

# What did you newbs think of VMworld?

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I have been to a number of tech conferences...this is the absolute best. I dont know if it was the technology (not that i am a geek or anything) or the wealth of information?

I really enjoyed the whole thing, this was my first and not my last. I sent my net admin last year and was happy to attend this year (he was jealous). i look forward to San Francisco next year.

This afternoon at lunch i found my self sharing my experience with a vmware marketer to include our vm'd sharepoint who stated they wanted someone to speak about vm sharepoint (i didnt have my glasses on so i didnt realize he worked for vmware) i was so excited about the whole experience and knowledge i have gained. Thanks to the VMware peoples and all of the veterans! This was great !:8}

See you next year at 09

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May 23, 2008 1. **Re: What did you newbs think of VMworld?** Sep 19, 2008 8:17 AM

Hi,

I was a Vmworld virgin as well and I have also enjoyed the entire conference. Being the only VM guy in our company it is great to actually come out and network with other Sys Eng/Adm and find out how they have implemented systems and what issues they were facing.

I think I ended up getting more from the Solutions exchange more than anything else; VMware were especially helpful and I was very impressed not only with their knowledge but also their enthusiasm for their products. It would be nice to have some way to give feedback to some of the VM guys, particularly at the Genuis bar - just to let some individuals and their managers know how grateful I was for their help and patience answering my questions.

A few people have commented that the conference was too busy, I would agree we were moved about en masse on a few too many occasions, but I was never late for a session and lunch was a very impressive operation. I used the wifi on occasions without any problems, but then I just used the free Venetian wifi in gambling area most of the time and that one never had any issues.

One final issue would be the BOF sessions - I got the impressions they weren't expecting them to be a speaker lead session and that it would be an area which encouraged

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conversation between the attendees with the help of an expert. Clearly though this wasn't what happened and I, like others, attended these for 5 minutes and then gave up. Not the right location or setting for these sessions at all. Also, they tended to just be used as desks for all the laptop users and wasn't a place only for the specific area of interest.

Overall I really, really enjoyed the whole conference. For the price I feel I have got a lot more ROI than attending a training session, especially when combining all the hands-on labs with the breakout sessions, solutions exchange etc. Next time I just want to bring my manager so I can sell the products to him as we go!

Jon



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Jul 9, 2008 2. **Re: What did you newbs think of VMworld?** Sep 19, 2008 9:25 AM


I found the conference to be very good in most aspects. The only real issue I had was with the Labs. It was impossible to get in to them with all of the attendees if you were on the wait-list unless you were willing to skip a session. It would be really helpful to have these available after hours, sorry VMware employees, so that attendees can go to sessions & labs. I know I am willing to spend my evening learning new things - especially if VMware os going to keep have this in Vegas. Not all of us gamble or want to see over priced shows.



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 in response to: [Jonathan Birkbeck](#)

Regarding the BOF sessions... I completely agree. Fortunately, I only signed up for one and I walked away less than 2 minutes into it. For future shows, I would recommend against holding them again. This was my first VMworld and overall I had a great time. I share the same issues that others have noted though (lack of lab availability, overcrowding, etc).

My biggest complaint was that some of the sessions weren't necessarily as advertised. For example, the IP Storage best practices session was billed as just that but it turned out to be a best way to run NetApps NFS with a 5 minute blurb on iSCSI. While technically NFS is IP storage, not all of us use NetApps and the session time could have been better allocated to a more relevant session.

All in all, I felt the best sessions were those held by VMware employees as they gave the most relevant content and insider, horses mouth tips, tricks and best practices although the Exchange 2007 on VMware: Two Real-World Success Stories was great (hosted in part by a VMware customer, Adrian Jane).

Great show overall, I look forward to 2009.

Tyler

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Jun 3, 2008 4. **Re: What did you newbs think of VMworld?** Sep 21, 2008 6:31 PM

I score VMworld 2008 a perfect 10. My personal experience was flawless. My hat's off to VMware for all they did to put together this amazing conference, and to the Venetian and all of their staff for making my experience in their facility so comfortable.

I plan to attend next year in SFO, even if I have to pay my expenses out of pocket. It is that important.