

# Survey

## 1. How often do you use GitHub?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ Several times a month
- ☐ Several times a year
- ☐ Never

## 2. Age Range

- ☐ 18–24
- ☐ 25–34
- ☐ 35–44
- ☐ 45–54
- ☐ 55–64
- ☐ 65+

## 3. Gender

- ☐ Men
- ☐ Women
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say

## 4. Highest Level of Education

- ☐ High school or equivalent
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Doctorate
- ☐ Other

## 5. What is your primary occupation?

- ☐ Technology/IT (e.g., Software Engineer, Developer, IT Support)
- ☐ Education (e.g., Teacher, Professor)
- ☐ Healthcare (e.g., Nurse, Doctor, Therapist)
- ☐ Business/Management (e.g., Manager, Consultant)

- ☐ Service Industry (e.g., Retail, Hospitality, Food Service)
- ☐ Trades (e.g., Construction, Electrician, Mechanic)
- ☐ Creative Arts (e.g., Artist, Designer, Writer)
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Retired

**6. On a scale of 1 to 5, are you proficient with technical/computer skills?**

1	5
Not at all	Absolutely

**7. On a scale of 1 to 5, are you familiar with GitHub or code hosting platforms?**

1	5
Not at all	Absolutely

**8. How many domains do you own or manage?**

- ☐ 1-3
- ☐ 4-6
- ☐ 7-9
- ☐ 10+

**9. How would you rate your knowledge in web security, ethical hacking, or domain hosting security?**

- ☐ 1 - None: I have no knowledge in these areas.
- ☐ 2 - Basic: I have minimal knowledge or familiarity with the topics.
- ☐ 3 - Intermediate: I have a moderate understanding and some practical experience.
- ☐ 4 - Advanced: I have extensive knowledge and significant experience in one or more of these areas.
- ☐ 5 - Expert: I have deep expertise and professional-level skills in these areas.

**10. Do you regularly perform security checks or audits (e.g., checking SSL certificates, DNS configurations, subdomain records)?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**11. Prior to this survey, had you heard of 'subdomain takeover', which refers to the ability of someone to gain control over another person's subdomain and publish content on it?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**12. Do you have concern about the possibility of subdomain takeover on your domains?**

1  
Not at all

5  
Absolutely

**13. Are you using GitHub pages to host your own subdomain?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**14. Do you manage your GitHub Pages (or similar service) DNS records?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**15. Please rate the following statement: 'I am confident that I have set up my GitHub Pages (or similar) DNS records correctly, so a subdomain takeover is unlikely.'**

1  
Not at all

5  
Absolutely

**16. Have you ever revoked a GitHub repository or removed a CNAME without updating DNS records?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

**17. In your opinion, it is easy for an attacker to identify abandoned or misconfigured DNS records in a GitHub environment?**

1  
Not at all

5  
Absolutely

**18. Which of the following do you believe are the most critical reasons subdomain takeover incidents happen on GitHub?**

- ☐ Misconfiguration of DNS/CNAME records
- ☐ Repository name changes
- ☐ Lack of routine audits

- ☐ Inadequate awareness/training
- ☐ Other

**19. Do you think GitHub (and similar services) should implement automated checks to prevent subdomain takeover?**

1  
Not at all

5  
Absolutely

**20. How often do you check for abandoned or inactive pages pointing to your subdomains?**

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Annually
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

**21. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: 'I have a formal policy or procedure to remove or update DNS records when repositories or services are decommissioned.'**

1  
Not at all

5  
Absolutely

**22. Which measures do you think are effective in preventing subdomain takeover incidents?**

- ☐ Regular DNS audits
- ☐ Automated security tools (e.g., vulnerability scanners)
- ☐ Logging and monitoring domain changes
- ☐ Immediate DNS record removal when a service is discontinued
- ☐ Third-party security assessment
- ☐ other
- ☐ No measures

**23. How important is it for domain owners to be educated about subdomain takeover prevention?**

1  
Not at all

5  
Absolutely

**24. If you were given a checklist or guideline specific to preventing subdomain takeover, how likely would you be to adopt it into your current workflow?**

1

Not at all

5

Absolutely

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