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✱Qn.1: Kindly restate the name of your variant we identified in the e-mail

✱Qn.2: At the time when it was decided that the variant be maintained in parallel to the mainline, how many contributors that were originally in the mainline started maintaining the variant?

❶ Choose one of the following answers

○ 0, none of the initial contributors of the variant were originally part of the mainline

○ 1, Contributor

○ 2 - 5, contributors

○ 6 - 10, contributors

○ >10, contributors

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✱Qn.3: Are the variant and mainline owned by common contributors?

❶ Choose one of the following answers

○ Yes, they are owned by common contributors

○ No, they are not owned by common contributors

✱Qn.4: What was the motivation of creating the variant of the mainline project?

Please select the answers that that apply. (1 - Not applicable, 5 - Very applicable)

	1	2	3	4	5

	1	2	3	4	5
	1	2	3	4	5

	1	2	3	4	5
Technical. The variant was introduced to target specific needs or user segments that are not accommodated by the mainline project	○	○	○	○	○
Governance disputes. The variant was created because some of the contributors felt that their feedback was not heard or maintainers were accepting patches too slowly in the mainline project.	○	○	○	○	○
Legal reasons. The mainline or variant wanted to change its license or change its laws (e.g., regarding encryption) requiring technical changes.	○	○	○	○	○
Personal reasons. There were interpersonal disputes and irreconcilable differences of a non-technical nature that led to a rift between various parties.	○	○	○	○	○

✱Qn.5: Kindly provide details to clarify your selected answer(s) in Qn.4 above.

✱Qn.6: Do the variant and mainline still discuss the main directions of the project, the new features, etc.?

❶ Choose one of the following answers

○ Yes, we still collaborate.

○ No, we no longer collaborate.

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✱Qn.7: How often do the maintainers of the variant integrate the following types of changes from the mainline?

Select all that apply. (1 - Never, 5 - Very often)

	1	2	3	4	5
New features	○	○	○	○	○
Bug fixes	○	○	○	○	○
Security fixes	○	○	○	○	○
Documentation	○	○	○	○	○

✱Qn.8: How often do the maintainers of the variant integrate the following types of changes into the mainline?

Select all that apply. (1 - Never, 5 - Very often)

	1	2	3	4	5
New features	○	○	○	○	○
Bug fixes	○	○	○	○	○
Security features	○	○	○	○	○
Documentation	○	○	○	○	○

Qn.9. Kindly give us a reason(s) for your choice of aswers in Qn.7 amd Qn. 8 above.

✱Qn.10. How often do the maintainers of the variant employ the following techniques to integrate changes between the mainline and variant?

Select all that apply. (1 - Never, 5 - Very often)

	1	2	3	4	5

Cherry-picking	○	○	○	○	○
Pull Requests	○	○	○	○	○

git pull	○	○	○	○	○
Others	○	○	○	○	○

Qn.11. Kindly give us a reason for your choice of aswer in Qn.10 above.

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