

### 1. Maturity Level [1]

The maturity is presented by the projects age and the number of created issues and minor releases. Since no definition of minor releases is provided, all releases are included in the implementation for this thesis. Issues and releases are filtered respectively, according to their “since” parameter, which indicates when an object was last updated.

**Formula:**

$$\left( \frac{M_1 + M_2 + M_3}{3} \right) \times 100$$

**Parameters:**

$$M_1 = \frac{S_{age}}{5}$$

$S_{age} = 1$  Age < 2 months

$S_{age} = 2$  Age 2-12 months

$S_{age} = 3$  Age > 1- 2 years

$S_{age} = 4$  Age > 2-3 years

$S_{age} = 5$  Age > 3 years

$$M_2 = \frac{S_{issue}}{5}$$

$S_{issue} = 1$  Nr. of issues\* > 1000

$S_{issue} = 2$  Nr. of issues\* > 500-1000

$S_{issue} = 3$  Nr. of issues\* > 100-500

$S_{issue} = 4$  Nr. of issues\* > 50-100

$S_{issue} = 5$  Nr. of issues\* ≤ 50

\*in the past 6 months

$$M_3 = \frac{S_{release}}{5}$$

$S_{release} = 1$  Nr. of minor releases\* 0 version

$S_{release} = 3$  Nr. of minor releases\* 1-3 versions

$S_{release} = 5$  Nr. of minor releases\* > version

\*in the past 12 months

### 2. OSI Approved Licenses [2]

The majority of GitHub repositories hold one or no license, thus the metric is adapted to a more fitting metric.

**Formula:**

If a license is provided, the OSI status is verified by the spdx license list available on GitHub<sup>1</sup>, returning 1 for approved and 0 for not approved.

**Original Formula:**

$$\frac{\text{Number of OSI approved licences}}{\text{Total Number of licences}}$$

### 3. Technical Fork [2]

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<sup>1</sup> <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/spdx/license-list-data/master/json/licenses.json>

#### 4. Criticality Score [3]

The formula is based on the algorithm by Rob Pike<sup>2</sup> described in the GitHub Project criticality\_score [3], representing a project's influence and importance by a single value between 0 and 1. The calculation includes various information about a repository, listed in the parameters below.

All parameters are adapted as documented in the project except the dependents\_count, which are calculated by the dependents gathered from GitHub's Dependency Graph instead of checking for mentions of the concerned project in commit messages.

##### Formula:

$$C_{project} = \frac{1}{\sum_i a_i} \sum_i a_i \frac{\log(1 + S_i)}{\log(1 + \max(S_i, T_i))}$$

$S_i$  = Parameter

$a_i$  = Weight

$T_i$  = Max threshold

##### Parameters:

created\_since in months

updated\_since in months

contributors\_count

org\_count

commit\_frequency of commits from the last year

recent\_releases\_count of releases from the last year

closed\_issues\_count from the last 90 days

updated\_issues\_count from the last 90 days

comment\_frequency from the last 90 days

dependents\_count

#### 5. Change/Pull Request [2]

No specific metrics are presented, thus following information is utilized and summarized.

##### Submetrics/Information:

total\_pulls

avg\_pull\_closed\_days

ratio\_open\_total

ratio\_closed\_total

ratio\_merged\_total

##### Formula:

Average pull closing time in days

$$\frac{\text{Sum}(\text{day\_diff}_1, \text{day\_diff}_2, \text{day\_diff}_3, \dots, \text{day\_diff}_n)}{\text{Number of closed pulls}}$$

Ratio open/closed/merged to total pulls

$$\frac{\text{Number of open/closed/merged pulls}}{\text{Number of total pulls}}$$

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<sup>2</sup> [https://github.com/ossf/criticality\\_score/blob/main/Quantifying\\_criticality\\_algorithm.pdf](https://github.com/ossf/criticality_score/blob/main/Quantifying_criticality_algorithm.pdf)

## 6. Project Velocity [2]

Velocity refers to the development speed of an organization or in this thesis of GitHub repositories. This concerns project's issues, pull requests, commits and the number of contributors. Since commits and contributors are already included in other metrics, this information is excluded from the project velocity metric. Thus, following scores are calculated whereas issues include pulls.

### Submetrics:

total\_issues

pull\_count

ratio\_pull\_issue

avg\_issue\_resolving\_days

ratio\_open\_total

ratio\_closed\_total

### Custom Formulas:

Average issue resolving time in days

$$\frac{\text{Sum}(\text{day\_diff}_1, \text{day\_diff}_2, \text{day\_diff}_3, \dots, \text{day\_diff}_n)}{\text{Number of resolved issues}}$$

Pull to total Pull and Issues Ratio (ratio\_pull\_issue)

$$\frac{\text{Number of pulls}}{\text{Number of pulls and issues}}$$

Issue Resolving Velocity Ratio (avg\_issue\_resolving\_days)

$$\frac{\text{Sum}(\text{Time from issue opened to issue closed})}{\text{Total Number of Issues}}$$

Closed/Open Issue Ratio:

$$\frac{\text{Number of closed/open Issues}}{\text{Total Number of Issues}}$$

## 7. Github community health percentage <sup>3</sup>

This percentage score represents the existence of several files such as the readme or the contributing file. Since the formula published by GitHub is outdated as of 22.07.2023 by considering incomprehensible scores, a custom formula is defined additionally to cover this information in a transparent way.

### Custom Formula:

$$\frac{8}{P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4 + P_5 + P_6 + P_7 + P_8}$$

### Parameters:

$P_1$  = Existence of Readme file (0,1)

$P_2$  = Existence of Contributing file (0,1)

$P_3$  = Existence of License file (0,1)

$P_4$  = Existence of code\_of\_conduct file (0,1)

$P_5$  = Existence of description (0,1)

$P_6$  = Existence of issue\_template (0,1)

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<sup>3</sup> <https://docs.github.com/en/rest/metrics/community?apiVersion=2022-11-28>

$P_7$  = Existence of pull\_request\_template (0,1)

$P_8$  = Existence of documentation (0,1)

## 8. Issues [2]

The issues endpoint of the GitHub API includes issues and pulls, the issues function excludes pulls, since they are already included in other metrics such as the project velocity. The selected values and scores which are calculated are listed below.

### Submetrics:

total\_issues

open\_issues

average\_issue\_created\_per\_week

average\_issue\_resolving\_days

average\_first\_response\_time\_days

ratio\_open\_total

ratio\_closed\_total

### Custom Formulas:

Average issues created per week

$$\frac{\text{Sum}(\text{issues\_created}_1, \text{issues\_created}_2, \text{issues\_created}_3, \dots, \text{issues\_created}_n)}{\text{Number of created issues}}$$

Average issue resolving time/time to first response in days

$$\frac{\text{Sum}(\text{day\_diff}_1, \text{day\_diff}_2, \text{day\_diff}_3, \dots, \text{day\_diff}_n)}{\text{Number of resolved issues/first responses}}$$

Closed/Open Issue Ratio:

$$\frac{\text{Number of closed/open Issues}}{\text{Total Number of Issues}}$$

## 9. Support Rate [1]

This metric refers to the extent of responses to issues and pulls. The formulas are implemented as recommended and documented below.

### Formula:

$$V_5 = \left( \frac{M_1 + M_2}{2} \right) \times 100$$

### Parameters:

$M_1$  Issue Support Rate

$M_2$  Pull Request Support Rate

$$M_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{\text{Number of issues that have been responded in the past 6 months}}{N} \right), N > 0 \\ 0, N = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $N$  Total issues in the past 6 months

$$M_2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{\text{Number of pull requests that have been responded in the past 6 months}}{N} \right), N > 0 \\ 0, N = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $N$  Total pull requests in the past 6 months

#### 10. Code Dependencies (Upstream Code Dependencies [2])

Retrieving dependencies from GitHub projects is limited to either checking dependency differences from single commits, check the file contents or to reading the dependency graph. The dependency graph is the most reliable data source, yet there is no API endpoint to this information, thus a webscraper is implemented to gather dependencies, upstream as well as downstream. Dependencies occurring multiple times in different files are only counted as one dependency. Additionally, is distinguished from visible dependents and all dependents, referring to whether a project is set to public or private. The related function returns following information.

##### Information:

Number of total upstream dependencies (distinct)  
 Number of total downstream dependents (distinct)  
 Number of visible downstream dependents (distinct)

#### 11. Security Advisories (Branch Patch Ratio [4])

Since the implementation of a matching of CVEs to project branches is out of the scope from this thesis due to no reliable state of the art methods, GitHub's security advisory<sup>4</sup> database is utilized. This data source includes CVEs and corresponding information about the state, severity, published date and the CVSS score (Common Vulnerability Scoring System). The score is not available for each advisory, therefore the CVE id is used to map the advisory to the related CVE from NVD to retrieve the score from there. Finally, following information is gathered.

##### Information/Metric:

advisories\_available 0,1  
 patch\_ratio  
 closed\_advisories  
 mean\_cvss\_score  
 ratio\_severity\_high\_crit

##### Custom Formulas:

Patched vulnerability Ratio  

$$\frac{\text{Number of patched vulnerabilities}}{\text{Total Number of vulnerabilities}}$$

Mean CVSS Score:  

$$\frac{\text{Sum}(cvss\_score_1, cvss\_score_2, cvss\_score_3, \dots cvss\_score_n)}{\text{Number of vulnerabilities}}$$

Severity high or critical Ratio  

$$\frac{\text{Number of vulnerabilities with high or critical severity}}{\text{Total Number of vulnerabilities}}$$

<sup>4</sup> <https://github.com/advisories>

Discarded Formula:

$$CVE - PR = \frac{\# \text{ of patched branches}}{\# \text{ of branches affected by the CVE}}$$

## 12. Contributions Distributions (Bus Factor [2] [5] & Pareto Principle [5] [6])

### Bus Factor

Represents the risk factor if the most active contributor stops contributing by calculating the smallest number of people contributing 50 % of the contributions.

**Formula:**

Score = # of Elements required to calculate  $T_2$

$$T_1 = \sum_{\min(i)}^{\max(i)} i * 0.5$$

$i$  = # of Contributions per Contributor

$T_2$  = Highest contributions summed up until sum >  $T_1$

### Pareto Principle

Total Number of collaborations by top 20% of contributors with the most collaborations should be ~ 80% of the total contributions.

### Submetrics

20 % of the number of contributors

80% of the number of contributors

Pareto IST score – % of total contributions by the top 20% of contributors

Difference of Pareto IST and Pareto SOLL in percent

$$\frac{|80\% \text{ of number of contributors} - \text{pareto IST value}|}{(80\% \text{ of number of contributors} + \text{pareto IST value}) / 2}$$

## 13. Contributors per File [7]

To get a representative value for each repository, the average number of contributors per file are computed.

**Formula:**

$$\frac{\text{Sum}(\text{contributors}_1, \text{contributors}_2, \text{contributors}_3, \dots, \text{contributors}_n)}{\text{Number of files}}$$

\*Contributors per file

## 14. Number of Support Contributors [1] [8] [9] [10]

The formula to this metric is presented by [1] and based on a BRR report from 2005 [11]. The number of contributors is subdivided in score groups from 1 to 5, the scores are used to calculate the final score.

In the original report data from the past 6 months is included. Thus the formula is extended by a corresponding filter to reduce computing costs.

**Formula:**

$$V_4 = \frac{S}{5} \times 100$$

**Parameters:**

S = # of Contributors and Core Team Members

S = 1 < 5 persons

S = 2 5-10 persons

S = 3 > 10-20 persons

S = 4 > 20-50 persons

S = 5 > 50 persons

## 15. Elephant Factor

Expresses the contributions by the community across the companies the contributors belong to.

**Formula:**

# of Elements required to calculate  $T_2$

$$T_1 = \sum_{\min(i)}^{\max(i)} i * 0.5$$

$T_2 = \text{Highest contributions summed up until sum} > T_1$

$i = \# \text{ of Contributions per Organization}$

## 16. Size of Community [1]

This metric is similar to the support contributor metric and additionally includes watchers. In GitHub terms watchers correspond to a project's stars and subscribers represent user who watch a project to follow the progress<sup>5</sup>. Thus, as number of watchers the subscribers\_count value is gathered. Core team members are to be considered as part of the contributors.

**Formula:**

$$V_2 = \frac{S}{5} \times 100$$

**Parameters:**

S = # of Core Team Members, Contributors, and Watchers

S = 1 Small (<50 people)

S = 2 Relatively Small (50-100 people)

S = 3 Medium (> 100-200 people)

S = 4 Relatively Large (> 200-300 people)

S = 5 Large (Total > 300 people)

## 17. Churn [12] [7]

The Churn implemented in [7] calculates the metric in a weighted manner by considering bug fixing code changes, this is not feasible for this thesis since bugs must be defined and detected first.

In this thesis a simpler formula is used.

**Formula:**

$$\text{churn} = \frac{\# \text{ of deleted lines}}{\# \text{ of written lines}}$$

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<sup>5</sup> <https://docs.github.com/en/rest/activity/starring?apiVersion=2022-11-28>

## 18. Branch Lifecycle – In Progress

Formula

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Branches created Ratio} &= \frac{\text{Total \# of created branches}}{\text{Total \# of branches}} \\ \text{Branches deleted Ratio} &= \frac{\text{Total \# of deleted branches}}{\text{Total \# of branches}} \end{aligned}$$



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