

Table 1: Interview Questions

Part I. Questions to Collect Background Information		
ID	Main Question	Follow-up Questions
B1	Do you work for a local dev team or a distributed dev team?	If distributed dev team, please ask: Do your teammates work from abroad?
B2	Does your dev team adopt a specific dev methodology such as Agile?	If yes, please ask: What methodology?
		If interviewee is confused, please clarify: We would like to know how your team leader (or your teammates together if there is no leader) manage the dev tasks
Part II. Core Interview Questions		
C1	What do you understand as being a code smell?	If interviewee is confused, please clarify: Code smell is also known as code anomaly and bad smell
C2	Are you concerned about adding code smells to the source code you produce?	If interviewee is confused, please clarify: We would like to know, for instance, if you worry about worsening the quality of your code by adding code smells
		If no, please ask: When you see someone else’s code, do the code smells concern you?
C3	Do you believe that your teammates share the same concern?	If no, please ask: What do you believe they think about code smells?
C4	Do you use tools to detect code smells on the code you produce, consume or maintain?	If yes, please ask: What tool?
		If yes, also ask: Do you run the tool while producing code, after the code is done and have to refactor it and/or in code you consume (for instance, from open source projects)?
		If no, please ask: Why not?

Table 1 presents the questions that drove each interview, organized into main questions (left-hand side) and follow-up questions (right-hand side). We first approached interviewees with the main questions and, depending on their answers, we made clarifications or extra follow-up questions as needed to deeply explore the subject and proper answer our research questions. The two first questions, identified as **B1** and **B2** in *Table 1*, aim to collect background information about the interviewees. Likewise, the other four questions, identified as **C1** to **C4**, are related to the goal of our study and its research questions.