Dear OpenStacker,

I am a researcher at xxx. Our team is mainly focused on how companies and OSS projects can benefit each other and build sustainable relationships.

Now more than ever, companies have been playing a critical role in the development of OSS projects, especially those large and core ones (e.g., OpenStack and the Linux kernel). Different from individual contributors, companies are driven by business objectives. Therefore, we speculate that companies may maximize their profits by controlling or dominating the development direction of OSS projects. In this study, we want to investigate the prevalence, rationales, and impacts of the over reliance on a single company in the development of OpenStack's repositories. We expect the findings can help companies and OSS projects build a healthier contribution model together.

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 question (taking around three minutes), and other related insights are welcomed (please note all the answers will be kept anonymous and only for research purposes):

Q1. In general, what percentage of commits do you think a company will contribute to when it aims to monopolize an OSS project?
A. No more than 25%
B. Larger than 25% but less than 50%
C. Larger than 50% but less than 75%
D. Larger than 75%


Any advice for the above three questions is also welcomed.

Thanks a lot if you could offer any insights! Sorry if this bothers you.


Anonymous