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Scott Ambler's State of the IT Union

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Response Summary

Total Started Survey: 763

Total Completed Survey: 607 (79.6%)

Page: Who Are You?

1. POSITION: Which best describes your current position?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Business Stakeholder <input type="checkbox"/>	1.8%	14
Data Professional <input type="checkbox"/>	3.3%	25
Developer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.4%	377
Operations/Support <input type="checkbox"/>	3.0%	23
IT Manager <input type="checkbox"/>	8.5%	65
Modeler (Analyst/Designer/Architect) <input type="checkbox"/>	13.0%	99
Project Manager <input type="checkbox"/>	6.4%	49
QA/Test <input type="checkbox"/>	1.8%	14
Team Lead/Scrum Master <input type="checkbox"/>	6.6%	50
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	6.2%	47
answered question		763
skipped question		0

2. EXPERIENCE: How many years of work experience do you have? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
None	0.0%	0
Less than 2 years <input type="checkbox"/>	1.7%	13
2 to 5 years <input type="checkbox"/>	4.6%	35
5 to 10 years <input type="checkbox"/>	10.9%	83
10 to 20 years <input type="checkbox"/>	34.9%	266
20+ years <input type="checkbox"/>	48.0%	366
answered question		763
skipped question		0

3. IT ORGANIZATION SIZE: Number of IT/Systems/Development people in your organization [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 to 10 <input type="checkbox"/>	26.9%	205
11 to 50 <input type="checkbox"/>	21.5%	164
51 to 100 <input type="checkbox"/>	10.2%	78
101 to 500 <input type="checkbox"/>	15.5%	118
501 to 1000 <input type="checkbox"/>	6.9%	53
1000+ <input type="checkbox"/>	19.0%	145
answered question		763
skipped question		0

4. SECTOR: Which sector is your organization primarily in? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Response Percent	Response Count
e-Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	2.2%	17
Financial <input type="checkbox"/>	11.0%	84
answered question		763
skipped question		0

4. SECTOR: Which sector is your organization primarily in?

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Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.3%	94
IT Consulting	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.0%	61
Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.7%	74
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2%	9
Shipping	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.9%	7
Software	<input type="checkbox"/>	27.3%	208
Technology (non-Software)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.3%	71
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	18.1%	138
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5. LOCATION: Where are you located?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
North America	<input type="checkbox"/>	73.9%	564
South/Central America	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	16
Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.1%	123
Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.6%	35
Australia/NZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.5%	19
Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.8%	6
answered question			763
skipped question			0

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Page: Survey Questions

6. DEVELOPERS AND DATA: How do developers learn skills in data and database-oriented activities? Please select all that apply.

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	Response Percent	Response Count
answered question		613
skipped question		150

6. DEVELOPERS AND DATA: How do developers learn skills in data and database-oriented activities? Please select all that apply. [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

We don't distinguish between developers and data professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>	51.9%	318
Developers don't require data skills because data activities are left to data professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.0%	49
Developers don't require data skills because database access is encapsulated	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2%	26
Data modeling training	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.9%	79
Database administration training	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.1%	62
Mentoring by data professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>	22.0%	135
Pairing with other developers who have data skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	44.5%	273
Pairing with data professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>	21.4%	131
Developers are expected to pick it up on their own	<input type="checkbox"/>	61.0%	374
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answered question			613
skipped question			150

7. DATA PROFESSIONALS AND DEVELOPMENT: How do data professionals learn skills in application development activities? Please select all that apply. [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't distinguish between data professionals and developers	<input type="checkbox"/>	50.1%	307
Data professionals don't require development skills because development activities are left to developes	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.1%	117
Data professionals don't require development skills because database access is encapsulated	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3%	20
Development training	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.8%	103
answered question			613
skipped question			150

7. DATA PROFESSIONALS AND DEVELOPMENT: [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

How do data professionals learn skills in application development activities? Please select all that apply.

Mentoring by developers	<input type="checkbox"/>	21.0%	129
Pairing with other data professionals who have development skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	23.3%	143
Pairing with developers	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.4%	162
Data professionals are expected to pick it up on their own	<input type="checkbox"/>	40.0%	245

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answered question 613

skipped question 150

8. ONBOARDING TRADITIONAL: How easy is it to [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

add a new person on to a traditional development team? This is often called "onboarding".

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have traditional development teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.1%	160
Very easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.8%	17
Easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.5%	58
Neither easy nor difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	32.1%	197
Difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	21.5%	132
Very difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3%	20
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.7%	29

answered question 613

skipped question 150

9. ONBOARDING ITERATIVE: How easy is it to add a [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

new person on to an iterative development team? This is often called "onboarding".

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have iterative development teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.0%	202

answered question 613

skipped question 150

9. ONBOARDING ITERATIVE: How easy is it to add a [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)
 new person on to an iterative development team? This is often called "onboarding".

Very easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.8%	11
Easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	14.2%	87
Neither easy nor difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	27.1%	166
Difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	14.7%	90
Very difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1%	7
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.2%	50
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10. ONBOARDING AGILE: How easy is it to add a [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)
 new person on to an agile development team? This is often called "onboarding".

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have agile development teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	39.2%	240
Very easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3%	20
Easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.4%	82
Neither easy nor difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	17.6%	108
Difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.9%	79
Very difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.3%	14
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.4%	70
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11. ONBOARDING AD-HOC: How easy is it to add a [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)
 new person on to an ad-hoc development team? This is often called "onboarding".

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have ad-hoc development teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	25.6%	157
Very easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3%	20
answered question			613
skipped question			150

11. ONBOARDING AD-HOC: How easy is it to add a [Create Chart](#) [Download](#) new person on to an ad-hoc development team? This is often called "onboarding".

Easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.3%	57
Neither easy nor difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	24.1%	148
Difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.9%	128
Very difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.7%	47
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.1%	56
answered question			613
skipped question			150

12. DOCUMENTATION TRADITIONAL: How would [Create Chart](#) [Download](#) you rate the quality of the "deliverable documentation" - such as user manuals, operations documentation, and system overview documentation - left behind by traditional development teams to aid in maintainance and operations of the delivered system?

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have traditional development teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	23.5%	144
Very high	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.2%	32
High	<input type="checkbox"/>	14.8%	91
Neither high nor low	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.7%	121
Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	24.8%	152
Very low	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.8%	60
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	13
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13. DOCUMENTATION ITERATIVE: How would you [Create Chart](#) [Download](#) rate the quality of the "deliverable documentation" - such as user manuals, operations documentation, and system overview documentation - left behind by iterative development teams to aid in maintainance and operations of the delivered system?

	Response Percent	Response Count
answered question		613
skipped question		150

13. DOCUMENTATION ITERATIVE: How would you rate the quality of the "deliverable documentation" - such as user manuals, operations documentation, and system overview documentation - left behind by iterative development teams to aid in maintainance and operations of the delivered system? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

We don't have iterative development teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.4%	205
Very high	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.9%	18
High	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.7%	96
Neither high nor low	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.6%	126
Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.7%	96
Very low	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.4%	39
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.4%	33
answered question			613
skipped question			150

14. DOCUMENTATION AGILE: How would you rate the quality of the "deliverable documentation" - such as user manuals, operations documentation, and system overview documentation - left behind by agile development teams to aid in maintainance and operations of the delivered system? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have agile development teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	39.0%	239
Very high	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	13
High	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.0%	61
Neither high nor low	<input type="checkbox"/>	18.1%	111
Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	14.0%	86
Very low	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.5%	40
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.3%	63
answered question			613
skipped question			150


15. DOCUMENTATION AD-HOC: How would you rate [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)
 the quality of the "deliverable documentation" - such as user manuals, operations
 documentation, and system overview documentation - left behind by ad-hoc
 development teams to aid in maintenance and operations of the delivered system?

	Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have ad-hoc development teams <input type="checkbox"/>	27.1%	166
Very high <input type="checkbox"/>	2.3%	14
High <input type="checkbox"/>	4.7%	29
Neither high nor low <input type="checkbox"/>	17.0%	104
Low <input type="checkbox"/>	22.0%	135
Very low <input type="checkbox"/>	18.9%	116
Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	8.0%	49
answered question		613
skipped question		150

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 private.

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answered question	568
skipped question	195