You do not have to justify the use of Java/Javascript/C++/C#.

For all other OSS projects in your tool list, answer the following 10 questions.

The article “10 questions to ask when selecting open source products for your enterprise” is a good reference for justifying why you recommend your tools be used by your sponsor.

<http://www.techrepublic.com/blog/10-things/10-questions-to-ask-when-selecting-open-source-products-for-your-enterprise/>

### Are the open source license terms compatible with my business requirements?

Our project is for educational purposes, so the license works with the requirements. The license is an MIT license.

### What is the strength of the community?

The target community would be students and faculty involved in biology. Biology is a popular field, so the community would be very widespread. It will be built mainly to train researchers and help simplify the identification process.

### How well is the product adopted by users?

As a developer, the architecture is using standard angular layout so it should be easy to learn. As a user, the layout of the app should be simple and easy to use with clear instructions on how to navigate/use the application.

### Can I get a warranty or commercial support if I need it?

No, use application at your own risk.

### What quality assurance processes exist?

None

### How good is the documentation?

The documentation describes in detail how the project works. Within the application, it will have instructions and documentation about the product for the user/developer to utilize.

1. How easily can the system be customized to my exact requirements?

Assuming you are working with plants, the application should be able to be adjusted based on what needs to come out of it.

### How is this project governed and how easily can I influence the road map?

It is governed by Dr. Taylor and then us. So, the best way to influence it would be to talk with Dr Taylor at IUS in order to adjust to a specific road map.

### Will the product scale to my enterprise's requirements?

Within boundaries of Dr. Taylor’s requirements yes. The scale will be tested with the state of Indiana or depending on how much data the IUS Herbarium has collected. If able to, we will expand further if another api or api’s are available.

### Are there regular security patches?

There is no sensitive data so there is no security needed.