

* What did you learn from your workshop course - how will what you learnt help you in your day to day job.

I attended Practical Virtualisation with Hybrid Strategies workshop. Although it was only 3 days long the training covered vast area from underlying hardware virtualisation technologies to on-premise and public cloud setups and solutions. No matter where we work and what we do working in virtualized and cloud environment is an inevitable part of our daily jobs. I work for an internet service provider in Mongolia. Using virtualisation in our network infrastructure provides flexibility, resiliency and scalability that are crucial to our network operation. In our class we had participants with various specialisations and levels of experience in cloud technology. This provided us chances to learn not only from our expert instructors but also from our peers. I was astonished with our instructors' efforts to give us as much knowledge as possible within a short period of time. Insights and hands-on experience using public cloud services during the workshop will definitely affect our decisions of using the services in our operation in the future. I found the open source solutions added with user friendly interfaces we used in the workshop very useful. I plan to extend our use of the solution in our service network.

* What did you gain from the conference week, how did you fill in your days.

This year almost a thousand people attended APRICOT conference. This high number of attendance greatly benefited us. We had many meetings and catch-ups with our current and prospective partners. Also I attended AP OPs, routing and tutorial sessions and BOFs as well. Attending these sessions helped to get important updates in the industry trends and also extended my social and professional network.

* How did you find the Monday Core Skills workshop, did you gain anything from it? If so that let us know what you feel you can take back to your day-to-day jobs.

The Monday's Soft Skill session was very interesting. Many of us were non-native English speakers and found the English speaking session very practical. Then the other sessions by Terry, Aftab and Sarah were all had their own positive effects on us and we enjoyed very much working in groups and learning from each other. The immediate feedback from the instructors were very useful. I think it effectively helped us to reflect on what we learned at each session. Overall, thanks to our instructors' generous efforts we spent a real fruitful day in open-minded and eager to learn atmosphere. I will share these experiences with my colleagues back at work and look forward to exploring similar learning opportunities for my colleagues.

* We really want to find out about your overall feeling of the event from a positive viewpoint.

I feel so grateful for being part of this very new experience. Attending Advanced Training seemed frightening at first. But the instructors and participants were very encouraging, friendly and open to share their experiences and thoughts. It looked everyone attended our workshop had many take-aways and I am sure we all have a list of things to do back in office on our mind. APRICOT 2024 was organized at an exceptional level as always and John and everyone in the fellowship team were very encouraging and supportive.

Thank you so much APRICOT! :)