

BOF Sessions.



ARUNACHALAM S 5 posts since

Jul 23, 2008

I was really keen on attending the BOF sessions and am really disappointed to see the arrangements.

The presenter did not even have a microphone and all attendees who were at the back did not even hear anything

Organisers would have known the number of registered attendees and based on that the sessions could have been shifted to a bigger hall.

I understand all the BOF are similar situations.

Hope to get the BOF sessions in detail to understand the missed out content on these.

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[Simon Loftus](#) 1 posts since

Nov 21, 2007 1. **Re: BOF Sessions.** Sep 16, 2008 2:46 PM

Got to agree.


Tried attending two different ones today - unless you've been at the booth for the previous hour and were lucky enough to get a seat, you couldn't get close enough to hear the presenters.

Not a bad idea guys, just poor execution



[Stan Binning](#) 1 posts since

Aug 1, 2008 2. **Re: BOF Sessions.** Sep 16, 2008 3:10 PM

 in response to: [Simon Loftus](#)

I agree with the above, wish VM will Move the BOF to quite rooms, and to encourage interaction, ask people not to use their laptops.

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Regards.

Stan Binning



[Cliff Wakefield](#) *9 posts since*

Jun 30, 2008 **3. Re: BOF Sessions.** Sep 16, 2008 3:47 PM

 in response to: [Stan Binning](#)

definitely agree, haven't been able to properly hear any yet, and i was interested in the discussions ;(



[Dmitri Fedorov](#) *16 posts since*


Jun 27, 2008 **4. Re: BOF Sessions.** Sep 17, 2008 5:06 PM

agree; I could hear better the expo than the BOF folks, complete waste of time.



[mrehere](#) *40 posts since*

Jun 3, 2008 **5. Re: BOF Sessions.** Sep 28, 2008 6:56 AM

 in response to: [Stan Binning](#)

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First off, I got the word that the BOF's were not going well and skipped the 2 I had scheduled and used the block to spend time in the Solutions Exchange (I did not have enough time in my schedule to see everything in there). There is clearly room for improvement to how the BOF's are executed in order to be effective. I think the idea of an informal setting where we could openly discuss a specific topic is valuable, but the setting was not conducive to communicating.

Stan, I am curious as to why you saw having laptops in play was an issue in the BOF's? I just ask because I was not there and wonder how they were distracting.



[Daryl Brydie](#) 2 posts since

Jun 5, 2008 6. **Re: BOF Sessions.** Sep 29, 2008 1:29 PM

I agree. I think the idea was a good one but the implementation left a bit more to be desired. Mainly, from your perspective, it seemed to be a wide variance in what people are doing in their shops and it was hard to pin down exactly what you may be able to use in your shop and what you may not be able to use. Perhaps, the moderators could help make this a bit more easier on the participants.



[Giel van Santvoort](#) 1 posts since

May 21, 2008 7. **Re: BOF Sessions.** Sep 30, 2008 6:56 AM

I and my colleagues completely agree !!!

It was a disaster. 1 person without a microphone, no beamer, only small Whitboard or only a monitor and a crowd of people around him.

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Signed in for the session and standing at the back and could not see anything or hear anything. Some colleagues had several of these BOF-sessions. (Remark: signed in several weeks before!!!)

AND we came whole the way from Holland (netherlands) and made high costs and then this. It was not known before that this the way the session was presented (organisation) 1 Colleague had 4 of these sessions, but after the first didn't attend the others, but went to Selblabs and other sessions (if there was a seat available!!)

We won't come again to VMworld when organizing it in the same way !!

And signing in months before. And on a start-day of signing for the sessions (already booked the flight hotels etc.) within a ONE hour many sessions were booked FULL (some could sign in a day earlier!!). This is also a reason not to go to VMworld again.


So there is something to learn for the organisation or is the number of attendees more important !!



[sridharr](#) 1 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 8. Re: **BOF Sessions**. Oct 1, 2008 6:40 PM

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 in response to: [Giel van Santvoort](#)

In the earlier years, the BOFs were a much more low-key event. They had some tables in the meals area. A few people got together around a table (representing a topic) and chatted.

This year, they tried to make it more mainstream, by having the different lounges. They clearly underestimated the popularity, and did take note of it, as well as the complaints.

As for sessions, yes, you'll have to sign up in advance for the sessions you are interested in. If some session has a lot of demand and has filled up early, they usually try to schedule a duplicate session to accommodate more people. You'll want to look out for the overflow sessions, and sign up early.

Just something to keep for the next VMworld.

Cheers!



[bruce kensil](#) 3 posts since

Jul 11, 2008 9. Re: **BOF Sessions**. Oct 2, 2008 5:31 AM

 in response to: [sridharr](#)

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I attended the VDI BOF, and I was lucky enough to have a seat. My issue was it seemed that the BOF was an after thought. Not much time was spend in developing the concept or the area. The presenter did not seem ready and organized and basically was answering questions.

My feeling is that VMware had too many people for VMworld this year. I was told there was 14,000 people attending. Some of my comments on the evaluation forms were to break it apart as an East Coast (Orlando)/West Coast (LA or Las Vegas) deal. This I would hope divide the 14,000 into a much better 7,000.

Speaking of fun, I was able to only get into 1 LAB on Monday. The rest have 200 people waiting for 48 seats, made a lot of sense, not.



[Paul Huml](#) 2 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 10. Re: **BOF Sessions**. Oct 2, 2008 12:43 PM

I did not care for the format of the BOF. After attending the first one, it was the last one I attended. I did a fly-by on another that interested me, but seemed to be interesting about 75 other people too. I opted to go shoot some pool. I doubt I will sign up for any next year.