

APRICOT-2025 REPORT FOR WORKSHOP on ADVANCED BGP, SOFTSKILL AND CONFERENCE

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire **APRICOT team** for providing me with the opportunity to be a **fellow for the Advanced BGP Workshop** at **APRICOT-2025**. This experience not only allowed me to deepen my understanding of **BGP best practices** but also enabled me to participate in the **conference**, where I gained valuable insights from industry experts and established exciting new peering connections with professionals across the community.

Advanced BGP Workshop Experience

The **Advanced BGP Workshop** provided in-depth knowledge of **best practices for the Internet**, particularly from the perspective of **service providers** and industry recommendations. I got a chance to learn about some tools as well like bgpq4, Routinator which can help automate few important things in our daily operations.

The trainers were highly skilled and interactive, making the sessions engaging and informative.

However, from my perspective, the **lab exercises and objectives** could have been more structured and refined to enhance the overall learning experience.

Soft Skills Workshop

The **Soft Skills Workshop** was an exceptionally **enriching experience**. We learned essential skills such as **effective presentation, leadership, and teamwork**—which are just as crucial as technical expertise. Understanding how to communicate ideas, manage a team, and exhibit leadership qualities is vital for professional growth. The instructors of this workshop did an outstanding job in helping us grasp and apply these skills within the given timeframe. I would rate this workshop a **10/10**.

The **conference** was undoubtedly one of the most exciting parts of the event, featuring **fantastic presentations and insightful NOG updates**. It provided a valuable platform for networking, allowing me to establish peering connections with **many key stakeholders** whom I might not have been able to reach as easily otherwise. These new connections will significantly benefit my **daily operations** and open doors to **new opportunities**.

This experience has further motivated me to **attend future APRICOT events**, and I sincerely hope that **APRICOT continues to grow even bigger** with the contributions of the entire community.

Regards,
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