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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:** How many contributors that were orinally part of the mainline started maintaining the fork (in the first few months) after it was decided that the fork is an **official variant** of the mainline.

i 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:** Do the variant and mainline have common maintainers?

❗ Choose one of the following answers

- ☐ Yes, they have common maintainers
- ☐ No, they do not have common maintainers

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

(1 - Not applicable, 5 - Very applicable)

	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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal reasons. The mainline or variant wanted to change its license or change its laws (e.g., regarding encryption) requiring technical changes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal reasons. There were interpersonal disputes and irreconcilable differences of a non-technical nature that led to a rift between various parties.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

***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.?

❗ 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?

(1 - No changes are integrated, 2 - about 20% of the changes are integrated, 3 - about 40% of the changes are integrated, 4 - about 60% of the changes are integrated, 5 - over 80% of the changes are integrated)

	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"/>
Refactoring	<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 the maintainers of the variant integrate the following types of changes into the mainline?

(1 - No changes are integrated, 2 - about 20% of the changes are integrated, 3 - about 40% of the changes are integrated, 4 - about 60% of the changes are integrated, 5 - over 80% of the changes are integrated)

	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 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"/>

***Qn.9.** How often do the maintainers of the variant employ the following techniques to integrate changes between the mainline and variant?

(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"/>
Others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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