

GDS 2026

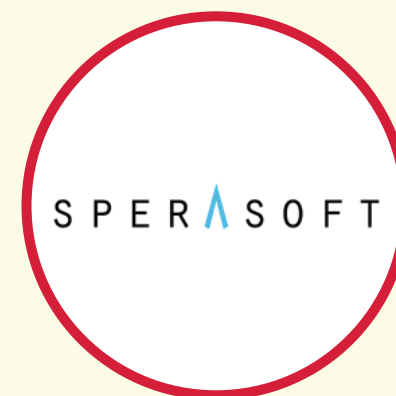
GAMEDEV SUMMIT

POST-EVENT REPORT

GDS2026 RETROSPECTIVE



SOME OF OUR ATTENDEES



and more...

TYPES OF ATTENDEE

Industry
Advocate

Service
Provider

Indie

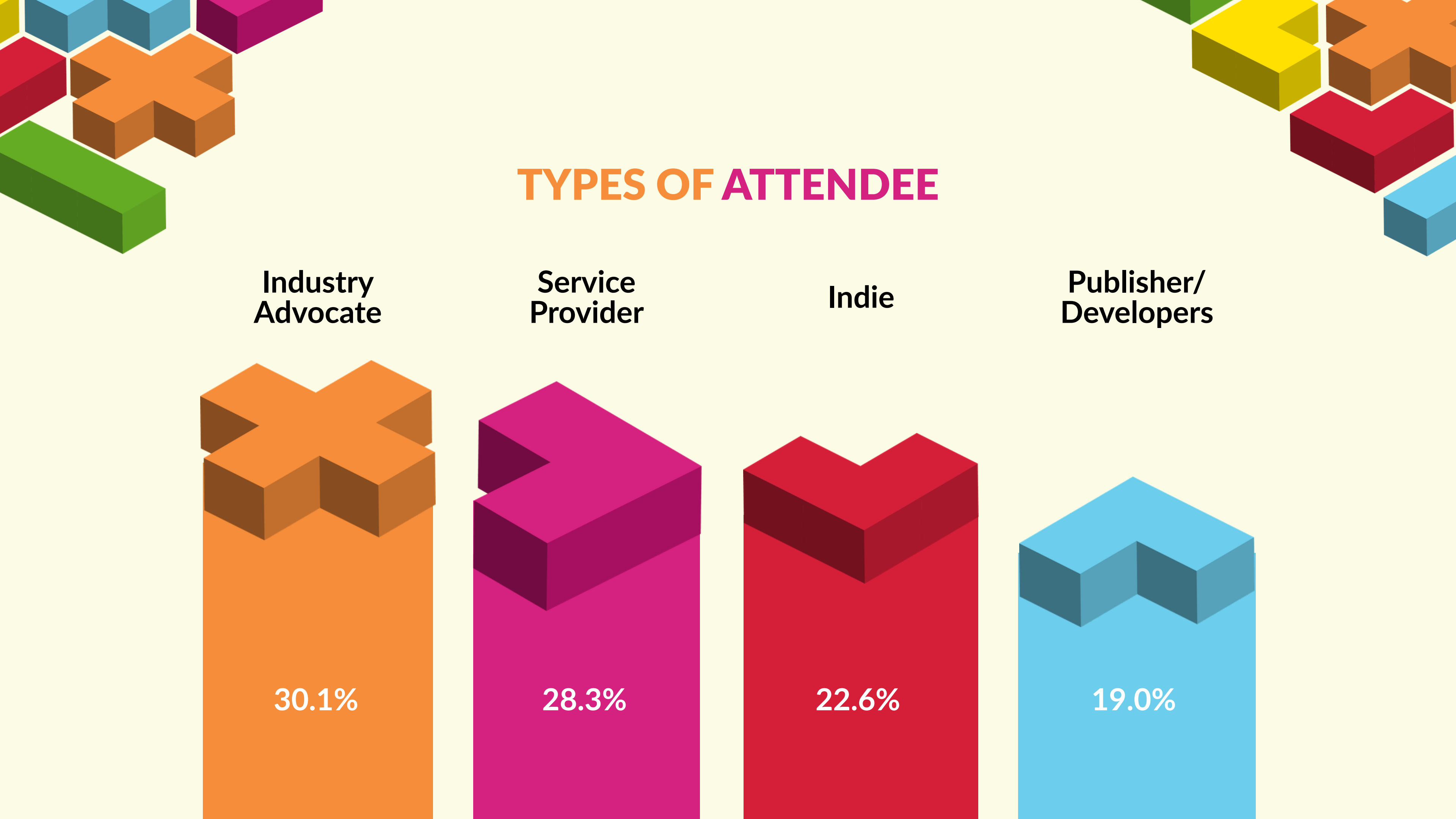
Publisher/
Developers

30.1%

28.3%

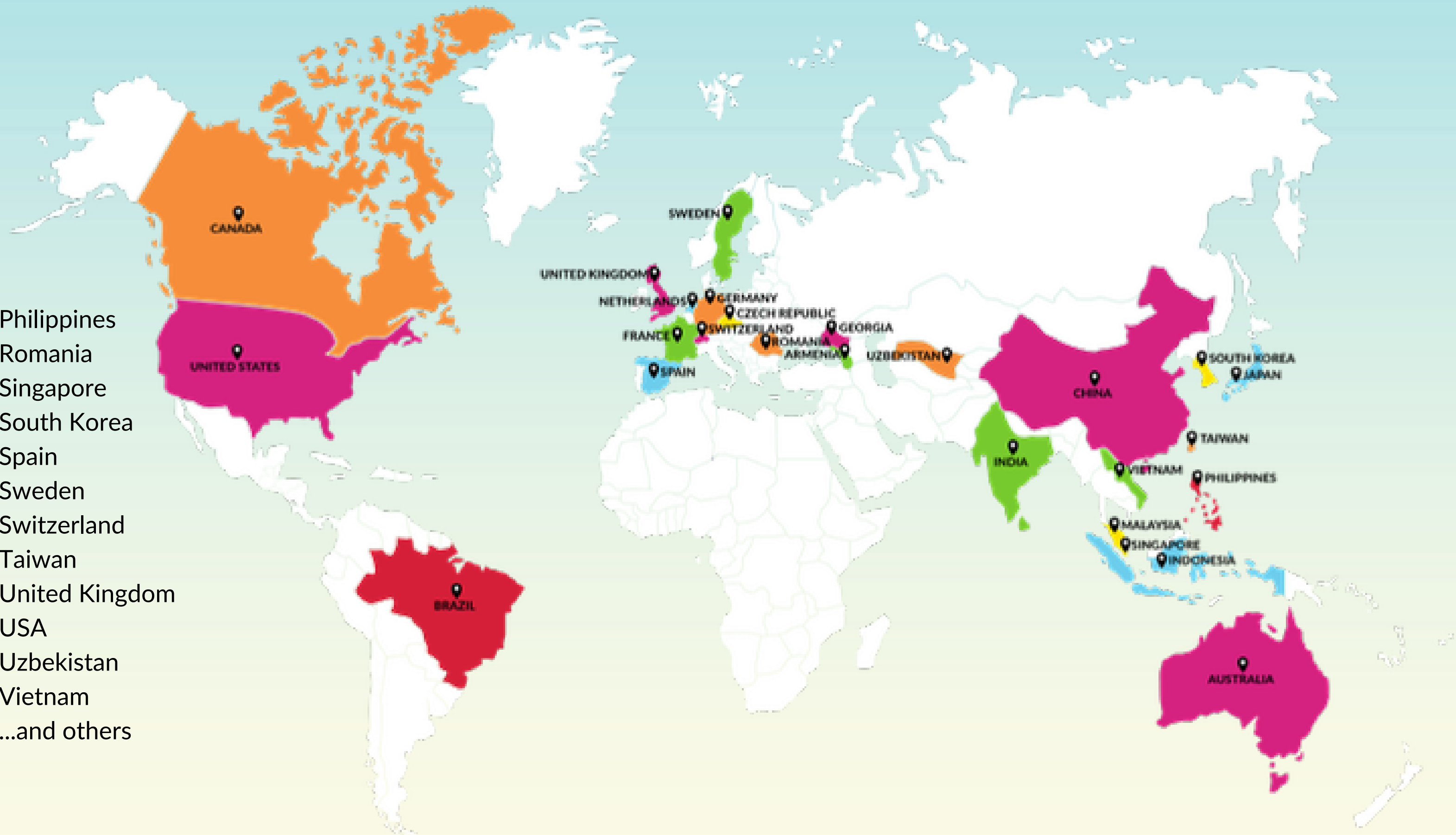
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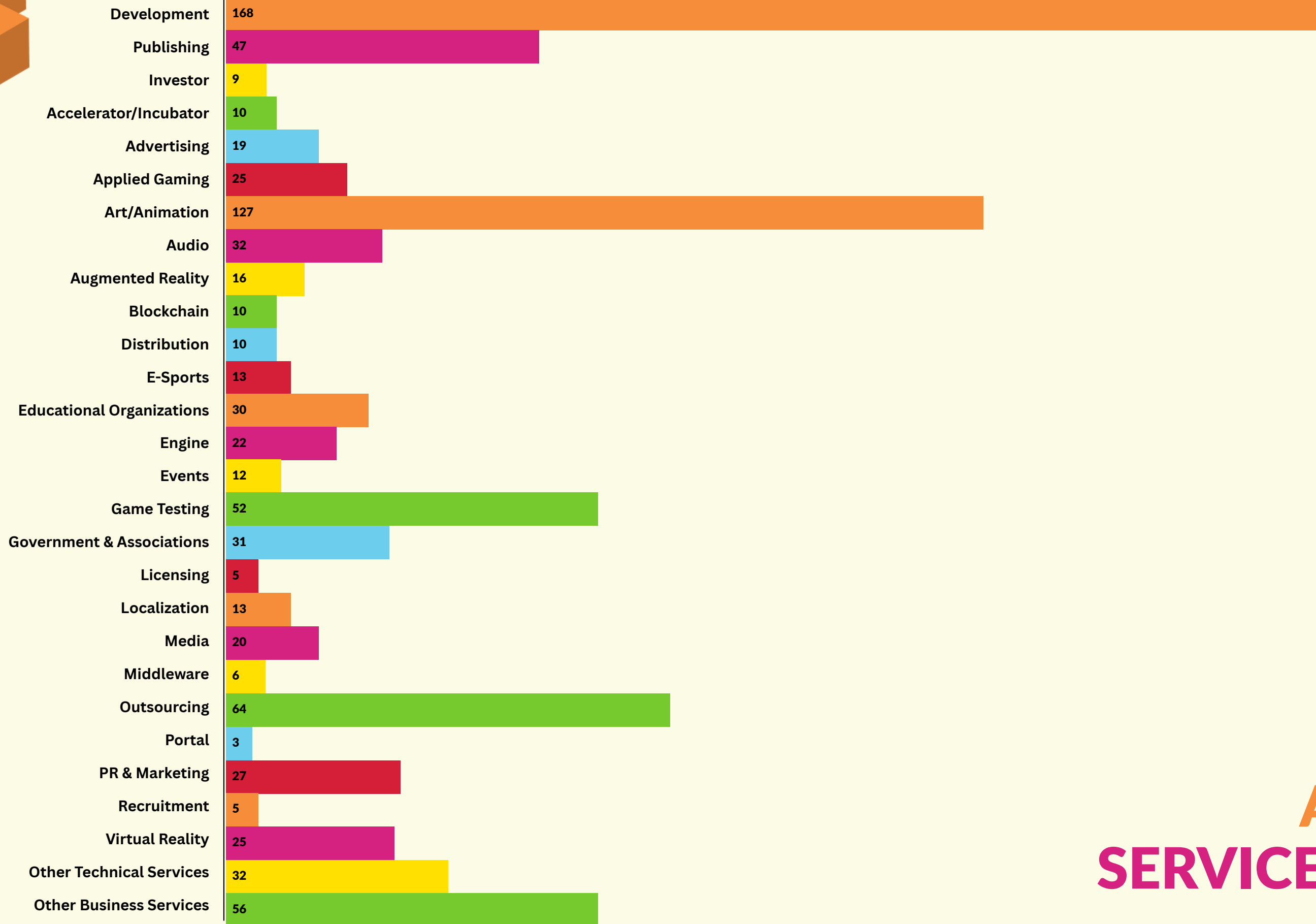
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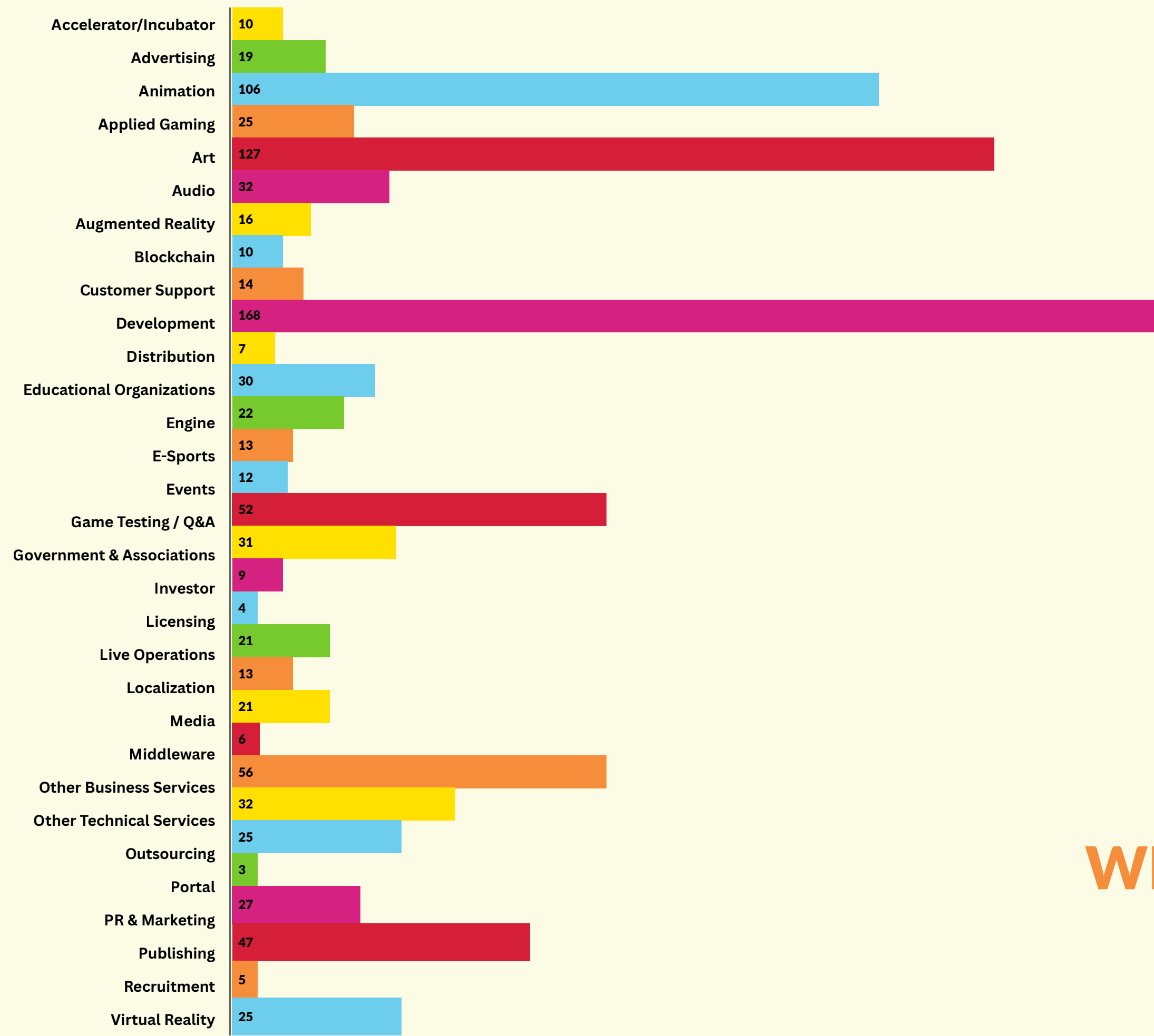
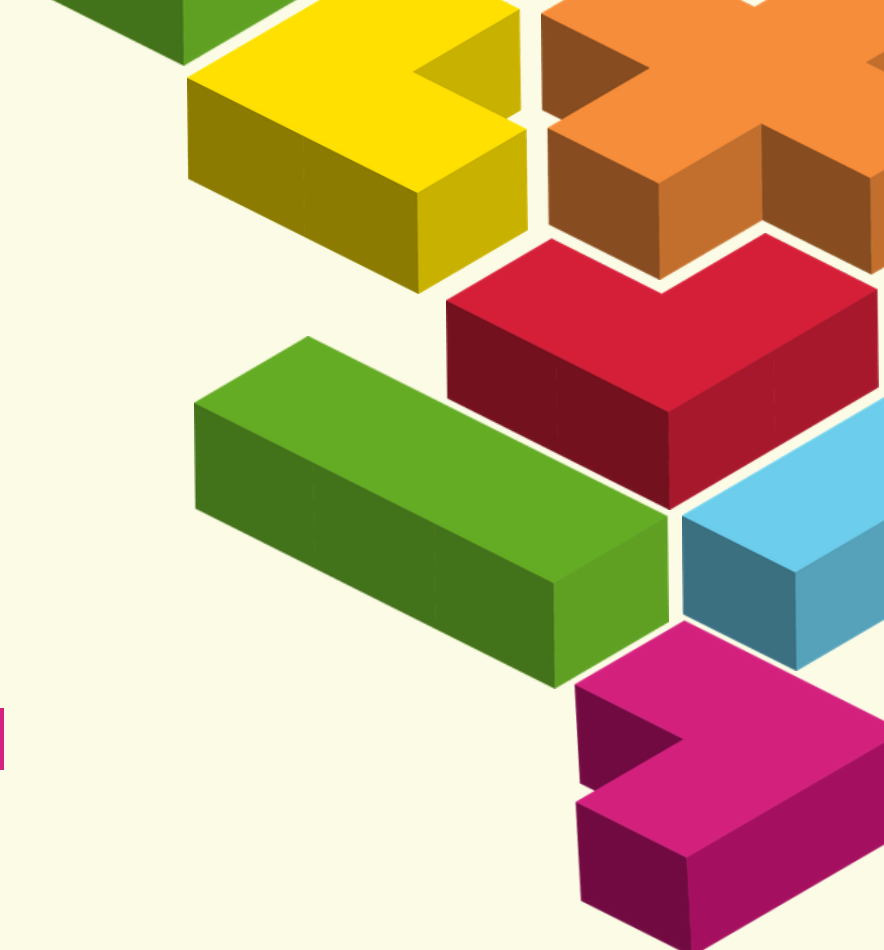
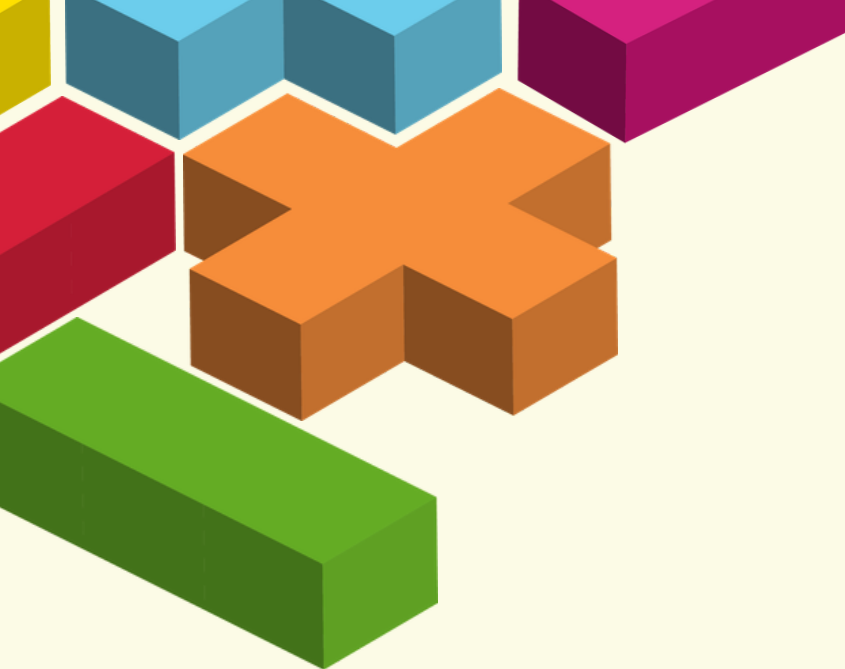
COUNTRIES PRESENT

- Armenia
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Czech Republic
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Netherlands
- Philippines
- Romania
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- United Kingdom
- USA
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam
- ...and others





ATTENDEES
SERVICES / OFFERS

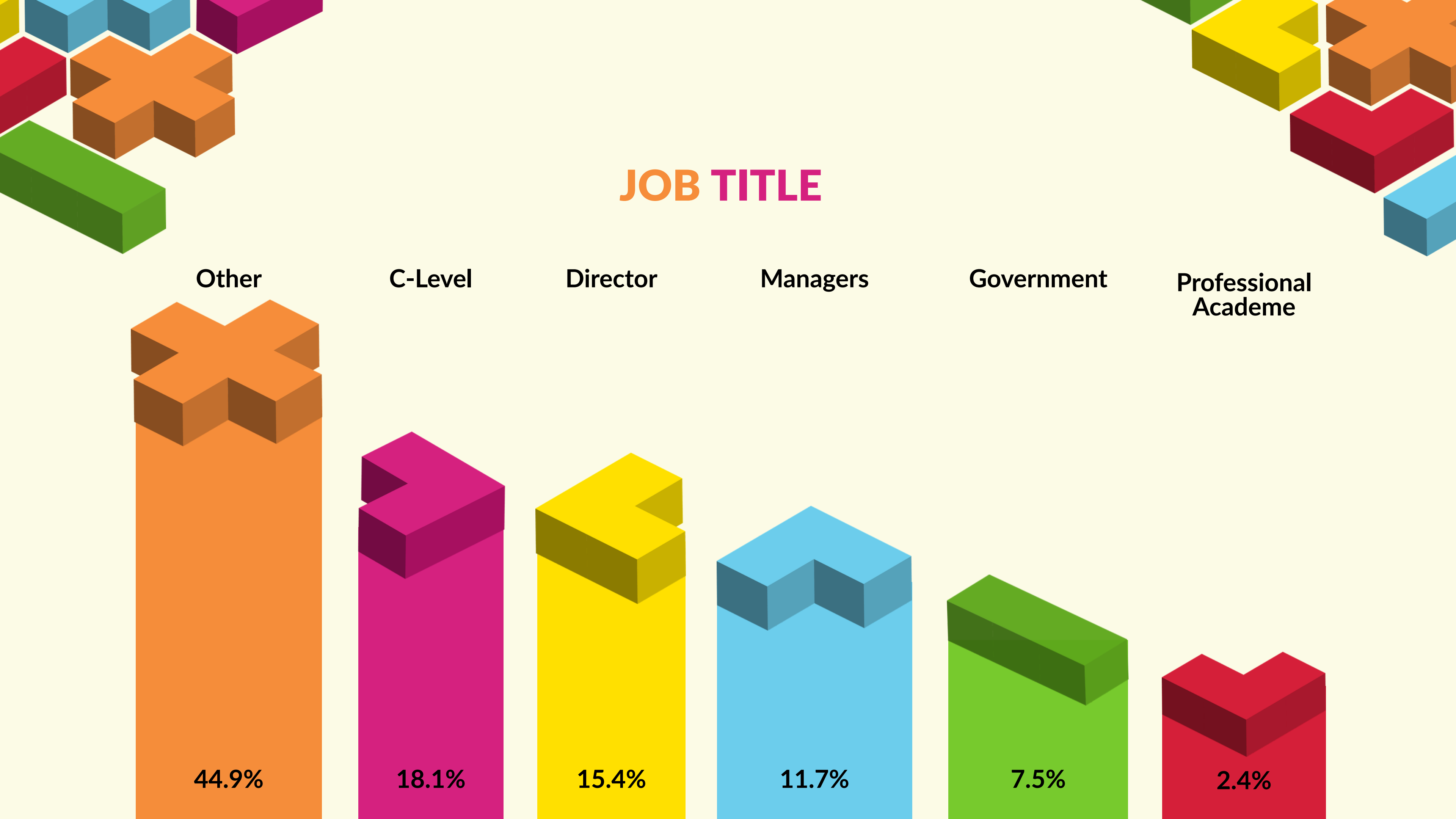


WHAT ARE THEY
LOOKING FOR

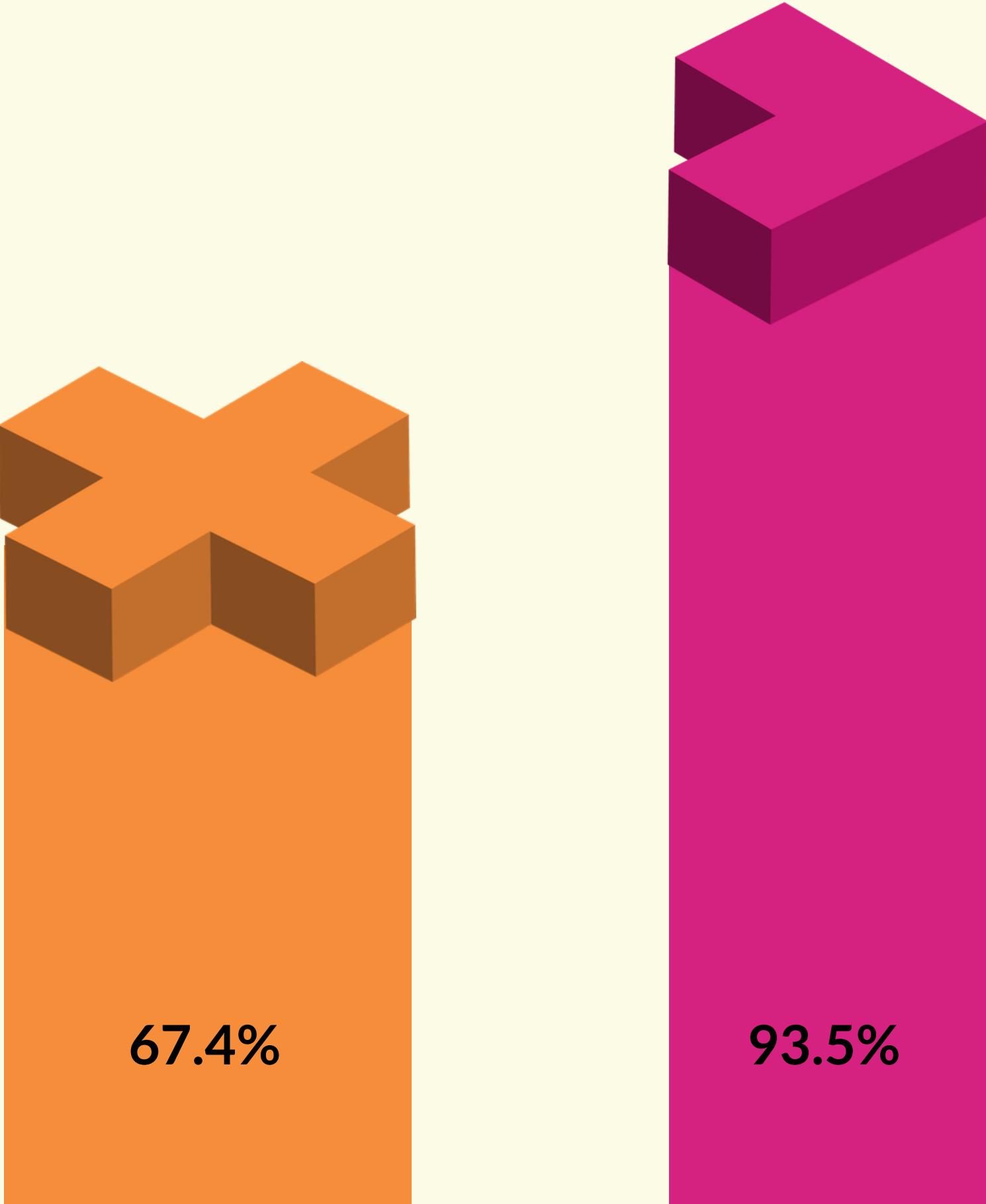
ATTENDEE FOCUS



JOB TITLE



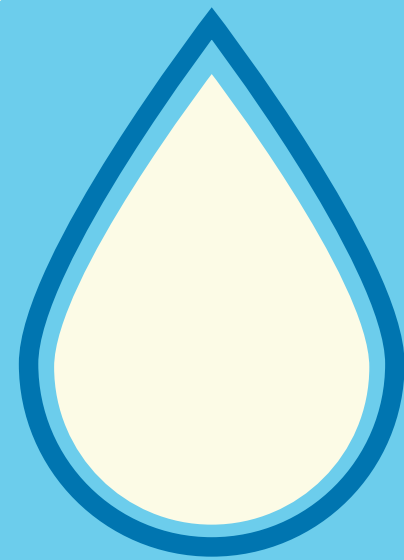
GDS2027 ATTENDANCE



67.4% said that they will be attending GDS2027 while **93.5%** recommends GDS2027.



CREATE MORE IMPACT



726

days of access to
life-saving water were given



465

days of education
were given



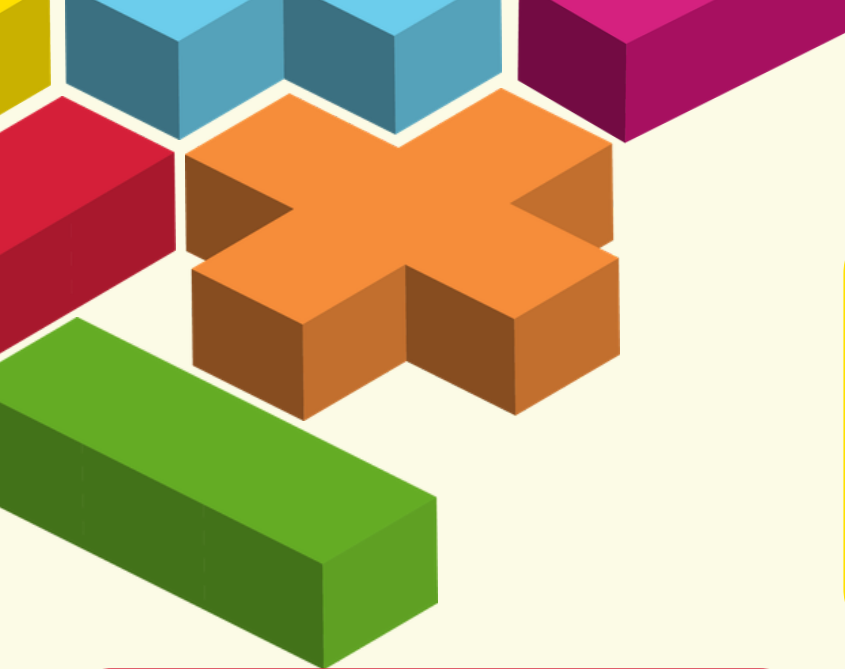
201

trees were planted that
created 50 impacts



151

impacts created
for climate action



ATTENDEES FEEDBACK

Talks & Sessions

“The meetings, social gatherings and topics were excellent.”

TABLE DISCUSSIONS

“I enjoyed the table discussions, it made connections with the developers and participants.”

MEETING & COLLABORATION

“Compared to larger conferences, I found GDS especially valuable for building deeper, more meaningful connections... genuine conversations anywhere, not just in scheduled B2B meetings...”

MEETINGS

“M2M meetings and relaxed family-like atmosphere”

NETWORKING

“I found the networking day and afterparty to be incredibly valuable. They created a relaxed and open environment to meet new people and build long-term relationships beyond just exchanging business cards.”

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

“Some of the most meaningful conversations happened in those informal settings, where it was easier to connect on a more personal level.”

NETWORKING

“The fluidity of networking and connecting. The sense of community and making meaningful connections.”

NETWORKING

“Meeting new contacts, seeing how the APAC region is shaping up”

LEARNING & SKILL

“Insights from industry Professionals and legends”

VENUE

“Talks & Networking in a more relaxed environment”

MEETINGS & COLLABORATION

“Meeting passionate people in the industry and sharing information with them”

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

“Intimate size and venue, authentic atmosphere, existing communities that were very friendly to be supporting and help facilitate introductions & networking.”

NETWORKING

“Human Bingo is a bit hard for an introvert like me, but it's quite fun having small talks and taking selfies with strangers XD.”

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

“Overall, I really enjoy GDS every year, especially the organic relationship-building aspect. The atmosphere always makes it easy to have meaningful conversations and build long-term connections.”

SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDBACK



We're incredibly grateful to meet everyone who supported us and gave their feedback on our game, Circuit Breaker. It was awesome connecting with fellow developers, players, and other people in the industry. This will continue to help propel forward the development of Circuit Breaker and future games of Coin Flip! Studios.

- **Coin Flip! Studios**

A big thank you to the GDS organizers for such a wonderful event. It was a pleasure to reconnect with old friends and colleagues and meet new ones. I loved the long conversations, which helped me get to know everyone better. I also had some fun surprises, like running into someone from my second hometown, which was so random and awesome. GDS is inspiring and educational.

- **Yuya Kato**

It was an incredible opportunity to exchange perspectives with so many talented developers and founders. It's always amazing to reconnect with great people from our industry.

The event had a very welcoming and relaxed atmosphere, making it easy to meet new poeple and create meaningful connections. It's an excellent space for studios looking into outsourcing opportunities, building new teams, and increasingly, for discovering the growing indie scene in the Philippines.

- **Juliana Brito**

Well that's a wrap GameDev Summit 2026! This is easily becoming one of my favorite conferences of the year. The social and relational aspect of this conference is just as important as the content provided. The atmosphere feels more relaxed and less transactional. You really get to learn what partners truly are inspired by and what excites them.

- **Joe Cudiamat**

One of the things that has always set GDS apart is the way it prioritizes connections, and being there this year really reaffirmed that for me. The conference is intentionally designed to slow people down and becuase of that there are more opportunities for shared time and a real emphasis on conversation. I found mysel having longer, more thoughtful conversations that I usually do at conferences, and that observation seemed true for other attendees as well. Many people mentioned how easy it felt to move past surface-level exchanges and form real relationships. It was good to see this core strength of GDS come through so clearly in people's actual experience.

- **Adelle Bueno**

What stood out most was the wealth of talent, warm culture, and the close-knit community that makes this industry so unique. Beyond the sessions, the real value came from the conversations - honest discussions about where we're headed, how we support our teams, and how strong partnerships continue to shape our success. Events like this are a great reminder that while technology and strategies evolve, it's the people and the culture behind the work that make the biggest difference.

- **Janry Burns**



SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDBACK

This GDS was particularly special for me because I was able to connect on a deeper level with so many inspiring women. The conversations were honest, supportive, and grounding in ways I did not expect, and I'm deeply grateful for that space. This was also the most fun and socially engaged I've felt at GDS. Conversations flowed more naturally, people were more present, and the overall energy felt open and genuine.

It reminded me that it's not the location that makes an event special. It's the effort of the organizers and, more importantly, the people you meet. So far, this has been my best GDS experience. Grateful for the community, the conversations, and everything that made this one unforgettable.

- Cherry Boase

Absolutely loved this year's GameDev Summit. You managed once again to bring together incredible people and create a genuinely friendly, welcoming and inspiring atmosphere.

This is one of those events you just want to keep coming back to—if you haven't experienced GDS yet, put it on your list.

- Lidia Kozlova

It was intense in the best way. But what really stayed with me were the people.

I found myself collecting stories. It's one thing to see someone on LinkedIn or in the MeetMatch app. It's something completely different to sit across from them, look into their eyes, and hear about the path they've taken, the risks, the challenges, the wins. And then realize how much of it feels familiar.

So many honest conversations about building studios, scaling teams, navigating production pressure, and figuring things out one milestone at a time. Those are the moments that stay long after the event ends.

- Maryna Chervoniuk

GameDev Summit was a blast! While Southeast Asia's game scene is growing fast, The Philippines is a small but important market within the region. It was my first visit, and I was happy to have the chance to meet many of the key players and learn about the market from them directly.

It was also fun to catch up with old friends, and to play some early but promising demos by local developers.

- Daniel Robson

I'm incredibly grateful for the conversations, the connections, and the sense of community throughout the week. Moments like this are exactly why I keep coming back to GDS every year

- Jade Lee

It was truly three days filled with a perfect atmosphere, great people, strong networking, and effective matchmaking. It absolutely lived up to its reputation as the best B2B game conference in the Philippines. Everything needed for real business exchange was well prepared.

- Fred Sangwook Seo



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