

## About the CFP

This year, for the first time, we limited submissions to 4 talks per person. Some went over and were asked to remove some of their submissions.

116 submissions were kept at the end of the CFP for 12 slots. That's almost 10 submissions for each available slot!

## About the program committee

What we try to do every year is to gather 3 people with different profiles that represent the participation in pgDay Paris:

- a person with experience in PG administration and internal functioning
- a person with developer experience
- a person with less technical experience: decision makers / project managers / community organizers...

## About the program selection guidelines

Not only for this year but in general:

- we try to have an opening talk with a federating / transversal / global / community theme
- we program 2 tracks: one more DBA / system oriented, the other more dev / user oriented
- we balance between advanced and beginner technical levels
- we balance between subjects/topics for a diverse program
- we make room for new speakers, keeping in mind the diversity of speakers from one year to the other, ...

Each committee member rates each talk from 1 and 9 depending on the interest they see in the topics (based on the abstract submitted).

Commercial talks and topics that are too niche are rated low.

Once the scoring is done, the committee discusses and selects the talks to create a cohesive global program.

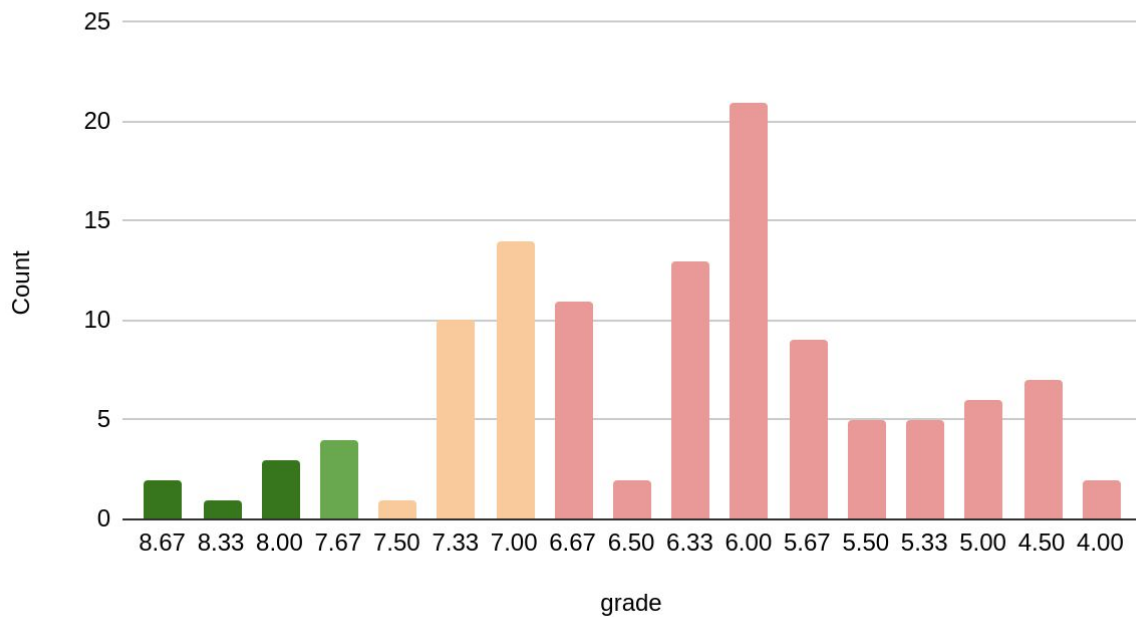
Talks with an average score of 7 or higher were added to a shortlist for further discussion. The threshold for creating this shortlist will vary from year to year depending on the ratings.

Between two talks with the same average, we tended to favor the one with the least variation in terms of individual scores (the one with the most consensus).

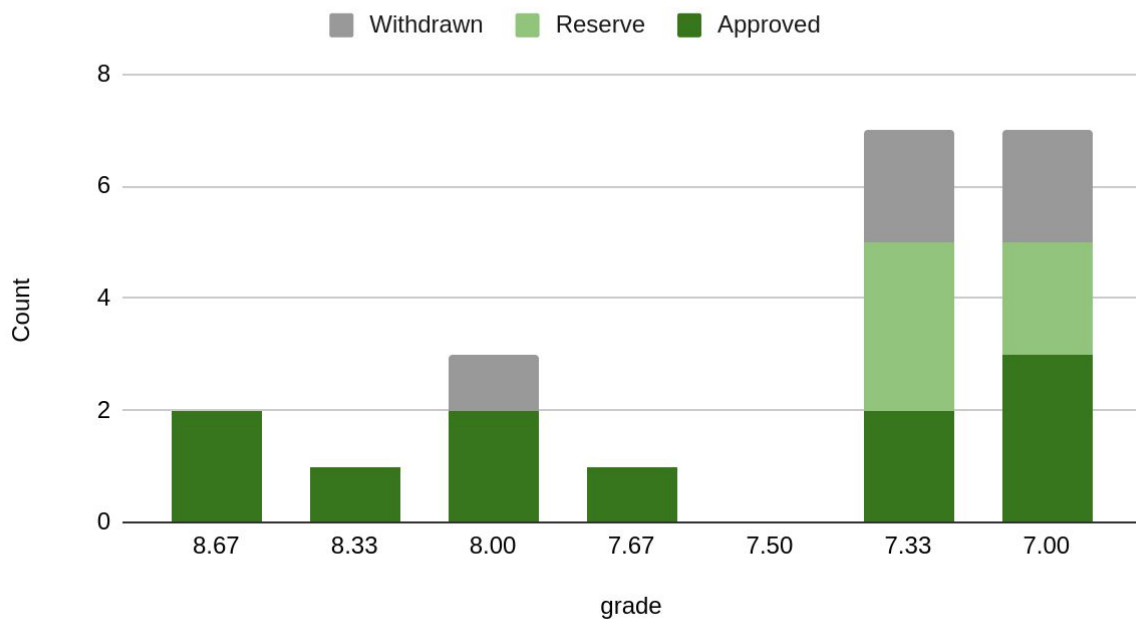
After the talks were accepted, some speakers finally withdrew. The program committee took in the talks having a score between 7 and 8 and dealing with a subject that remains consistent with the rest of the program.

## About this year figures

nbr of submissions per grade



nbr per status and grade



## Feedback we got about the program:

- Lightning Talks after lunch were appreciated. We received feedback that it was a good idea to have a “CFP” for lightning talks.
- We’ve had feedback that the two different track orientations were appreciated

- About the normal forms talk ie. technical talk done by a non technical speaker:  
"Thank you very much for leaving space for such talks (less "techno-centered"). I have come for several years and today I particularly felt I was part of the event. The content assumed the complexity of the subject. The speaker knew where to get help when the questions were too tech-oriented. As we all use data one way or the other, it is essential to share that kind of knowledge."

It is our hope that this information will be of some help to you for a next talk submission.

Thank you again for the time you took to submit a talk to pgDay Paris 2024. We very much hope you will submit again for the 2025 edition, whether or not we were able to accept your talk this year.

*The pgDay Paris 2024 Program Committee*