

KCD TEXAS 2025

# TRANSPARENCY REPORT



## FOREWORD

# From Idea to Impact: The Journey of KCD Texas

In the heart of Texas, the cloud native community came together in Austin for a day that was nothing short of extraordinary. From across the state and beyond, attendees dusted off their boots and joined us at the Austin Central Library to connect, learn, and be inspired.

Keynotes from Chris Aniszczyk, Ricardo Rocha, and Andrew Martin set the tone: bold, insightful, and forward-looking. But the magic didn't stop at the stage. Between hallway conversations, hands-on labs, and shared BBQ lunches, new friendships were forged and big ideas were born.

What made this year truly special was the journey we took to get here: from a canceled event in 2023, to a co-located gathering in 2024, to our first-ever independent KCD Texas in 2025. And what a debut it was. The community is thriving, the energy is real, and the future of cloud native in Texas has never looked brighter.



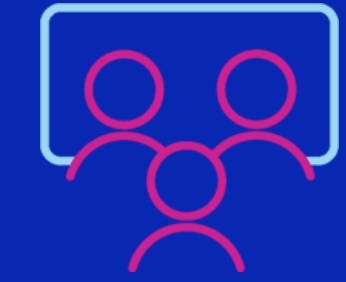


## SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

Esteemed speakers from across the industry explored the latest innovations in cloud native infrastructure and the growing impact of Kubernetes, drawing a crowd of over 270 enthusiastic attendees.



**29**  
Speakers



**3**  
Stages

Non-male  
Speakers

**4**

Male  
Speakers

**24**



## MOST POPULAR SESSIONS

### Next Decade of Cloud Native: Celebrating 10 Years of Cloud Native Computing

Chris Aniszczyk - CTO of the CNCF

KEYNOTE

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### The Cloud Native Scientific Platform: are we there yet?

Ricardo Rocha - Platform  
Infrastructure Lead at CERN

KEYNOTE

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### Build, Deploy, Run, and Iterate a Generative AI Application from Scratch

Lin Sun, Head of Open Source at  
Solo.io

TALK

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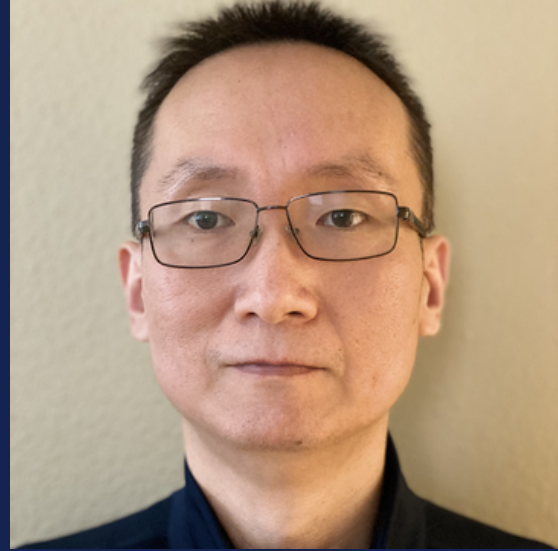
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### I Really Enjoyed Kubernetes Community Days Texas

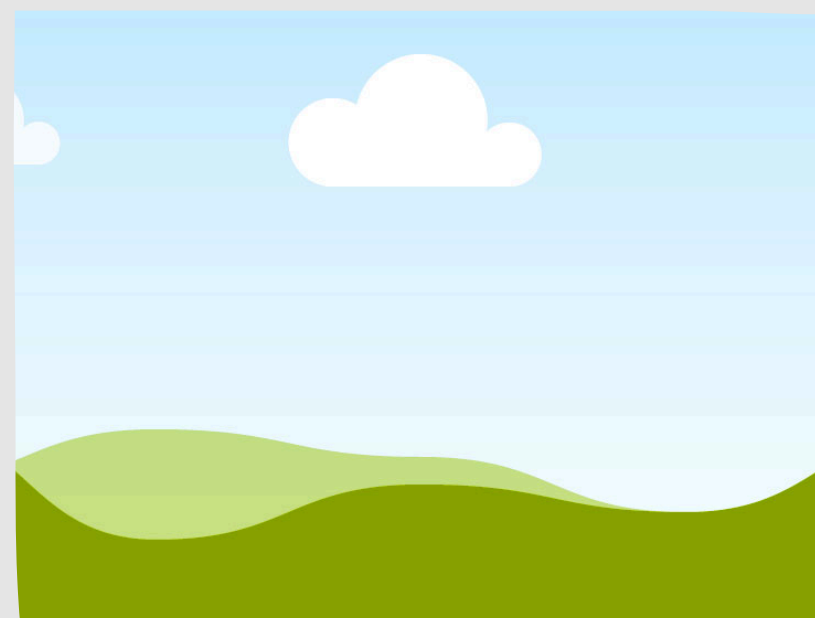
I was super lucky to catch up with Ricardo Rocha about all the cool things CERN is doing these days with OpenStack & Kubernetes!

We also had an in-depth conversation about the emerging open source AI stack including vLLM, Ray, Dask, Pytorch, Onyx, and Feast.

Always happy to learn from people running open infrastructure at scale, especially for cutting edge science at CERN!

Mark Collier, COO at OpenStack Foundation

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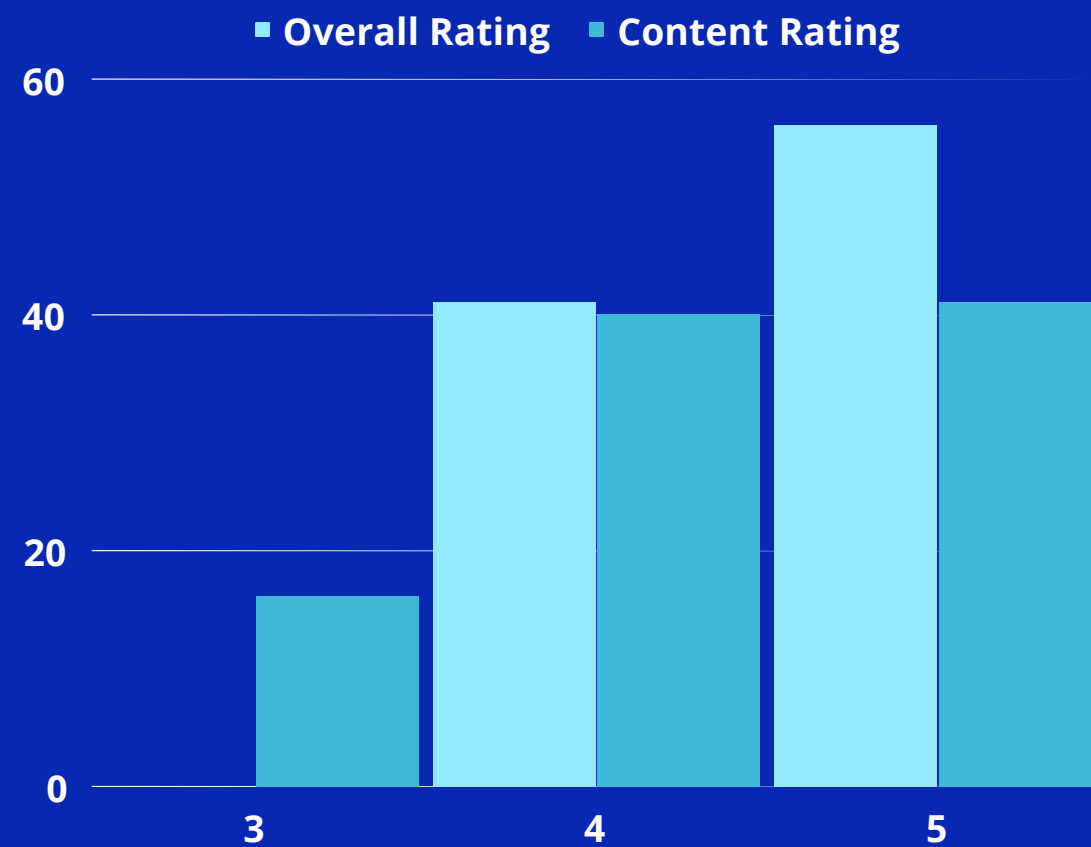
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**STATISTICS** The reverberations of KCD  
After the close of KCD Texas 2025,  
there was an overwhelming sense of  
inspiration and motivation in the air.  
The community enjoyed the sessions  
and hallway track, as they expanded  
their network.

Post-Event  
Survey Feedback

4.5   
Overall Rating



The Call for Papers (CFP) for KCD Texas 2025 witnessed an impressive response, with a total of 200+ applications pouring in. This surge in interest reflects the vibrant and diverse cloud native community eager to share their expertise.



## POST-EVENT FEEDBACK

**I liked being able to choose what was relevant to me!**

**There was a great variety of sessions. I enjoyed that most of the sessions didn't have a vendor product focus. I think they into talks were just the right about for their presentations.**

**Highly technical. For Kubernetes engineers by Kubernetes engineers.**

**The fact that it exists and brings together great minds and enthusiasts is phenomenal and the effort to plan and orchestrate it is greatly appreciated.**





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Community  
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