Stack Overflow Usage

We are researchers conducting a survey on how software developers use the popular Q&A site, Stack Overflow. We appreciate your voluntary help with this research study.

Many users on Stack Overflow never contribute to the site -- rarely asking questions, answering questions, making comments, or voting. For those who do contribute, they often compete to gain reputation points, which enables them to unlock more features on the site.

Please rate the following possible barriers in the degree that they stop you from contributing more on Stack Overflow.

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1. **Abstraction Process** *
   When asking a question, I feel my problems require too many dependencies or proprietary aspects for me to abstract away before having something I can ask to a general audience.
   Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

2. **Fear of Contributing to Clutter** *
   I feel my question might just be a duplicate or unimportant question, so I refrain from posting.
   Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

3. **Fear of Negative Feedback** *
   I fear my posts being harshly criticized by users on the site.
   Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

4. **Stranger Discomfort** *
   I feel uncomfortable interacting with and relying on help from strangers online.
   Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

5. **Intimidating Community Size** *

I feel intimidated by the large community of users. I instead prefer connecting with a smaller and more intimate group.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

6. **Awareness of Features** *

I feel I am simply unaware of and have not explored the more advanced features of the site.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

7. **Qualifications** *

I feel my expertise or answers would not be of any help to anyone else.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

8. **Nothing Left to Answer** *

I feel all the easy questions have already been answered, leaving only hard questions.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

9. **Perception of Slacking** *

When working on the job, I feel that I should not be spending time answering questions on Stack Overflow for my own personal benefit.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

10. **Onboarding hoops** *

I feel figuring out the unspoken social etiquette and community standards is too much work.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

11. **Research Pressure** *
When posting a question, I feel discouraged by the amount of work I have to do to prove that I'm not asking a duplicated question.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

12. **No " Good Answer" Guarantee** *
When posting a question, I fear not getting a good answer.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

13. **Posting is Hard, Friends are Easy** *
I feel the process of posting question is too cumbersome compared to other resources such as asking friends for help.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

14. **Time Constraints** *
I feel making contributions on Stack Overflow, even just finding an unanswered question, requires more time than I have.
Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Strongly Agree

Demographics

15. **What is your gender identity?** *
Mark only one oval.

◯ Female

◯ Male

◯ Other: _____

16. **What is your level of experience with Stack Overflow?**
Select all that apply.
Check all that apply.

☐ Lurker (I use the site to find answers without contributing)

☐ I have a StackOverflow account

☐ I post answers to questions

☐ I post new questions

☐ I vote on responses

☐ Other: _____

17. **Is there a barrier for you to use StackOverflow that was not already listed on the previous page? If so, what is it?**

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18. **What is your employment status?**
Select all that apply.
Check all that apply.

☐ Full Time Student

☐ Part Time Student

☐ Full Time Developer

☐ Part Time Developer

☐ Self-Employed

☐ Self-Taught Programmer

☐ Other: _____