

2024 Review / 2025 Forecast

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Marketing and Comms Report

“Gotta break some eggs to make an omelette...”

- Review of Objectives 2024
- Historic vs Actual
- Important Highlights
- Plan for 2025
- Resources Needed

Review of Objectives

As of Early 2023

- Improve attendance of Member Talks in 2024 (Range between 7 to 22)
- Goal of reaching 1,000 active members in VanLUG
- Establish “Value” for Members in 2024
- VanLUG to join Linux Foundation as Associate Members in 2024

Plan vs Actual:

What we have achieved

- Attendance in talks :

Member meetings (Kits / BPL): ranges from 18 to 33

Tech Talks (VPL): range from 27 to 54 (Levko) to 83 (AI)

- Total members (11/04): 1,513 (from 600+ in Dec 2022). Active ?
- Value story for members: New Skills, New Ideas, Network
- VanLUG is not a member of Linux Foundation

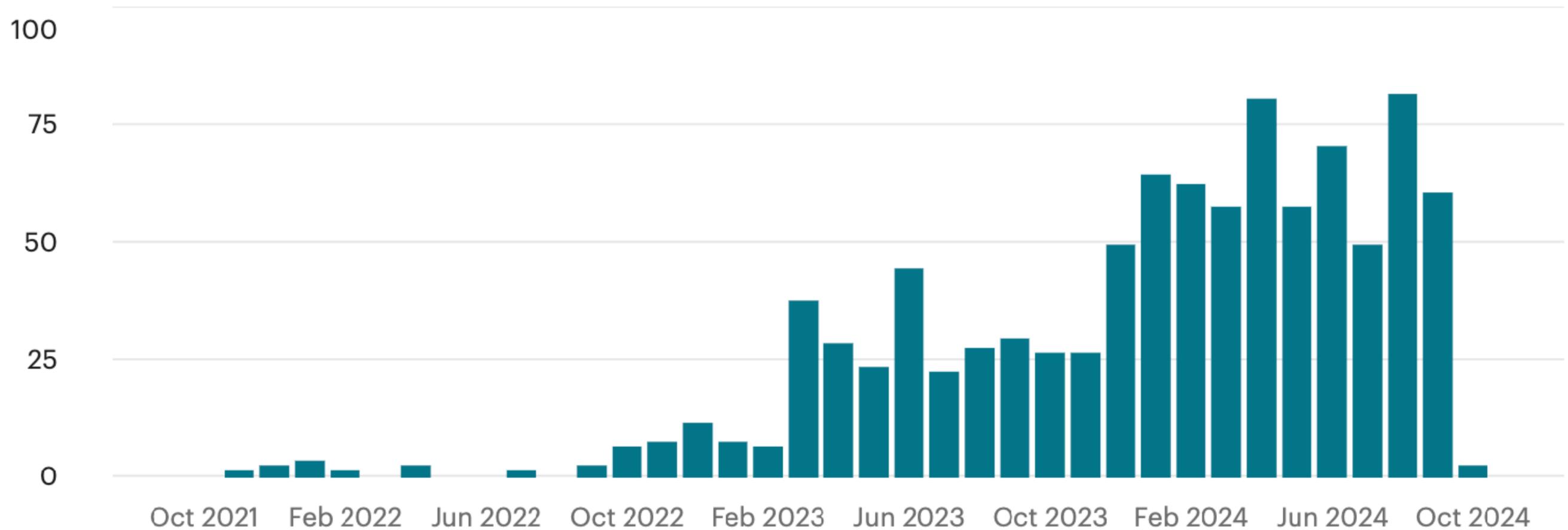
Plan vs Actual:

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Group joins

1M 3M 1Y **3Y**

This chart shows how many new members have joined your group.



57%

Of Meetup Sign-ups attend VanLUG Events

Source: Meetup Data, 2024

Important Highlights

Things Started in 2024

- Two big meetings: AI Intro, Cybersecurity for All.
- Presence at AWS Community Day
- Burnaby Library as a new Venue (June 2024)
- Expand presence with Burnaby Beta Collective Startups (May 30, 2024)
- Hot Topics: Red Hat, DevOps, Focus on GoLang October Meet and Greet



Website Evolution

Working Website from 2018 - 2024

Vancouver Linux Users Group

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Upcoming Events

There are no upcoming events at this time.

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Happy 20th! Ubuntu 24.10 is Now Available

Ubuntu 24.10 Cosmic Octopus takes flight – with a blend of innovation and nostalgia. Twenty years in the making, Ubuntu 24.10 has arrived, and it brings back the Ubuntu 4.10 startup sound. Here's what else you can expect. 2004 was a heck of a year for Linux. SCO was still suing IBM and was sure it...

October 21, 2024

Win 10 Only Has A Year of Support Left

Windows 10 only has a year of support: 12 months left to keep Copilot off your desktop or learn Linux! Have you been putting off upgrading to Windows 11 ever since it launched? If you want your rig to be as secure as possible, you can't have long left until you pretty much have to...

October 17, 2024

PyTorch 2.5 Improved Intel GPU Support

PyTorch 2.5 is out: today as the latest major update to this widely-used machine learning library. PyTorch 2.5 improves its Intel GPU support for both client and data-center graphics products. PyTorch 2.5 now has initial support for Intel client GPUs on Windows but also enhances the existing PyTorch Intel Linux graphics support too. Some...

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2025 Forecast Plan

How VanLUG becomes a Force for Good

- Member growth is a function of VanLUG perceived value
- Theme: ‘Cross Skilling’
 - the ability to add more ‘tools’ for members
 - “...does this make me better?”
- Getting grants to gain more resources to fund workshops and meetings

Obj: Raise Awareness	Tactics	Check-in Dates
Measure our progress	Establish KPIs and measurements	Jan 2025
Workshops	Develop 2 major DIY events	Feb 2025
Attracting Corp Partners	In-demand topics & speakers	On-going

Content Wish List

New Technologies = New Business Imperatives

Distros

Build / Deploy Custom
Industry Trends and Jobs
Interesting and rare OSes

Coding / Language

Most Used / Admired
Advanced Techniques

Ref: Stack Overflow Survey

Embedded Technology



New Consulting Cluster Focus

Infrastructure

Self Hosting
Cloud Tech
Containers and
Virtualization

Generative LLM

Build / Deploy Custom LLMs
Open Source vs Proprietary
LLM Efficiency and cost
Management
Privacy / Security in LLM
Code Generation in LLM

Data Science

Data Pipelines OSS
Data Visualization OSS
Machine Learning
Scaling Data Processing
Jupyter Notebooks
Time Series Analysis

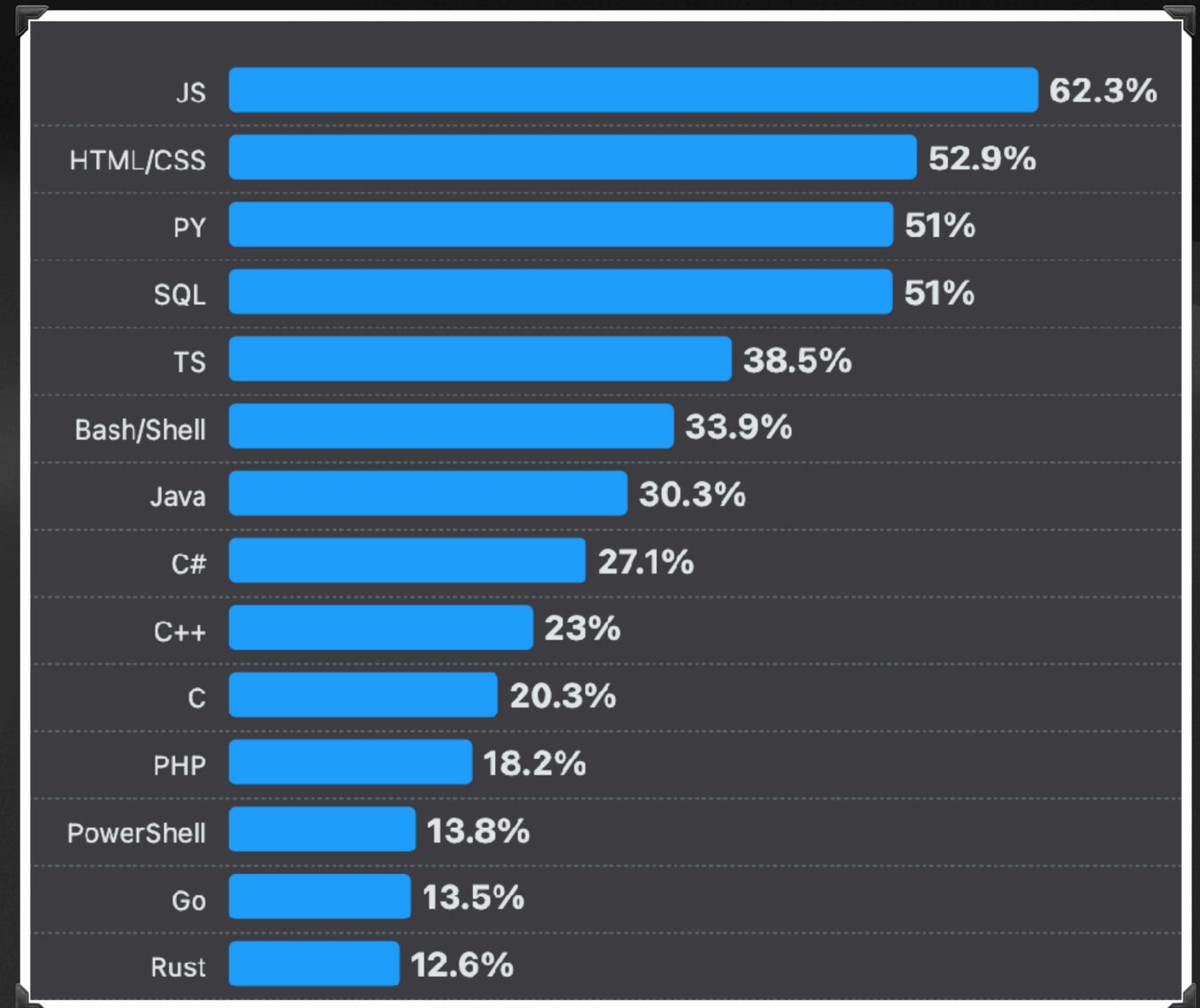
Cybersecurity

Zero Trust Architectures
Threat Hunting
Cryptography and Privacy
Pen Testing w/ OS Tools
Kali and Qubes OS

Programming, scripting & markup languages

Popularity 2024

- Based on 2024 global survey of Developers, the most popular language has been Javascript every year except 2013/2014 (SQL lead those years.)
- Source: 2024 Stack Overflow Survey



Resources Needed

Things we may have to spend on for 2025

- Workshop for 1H and 2H - 1-2 day training event 'hackathon-like'
- Self Hosting Infrastructure (includes Internet) vs Cloud technology
- Payment platform expenses (Stripe)
- Merch: Stickers; Hats; Giveaways - for Community Day Events
- Campaign for Donations : need incentives
- Partner for Newbies and Advanced users (Ex. O'Reilly Publishers; No Starch Press; Linux Professionals Certification; etc)

**“Luck is what happens when preparation
meets opportunity.”**

Seneca