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## Software Families Survey Protocol

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

**\*Qn.2:** At the inception of the variant, how many developers were involved in creation/support of the variant?

**i** Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ 1 developer
- ☐ 2 - 5 developers
- ☐ 6 - 10 developers
- ☐ More than 10 developers

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**\*Qn.3:** Do the variant and mainline have common owners or each has independent owners?

**i** Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ Owned by common developers
- ☐ Owned by independent developers

**\*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
<b>Technical</b> The variant was targeting specific	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Technical.** The variant was targeting specific needs or user segments that are not accommodated by the mainline project

**Governance disputes.** We created the variant because we felt that our 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 collaborate in terms of discussing 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 you integrate changes from the mainline to your variant?

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

	1	2	3	4	5
New features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bug fixes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Security fixes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Documentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Qn.8:** How often do you integrate changes from your variant to the mainline?

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

	1	2	3	4	5
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New features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bug fixes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Security features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Documentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

\*What code integration methods between mainline and variant do you usually use?

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

	1	2	3	4	5
Cherry-picking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pull Requests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
git pull	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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