

Dear <developer_name>,

I am *Anonymous*, a researcher at *Anonymous*. Our team is mainly focused on how companies and open source software (OSS) can benefit each other and build sustainable ecosystems.

Different from volunteers, companies are driven by business objectives. It's possible that companies may maximize their profits by controlling or dominating the development direction of OSS projects. Now we particularly interested in the prevalence, rationales, and impacts of company domination in OpenStack's repositories. We expect the findings can help companies and OpenStack build healthier relationships together.

We collected the data of OpenStack repositories from GitHub. At this point we have a mathematical model to predict company domination, but as any other piece of machinery it can catch up on false signals. I would like triangulate the model by surveying people who have some expertise in this domain. From what I could gather, you are an important contributor to OpenStack. We believe that you must have unique and in-depth views on this phenomenon. We would much appreciate it if you could please answer the following four questions (taking around three minutes), and any other related insights are welcomed (please note all the answers will be kept anonymous and only for research purposes):

Q1. When developing a specific version of <repository_name>, company <company_name> (the largest contributor) are responsible for <code authorship> of all commits <repository_name> has received. Do you think <company_name> has played a dominant role in this context?

A. Yes

B. No

Q2. Have you observed other cases that one company tried to dominate the development of any repository in OpenStack? If so, please describe briefly.

Q3. Have you ever been treated unfairly for the sake of other companies' domination when contributing to OpenStack? Please take the following events as reference.

A. Cannot participate in some discussions of a project.

B. My code changes are reviewed unfairly or just neglected.

C. Key features are only assigned to their colleges.

D. Other: _____

Q4. We found that the commits of approximately 70% of repositories in OpenStack are mainly received from one company. What impact do you think Heavy Reliance on Single Company will have? More specifically, do you think it will threaten the sustainable development of OpenStack?

We value your precious effort and contribution to open source. If you are interested in the results, I can send you a copy of the paper if/when it is accepted. Thanks a lot if you could offer any insights! Sorry if this bothers you.

Allow me to express our sincerest gratitude!

Anonymous