# Student Survey – Post-Course Humanitarian Free and Open Source Software

Version 2.1

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### Introduction

This survey is part of a research project to study use of humanitarian free and open source software projects in computing courses. Your participation in this research is optional.

Information from the questionnaire will be used for statistical studies and not in any form that identifies individuals. Your answers on this questionnaire have no bearing on your grade in any course.

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### Instructions

Please answer the questions in the sections that follow. You may skip any questions that you do not want to answer for any reason. If you have any questions about this study, contact either:

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**IRB contact**: Dr. Kathy Dillon, Chair of the Institutional Review Board at Western New England College ([kdillon@wne.edu](mailto:kdillon@wne.edu) or 413-782-1726).

Thank you.

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### Background

B1. What is your age? B2. What is your gender?

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| 🞎 | 18 – 20 | 🞎 | Male | |  |  |  |
| 🞎 | 21- 23 | 🞎 | Female | |  |  |  |
| 🞎 | 23 or older |  |  | |  |  |  |
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B3. Please identify your race and national origin category:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black, not of Hispanic origin | Hispanic | White, not of Hispanic origin |
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B4. What is your first major?

B5. Second major?

B6. Do you plan to continue in this major?

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| Yes | No | Maybe |
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B7. If you are thinking about changing majors, please explain why.

B8. On a scale from 1 (one) to 5 (five), where one is beginner and five is advanced, how would you characterize your programming ability?

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| Beginner  1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Advanced  5 |
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B9. How many months, if any, of co-op, internship or other professional experience you have had?

Please circle the answer on the 7-point scale that indicates your agreement or disagreement with each statement.

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|  | **HFOSS Statements** | **strongly disagree** | **disagree** | **neutral** | **agree** | **strongly agree** | **not applic-able** | **don't know** |
| H1 | Working on an HFOSS project gives me a better appreciation for the usefulness of computing. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H2 | I have a greater awareness of the potential for computing to benefit society due to working on an HFOSS project. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H3 | I wanted to work on an HFOSS project because I want to help the people who would benefit from the software. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H4 | Participating in an HFOSS project inspires me to use my computing skills to help others. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H5 | Knowing that my project will help people motivates me to do my best on the HFOSS project. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H6 | Working with an HFOSS community to develop a project has increased my interest in computing. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H7 | I enjoyed working on an HFOSS project because it allowed me participate in a diverse community of HFOSS developers. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H8 | Working on an HFOSS project has increased my interest in computing. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H9 | Working on an HFOSS project increased my confidence in my computing ability. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H10 | Participating in an HFOSS project made me more comfortable with computing. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H11 | People that I interacted with in the HFOSS project were welcoming and helpful. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| H12 | I plan to continue contributing to an HFOSS project after this course has ended. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |

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|  | **General Statements** | **strongly disagree** | **disagree** | **neutral** | **agree** | **strongly agree** | **not applic-able** | **don't know** |
| G1 | I am confident about working with computing professionals | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G2 | I am excited about working with computing professionals. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G3 | Participation in an HFOSS project has caused me to consider computing as a major or minor. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G4 | Participation in an HFOSS project has positively reinforced my decision to make computing my major. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G5 | Participating in an HFOSS project has caused me to question my decision to make computing my major. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G6 | Participation in an HFOSS project has caused me to consider taking further computing courses. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G7 | The subject matter of this HFOSS project is highly relevant to my future career plans. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G8 | I have a high level of experience in the HFOSS subject matter. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |
| G9 | Overall, I am very satisfied with my learning in the HFOSS project. | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **N/A** | **DK** |

Please answer the following questions.

SA1. Please describe the type of involvement you had with the HFOSS project.

SA2. Please describe the interactions you had with the HFOSS community.

SA3. Please describe any other aspect of participating in an HFOSS project that you would like us to know about.