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A2. Thank you for your interest!

This online survey is part of an empirical study conducted by the [REDACTED]. The goal of this study is to gain insights into the privacy concerns and practices of software developers in Social Coding Platforms (SCPs), such as GitHub and Stack Overflow. It consists of a set of questions and scenarios that you must assess and should take around 20 min.

Please read the Participant Information Sheet before starting with the survey. The sheet can be accessed via this link:  
SCPs-PIS

**IMPORTANT:** you must be (i) at least 18 years old and (ii) an active user of SCPs to participate in this study. If you do not meet any of these conditions, you will be excluded from participating.

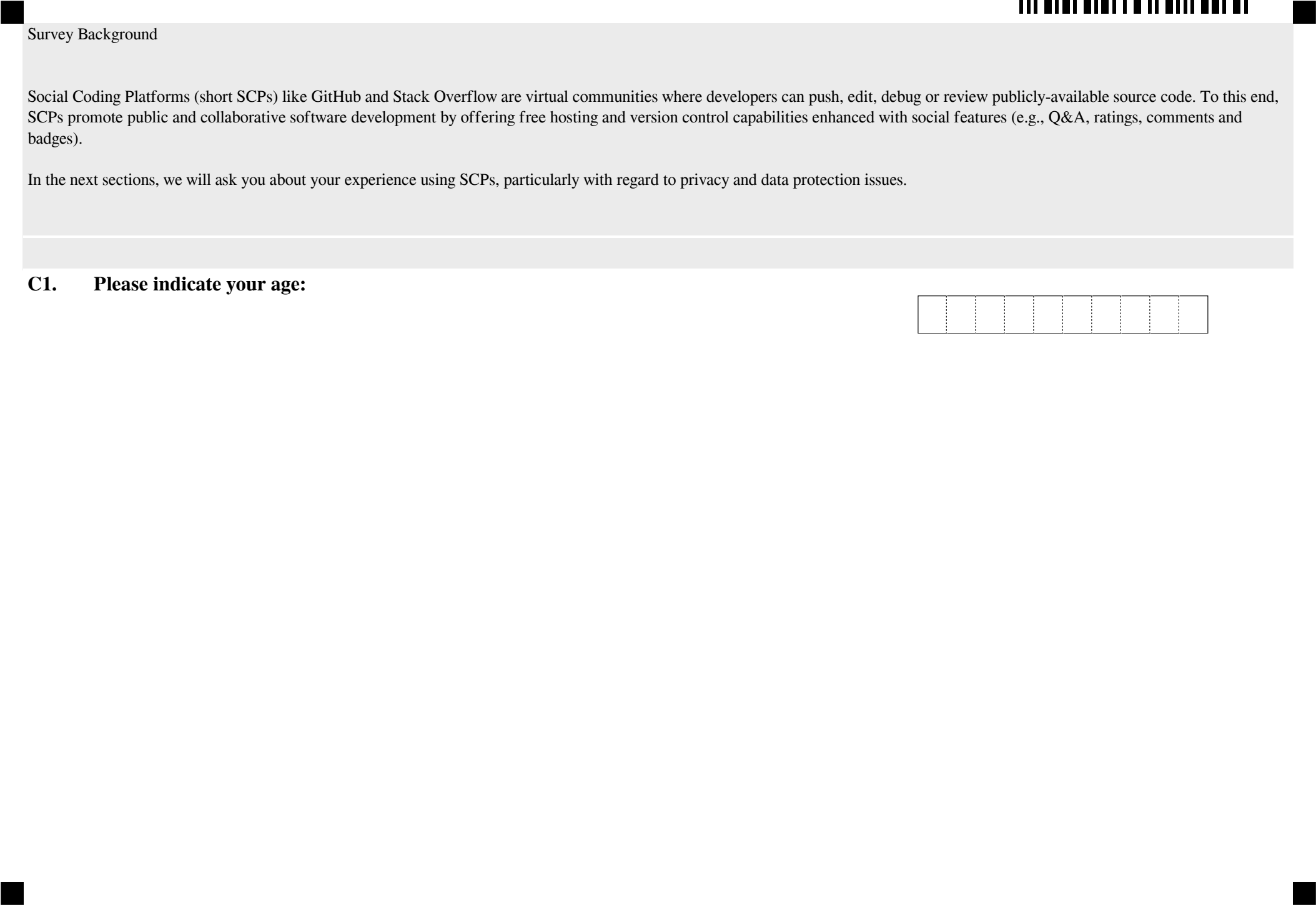
If you would like to proceed and take this survey, please answer the following questions by placing a check mark accordingly:

I am age 18 or older ☐

I am an active user of Social Coding Platforms ☐

I have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet ☐

I agree to participate in this research and I want to continue with the survey ☐



C2. Please select your country of residence:

- Afghanistan ☐
- Aland Islands ☐
- Albania ☐
- Algeria ☐
- American Samoa ☐
- Andorra ☐
- Angola ☐
- Anguilla ☐
- Antarctica ☐
- Antigua and Barbuda ☐
- Argentina ☐
- Armenia ☐
- Aruba ☐
- Australia ☐
- Austria ☐
- Azerbaijan ☐
- Bahamas ☐
- Bahrain ☐
- Bangladesh ☐
- Barbados ☐
- Belarus ☐



**C3. Please indicate your gender:**

Male ☐

Female ☐

Non-binary ☐

Other ☐

Other

**C4. Please select your highest educational level:**

Primary school or less ☐

High school or less ☐

Some college ☐

Undergraduate degree (BSc., BA.) ☐

Graduate degree (MSc., Ph.D.) ☐



**C5. Please select the option that best describes your current work situation:**

Student ☐

Disabled or retired ☐

Unemployed and searching for work ☐

Unemployed and not searching for work ☐

Employed part time ☐

Employed full time ☐

**C6. Please indicate how many years of software development experience you have:**

< 2 years ☐

2 to 5 years ☐

6 to 10 years ☐

> 10 years ☐

**C7. Please indicate for how long you have been using social coding platforms:**

< 2 years ☐

2 to 5 years ☐

6 to 10 years ☐

> 10 years ☐



Please answer based on your own experience using **Social Coding Platforms (SCPs)**

**D1. Please indicate how much you agree (or disagree) with the following statements:**

	Completel y disagree	Disagree	Somehow disagree	Someho w agree	Agree	Completel y agree
I feel in control over the personal and technical information I provide on SCPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privacy settings allow me to have full control over the personal and technical information I provide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel in control of who can view my personal profile and software projects on SCPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please answer based on your own experience using **Social Coding Platforms (SCPs)**

**E1. Please indicate how much you agree (or disagree) with the following statements:**

	Completel y disagree	Disagree	Somehow disagree	Someho w agree	Agree	Completel y agree
Overall, I see no real threat to my privacy due to my presence on SCPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel safe publishing my personal information and project-related information (e.g., code and	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**E2. Please rate your overall perception of privacy risks when using SCPs:**

Very safe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somehow safe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somehow risky	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risky	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very risky	<input type="checkbox"/>









The following scenarios describe hypothetical privacy-related situations in SCPs. Please indicate with what probability you think they may occur in real life.

**J1. Your activity in SCPs (e.g., commits, comments, and reactions) can be used to infer your gender and other sociodemographic information.**

Very Unlikely ☐

Unlikely ☐

Somehow Unlikely ☐

Somehow Likely ☐

Likely ☐

Very Likely ☐

**J2. Someone (e.g., a colleague) pushes code you wrote into a public repository using his/her account. Then the authorship of this code can be traced back to you using information available in SCPs (e.g., other code snippets you wrote and your profile information).**

Very Unlikely ☐

Unlikely ☐

Somehow Unlikely ☐

Somehow Likely ☐


Likely ☐

Very Likely ☐



Thank you for your interest in our survey. Unfortunately, you do not meet some of the requirements to participate in this study:

Be at least 18 years old. Read the consent form or had it read to you. Be comfortable using the English language. Agree to participate in this research.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact 

Thank you for your response!

**IMPORTANT**

(i) Please open this link in a new tab to return to Prolific.

(ii) Then click on "SUBMIT" to record your answer.