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---------------------- REVIEW 1 --------------------
PAPER: 15
TITLE: Analyzing the Social Networks of Contributors in Open Source Software Community
AUTHORS: Mohammad Allaho and Wang-Chien Lee

OVERALL EVALUATION: 2 (accept)
REVIEWER'S CONFIDENCE: 4 (high)
Readability of the manuscript: 4 (good)
Organization of the manuscript: 4 (good)
Contribution: 3 (fair)
completeness: 4 (good)
suitability of title, abstract, and conclusions: 4 (good)
Completeness of references: 2 (poor)

----------- REVIEW -----------
Summary of the paper: The paper conducts an extensive statistical summary by analyzing the social networks and
affiliation networks in two of the popular Open Source Software development community websites GitHub and Ohloh. The
paper presents interesting results related to the associations between developers and also between the developers and
the open source projects. The analysis demonstrates evident influence of the social factors on the developer's overall
productivity. The authors also state as a conclusion that their work could pave the way for recommendation systems in
websites like Github, and they would like to take it as one of their future goals.

Comments:
1. Please reframe the sentence [12] argues the importance of studying OSS... (it is advised not to start a sentence with a
reference citation)

2. Please break the 4th paragraph of the paper into two for better readability.

3. Figure 1 could be used for explaining the terms "Contributions" and "Contributors". In this way it will not only increase
the readability, but would also help to clear any confusion in the minds of the readers.

4. Please reframe the sentence "Since the social network of contributors in OSS community is based on teams then we,
further, conduct...."

5. The sequence of the figures 6, 7 and 8 is not maintained. It certainly confuses the reader.

6. Please try to include more references in Related Work in the future work, as there are very interesting works available
in the internet, which has been missed out.

7. Overall its a good exploratory paper. Although the research methodology might not be anything new, but the
exploratory nature of the paper and the interesting findings certainly proves to be good contributions for understanding
OSS platforms and community structures. The paper is certainly suitable for a social networking conference like
ASONAM.

8. Formatting of the article is not according to EB-ASONAM13 guidelines.

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