



Report
on



National Workshop

Design & Development of Online and Blended Courses

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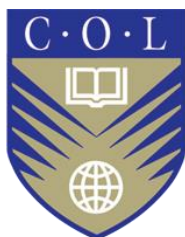
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REPORT ON THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT OF ONLINE AND BLENDED COURSES



20th -22nd September 2019.



Introduction to the Workshop

Odisha State Open University (OSOU) in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) organized a three days workshop at Sambalpur from 20th to 22nd September 2019 on Design, Development of online and blended learning for the faculty / professionals of the Universities in Odisha. Thirty-three participants from the Universities across the state of Odisha participated in the workshop.

The objective of the workshop was training and capacity building of faculty for design, development and delivery of programs both in online and blended mode of learning. This will help in capacity building of the faculties of Universities in the State of Odisha to contribute to the SWAYAM platform and offer their own online courses.

Workshop Objectives

On completion of the workshop participants were expected to:

- Sensitization about the Digital Initiatives of GOI in Higher Education.
- Hands-on training on instructional design for online programs development using the four quadrant approach.
- Exploring OER for teaching, learning and professional development
- E-Content Development (Script Writing/ Video Recording) with Generic Video Recording and Screen Capturing Tools
- Online assessment and use of discussion forum
- Hands-on training on using Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) tools / Moodle platform

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY-1



The three-day National Workshop on Design, Development of Online and Blended learning courses, organized by Odisha State Open University (OSOU) in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada stressed the need for early adoption of technology in the teaching-learning process. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, OSOU, reiterated that despite several measures taken by UGC and MHRD, India is way behind many foreign countries in terms of Online and Distance Learning (ODL). Listing the contributions of National Open University of Nigeria, Open University Malaysia, Royal Open University, Uganda, Open University of Mauritius and several other institutions from abroad, he admitted that a lot needs to be done to boost the distance and open learning environment in India. Premier institutions such as IGNOU should provide the necessary leadership in this regard, said the Vice-Chancellor. He also briefed about the Learning Management System of Odisha State Open University ie. eGyanjyoti to the participants.



Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar, OSOU, outlined the achievements of the University since its inception. He welcomed the Resource Persons and the participants of the workshop.

Dr. Nisha Singh, Deputy Director, Centre for Online Education (COE), IGNOU and Dr. G Mythili, Deputy Director, Staff Training Research Institute of Distant Education (STRIDE) the resource persons for the work shop briefed about the three days schedule of the workshop. Urging the participants not to underestimate the appetite of present generation students for online learning, Dr. Nisha Singh contended that our students are more Internet savvy than we think they are. “Unlike many of us who are digital migrants, most of our students, are actually digital natives”.

In the first technical session Dr. Nisha explained in detail about the Innovative Teaching & Learning Processes using technology including 4 Quadrant Approach for developing online courses. She also outlined the details of various MOOCs platform such as NPTEL, e-Pathshala; Sakshat; SWAYAM; Swayam Prabha; National Academic Depository; National Digital Library; e-soudh Sindhu; Virtual Labs; eYantra; Talk to the Teacher. The session was participatory followed by the interactions and views of the participants regarding the participation of their parent Universities in such online platforms.



The discussion aimed at student centeredness that aims to develop learner’s autonomy and independence by putting responsibility of the learning path in the hands of the students which is the pivot of adult learning.

The second technical session aimed at Exploring OER for Learning, teaching and Professional Development. Dr. Mythili briefed the participants about the importance and scope of OER policy. Then the creative common licensing in detail was analyzed such as about various licensing procedures and how to use it and what the public domain licenses are. It was discussed when to use the creative common license and when to use the copyright for the benefit of the university and the learners. Various search options for getting access to OER like contents, images, videos using advance search and creative common search options were explained. A quiz was displayed by Dr. Mythili among the participants regarding OER.



In the third technical session the deliberations were about the Massive Online Open Courses. The role of MOOCs in transforming openness was explored. Dr. Mythili and Dr. Nisha explained about the communities of the MOOCs that have interactive sessions and forums between the student, Professors and Teaching Assistants (TAs) along with the study/course material and video lectures. They also touched upon how this online platform help the students and teachers to come together and form an online pool of resources, which are readily available for anyone to utilize. The participants explored the various advantages and options of MOOCs like listening to video lectures, downloading contents, contributing your own material.

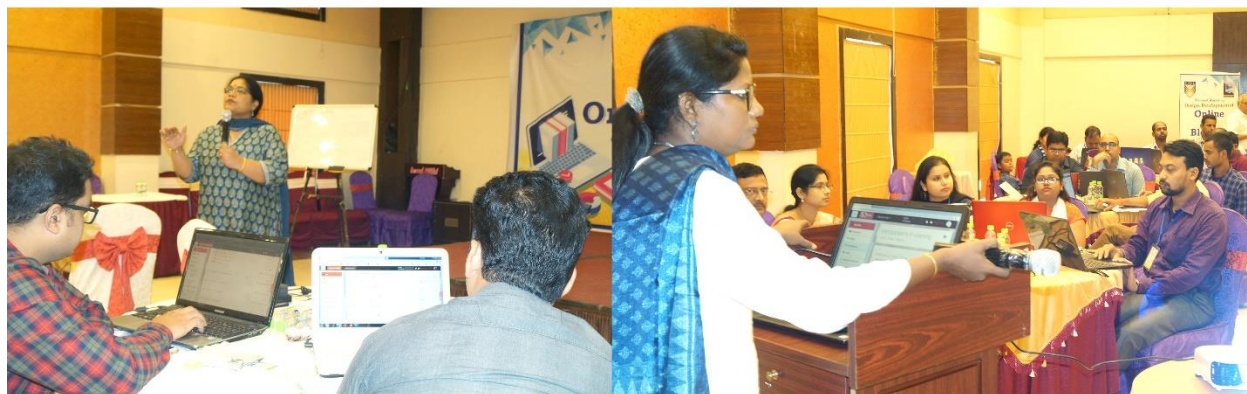
The fourth technical session was exposure to video content creation. Dr. Nisha provided the participants detail information about various online softwares used for creation of video content like Presentation Tube, Screencastify, Screen-cast-o-matic, and C-map. She demonstrated the procedure of installing the software's and video-recording. At the end of the session the participants were assigned the task to record a two minutes video using this software and produce the same in the next day of the workshop.



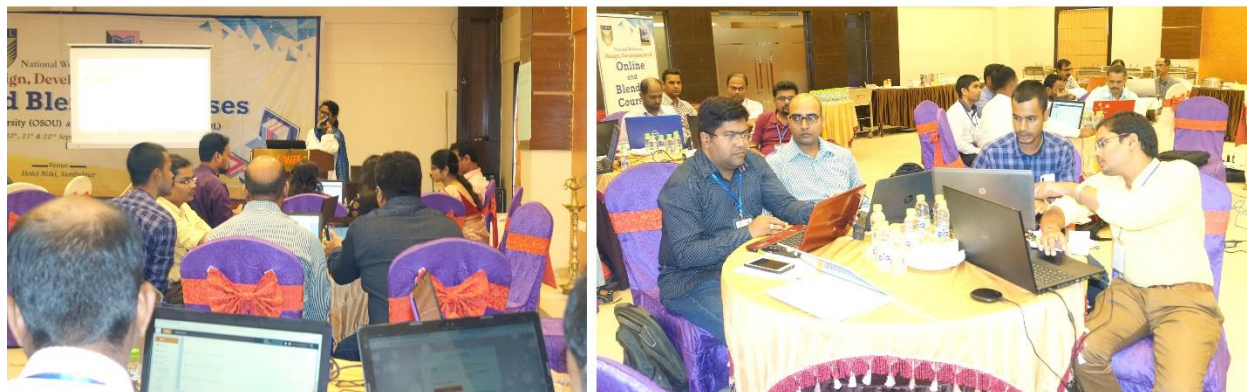
Before ending the day's session, the resource persons summarized the topics discussed during the day with input from the participants and tasks were assigned to the participants for creation of a four credit (12 weeks) course related to their subject in a prescribed format provided by the resource persons and find contents for three weeks using OER.

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY-2

Day 02 started with the recapitulation of previous day's session. The resource persons asked the participants for any difficulties in understanding the subject and completion of the task assigned to them on the previous day. All the participants prepared the syllabus for a four credit course in the prescribed format related to their subject. And nearly all the participants prepared a two minutes introductory video for their course.



In the next technical session Dr. Mythili introduced the Moodle platform to the participants and explained that Moodle is a free and open source learning management system (LMS) written in PHP and distributed under the General Public License. Developed on pedagogical principles, Moodle is used for blended learning, distance education, flipped classroom and other e-learning projects in schools, universities, workplaces and other sectors. The resource persons then provided the hands-on training for creation of an account in the Moodle platform and each participant was asked to create a Moodle account and register the same in the Moodle cloud.



In the next session the participants were asked to Login to the Moodle account using the credentials that they have created in the previous session for uploading a new course. The resource persons then illustrated the features of Moodle helping the participants to explore the Moodle platform for creating a new course. They then coached the participants about uploading the course objectives,

adding the contents to the course, inserting the introductory video, adding the videos from youtube available under creative common license in the content. They also demonstrated to embed the videos in the content.

In the last technical session of the day the deliberations were on Moodle Mobile App and Moodle desktop. The resource persons highlighted that the editing cannot be done in the Moodle Mobile app as the basic purpose of the app is to monitor the progress of the course. The final presentations were on creating new users as students and enrolling them in the courses.



At the end of the workshop the participants were assigned with the task of incorporating all the features of Moodle demonstrated to them during the day in their course and preparing a demo student list for their course with the profile details (name, user id, password, email). They were also asked to prepare quiz and assignment questions for three weeks.

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY-3

Building on the experience and knowledge of the delegates, Day 3 started with the interaction of the participants regarding the challenges faced by them in the creation of the course. All the participants managed to complete the tasks assign to them without any difficulty. The main focus of the day was creation of discussion forums, chat rooms, feedback and incorporation of the assignments, and quizzes in each week of the course.



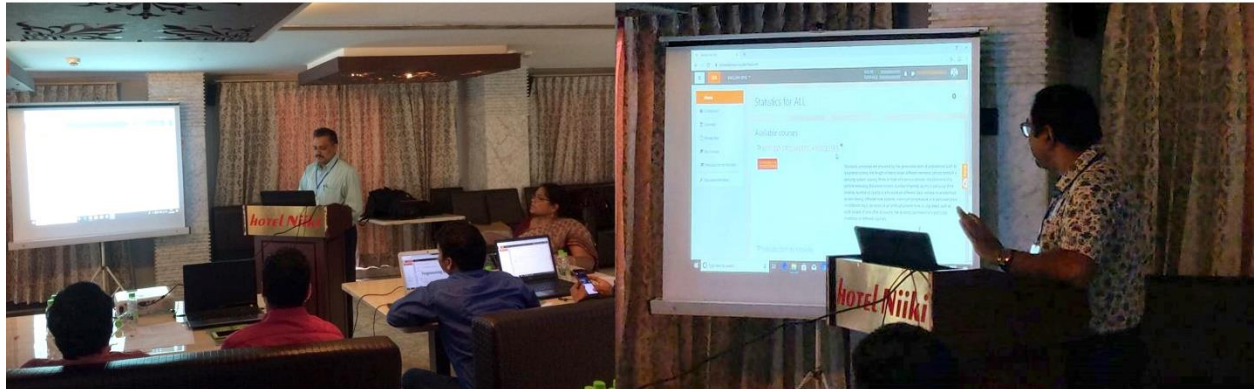
In the second session the participants were coached to create assignment activity i.e. a space into which students can submit work for teachers to grade and give feedback on. The training was provided for uploading an assignment, grading, time duration, submission of assignments and much more. The participants uploaded the three weeks assignment prepared by them. Then the quiz activity module was explored that allows the teacher to design and build quizzes consisting of a large variety of question types, including multiple choice, true-false, short answer and drag and drop images and text. These questions are kept in the question bank and can be re-used in different quizzes. It was also demonstrated how all the questions from the question bank can be added to a course.



The resource persons presented the creation of discussion forums that allows the students and teachers to exchange ideas by posting comments, sending files such as images and media and the teachers can also rate the posts in the forum. They also talked about creation of chat activity module where the students can have a real time synchronous discussion regarding a course



The third session was dedicated to the individual presentation by each participant. All the participants presented their created courses in the Moodle platform. Some participants worked more efficiently by exploring additional Moodle features and adding them to their course. All the presentations were productive which validates that the concept and the training of the workshop was well-received by the participants.



Valedictory Session:

Valedictory session was conducted by Honourable Vice-Chancellor, OSOU and the resource persons of the workshop. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the participants for successfully completing the workshop. He added that the concepts presented in the workshop were of indigenous knowledge with adequate hands-on and practical demonstrations. He also extended his appreciation to the resource persons and the participants for their sincere efforts, attention and fruitful interactions that contributed greatly towards the success of the workshop. This was followed by the Certificate distribution ceremony to the successful participants of the workshop. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks.



Learning Outcomes of the workshop

The workshop enabled the delegates:

- From all over the state of Odisha to understand various operations of Moodle and its effective usage in provision of online education.
- Develop online courses using Moodle platform.
- For capacity development to promote and support design, development and delivery of online education at their respective Universities.
- Develop strategies to promote the benefits of training on Moodle platform to enhance their technical skills.
- Encourage the peer and students to join online education platforms and spreading awareness regarding its benefits.
- Promote and secure the continuing professional development of the participants.



Schedule of the Workshop

SESSION	TOPICS	METHODOLOGY	LEARNING OUTCOMES
DAY -1			
Inauguration Ceremony 09 to10 AM			
Session –I 90 Minutes 10:AM to 11:30 AM	Exploring the Innovative Teaching & Learning Processes	Presentation / Demonstration/Practice	Exploring the Innovative Teaching & Learning Processes using technology including 4 Quadrant Approach for developing online courses. Exploring NPTEL, e-Pathshala;Sakshat;SWAYAM; Swayam Prabha; National Academic Depository; National Digital Library; e-soudhSindhu; Virtual Labs; eYantra; Talk to the Teacher
Tea Break 11:30 AM to 11:45 AM			
Session –II 90 Minutes 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM	Exploring OER for Learning, teaching and Professional Development [Quadrant-2]	Presentation / Demonstration/Practice	Exploring OER for Learning, teaching and Professional Development
Lunch Break 1:15 AM to 2:00 PM			
Session –III 90 Minutes 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Integrating MOOCs in Regular Courses – Institutional Policy Instructional Design - Designing & Developing an Online Course Collaborative Working with Cloud Applications (Google Drive) for Developing e-content	Presentation / Demonstration/ Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Process to integrate MOOCs in Regular Courses of the University ● Understanding the Instructional Design for Designing an Online Course ● Understanding the importance of joint planning and sharing, using internet based storage for developing e-content.
Tea Break 3:30 PM to 3:45 PM			
Session –IV 90 Minutes 03:45 to 05:15 PM	Instructional Design for Preparing Video Tutorials [Quadrant-1]	Presentation / Demonstration/Practice	Exposure to Video Content Creation 1.Presentation tube 2. Screencastify 3. Screen-cast-o-Matic
DAY -2			
Session –I 90 Minutes 10:AM to 11:30 AM	Instructional Design for Preparing Video Tutorials [Quadrant-1]	Presentation / Demonstration/Practice	Exposure to Video Content Creation 1.Presentation tube 2. Screencastify

			3. Screen-cast-o-Matic
Tea Break 11:30 AM to 11:45 AM			
Session –II 90 Minutes 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM	Designing Online Courses through Moodle Software Effective Content Management Practices	Presentation / Demonstration/Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Moodle • Creating a New Course
Lunch Break 1:15 AM to 2:00 PM			
Session –III 90 Minutes 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Working with Moodle Course Management Activities	Presentation/ Demonstration/ Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Content in Moodle • Registering Moodle on Cloud & Site Setup • Moodle Mobile App • Moodle Desktop
Tea Break 3:30 PM to 3:45 PM			
Session –IV 90 Minutes 03:45 to 05:15	Managing content and Enrolling Learners	Presentation/ Demonstration/ Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating new users as students • Enrolling students in Courses
DAY -3			
Session –I 90 Minutes 10:AM to 11:30 AM	Working with Moodle Assessments [Quadrant 3 & 4]	Presentation / Demonstration/Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCQ • Assignment
Tea Break			
Session –II 90 Minutes 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM	Working with Moodle Assessments [Quadrant 3 & 4]	Presentation / Demonstration/Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCQ • Assignment
Lunch Break			
Session –III 90 Minutes 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Engaging Learners in Communication & Collaboration [Quadrant 3 & 4]	Presentation/ Demonstration/ Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Forum • Feedback
Tea Break			
Session –IV 03:45 to 05:15	Participants Action Plan Presentation [10 minutes per participants]		Action Plan Presentation

**Participants for the Workshop on
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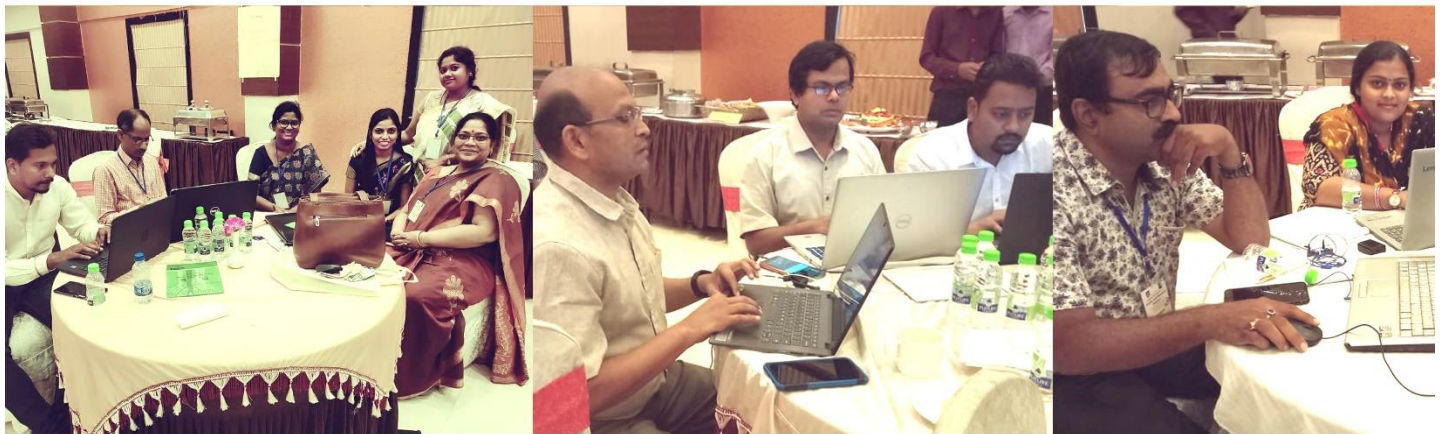
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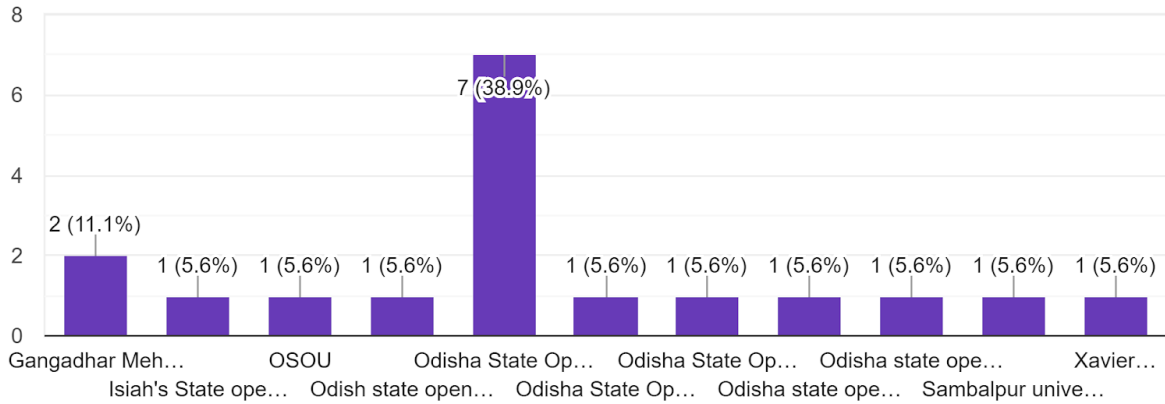
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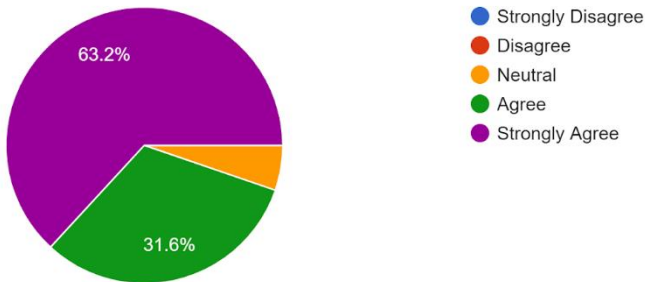
Feedback survey reports of the participants on the workshop

Participation of Universities across the state of Odisha

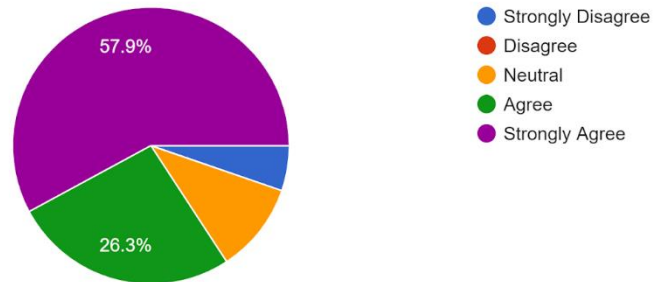


Responses on the Questionnaire

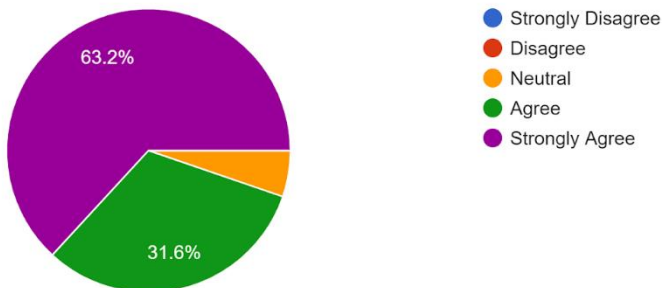
I was well informed about the objectives of this workshop



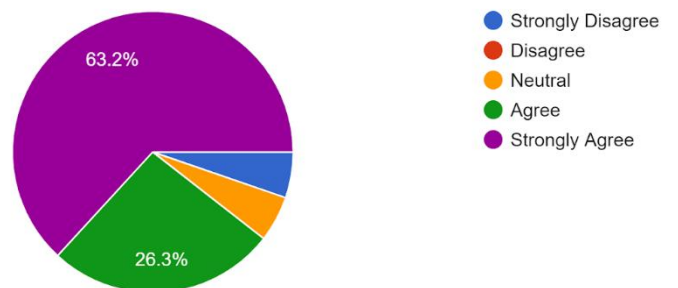
This workshop lived up to my expectations



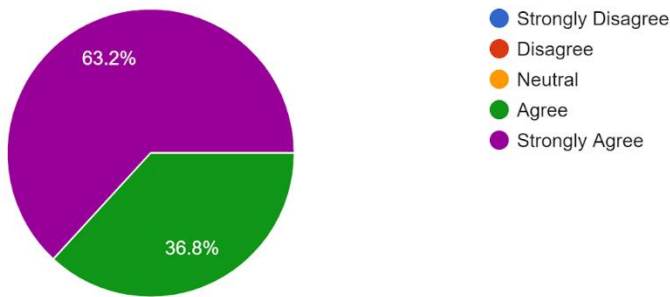
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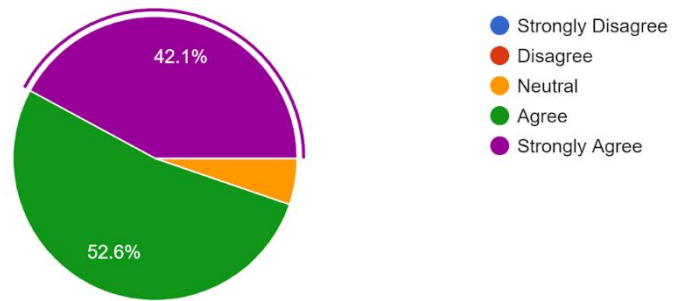
The workshop objectives were clear to me



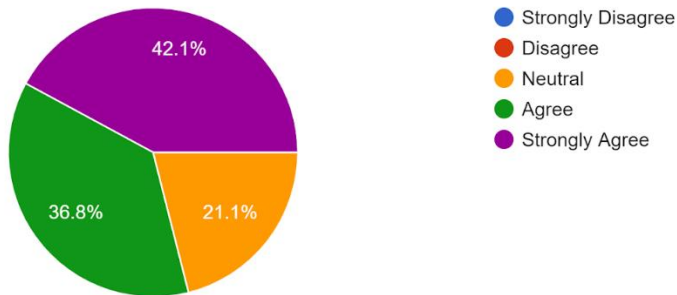
The workshop activities stimulated my learning



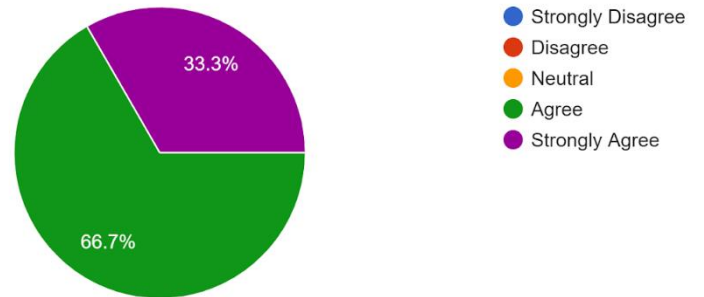
The activities in this workshop gave me sufficient practice and feedback



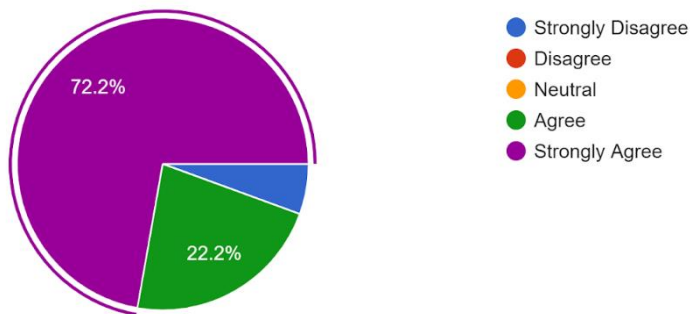
The difficulty level of this workshop was appropriate



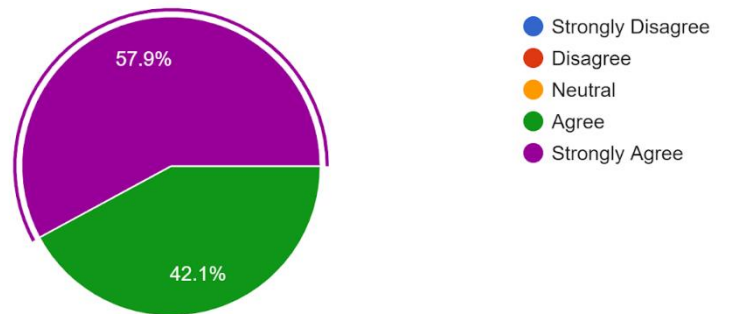
The pace of this workshop was appropriate



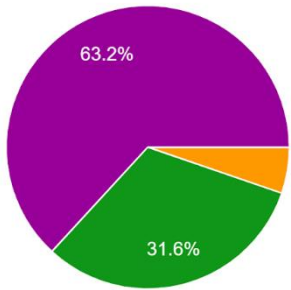
The instructor were well prepared and helpful.



Adequate hands on training was provided during the workshop

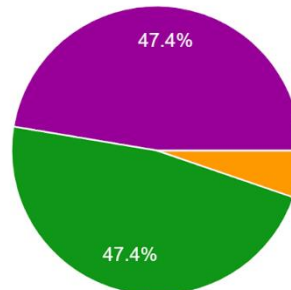


All kind of technical support was provided during the workshop



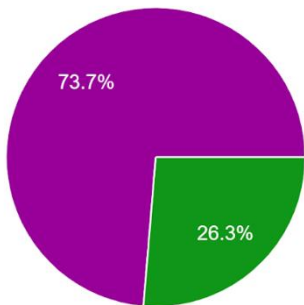
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- Strongly Agree

I accomplished the objectives of this workshop



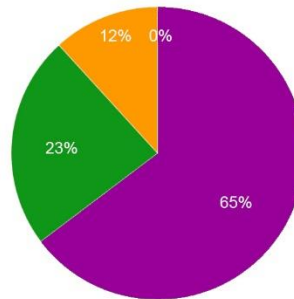
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

The workshop was a good way for me to learn this content and I will be able to use it



- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Please comment on the arrangements and management during the workshop



- Poor
- Average
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

