Stack overflow has a big impact on the IT world thanks to its simple design. It is a platform used by large number of programmers who seek answers or want to help people with their programming related issues. Thanks to the large number of users, the collective knowledge that is present is able to answer almost all problems programmers face when coding.

I chose the thread “What is the difference between ‘git pull’ and ‘git fetch’?

When looking at the quality control of the platform, the most important way to ensure the quality is through community moderation. Answers are given by users, most of the times the answers are a detailed explanation of the possible way to resolve the given problem. Then the community can upvote or downvote the best solution sorting the solution with the most votes on top. Eventually the owner can accept an answer, when it is accepted as the best answer a green checkmark will appear alongside the answer. The accepted answer was the one that was the easiest to understand and one of the shortest.

Thanks to the diverse userbase of stack overflow, there are a lot of people with different backgrounds. Due to the variety of the backgrounds, the users have different ways to solve a given problem or explain it on different levels. In my example the best answer was a simple explanation but when looking down. More answer could be found with different ways of explaining the solution and level of detail.

Searching for a solution of stack overflow is made relatively easy thanks to the use of tags when posting a question and the search bar where you can type in whatever you want. This gives the users a primary way to search for solution, when you find a solution. Different other related problems are also linked to a question. This makes sure that the people can find the solutions as fast as possible.

Another observation that I made when looking through stack overflow is the way the community handles request. There isn't a stupid question that people can ask, everyone on the platform is there with the same mindset. To learn and to provide information. Thanks to this mindset, an enormous collection of information is created on the platform for everyone to access.

In conclusion, stack overflow is a user-friendly platform with a positive community. Everyone is there with the same goals in mind, to provide people with their experience and to gain experience to solve their problems. Thanks to the layout of the site, it is very easy to find a good solution for every problem and thanks to the community quality control almost all answer would work for their respective question. It is still a free to use platform that everyone could enter so everything answer needs to be critically viewed and not accepted blindly.