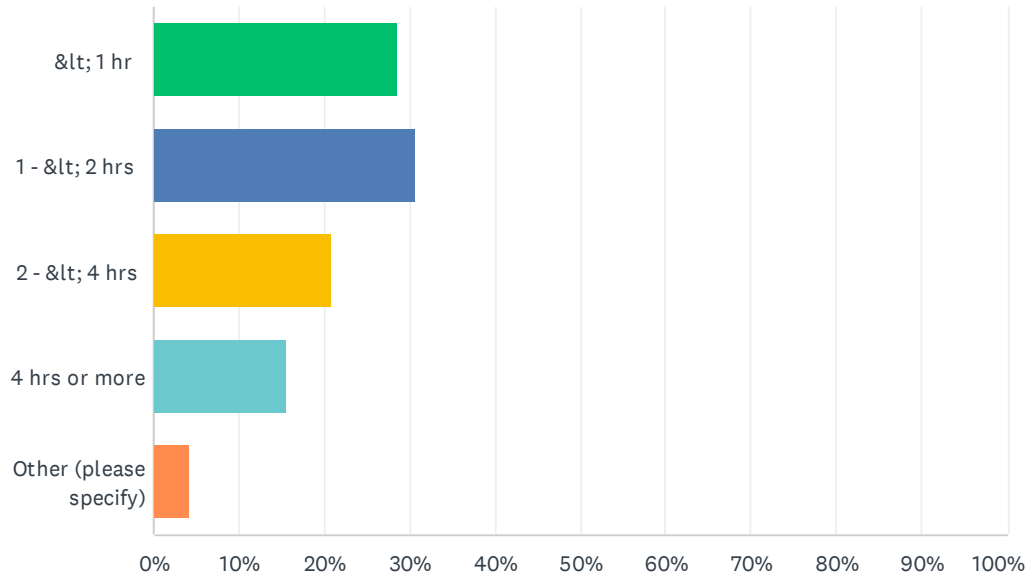
Answered: 715 Skipped: 875



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Once a day	2.66% 19
At least once a week	13.15% 94
At least once a month	22.24% 159
At least once a quarter	23.50% 168
Less than once a quarter	38.46% 275
TOTAL	715

Q39 On days when you contribute to FreeBSD, about how much time do you typically spend contributing?

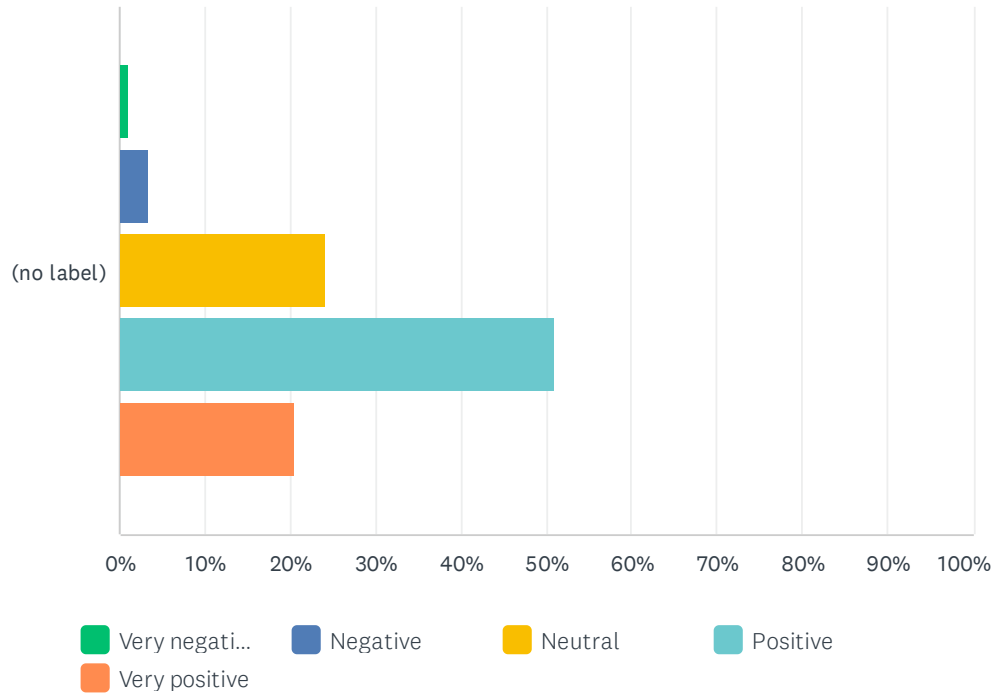
Answered: 709 Skipped: 881



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
< 1 hr	28.49% 202
1 - < 2 hrs	30.75% 218
2 - < 4 hrs	20.87% 148
4 hrs or more	15.66% 111
Other (please specify)	4.23% 30
TOTAL	709

Q40 Please rate your experience contributing to FreeBSD.

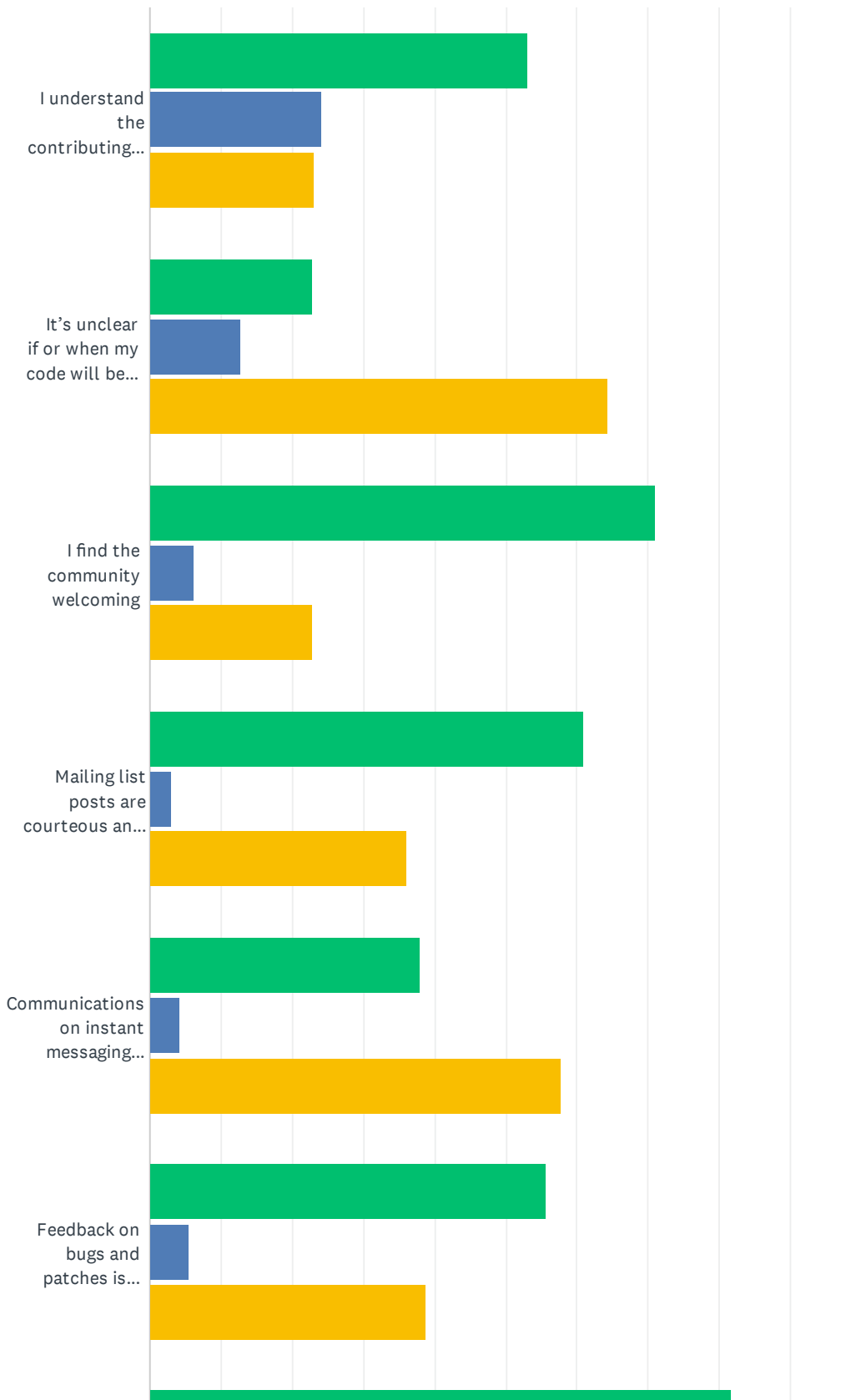
Answered: 719 Skipped: 871



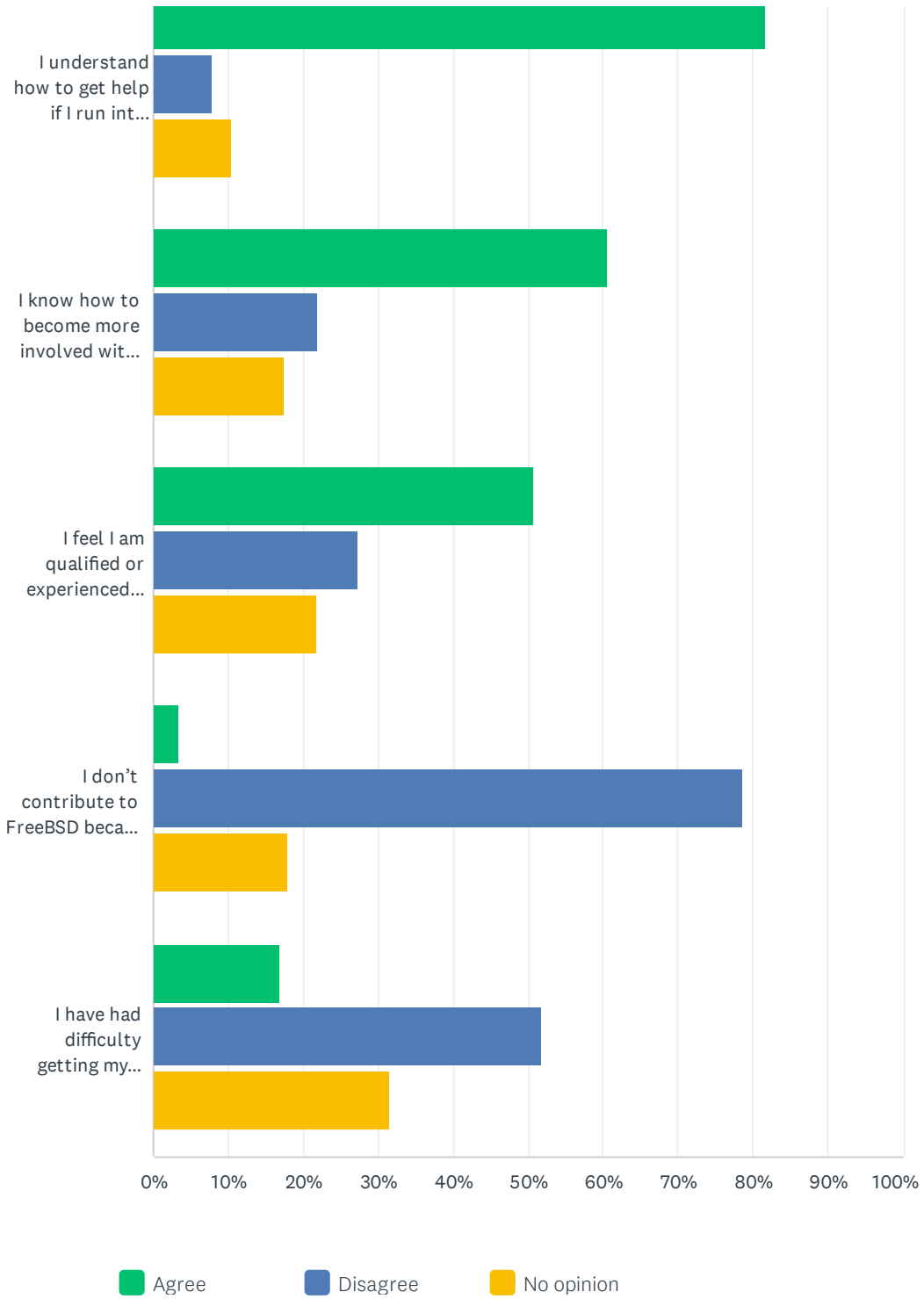
	VERY NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	POSITIVE	VERY POSITIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.97%	3.48%	24.20%	50.90%	20.45%	719	3.86
	7	25	174	366	147		

Q41 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following.

Answered: 1,330 Skipped: 260



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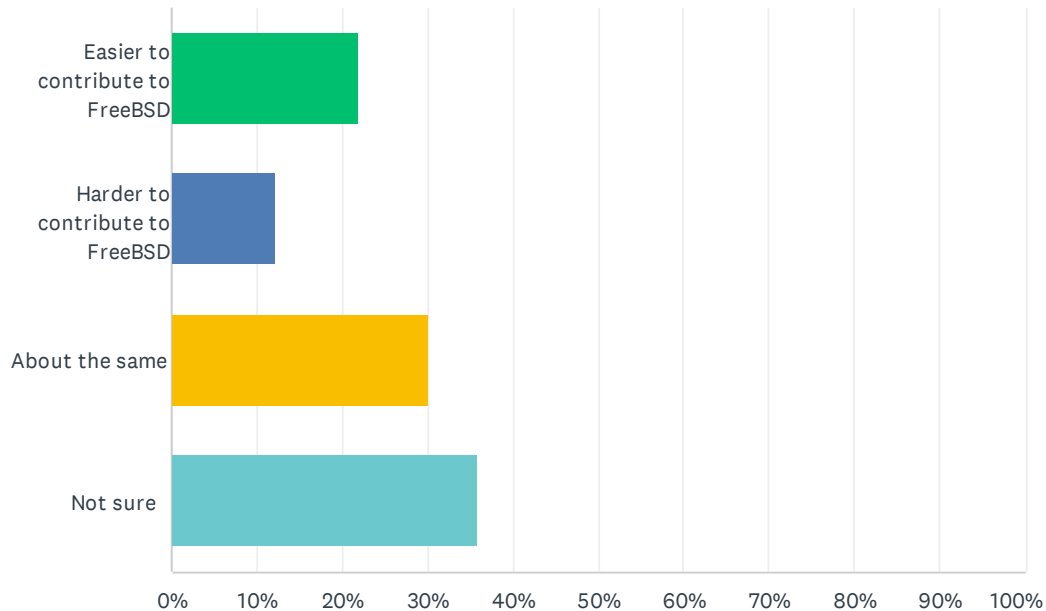


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	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I understand the contributing process	53.08% 699	23.99% 316	22.93% 302	1,317	1.70
It's unclear if or when my code will be reviewed	22.82% 301	12.81% 169	64.37% 849	1,319	2.42
I find the community welcoming	70.98% 937	6.29% 83	22.73% 300	1,320	1.52
Mailing list posts are courteous and respectful	60.94% 805	3.03% 40	36.03% 476	1,321	1.75
Communications on instant messaging platforms are courteous and respectful	37.93% 498	4.19% 55	57.88% 760	1,313	2.20
Feedback on bugs and patches is relevant and understandable	55.73% 734	5.54% 73	38.72% 510	1,317	1.83
I understand how to get help if I run into a problem	81.60% 1,078	7.95% 105	10.45% 138	1,321	1.29
I know how to become more involved with the FreeBSD project	60.58% 799	21.91% 289	17.51% 231	1,319	1.57
I feel I am qualified or experienced enough to contribute	50.83% 671	27.35% 361	21.82% 288	1,320	1.71
I don't contribute to FreeBSD because I had a bad experience in the past	3.34% 44	78.70% 1,038	17.97% 237	1,319	2.15
I have had difficulty getting my questions answered.	16.78% 221	51.71% 681	31.51% 415	1,317	2.15

Q42 How does FreeBSD compare to other open source projects when it comes to contributing? Please answer even if you haven't contributed - basing your answer on how you think FreeBSD compares to others.

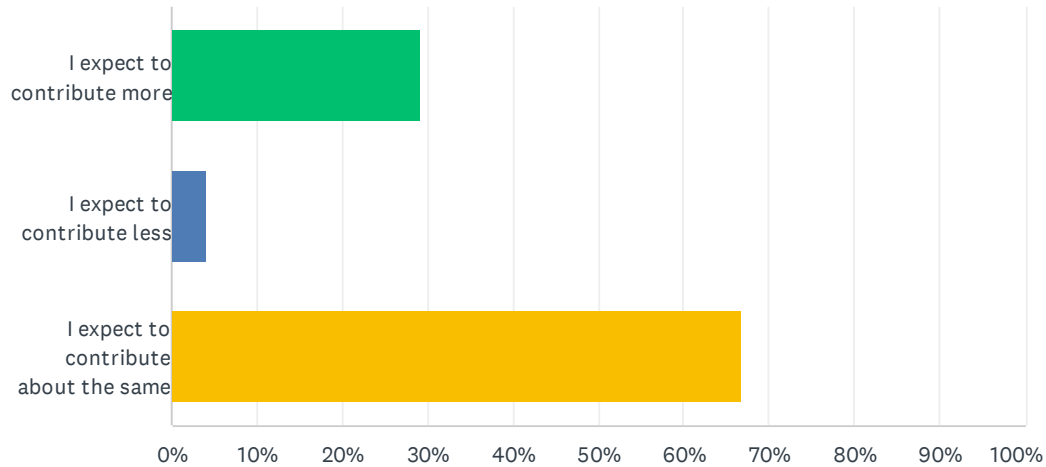
Answered: 1,325 Skipped: 265



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Easier to contribute to FreeBSD	22.04%	292
Harder to contribute to FreeBSD	12.08%	160
About the same	30.11%	399
Not sure	35.77%	474
TOTAL		1,325

Q43 Over the next 12 months, do you expect you will contribute more, less or about the same to FreeBSD project?

Answered: 1,316 Skipped: 274



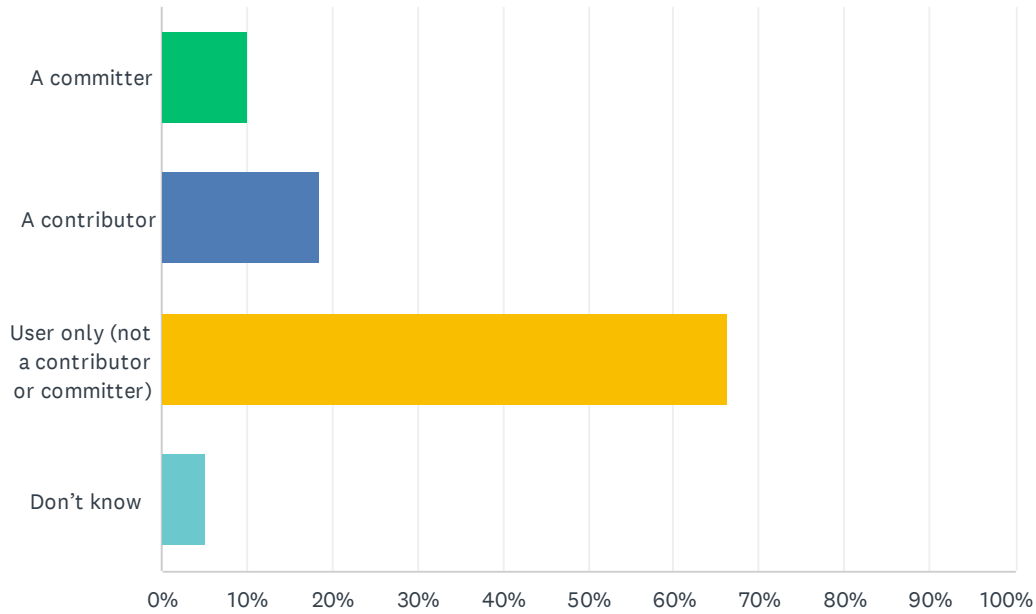
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I expect to contribute more	29.26%	385
I expect to contribute less	3.95%	52
I expect to contribute about the same	66.79%	879
TOTAL		1,316

Q44 What specific suggestions do you have for how to improve the new contributor experience in FreeBSD? Please be as specific and clear as possible in describing your ideas and suggestions.

Answered: 457 Skipped: 1,133

Q45 Do you consider yourself ...

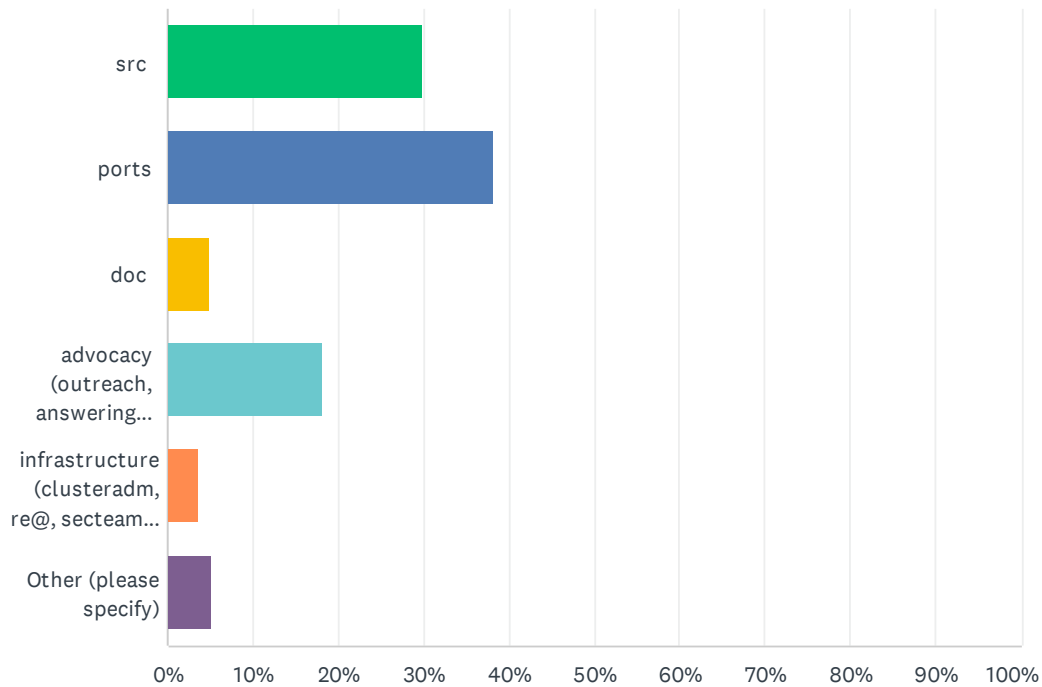
Answered: 1,347 Skipped: 243



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A committer	9.95%	134
A contributor	18.63%	251
User only (not a contributor or committer)	66.37%	894
Don't know	5.05%	68
TOTAL		1,347

Q46 Which part of FreeBSD do you identify with the most? (Check one)

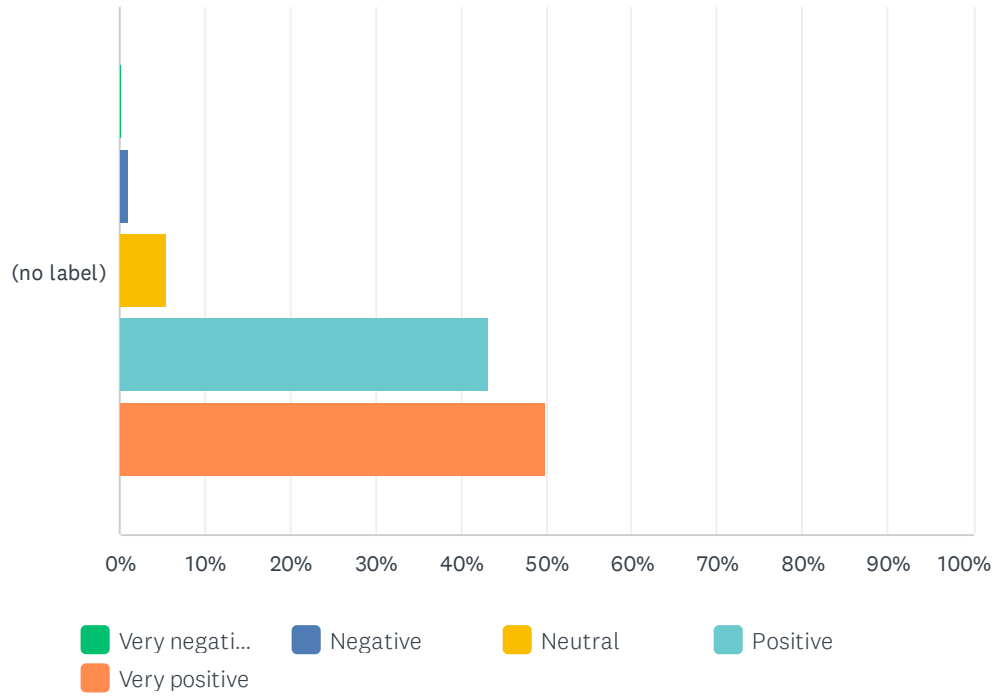
Answered: 442 Skipped: 1,148



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
src	29.86%	132
ports	38.24%	169
doc	4.98%	22
advocacy (outreach, answering newbie questions, etc.)	18.10%	80
infrastructure (clusteradm, re@, secteam@, etc.)	3.62%	16
Other (please specify)	5.20%	23
TOTAL		442

Q47 How would you rate your experience with FreeBSD overall?

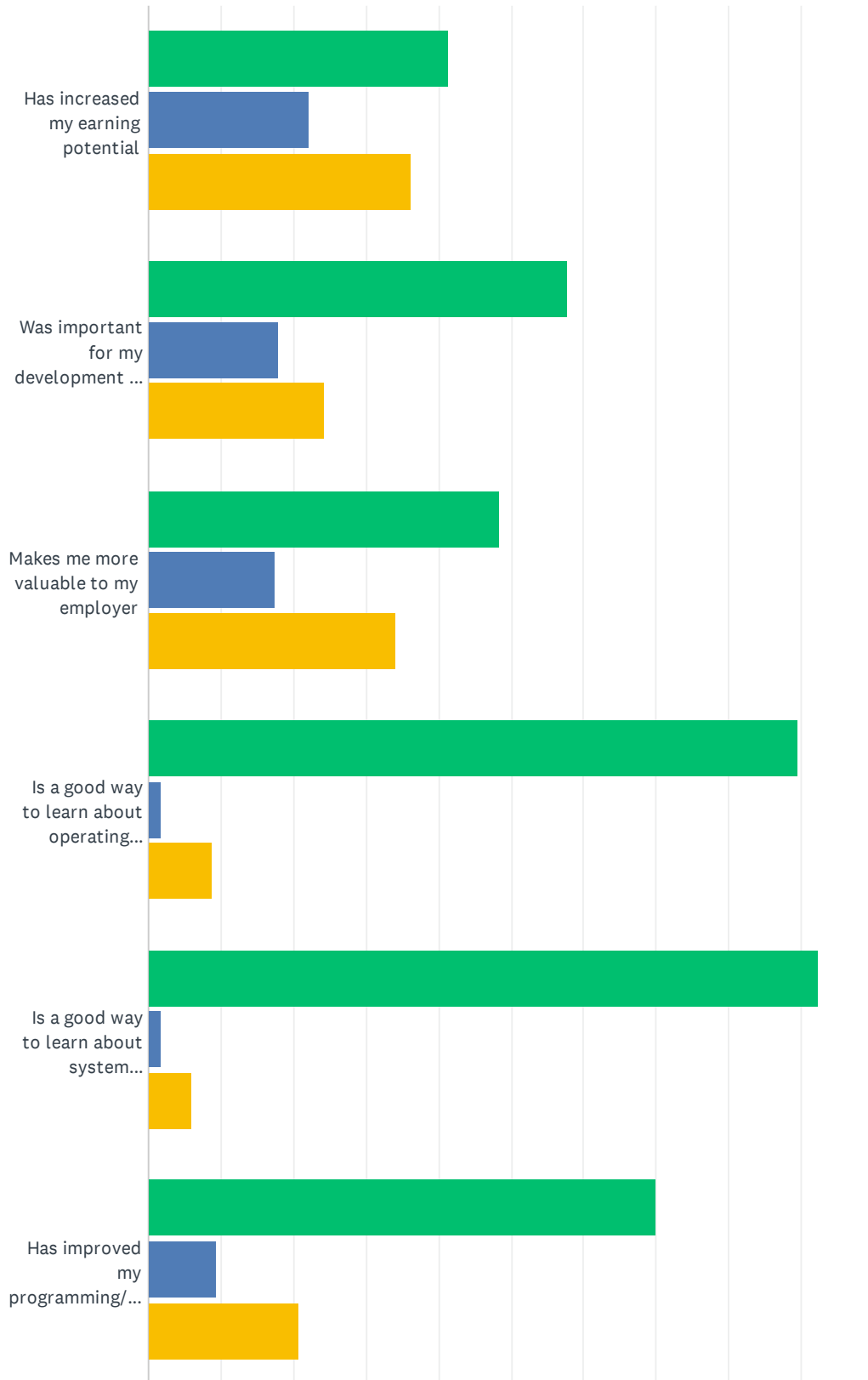
Answered: 1,308 Skipped: 282



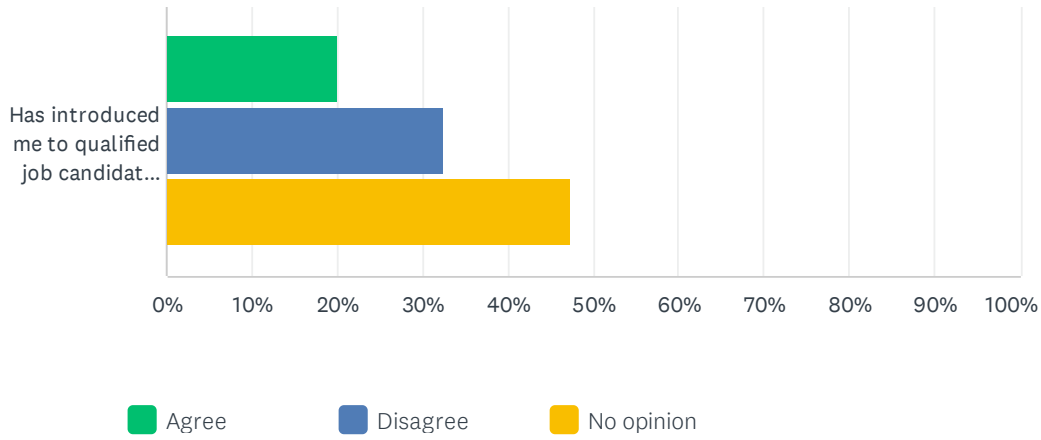
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(no label)	0.15%	1.15%	5.50%	43.27%	49.92%	1,308	4.42
	2	15	72	566	653		

Q48 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Learning FreeBSD. . .

Answered: 1,308 Skipped: 282



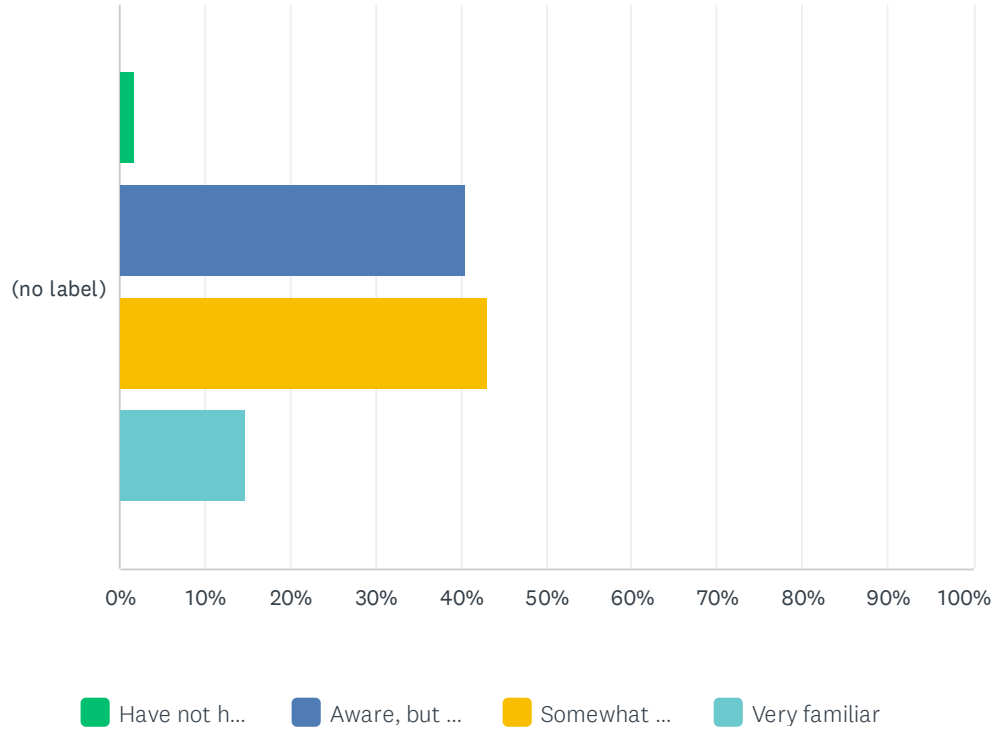
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	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Has increased my earning potential	41.42% 538	22.25% 289	36.34% 472	1,299	1.95
Was important for my development in school/career	57.81% 751	17.86% 232	24.33% 316	1,299	1.67
Makes me more valuable to my employer	48.34% 628	17.47% 227	34.18% 444	1,299	1.86
Is a good way to learn about operating system internals	89.49% 1,167	1.76% 23	8.74% 114	1,304	1.19
Is a good way to learn about system administration	92.41% 1,206	1.61% 21	5.98% 78	1,305	1.14
Has improved my programming/software development skills	69.95% 910	9.38% 122	20.68% 269	1,301	1.51
Has introduced me to qualified job candidates for my employer	20.14% 262	32.51% 423	47.35% 616	1,301	2.27

Q49 To what extent, if at all, are you familiar with the “FreeBSD Foundation”?

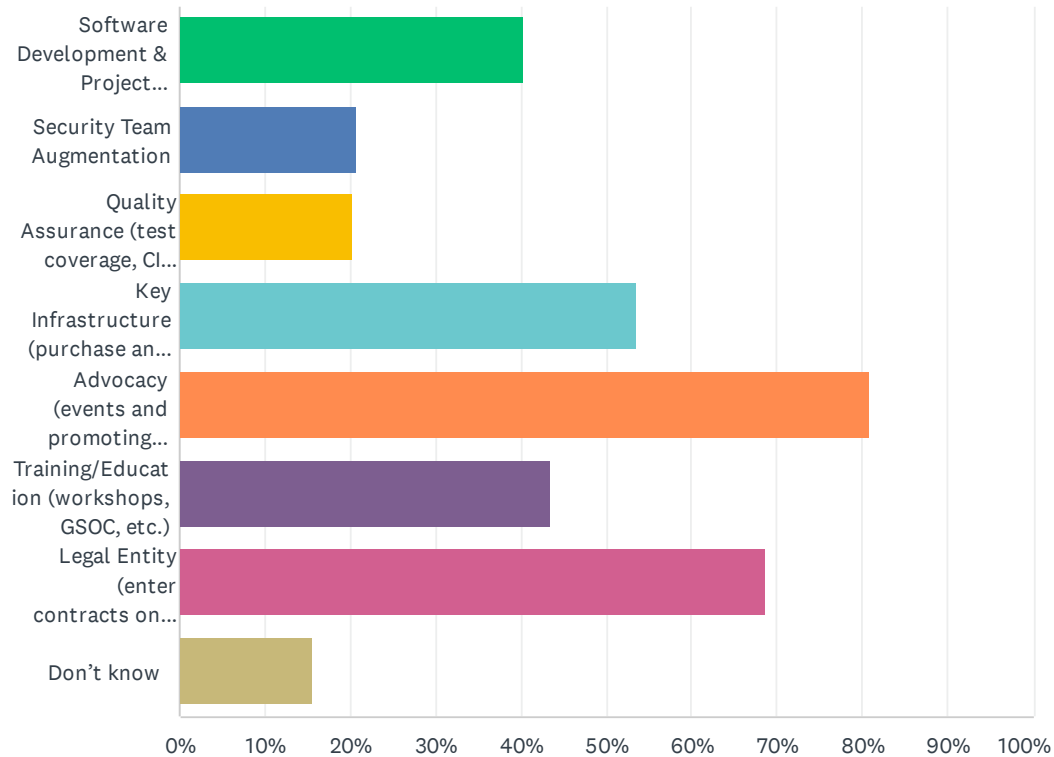
Answered: 1,304 Skipped: 286



	HAVE NOT HEARD OF IT	AWARE, BUT NOT VERY FAMILIAR	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR	VERY FAMILIAR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	1.76% 23	40.41% 527	43.17% 563	14.65% 191	1,304	2.71

Q50 As far as you know, which of the following functions or roles does the FreeBSD Foundation serve? (Check all that apply)

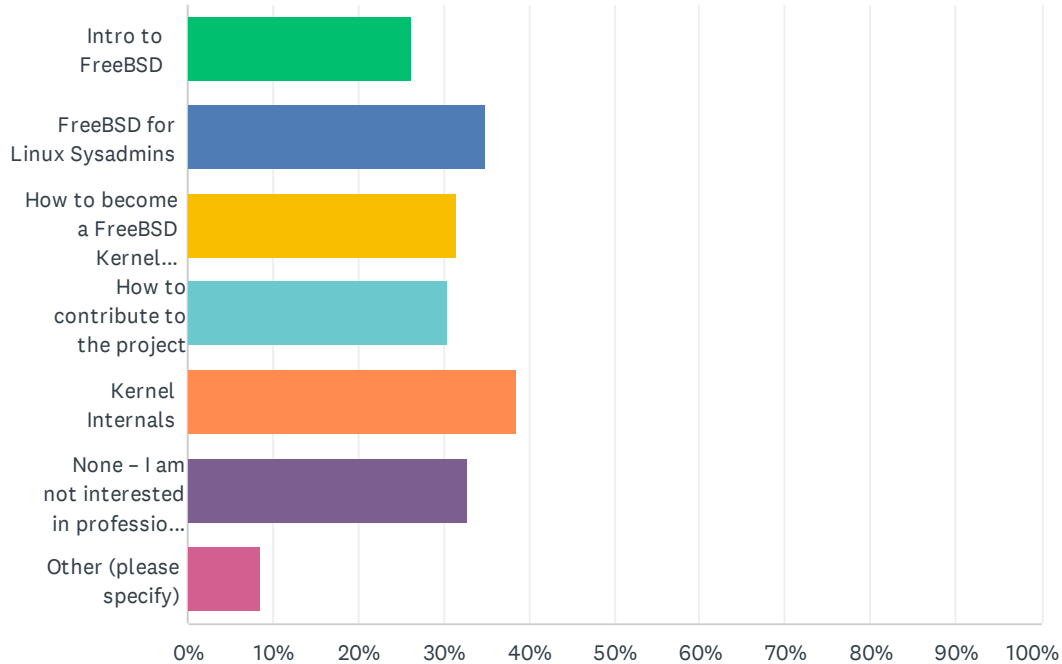
Answered: 1,301 Skipped: 289



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Software Development & Project Management	40.20%	523
Security Team Augmentation	20.60%	268
Quality Assurance (test coverage, CI, etc.)	20.22%	263
Key Infrastructure (purchase and secure donated cluster and build servers)	53.50%	696
Advocacy (events and promoting FreeBSD)	80.78%	1,051
Training/Education (workshops, GSOC, etc.)	43.58%	567
Legal Entity (enter contracts on behalf of project)	68.64%	893
Don't know	15.60%	203
Total Respondents: 1,301		

Q51 If the FreeBSD Foundation were to offer professional training classes for a nominal fee, what topics would you like to see? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 1,258 Skipped: 332



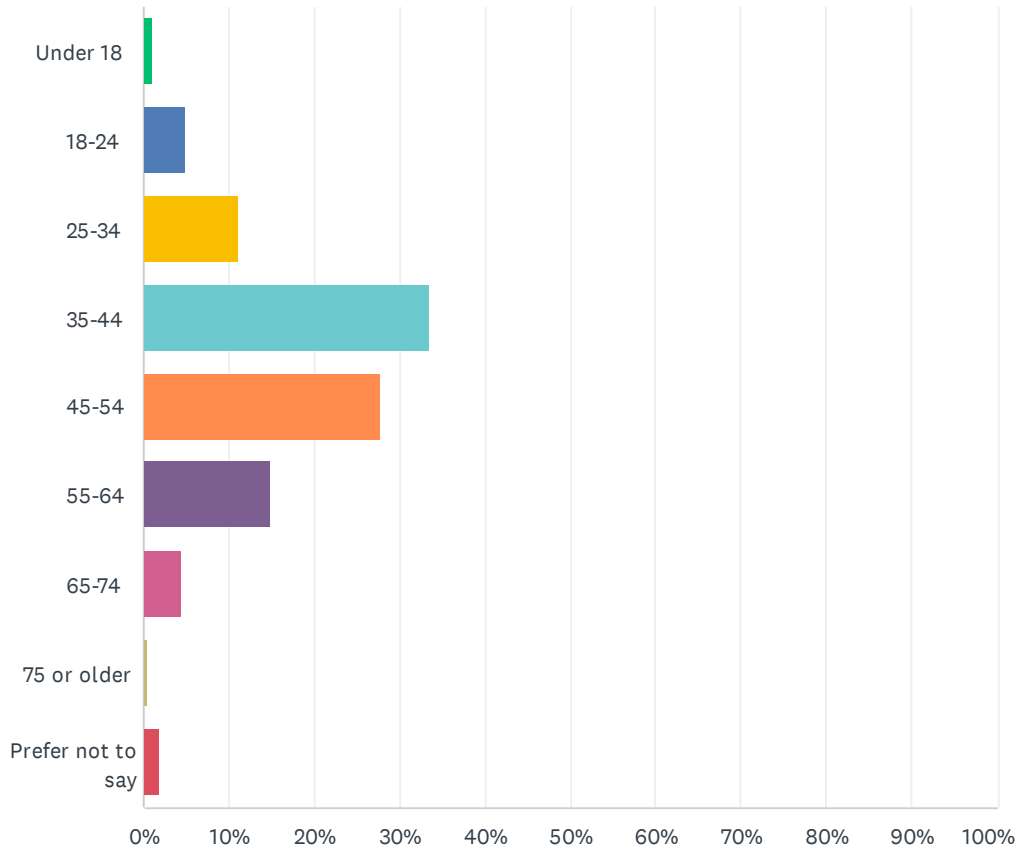
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Intro to FreeBSD	26.23%	330
FreeBSD for Linux Sysadmins	35.06%	441
How to become a FreeBSD Kernel Developer	31.64%	398
How to contribute to the project	30.52%	384
Kernel Internals	38.55%	485
None - I am not interested in professional training for a nominal fee	32.75%	412
Other (please specify)	8.51%	107
Total Respondents: 1,258		

Q52 The mission of the FreeBSD Foundation is to support and promote the FreeBSD Project and community worldwide... Given this, what TWO THINGS would you most like to see the Foundation focus on for the coming year? Responses used in this text box may be used as anonymous quotes in the FreeBSD Journal.

Answered: 631 Skipped: 959

Q53 What is your age?

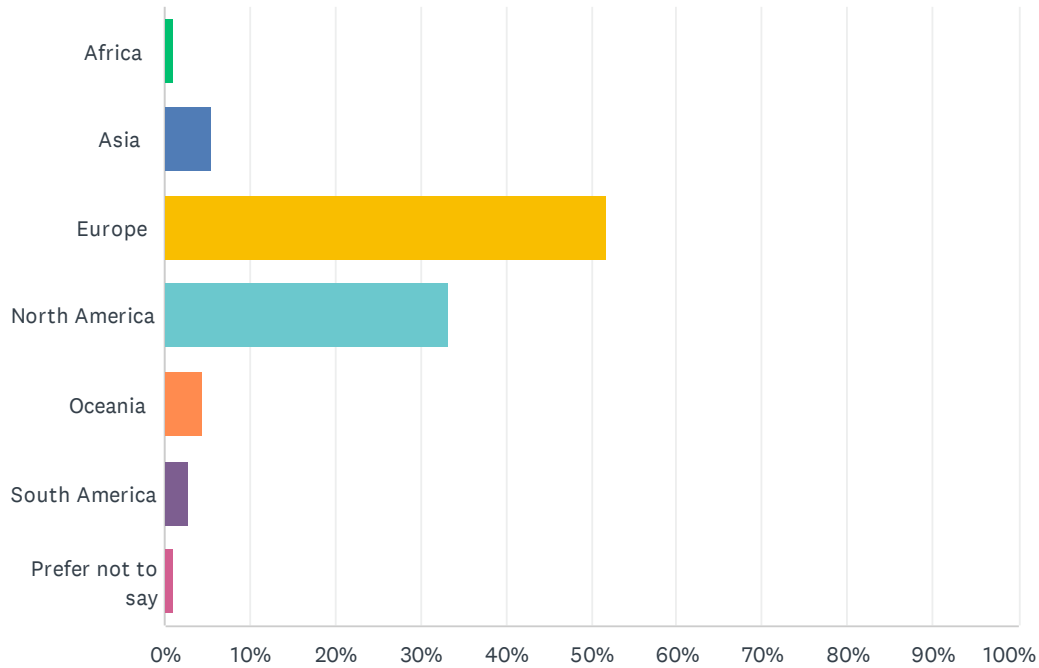
Answered: 1,318 Skipped: 272



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	1.06%	14
18-24	4.86%	64
25-34	11.08%	146
35-44	33.38%	440
45-54	27.62%	364
55-64	15.02%	198
65-74	4.55%	60
75 or older	0.53%	7
Prefer not to say	1.90%	25
TOTAL		1,318

Q54 Where are you located?

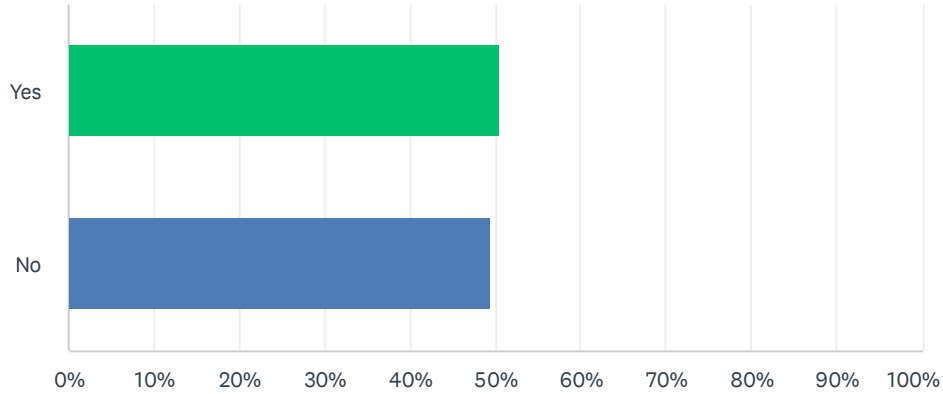
Answered: 1,314 Skipped: 276



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Africa	0.99%	13
Asia	5.63%	74
Europe	51.83%	681
North America	33.33%	438
Oceania	4.41%	58
South America	2.74%	36
Prefer not to say	1.07%	14
TOTAL		1,314

Q55 May we contact you regarding your responses to this survey? (You will have an option to provide contact info in the next question.)

Answered: 1,289 Skipped: 301



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.50%	651
No	49.50%	638
TOTAL		1,289

Q56 The following information is optional, but helpful in the context of evaluating survey responses. This information will be aggregated and used internally by project leadership. If the survey organizers have questions about any responses, please include your email address so we may contact you with follow-up questions.

Answered: 756 Skipped: 834

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Company/Org/School	37.17%	281
Full Name	76.59%	579
Email address	85.98%	650
City/Town	62.43%	472
State/Province	51.46%	389
ZIP/Postal	50.79%	384
Country	84.39%	638