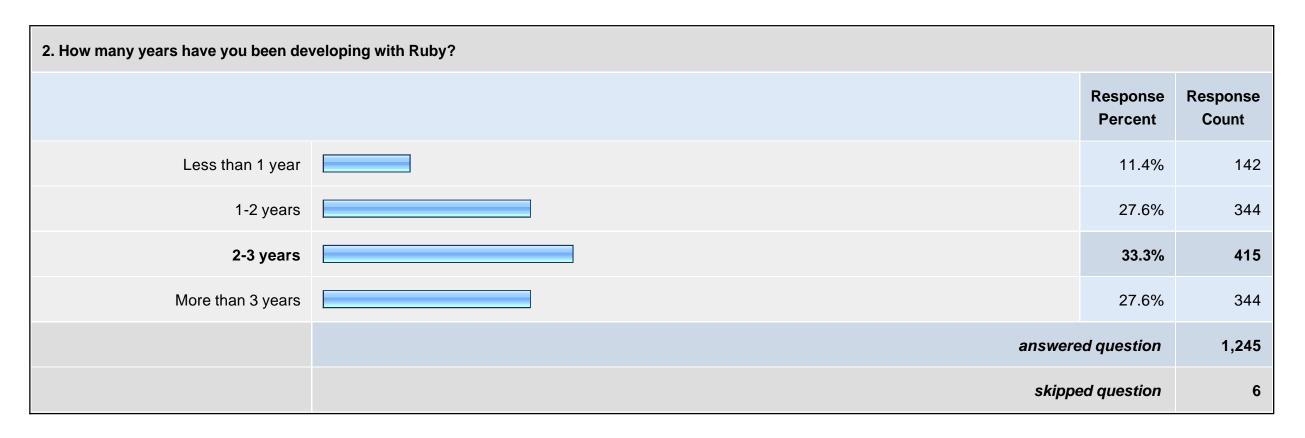
Rails Hosting 2009

1. How many years have you been developing with Ruby on Rails?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1 year		12.8%	160
1-2 years		29.0%	362
2-3 years		34.7%	433
More than 3 years		23.5%	293
	answered question		1,248
	skipped question		3



3. How many Ruby on Rails applicatio	3. How many Ruby on Rails applications have you deployed?			
		Response Percent	Response Count	
None (yet)		3.8%	47	
1		10.3%	129	
2-5		47.4%	591	
More than 5		38.5%	480	
	answere	ed question	1,247	
	skipped question		4	

4. How would you describe yourself?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Web Designer		18.4%	222
Web Developer		94.6%	1,141
System Administrator		36.3%	438
Project Manager		27.1%	327
PHB (point-haired boss);)		8.5%	102
Other (please specify)		ease specify)	98
	answere	ed question	1,206
skipped question		45	

5. Have you deployed any dynamic web applications with any other languages/frameworks?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		12.7%	158
Yes		87.3%	1,086
answered question		1,244	
skipped question		7	

6. If yes, would you say that it has been easier or harder to deploy Ruby on Rails applications compared to other languages/frameworks?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Easier		49.3%	540
Harder		50.7%	555
answered question		1,095	
skipped question		156	

7. How often do you deploy updated versions of your Ruby on Rails applications?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Almost daily (a lot)		13.1%	162
A few times a week		29.3%	363
A few times a month		37.9%	470
Less than once a month		12.1%	150
Very rarely		7.6%	94
	answere	ed question	1,239
	skipped question		12

8. How many applications are you currently responsible for deployment management?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1		19.7%	245
2-5		62.6%	777
6-15		13.1%	162
15+		4.6%	57
answered question		1,241	
skipped question		10	

9. Do you use a source control management system (SCM)?			
	Response Percent	Response Count	
No 📃	3.1%	39	
Yes	96.9%	1,202	
answered question		1,241	
skipped question		10	

10. If yes, which SCM do you use?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
CVS		0.3%	4
SVN		36.1%	427
Git		63.0%	746
SourceSafe		0.3%	3
Team System	I	0.1%	1
Darcs		0.3%	3
	Other (p	lease specify)	104
	answe	red question	1,184
	skip	ped question	67

11. Where is your source code hosted?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Self-hosted repository		66.4%	761
Github		32.5%	372
Beanstalk		1.1%	13
	Other (ple	ease specify)	138
answered question		1,146	
skipped question		105	

12. Do you use an automated deployment tool?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		77.4%	958
No		22.6%	280
answered question		1,238	
skipped question		13	

13. If yes, which deployment tool do you use?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Capistrano		97.3%	918
Vlad (the deployer)		2.7%	25
	Other (ple	ease specify)	40
answered question		ed question	943
skipped question		308	

14. Which database do you typically use in production?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
MySQL		82.5%	1,010
PostgreSQL		14.7%	180
SQLite		1.8%	22
Oracle		0.7%	9
CouchDB		0.2%	3
Other (please specify)		ease specify)	44
	answe	red question	1,224
skipped question		27	

15. Which database would you prefer to use in production? (some hosts don't offer many options besides MySQL)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
MySQL		64.5%	770
PostgreSQL		28.3%	338
SQLite		2.3%	27
Oracle		1.5%	18
CouchDB		3.4%	41
	Other (ple	ease specify)	22
	answere	ed question	1,194
	skipp	ed question	57

16. Which operating system do you develop your applications on?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Mac OSX		68.0%	839
Linux/Unix-variant		25.4%	314
Windows		6.6%	81
	Other (p	lease specify)	32
answered question		1,234	
skipped question		17	

17. How would you rate your competence with working from the command line (BASH, SSH, etc.)?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Novice		4.0%	50
Competent		28.5%	355
Proficient		44.1%	548
Expert		23.4%	291
	answere	ed question	1,244
skipped question		7	

18. How would you rate your competence with Unix-based operating systems (Linux, BSD, etc)?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Novice		6.4%	79
Competent		31.2%	387
Proficient		40.9%	507
Expert		21.6%	268
	answere	ed question	1,241
skipped question		10	

19. How many people have access/credentials to deploy your application(s)?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1 person (just me)		42.9%	533
2-4 people		51.9%	644
5+		5.2%	65
answered question			1,242
skipped question		9	

20. Do you catch and track Application Exceptions in production?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		30.9%	380
Yes		69.1%	851
answered question		1,231	
skipped question		20	

21. If yes, which tool do you use?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
ExceptionNotifier plugin		59.0%	469
Exceptional (http://getexceptional.com/)		4.3%	34
Hoptoad (http://hoptoadapp.com/)		36.7%	292
	Oti	er (please specify)	86
	а	swered question	795
skipped question		456	

22. Do you use any performance monitoring tools in production?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		63.7%	786
Yes		36.3%	448
answered question		ed question	1,234
skipped question		17	

23. If yes, which performance monitoring tool do you use?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
New Relic		74.4%	294
Five Runs		17.5%	69
Scout		8.1%	32
	Other (pl	ease specify)	65
answered question		395	
skipped question		856	

24. Do you use any uptime monitoring tools in production?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Nagios (self-hosted/managed)		20.4%	218
Pingdom		11.7%	125
I don't use one		67.9%	726
	Other (please specify)	145
answered question		1,069	
skipped question		182	

25. Which web server do you typically use in production?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Apache		71.9%	873
Nginx		25.4%	309
Lighttpd		2.5%	30
Microsoft IIS		0.2%	3
	Other (ple	ease specify)	49
answered question		ed question	1,215
skipped question		36	

26. Which of the following are you using in production?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Mongrel		43.1%	493
FastCGI		5.2%	59
Passenger (mod_rails)		51.7%	592
	Other (ple	ase specify)	153
	answere	ed question	1,144
	skippe	ed question	107

27. Do you use any of the following monitoring tools to keep your application running?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Monit		26.9%	317
God		13.9%	164
I don't use one		59.1%	696
	Other (ple	ease specify)	44
answered question		1,177	
	skipp	ed question	74

28. How happy are you with your current deployment process?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Hate it (need to change this asap)		6.5%	81
Content (it works, but there is room for improvement)		65.3%	812
Happy (it's working great right now)		28.2%	350
	answered question		1,243
	skipped question		8

29. What type of hosting do you curre	ntly have for your application?		
		Response Percent	Response Count
Self-hosted (you manage the hardware, servers, everything)		33.0%	392
Shared hosting (Dreamhost, Site5, etc several customers per machine)		10.7%	127
Cloud Computing (Amazon)		6.4%	76
Basic VPS (Slicehost, Linode, etc.)		36.0%	428
Rails VPS (Rails Boxcar, Joyent, Blue Box, etc.)		6.6%	79
Managed hosting (one to many servers per application, paying a hosting company to keep our application up and running)		7.2%	86
	Other (ple	ease specify)	135
	answered question		1,188
	skippe	ed question	63

30. What is your ideal hosting environment?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Give me a power cable and an Internet connection and get out of my way!		19.0%	235
Basic OS install only, I'll handle the rest		41.5%	512
Basic Rails stack pre-installed (including a database), I'll handle the gems		21.5%	265
Just tell me what to put in my deploy.rb and let me get back to work		18.1%	223
	answere	ed question	1,235
	skipped question		16

31. Are you happy with your current hosting provider/solution?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		83.9%	1,038
No		16.1%	199
care to comment?		220	
answered question		ed question	1,237
skipped question		14	

32. If not, what is your biggest concer	m?		
		Response Percent	Response Count
Price		38.6%	144
Customer Support		15.3%	57
Uptime / Stability		30.3%	113
Lack of knowledge with Ruby on Rails		15.8%	59
	Other (ple	ease specify)	40
	answere	ed question	373
	skippo	ed question	878

33. How much are you currently spen	ding on hosting (average per application)?		
		Response Percent	Response Count
Free		6.2%	75
< \$25 month		26.3%	316
\$25 – 50/month		22.5%	270
\$50 – 100/month		14.1%	169
\$100 – 250/month		11.1%	134
\$250 – 1,000/month		11.6%	139
\$1,000 – 10,000/month		7.4%	89
\$10,000 – 50,000 month		0.7%	9
More than \$50,000/month		0.1%	1
	answered question		1,202
skipped question		ed question	49

34. How much of your monthly budget is allocated for deployment and hosting expenses?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 10%		71.3%	823
10-25%		19.1%	220
26-50%		4.0%	46
More than 50%		5.6%	65
	answere	ed question	1,154
skipped question		97	

35. Who uses your application?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Consumer-only (public)		30.0%	371
Consumers and internals users		58.6%	724
Internal users only		11.3%	140
answered question		1,235	
	skipped question		16

36. How many new applications will you be deploying this year?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
None		5.7%	71
1		18.6%	231
2-5		54.2%	671
5+		21.5%	266
	answere	ed question	1,239
skipped question		12	

37. How long did it take you to fill out this survey?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 5 minutes		75.6%	934
5-10 minutes		23.4%	289
More than 10 minutes		1.1%	13
answered question		ed question	1,236
skipped question		15	

38. So, can Rails scale? ;)		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	100.0%	1,135
answer	answered question	
skipped question		116