

Questionnaire on Opens Source Software (OSS) Adoption

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1. Personal Information

- 1.1. Name
- 1.2. Age
- 1.3. Role
- 1.4. Time in the company (years)
- 1.5. Unit/Department

2. General Questions regarding OSS Adoption

- 2.1. How experienced are you with OSS?
- 2.2. Are you following any specific model for selecting OSS or are you adapting any model to your needs? If yes, which changes are you applying to the standard model?
- 2.3. What are the key factors that you consider when you adopt OSS? How important is each factor from 0 to 5?, where 0 means not important at all, and 5 means extremely important?
- 2.4. What factors do you think personally important? How important is each factor from 0 to 5, where 0 means not important at all, and 5 means extremely important?
F1: Community & Support
F2: Documentation
F3: Economic

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F4: License
F5: Operational SW Characteristics
F6: Maturity
F7: Quality
F8: Risk
F9: Trustworthiness
F*: Other factors

- 2.5. *Note for the interviewer:* For each factor evaluated with importance higher or equal than 3, ask the interviewee to rank the sub-factors and to specify which measure they adopted to evaluate them, and from which source they commonly obtain the measures (e.g. GitHub web interface, GitHub APIs, SonarCloud, manual measurement, ...)

Factor	Measure
Community Support and Adoption	
Popularity	# Watch # Stars # Fork # Downloads
Community reputation	Member of a foundation (e.g. Apache, Linux) Complete administration mechanism Proactive checking on OSS quality Transparent OSS quality Fast response to issues,
Community creativity Community size	# Contributors # Subscribers Community age # Involved developers per company # Independent developers
Support and service Community support	Activeness Responsiveness
Communication	Availability of questions/answers Availability of forum # Mailing lists Traffic on the mailing list Responsiveness of postings Friendliness Relation between stakeholders Quality of postings
Involvement	Coordination Clear project management # mailing list members
Sustainability	Existence of maintainer Maturity Implications of Mailing List Support
Paid support	Availability of official support Availability of 3rd party support External service provider support Quality of professional support Availability of training Availability of end user training
Failure support or maintenance Product Team	Developer quality Productivity

Factor	Measure
Economic	
Cost	License Support Training/Learning Staffing Promotion Ownership (TCO) Return of investment (ROI)
Clear project management Profitability Resources and investment	
Documentation	
Documentation completeness Availability of documentation/books/on-line docs	Responsiveness to issue Accuracy Updated Documentation
Availability of development process documentation	Coverness Readability
Reference documentation	Available Get start document Reference Completeness
Tutorial/Guidelines documentation	How to start from 0 Coverage Accuracy
Usage documentation	Instructions and Examples Completeness Readability
Best practices	Classic Best example and hwo to optimize Guidance
Community's experience Availability of architectural documentation	Accuracy
Distribution media Software requirements	Completeness
Hardware requirements Dissemination Road map Test case documentation Quality report	Coverage Accuracy
Coding comments	Readability

Factor	Measure
License	
	License type Law conformance
Operational SW Characteristics	
Trialability	Available for independent verification and compile Provide demo for quick evaluation
Independence from other SW	Adopted SW architecture Run independently Supports independent libraries Fewer dependences
Development language	Mainstream dev Lang Language know in the company Programming language uniformity
Multiplatform support	Portability
Standard compliance	
Maturity	
	# forks Stability Release version stability # bugs Release frequency # releases # releases per period Age (#Years) # commits # bug reports Development versions System growth New feature integration

Factor	Measure
Quality	
Resilience Reliability	Component reliability Architecture reliability System reliability # faults (open, closed, ...)/Fault density Average fault age Mean time between software failure (MTBF)
Performances	Scalability
Security	# security vulnerabilities # security vulnerabilities on NVD portal Information for security
Modularity Usability	Understandability Operability Learnability
Portability	Adaptability Installability
Flexibility/Exploitability Code Quality	Code complexity (class, methods, ..) Change proneness Fault proneness Test coverage Code size Technical difficulty Other (Please specify)
Longevity	Age of product Version number
Coding conventions	Method calling conventions Class naming conventions Loop/Switch/If conventions Public/private conventions Overriding conventions
Coding practices	Usage of Linters Definition of customs/rules for Linters Issue/Commit traceability
Maintainability Analyzability Testability	

Factor	Measure
Quality	
Changeability	Avail. and type of Defect management system Avail. and type of Version management system Opened defects
Source code changes/modifiability Resolved defects Fixed defects Enhancements Resolving time for non-fixed defects Resolving time for fixed defects Resolved defects life cycle Fixed defects life cycle Detect initiated source code changes Defect proneness Defect Management Version Management Update/Upgrade/Add-ons/Plugin Visibility Development process As-is utility/Quality in use/External quality	Effectiveness Efficiency
Satisfaction	Functionality/Non-functionality Usefulness Trust Pleasure Comfort
Freedom from risks	Economic risk migration Health & Safety risk migration Environmental risk migration
Context coverage	Context completeness Flexibility
Architecture	Dependence & constraints

Factor	Measure
Risk (Perceived risks)	
Perceived lack of confidentiality Perceived lack of integrity Perceived high availability Perceived high structural assurance Business Risks Strategic risks Operational risks Financial risks Hazard risks	Test according to context Analysis and pre-examination Comply with business requirements Influence of operation specified consequences specified Moment metrics Code security Virus scanning
Trustworthiness	
Component Architecture System Functional requirements satisfaction Customer satisfaction/requirements Interoperability Facilities for modifying and customizing OSS provider reputation Interface language localization Existence of benchmark/test Collaboration with other product	Component development & certificate processes Component reputation & user community Functionality Dependence & constraints Component installation Delivery % of functional requirements implemented Compliant with description Low extra useless features # companies adopting it Performance and Reliability Matching customer satisfaction/Features Function analysis and verification evaluation Fast responsiveness to Issues Fast responsiveness to malicious affairs Transparency Fame of community Support for mainstrame languages Test cases availability Basic functions covering Commercial vendor integrations Community-created integrations The percentage of existing needed integrations