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**Title of Study:** Security Scores from throughout the Dependency Tree

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You are being asked to complete a survey for research purposes. The survey is about providing security information to developers and practitioners who are selecting open source packages to use in their project or organization. Specifically, we are looking at what information from a package's dependency tree should be included in these metrics to facilitate these decisions. You can expect that the survey will take roughly 15 minutes.

You must be 18 years of age or older and reside in the United States or Australia to participate in this study.

For this study, we will provide background on the survey's topic, then asked a series of technical questions, followed by brief set of background questions intended to help us control for factors that may influence your response to the technical questions. Completing this survey is voluntary and you can stop at any time by exiting the application and sending us an email, letting us know that you do not wish to complete the survey. In your message, please indicate whether you wish for any answers you may have responded to prior to exiting the survey should be removed from our dataset.

We suggest that you take this survey using a private device, in a private location, using a web browser set to private/incognito mode. The data collected about you from this survey will be stored in accordance with NC State data protection standards.

If you complete the survey, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Amazon Gift card.

If you have any questions about the survey, how it is implemented, or the research study, please contact the student researcher, Sarah Elder, at [seelder@ncsu.edu](mailto:seelder@ncsu.edu). You can also contact the faculty advisor for this research, Laurie Williams at [laurie\\_williams@ncsu.edu](mailto:laurie_williams@ncsu.edu) (919)513-4151. Please reference study number 26676 when contacting anyone about this project.

If you have questions about your rights as a participant or are concerned with your treatment throughout the research process, please contact the NC State University IRB Director at [IRB-Director@ncsu.edu](mailto:IRB-Director@ncsu.edu), 919-515-8754, or [fill out a confidential form online](https://research.ncsu.edu/administration/compliance/research-compliance/irb/irb-forms-and-templates/participant-concern-and-complaint-form/) at <https://research.ncsu.edu/administration/compliance/research-compliance/irb/irb-forms-and-templates/participant-concern-and-complaint-form/>

If you agree to participate in the study, please following the link on our website:  
<https://realsearchgroup.github.io/projects/dependency-tree-metric-aggregation.html>