



The 2020 Apache Software Foundation Community Survey

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Final Readout



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The ASF Community

Motivation

Survey design, data collection, and analysis aligned with the **ASF D&I strategy**.

2019 short term goals

- **Gather scientific data** to study current status of Diversity and Inclusion at the ASF
- **Raise awareness** in our community about the importance of Diversity & Inclusion in the business, and in the open source industry
- **Find key indicators** to track over time

2020 medium term goals

- Instrument ASF's contributor funnel to **recommend a participation baseline** for underrepresented groups
- Create a toolkit to **address the top 3 entry barriers for new contributors** from under represented groups
- **Become a trusted thought partner** for PMCs when it comes to D&I

The 2020 ASF Community Survey Timeline



3 Efforts to gather data about the ASF community



**The Community
Survey**

**Project Metrics
Analysis**

**New Contributor
and Mentor
Friction Logs**

Survey Design

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Leveraged Existing Resources*

[2016 ASF Committer Diversity Survey](#)

[Open Demographics](#)

[CHAOSS D&I Working Group](#)

[OpenStack Gender Diversity Report](#) - Focus on mentorship

[Stackoverflow Members Survey](#) - Focus on Developer Role and Gender

Academic references omitted

**This list only outlines the most leveraged sources*



Considerations

were focused on topics covered, number of questions, time to complete, and extended to any participant in the community (past or present).

- Topics covered - extension of 2016 survey plus focus on understanding minorities challenges and barriers to contribution*.
- Number of questions limited to up to 25
- Time to complete the survey should not be more than 20 minutes
- Participants roles extended to anyone that has ever participated in the community

Reaching

out to participants was based on:

- Emails to the committers, and D&I lists.
- Social networks
- Booth activity at FOSDEM

Limesurvey

is the tool used to run the online survey. This is the professional hosting service on top of the open source project**.

* As stated in the 2019 and 2020 ASF EDI goals <https://issues.apache.org/jira/browse/DI-25>

** <https://www.limesurvey.org/index.php/community>

Survey

Survey* is split into:

1. Contributor Role and Tenure (4 questions)
2. Motivation (2)
3. Availability of Protocols / Guidelines (2)
4. Support for Newcomers (4)
5. Diversity and Inclusion (11)
6. Wrap up (3)

Each section contains a motivation introductory paragraph.

The screenshot displays the Apache Software Foundation survey interface. At the top, the Apache logo is visible. A progress bar shows 10% completion. The section title is 'Motivation'. Below the title, a light blue box contains the objective: 'The objective of the following set of questions is to understand the motivation of contributors in the ASF and how they are able to make time to contribute.' The first question is 'In general, do you contribute to the ASF as paid or unpaid work?' with a 'Choose one of the following answers' prompt. The options are: 'Paid work only', 'Unpaid only', 'An equal mix of paid and unpaid', 'A mix, but mostly paid', and 'A mix, but mostly unpaid'. The second question is 'On average, how much time per week are you available to volunteer for unpaid projects (e.g., contributing to OSS, volunteering for a hospital, pet projects)?' with a 'Choose one of the following answers' prompt. The options are: 'I dont have time to volunteer', '1-2 hours', '3-5 hours', '6-10 hours', and '10+ hours'.

**Questions are listed at the end of this presentation*

Process

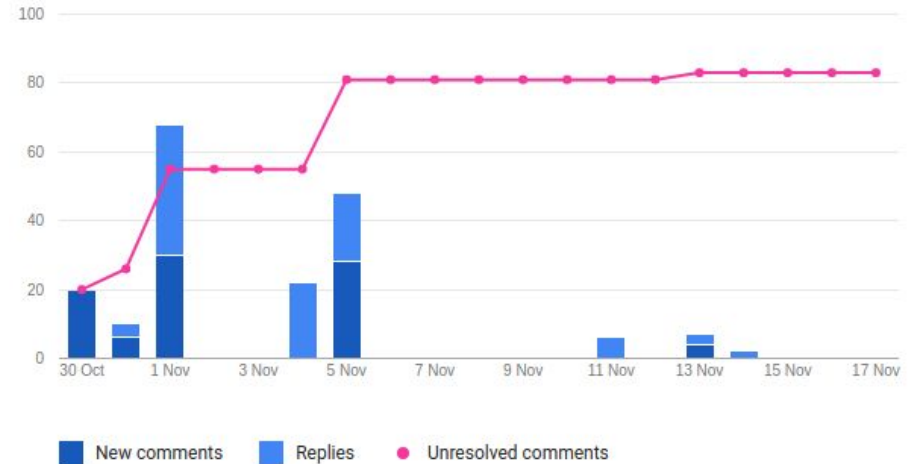
- 2 Internal iteration followed by feedback process. Meeting notes available*.
- Public feedback and discussions followed using Google Docs**.
 - Comments were left “unresolved” to leave communication trace
- Voting and veto process followed as usual at the ASF under the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion PMC.

Total 88 new comments and 95 replies since 30 Oct 2019

Custom



Daily comment trend for 30 Oct 2019 - 17 Nov 2019



Referenced Google Docs Activity

* E.g., <https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/EDI/2019-11-13+Meeting+notes+survey>

** E.g., https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dfyMZ58ZENOO21sZvj_g1fjIP-BJfDuIECt066Dsuc/edit



Challenges

- Nomenclature differences across countries
- Feedback retrieval process (initially done in Google Docs)
- Several iterations were needed to address all requirements and needs
- Highly motivated community with good ideas, but hard to get all of them reflected in the document.
- Balance between ideas, number of questions, and total time to answer the survey
- Providing incentives to respond was an issue because of legal reasons
- Delay due to open discussions
- Many incomplete surveys (ignoring non-complete surveys)

Individual Identification Challenges

- Some of the questions were optional to avoid identity recognition
- Data should be aggregated when having a smaller amount of data points
- The focus of the analysis is now extended to all of the participants and not only committers

New Challenges based on Feedback

- Not Applicable option should be allowed, but leads to data loss

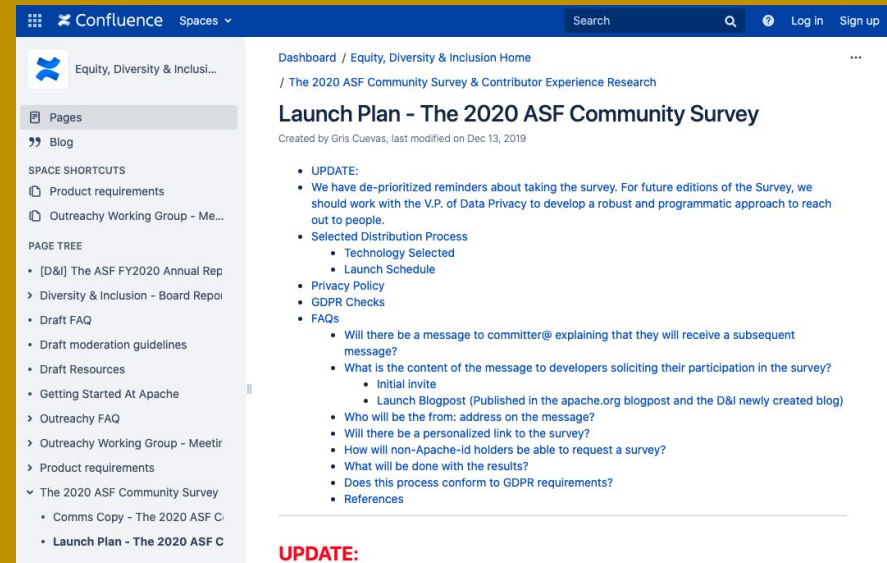
Reproducibility

Survey methodology and questions will be published in the D&I wiki so can be leveraged in the future.

Our recommendation is to apply this survey every other year.

D&I Wiki page

<https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/EDI>



The screenshot shows a Confluence page titled "Launch Plan - The 2020 ASF Community Survey". The page is part of the "Equity, Diversity & Inclusion" space. The content includes an "UPDATE:" section with several bullet points detailing the survey process, including de-prioritizing reminders, working with the V.P. of Data Privacy, and providing a personalized link to the survey. The page also lists "Selected Distribution Process" items like "Technology Selected" and "Launch Schedule", and "FAQs" such as "Will there be a message to committer@ explaining that they will receive a subsequent message?" and "What is the content of the message to developers soliciting their participation in the survey?".

Confluence Spaces

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Pages

Blog

SPACE SHORTCUTS

- Product requirements
- Outreachy Working Group - Me...

PAGE TREE

- [D&I] The ASF FY2020 Annual Rep
- Diversity & Inclusion - Board Repoi
- Draft FAQ
- Draft moderation guidelines
- Draft Resources
- Getting Started At Apache
- Outreachy FAQ
- Outreachy Working Group - Meetir
- Product requirements
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 - Launch Plan - The 2020 ASF C**

Dashboard / Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Home

/ The 2020 ASF Community Survey & Contributor Experience Research

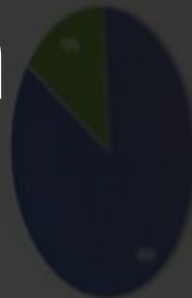
Launch Plan - The 2020 ASF Community Survey

Created by Gris Cuevas, last modified on Dec 13, 2019

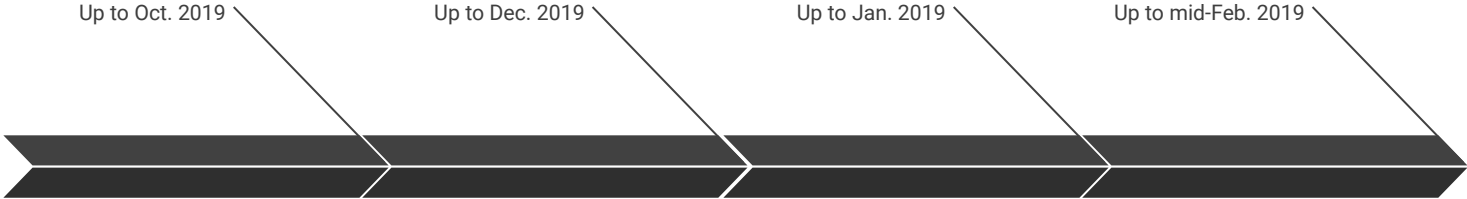
- UPDATE:**
- We have de-prioritized reminders about taking the survey. For future editions of the Survey, we should work with the V.P. of Data Privacy to develop a robust and programmatic approach to reach out to people.
- Selected Distribution Process**
 - Technology Selected
 - Launch Schedule
- Privacy Policy
- GDPR Checks
- FAQs
 - Will there be a message to committer@ explaining that they will receive a subsequent message?
 - What is the content of the message to developers soliciting their participation in the survey?
 - Initial invite
 - Launch Blogpost (Published in the apache.org blogpost and the D&I newly created blog)
 - Who will be the from: address on the message?
 - Will there be a personalized link to the survey?
 - How will non-Apache-id holders be able to request a survey?
 - What will be done with the results?
 - Does this process conform to GDPR requirements?
- References

UPDATE:

Data Collection



Data Collection Timeline



Survey Design

First Survey Design available

Community Feedback

Open discussion and addition of ideas, comments, and concerns

Data Collection

Data collection starts

7010 emails sent

Deadline Extension

Booth FOSDEM opportunity



** Based on a considered total community size of 7,500*



With token (committers)

Average Time	18 min. 9 sec.
Median Time	10 min. 19 sec.
Partially filled	166
Fully filled	466

Without token (public)

Average Time	18 min. 16 sec.
Median Time	9 min. 22 sec.
Partially filled	352
Fully filled	158

Data Analysis

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Scope

Survey responses are analyzed.

- Committers (7010 emails sent: 466 Full; 166 Partial)
- Open survey (158 Full; 352 Partial)

Initial results are shared with ASF as a presentation in a 1-hour session. Slides are shared on dev@diversity.apache.org.

Initial results inform the design of interviews.

ASF Goals: Instrument the Apache contributor funnel to establish a participation baseline for underrepresented groups

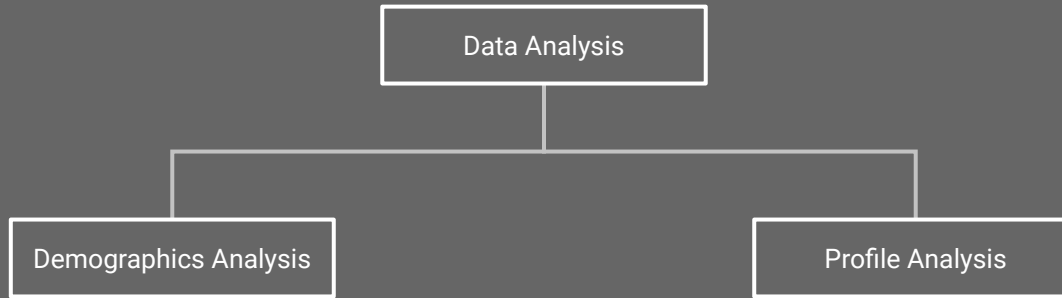
ASF Questions:

- What is the state of diversity in ASF?
- Are contributors facing challenges when participating at the ASF?
 - Any association with gender?
 - Any association with English fluency?
- Look for interview participants?

Analysis Dimensions

- Demographics:
 - Age, Gender, English fluency, Background culture
- Socio-economic aspects:
 - Education, Compensation, Time to volunteer
- Experiences in the ASF:
 - Tenure, mentorship, challenges

Method



Demographics Analysis

Population analysis that help draw a first approach to the ASF ecosystem. This section mixes several attributes to understand specific areas, including education, gender, migrants, newcomers and challenges.

Profile Analysis

Identification of key profiles to be part of the *in depth interview process*. These are dependent of significant attributes important for ASF EDI working group such as gender, English speaking confidence, and others.

Survey Results

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Average ASF contributor

Demographics

40 Years old

Man

Confident in
English

Born/lives in the
USA

Socio-economic Aspects

Bachelor's
Degree

No
compensation

1 or 2 hours for
volunteering

Experience in the ASF

5 Years in the
community

Didn't have a
mentor

Faced no
challenges

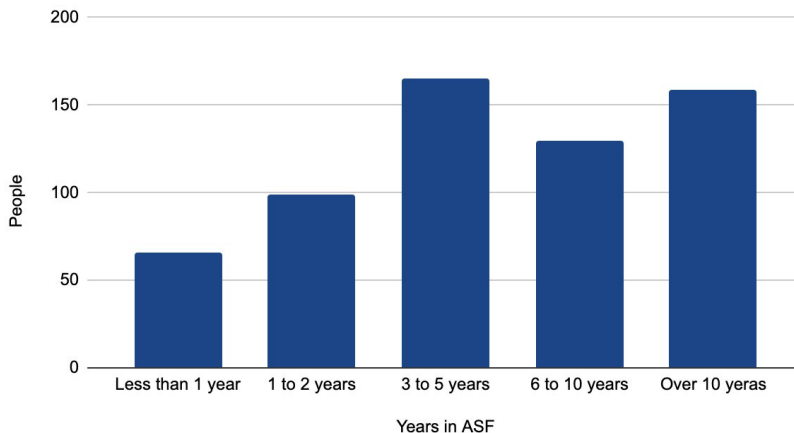
Getting Experienced

People with less than 1 year of experience represents **10%** of the answers

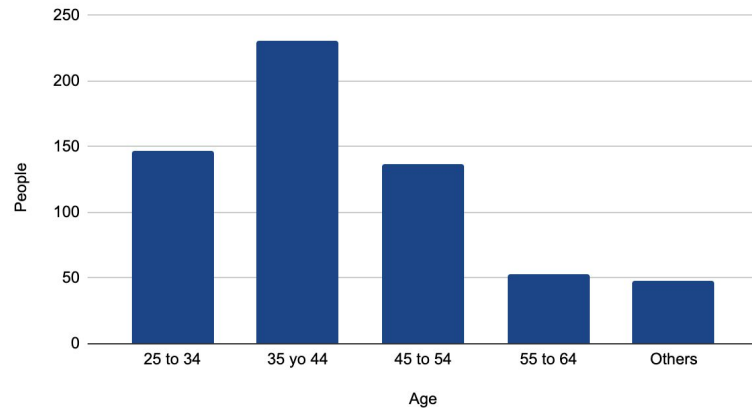
Participants under 24 represents less than a **5%**

Are there barriers for newcomers or young adults?

People vs Years in ASF



People vs Age



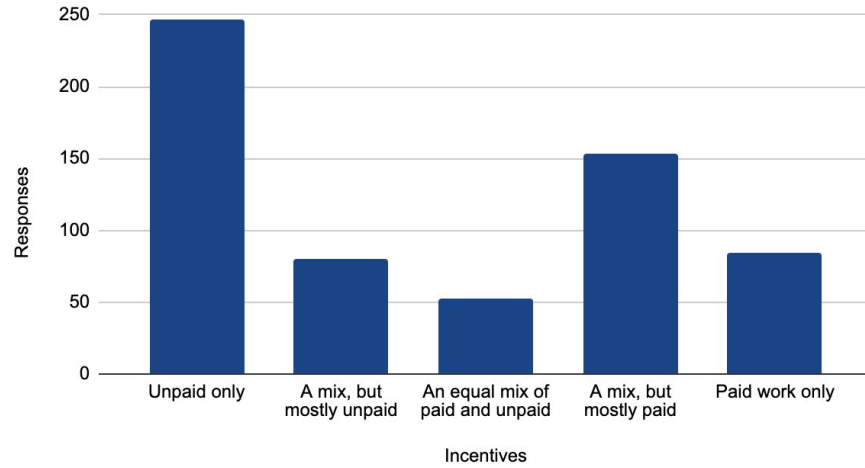
Mostly Volunteers

40% work as volunteers

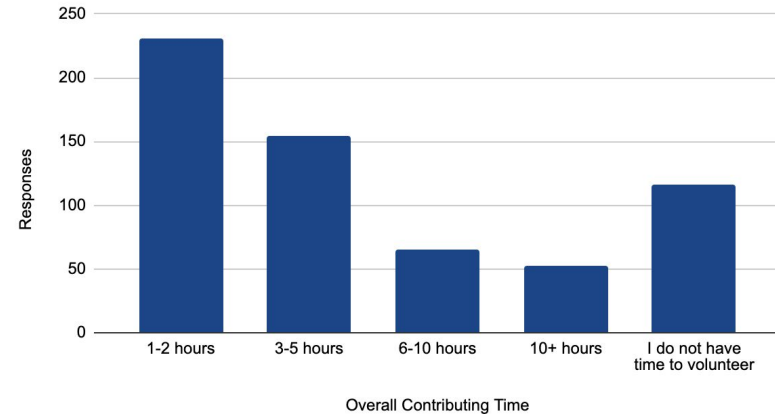
81% have less than 5 hrs/week
for volunteering

Are there ways to be more
efficient? To help those unpaid
volunteers to contribute?

Responses vs Incentives



Responses vs Overall Contributing Time

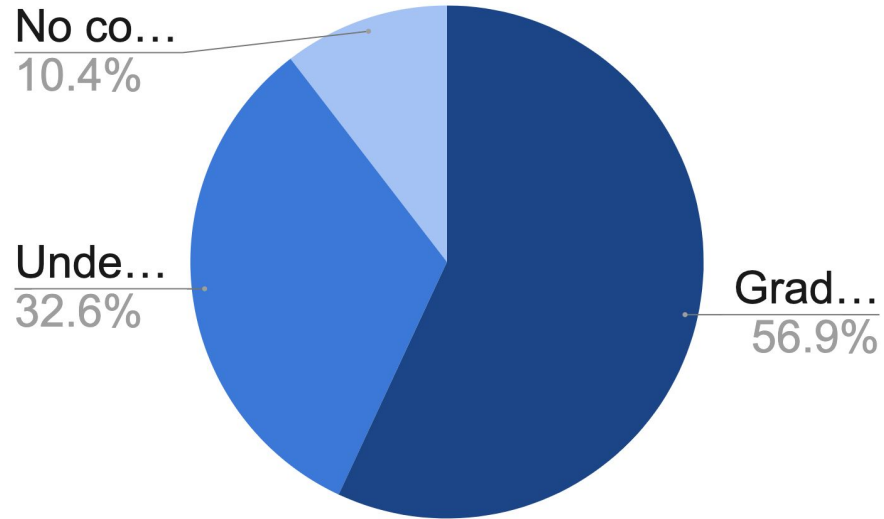


Highly Educated

Around 90% of ASF contributors are college educated or higher

Do these contributors know about OSS at their schools?

Are the “no college” group aware of OSS at the same level?



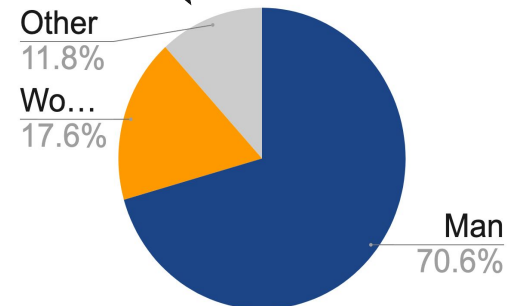
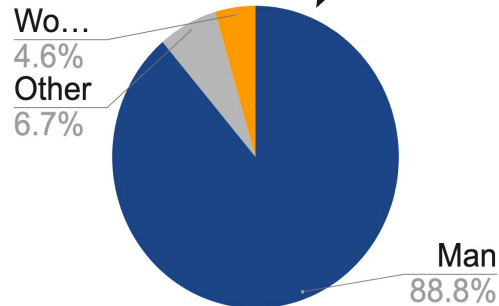
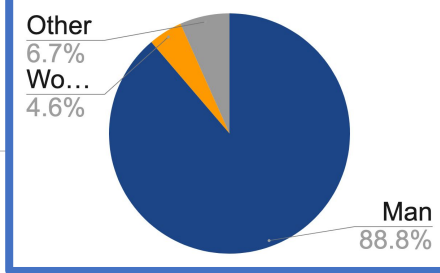
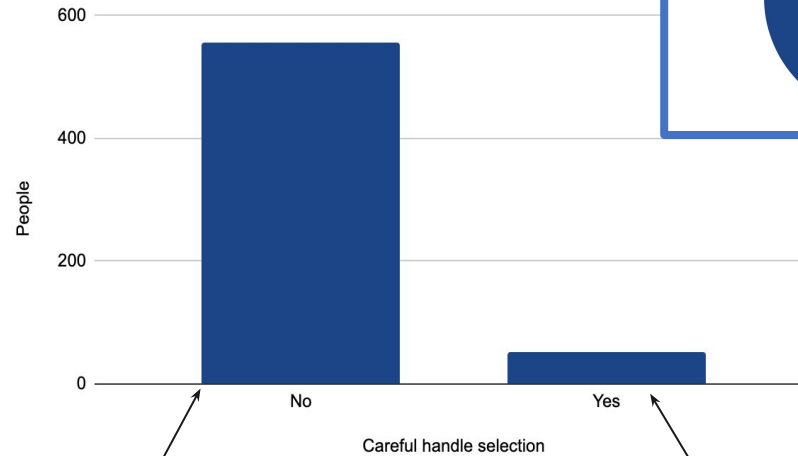
Mostly Men

11% have self-defined as women or with another gender

8.4% have carefully think what gender their handles represent

Are there issues related to non-gender neutral handle?
How can we improve the percentage of people coming from the Women and Others group?

People vs Careful handle selection



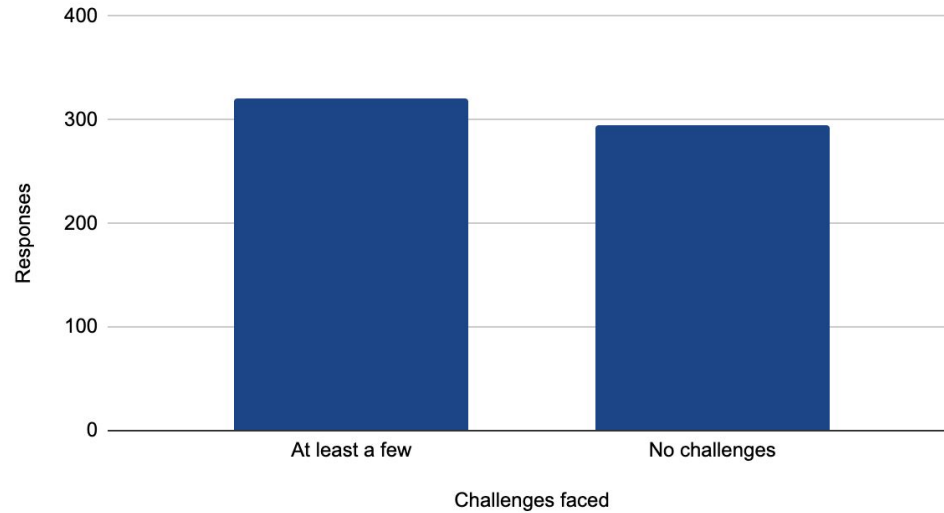
There are Challenges

About 52% of ASF contributors have faced challenges

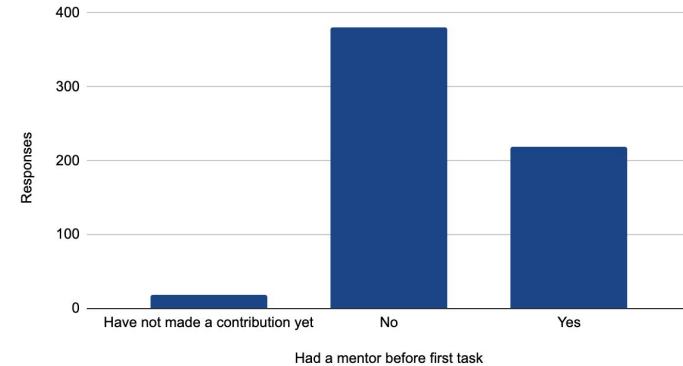
62% of contributors didn't have a mentor

How can we reduce these challenges to make the contributors path easier?

Responses vs Challenges faced



Responses vs Had a mentor before first task

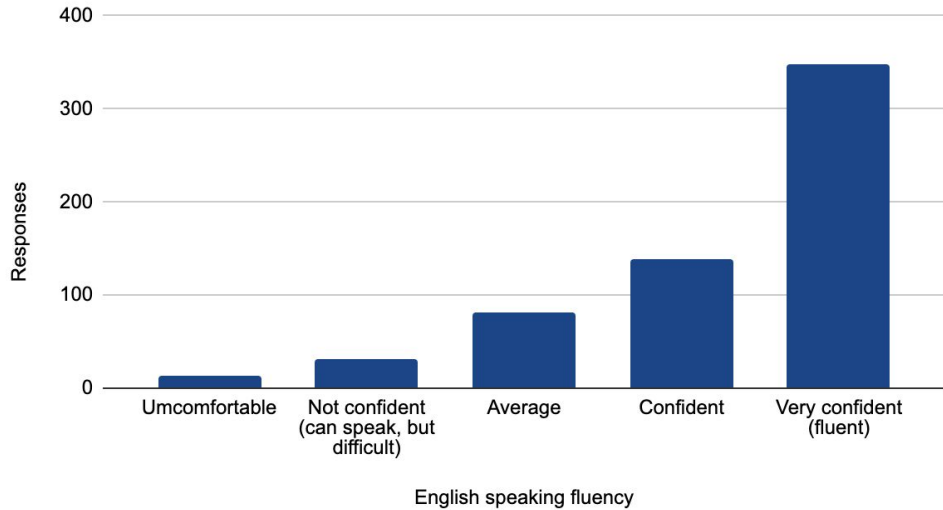


7% not English confident

Around 20% of contributors feel they have an average English level or less

Language seems to be a barrier for communication

Responses vs English speaking fluency



Results: Demographics

Culture	# Responses	% Responses
United States	171	28.84%
Germany	69	11.64%
China	49	8.26%
France	32	5.40%
India	28	4.72%
United Kingdom	25	4.22%
Russian Federation	23	3.88%
Canada	18	3.04%
Spain	14	2.36%
Japan	11	1.85%

Top 10 countries by Culture

Residence	# Responses	% Responses
United States	230	38.27%
Germany	76	12.65%
China	37	6.16%
United Kingdom	28	4.66%
France	27	4.49%
Canada	18	3.00%
Netherlands	15	2.50%
Russian Federation	14	2.33%
Switzerland	12	2.00%
Japan	11	1.83%

Top 10 countries by Residence

Hypotheses



Hypotheses

Education impacts compensation

Those in minority face challenges

Men who face challenges have different demographics

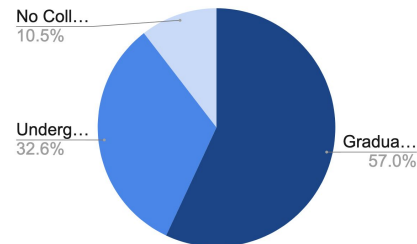
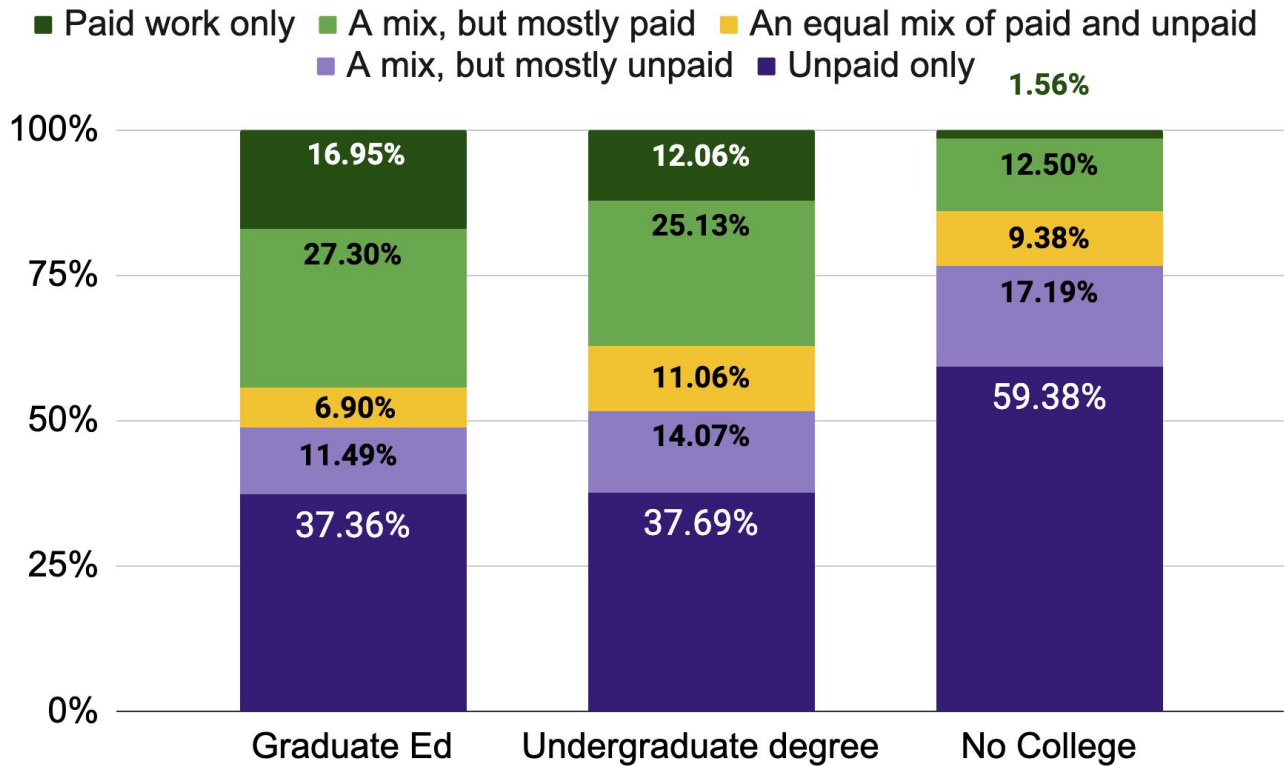
The culture where you grew up makes a difference

Education impacts compensation

↑ Education ↑ Compensation

Increase of Unpaid population
for those with no college
education

Willing to work as volunteer to
gain experience?



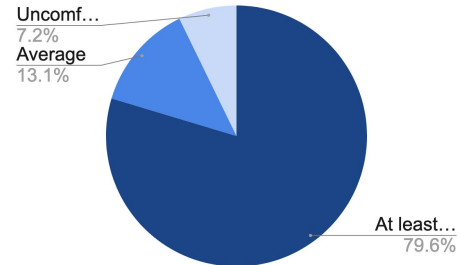
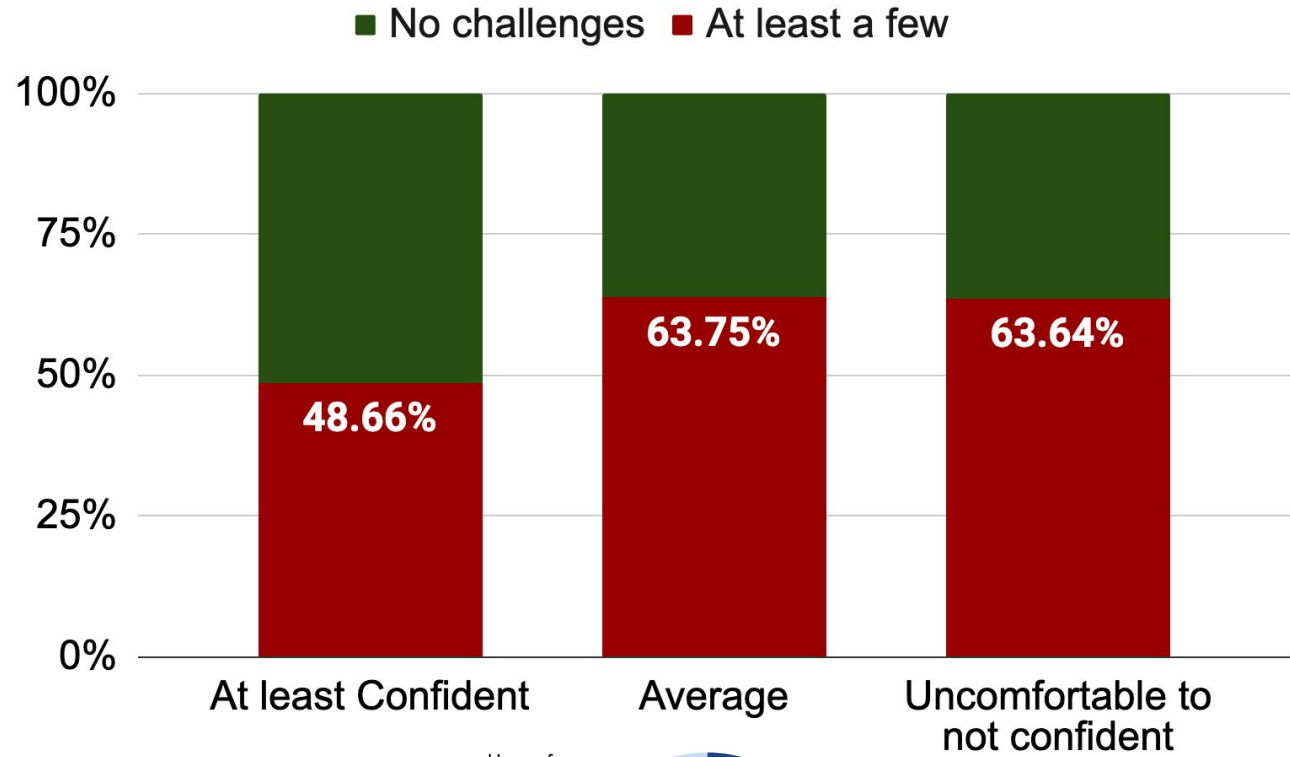
Those in minority face challenges

- English fluency
- Gender
- Having a mentor

Language

Those with an average English level or less faced more challenges

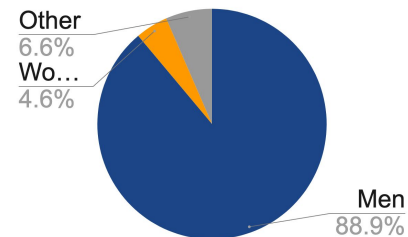
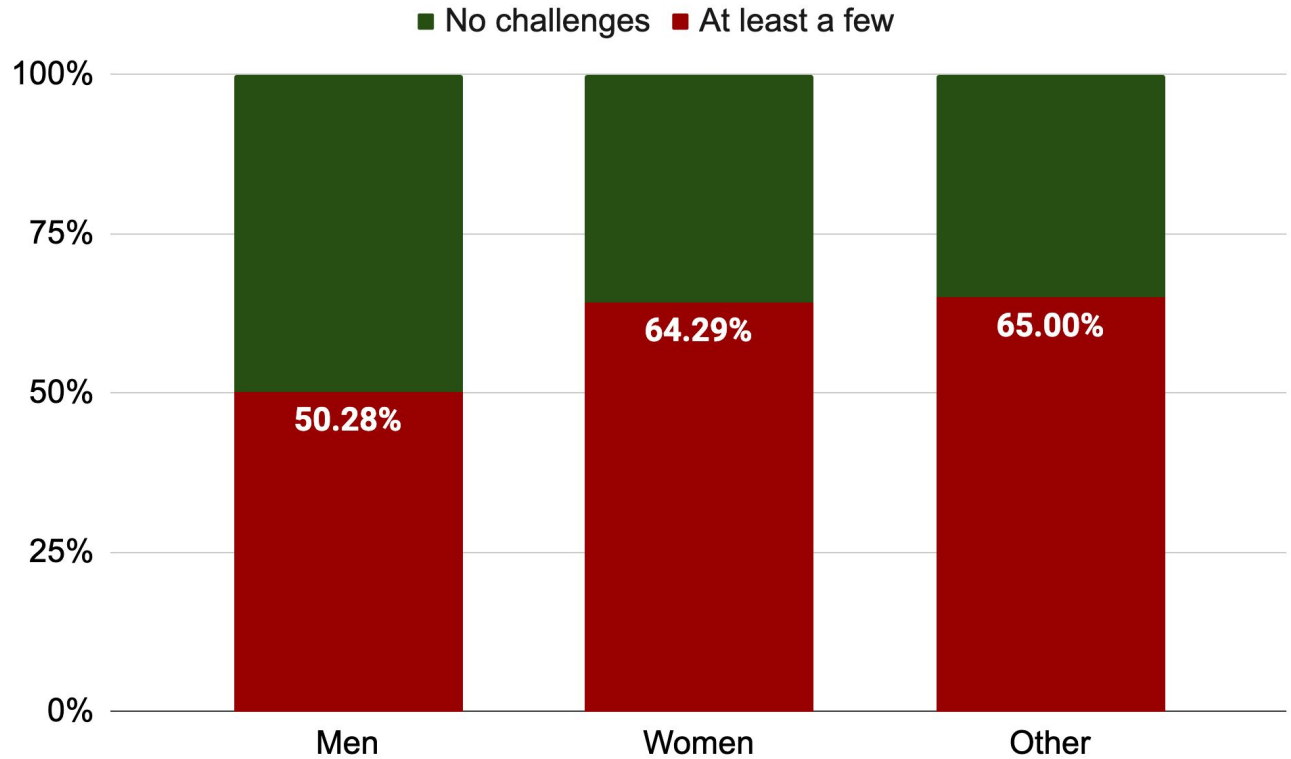
How can we lower the language barrier?



Gender

Those that self-assigned as Women or other groups (not men) faced more challenges

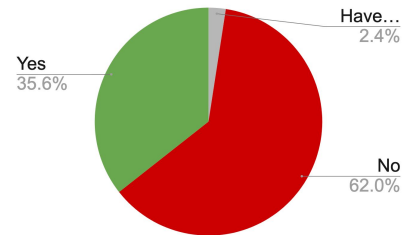
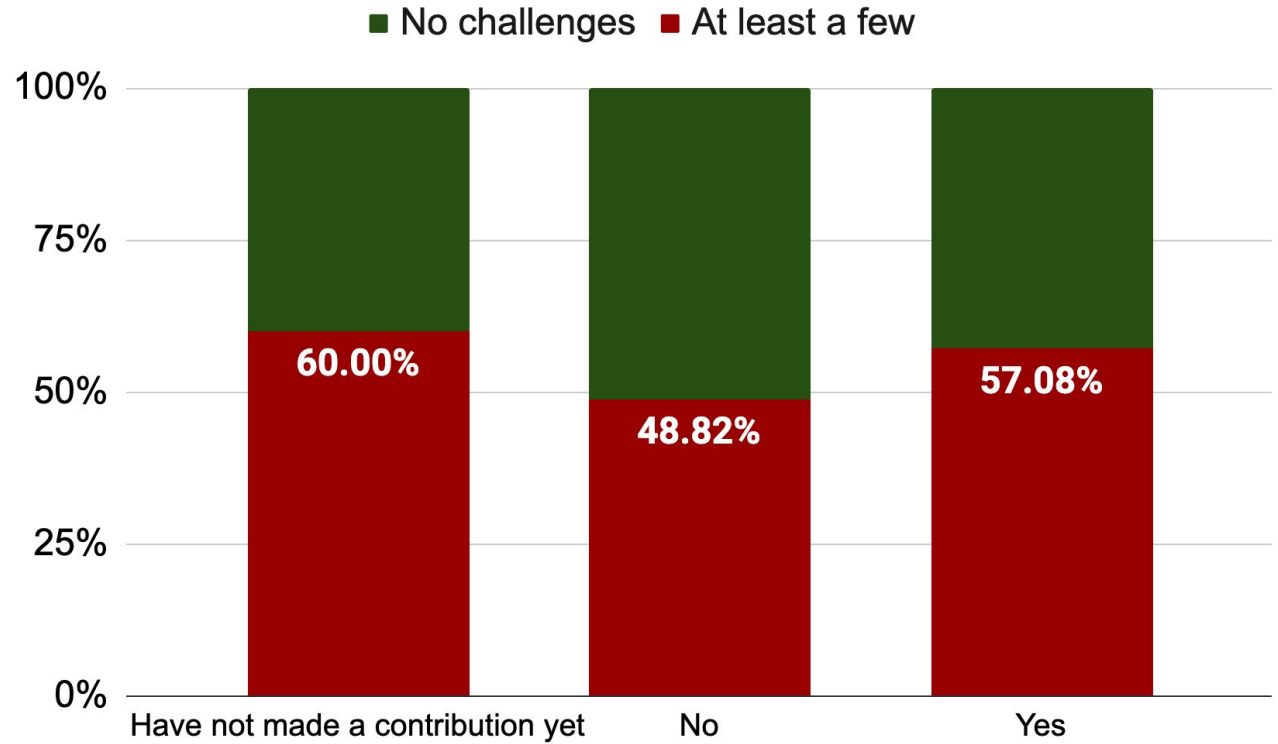
How can we reduce this barrier?



Having a Mentor

Those with a mentor faced more challenges

How can we reduce this barrier?



Men who face challenges have different demographics

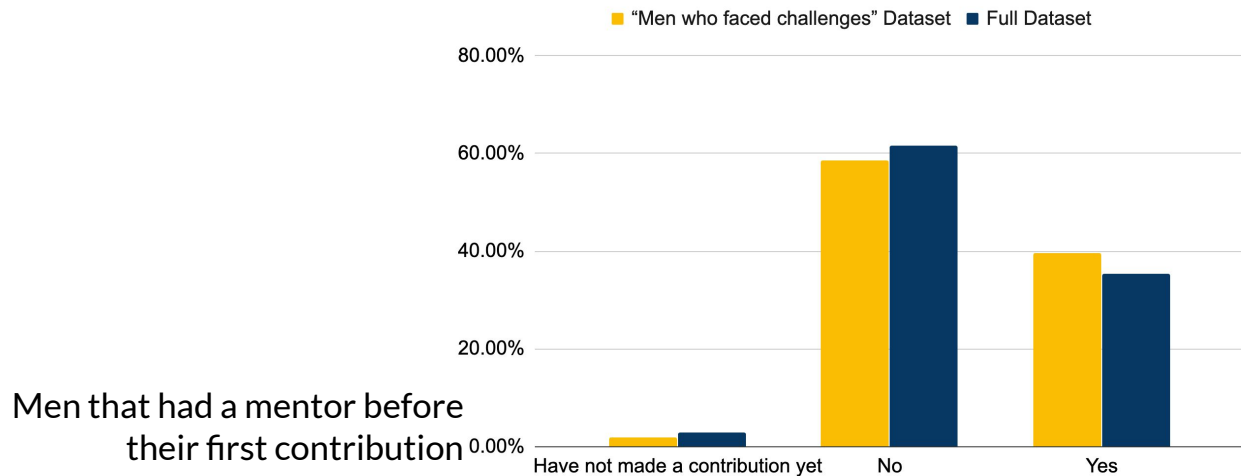
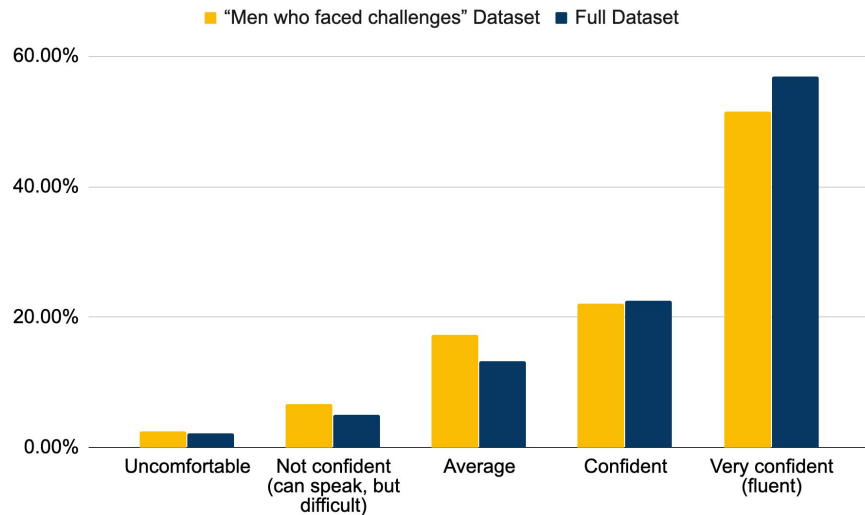
* Population of 272 people

No main differences

Men with certain challenges do not show a different distribution if compared to the full dataset

Less confident in English

Slightly higher distribution of those that had a mentor before their first contribution



Men that had a mentor before their first contribution

**Those who move from the country
where they grew up have...**

... different demographics

... challenges to contributing

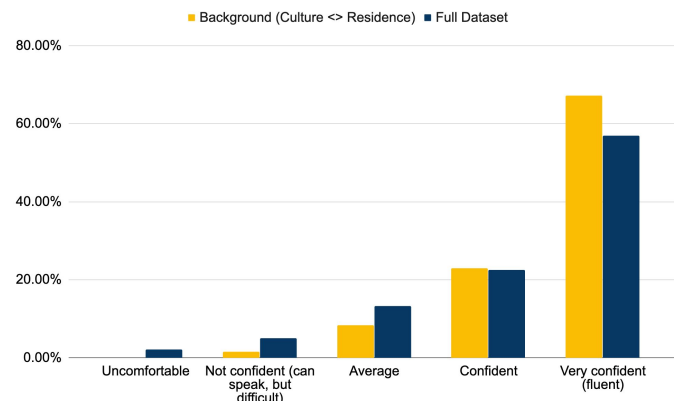
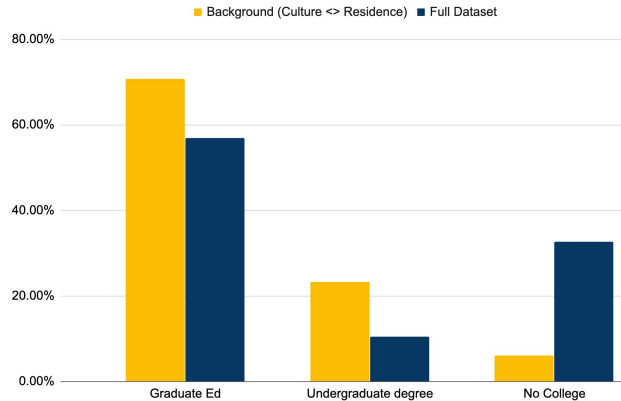
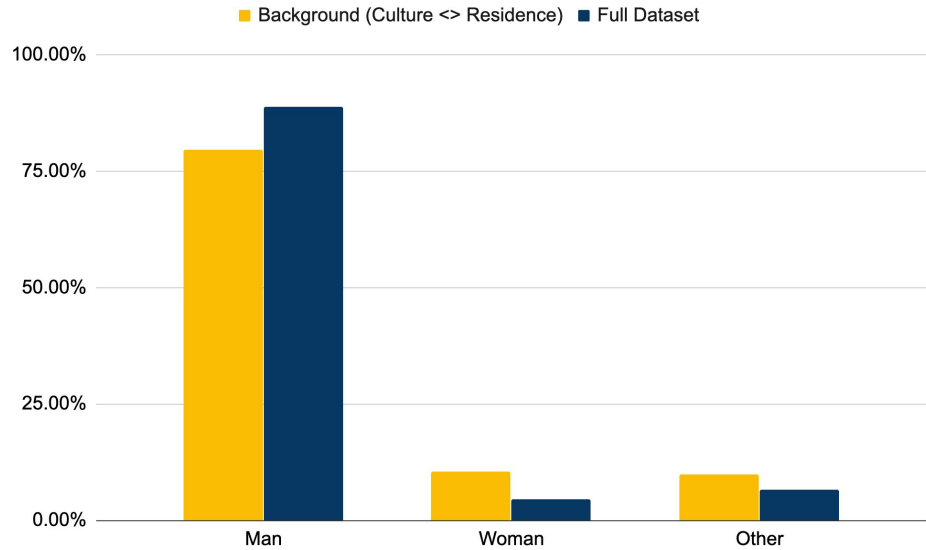
* Population of 134 people

Cultural Background

There are more women with a different cultural background and current residence

In general, those that moved to another country have a higher education and feel more English confident

And more are compensated for participating



Recap

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2. Those in minority face challenges
 - a. English fluency: Yes ($p < 0.05$)
 - b. Gender: Yes ($p < 0.05$)
 - c. Having a mentor: No ($p = 0.05$)
3. Men who face challenges have different demographics: No
4. Those who move country where they grew up...
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*Chi² test for significance

**Question: what barriers
newcomers face?**

* Population of 18 people

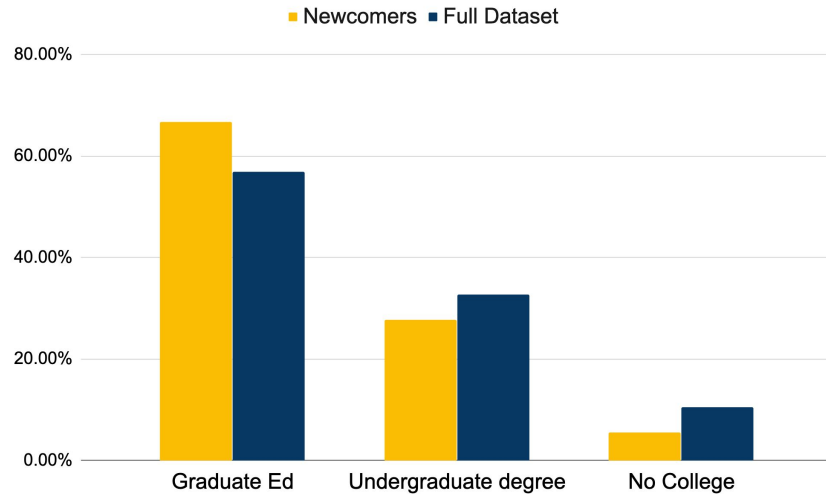
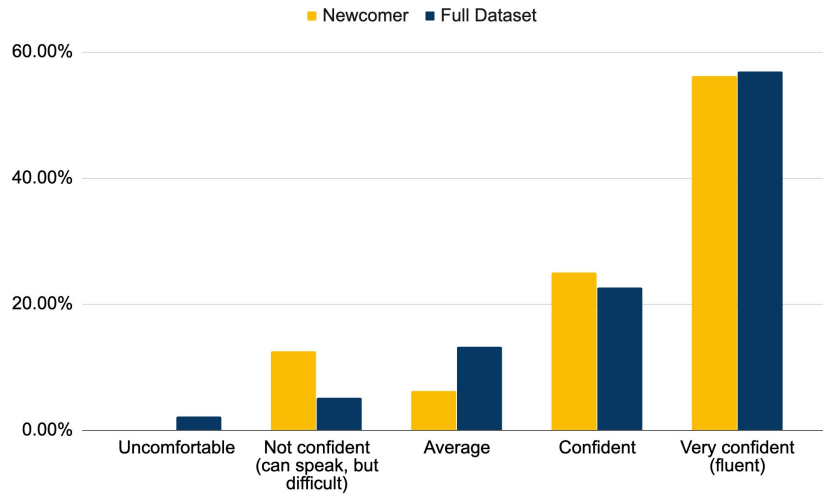
Newcomers have barriers

A higher percentage of them face challenges

There are more women in percentage. Is gender a factor for this?

The language might be another barrier

And most of them are volunteering with no compensation



Next Steps

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Next steps



Interviews to validate hypothesis

- Interviewee identification distributed across studied dimensions
 - Minorities
 - Men with challenges
 - Average profile
- Additional interviews with groups of interest
 - Interns
 - Those who left

Quantitative analysis

- Selection of projects to analyze
- Dashboard generation with gender info

Questions?

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Survey Scope

Initial Goals and Scope

Include relevant CHAOSS D&I WG metrics and survey questions.

Feedback collected in a 1-hour session with ASF members. One week before, draft survey submitted to dev@diversity.apache.org.

ASF pilots the survey with ComDev and incubator for one week.

Final survey is provided to ASF, ready to begin data collection.

Any participant in the community can fill the survey.

Committers were sent tokenized invitation via email so we could compute response rates. This is anonymous, and this is done through a randomly generated token by the tool. We also sent (non-tokenized) links via social media

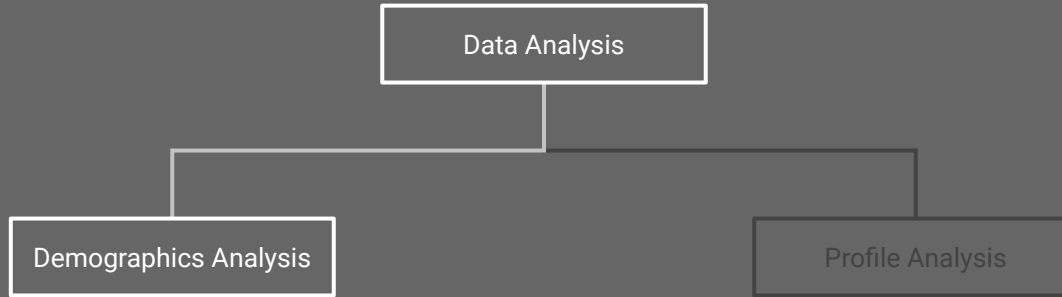
The goal is to have as many people as possible answering the survey and reach a 10% of the total number of committers.

The survey extends the 2016 survey demographics and Contributor Role section and adds other new categories. These focus on understanding the challenges of contributing to the ASF.

A laptop screen is shown in a dimly lit environment. The screen displays a data dashboard. At the top, there is a line graph with two data series: 'New Visitor' (represented by a blue line) and 'Returning Visitor' (represented by a green line). The x-axis of the graph is labeled '19 Oct'. Below the graph, there is a pie chart with a blue segment and a green segment. The text 'Survey Methodology' is overlaid in large, white, bold font across the center of the screen. The laptop keyboard is visible at the bottom of the frame.

Survey Methodology

Method



Demographics Analysis

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Details

We **aggregated** both the closed (158) and open (466) survey data

We only analyzed **complete** survey data

We **combine** data when <5% and when it makes logical sense

Method



Attributes

Years in ASF
Age
Overall Contributing Time
Education
Gender
Careful Handle

Have Mentor
Faced Challenges
English Speaking Fluency
Background Culture
Current Residence

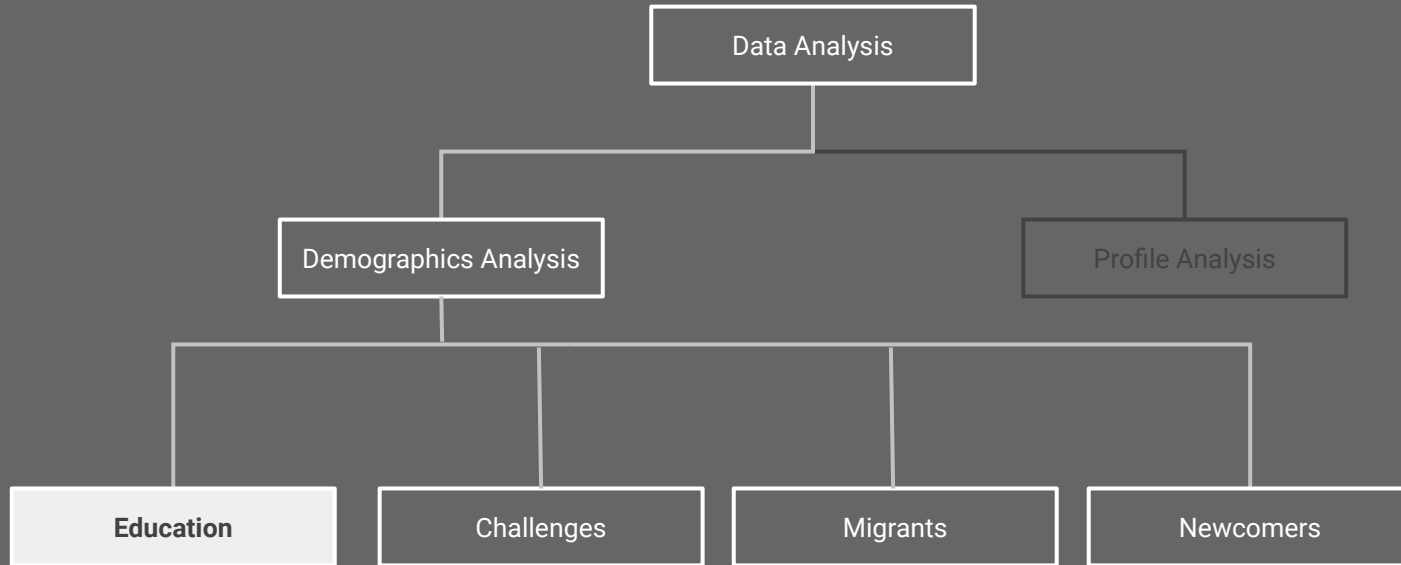
Paired Attributes

Education
Faced Challenges*
Cultural Background
Newcomers

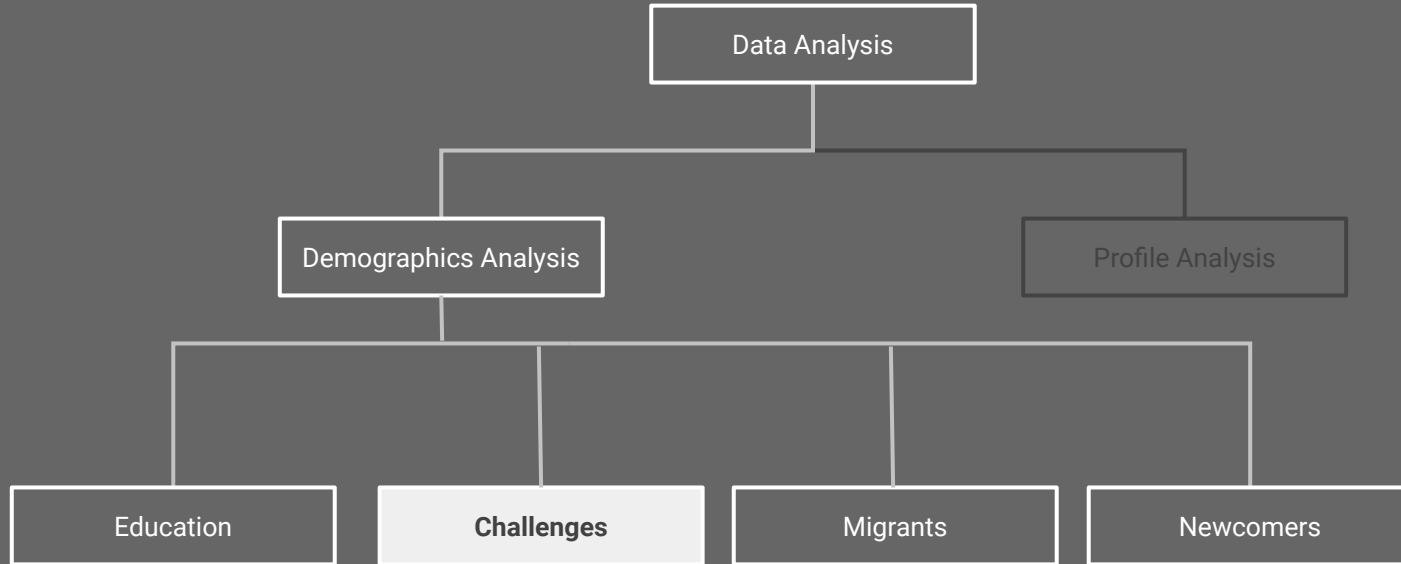
English Fluency
Gender / Careful Handle
Have Mentor
Paid / Volunteering work

*With detail in men who faced challenges subset

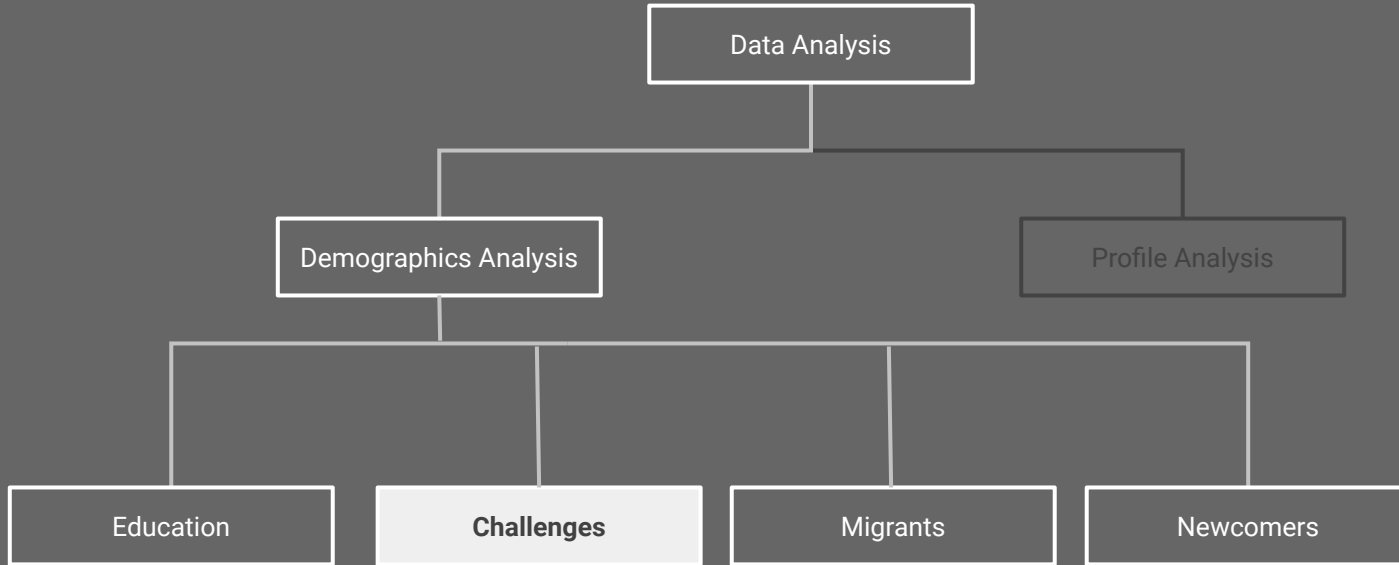
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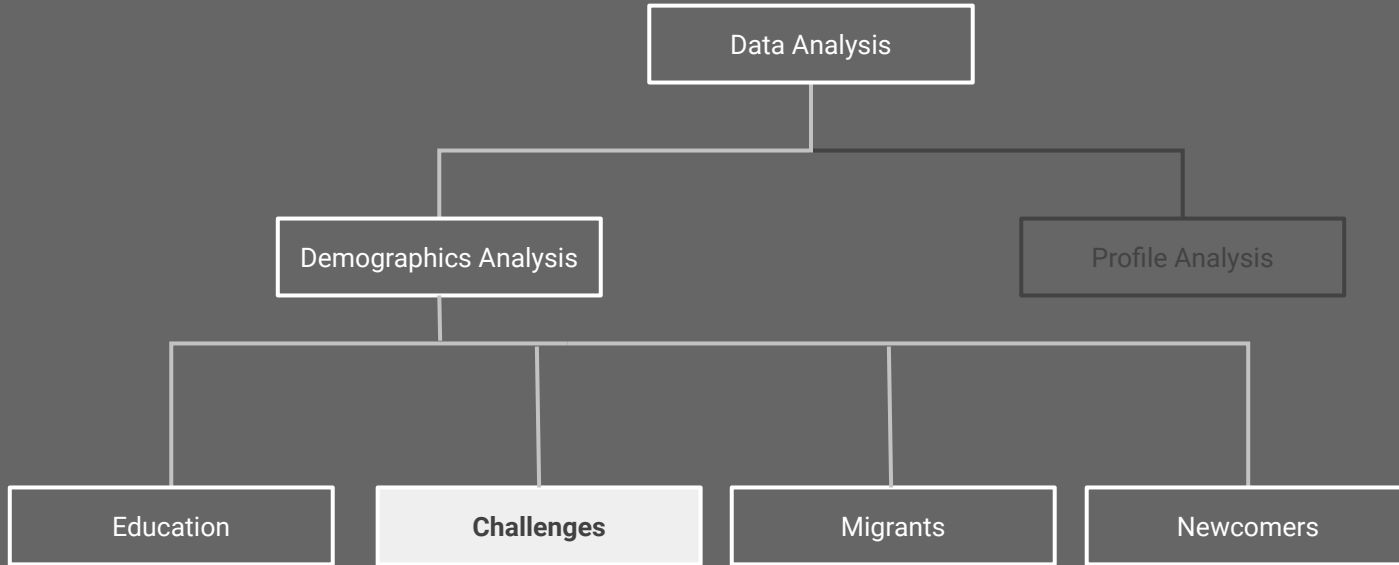


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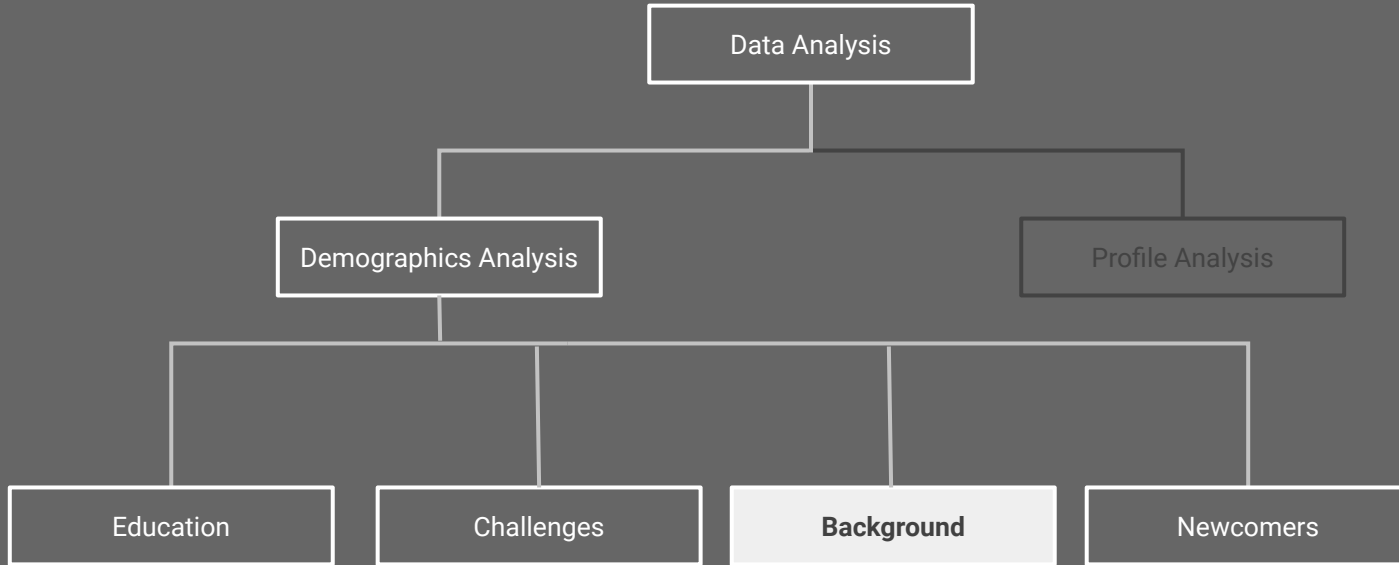
Focus on people that
carefully selected their
handle
Population of 51 people

Method



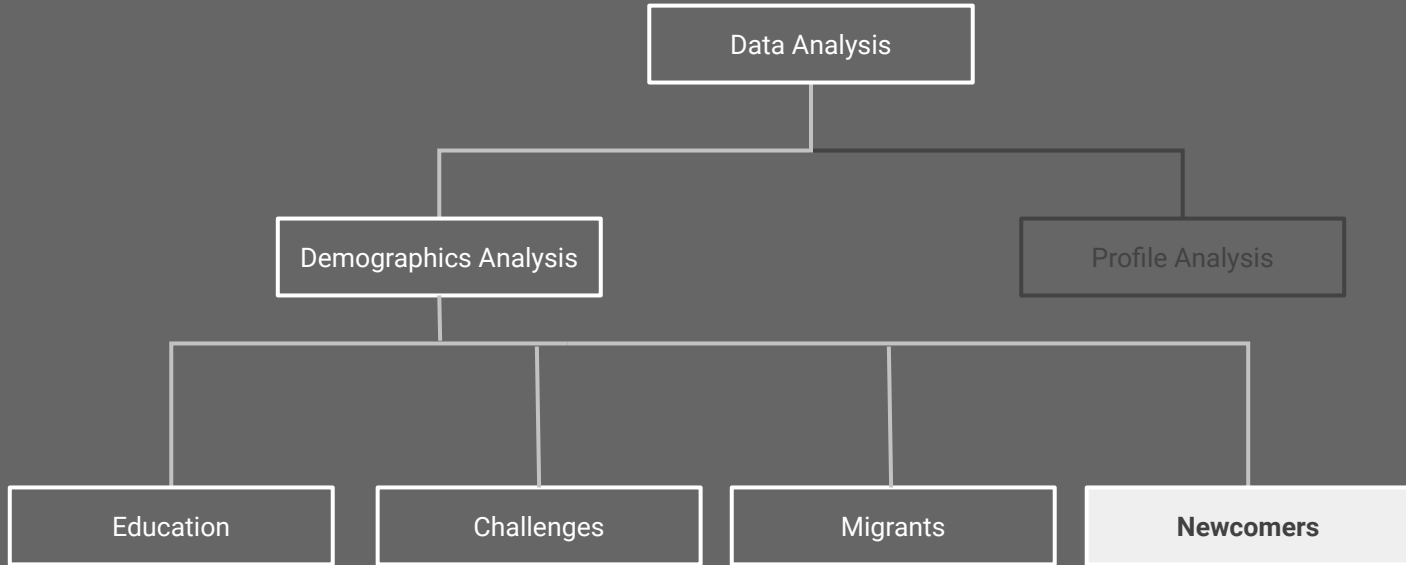
Focus on Men who faced
challenges dataset
Population of 272 people

Method




**Focus on people whose residence is different from where they currently live
Population of 134 people**

Method



**Focus on newcomers
(those without a
contribution yet)
Population of 18 people**



Survey design based on previous experiences:

- [2016 ASF Committer Diversity Survey](#)
- To be completed

There were two surveys to keep track of the number of committers (anonymous way) that answered. Open to anyone in the community.

Data collection took place in a two months period (Christmas in between) and did some advertisement using:

- Committers mailing list
- Social media
-

Analysis

- Data downloaded on: Mar 21
- Data analyzed: 466 + 158
- 7010 emails sent



Challenges

- Motivate committers to fill the survey
- Motivate community participants to fill the survey
- Most of the answers (>50%) came during the first call (committers mailing list)
- Difference between completed surveys for those with token or without token

LimeSurvey Challenges

- Two surveys are provided, data is merged

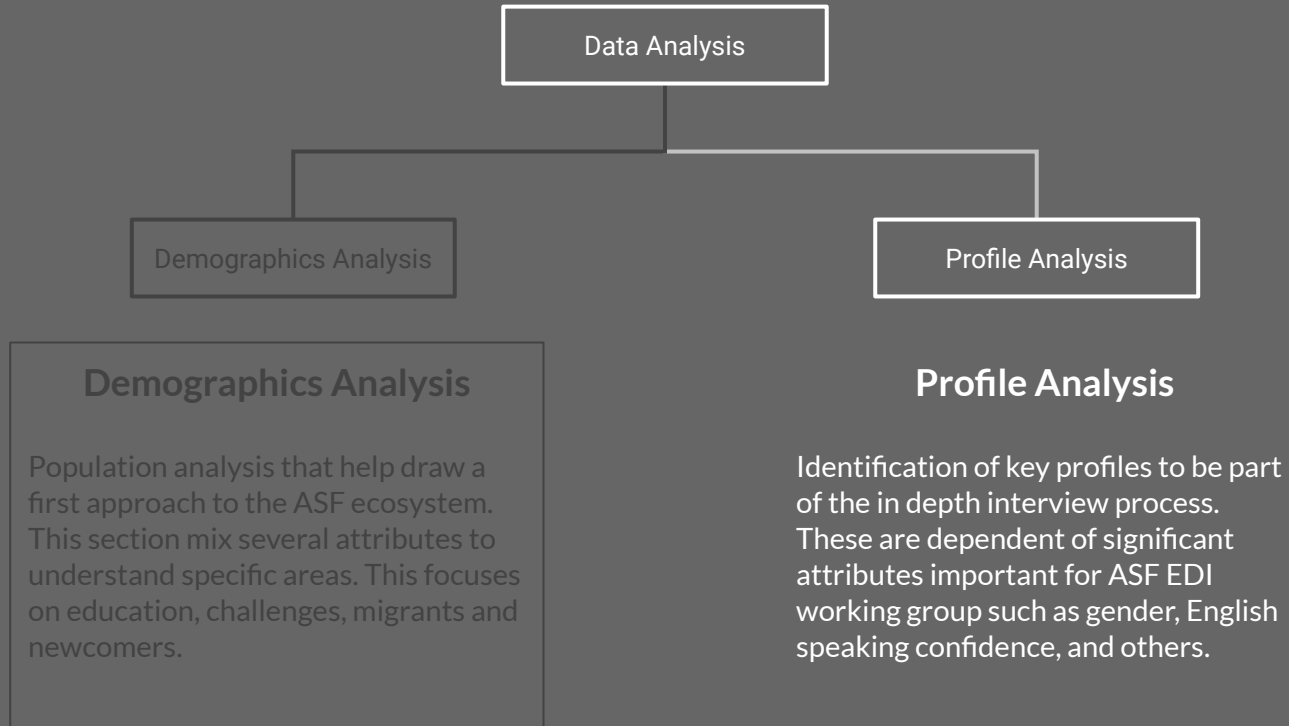
FOSDEM Booth Challenges

- Only few people were interested in the survey
- Some were willing to fill the survey at the booth (this may lead to a lack of privacy), we asked them not to.
- Lack of resources, perhaps having a QR or some flyer may have helped.
- Committers were aware of this
- Other people were not aware of this

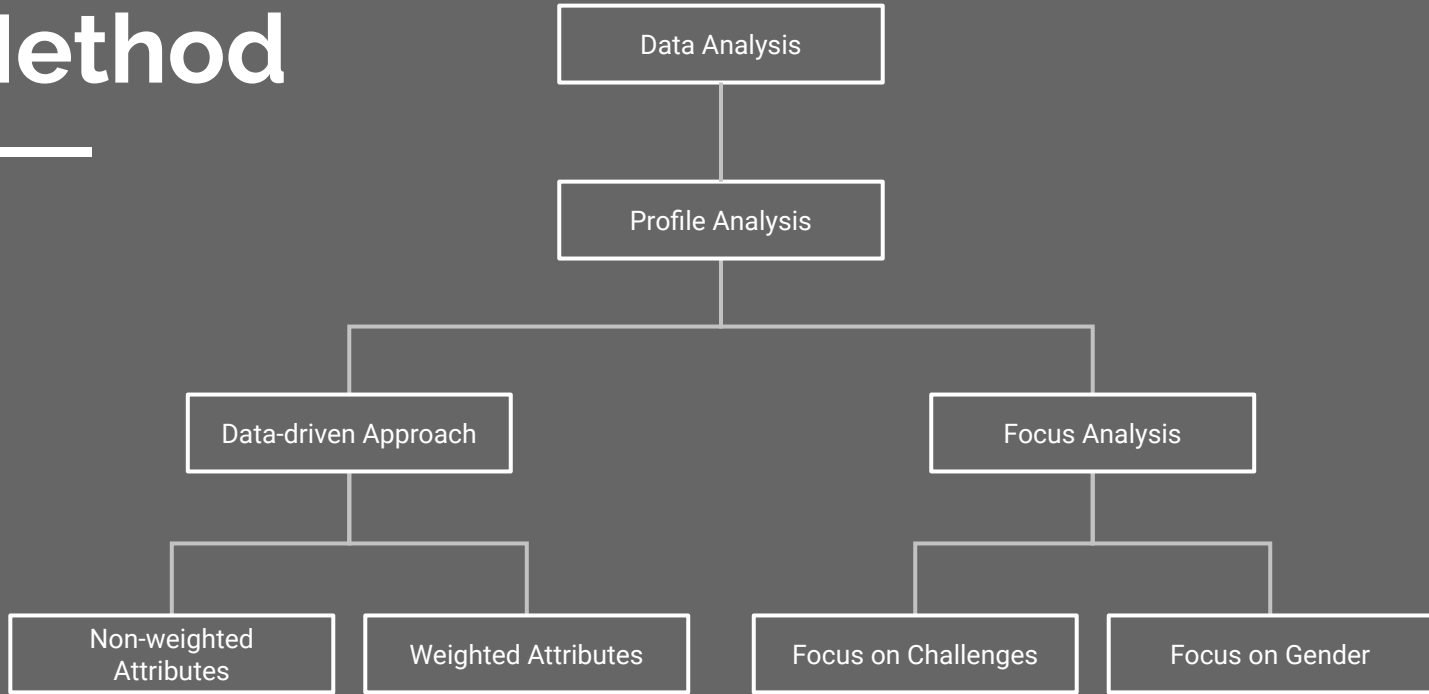
A laptop screen is shown in a dark, dimly lit environment. The screen displays a data visualization interface. At the top, there is a line graph with a blue line and several data points, showing an overall upward trend. Below the graph, a pie chart is visible, with a blue segment and a green segment. The text 'Profile Analysis for interviewee selection' is overlaid in large, white, bold font across the center of the screen. The laptop keyboard is partially visible at the bottom right.

Profile Analysis for interviewee selection

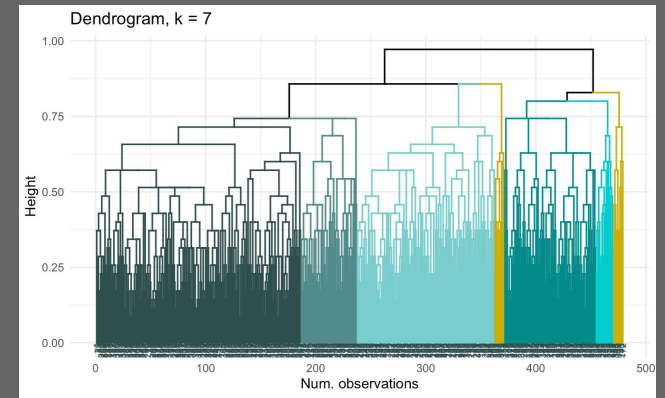
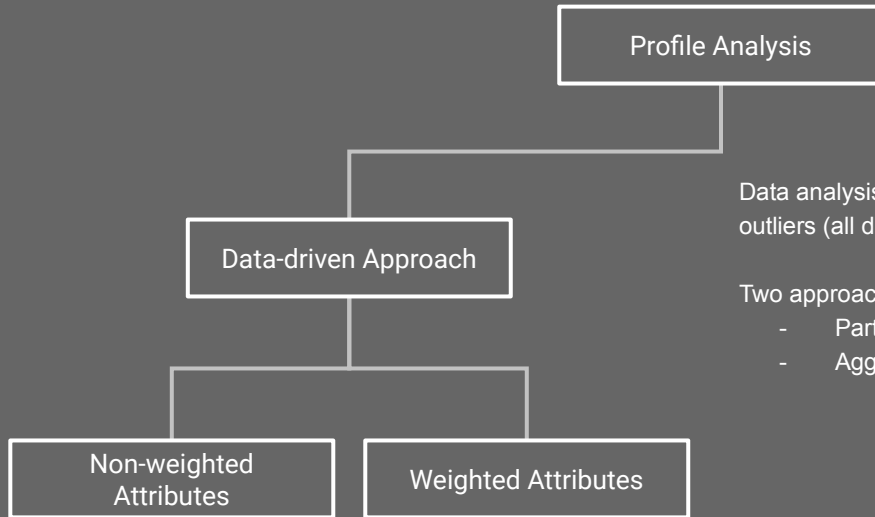
Method



Method



Method



Data analysis focused on creating clusters to identify majority profiles and outliers (all dataset included)

Two approaches* for clustering:

- Partitioning around Medoids
- Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering adopted
 - Retain the structure even when we increase the number of clusters.
 - Starts by putting each participant in its own cluster, examines distance and pairs clusters together.
 - Visual dendrogram (visually understand how cluster are divided).

Silhouette analysis** to determine the number of clusters.

Weighted attributes to give focus to attributes of Diversity interest: challenges faced, gender, culture, english proficiency

- Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering adopted

* <https://www.stat.berkeley.edu/~s133/Cluster2a.html>

** <https://medium.com/codesmart/r-series-k-means-clustering-silhouette-794774b46586>

Method

The focused analysis using attributes of interest (partial data)
This allows direct focus on the questions that matter to us according to the general ASF goals:

- Challenges faced
- Gender identity

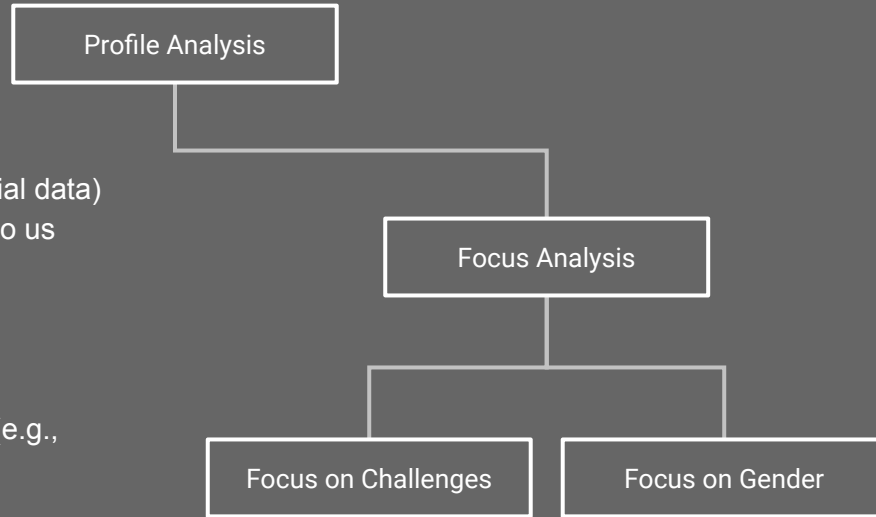
Analysis between multiple pairs of factors of interest (e.g., challenges faced and gender)

Two partitioned dataset:

- “challenged” dataset: responses from individuals who at least faced some challenges (<> no challenges)
- “gender” dataset: <> men

Clustering for majority profiles

- Non-Weighted
- Weighted (challenges faced, gender, culture, english proficiency)



Method Summary

Clustering analysis on dataset with all factors given equal weights

Non-weighted
Attributes

This method provides weight to certain attributes. This analysis gives weight to:

- Challenges faced
- Gender
- Culture
- English proficiency

Weighted Attributes

Partitioned data to focus on those who faced challenges

- non weighted
- weighted

Focus on Challenges

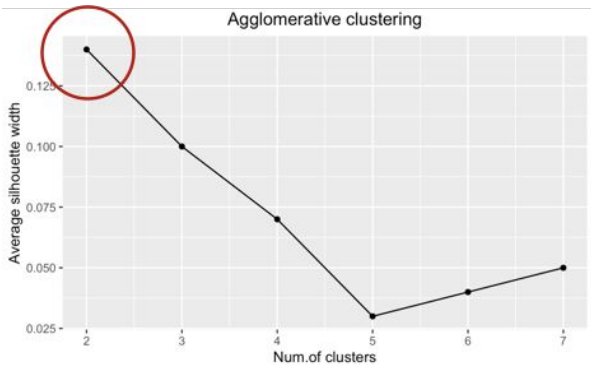
Partitioned data to focus on “non men” participants

- non weighted
- weighted

Focus on Gender

Results: Majority Profiles; Non Weighted

Non-Weighted	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Years at ASF	3 to 5	3 to 5
Compensation	Unpaid only	Unpaid only
Volunteering	1 to 2 hours	1 to 2 hours
Challenges	No	Few
Residence/Culture	US /US	Germany/ Germany
English Speaking	Very Confident	Confident
Age	35 to 44	35 to 44
Gender	Man	Man
Education	Undergrad	Masters
Mentor	No	No
Careful handle	No	No



Results: Majority Profiles; Weighted

Weighted	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Years at ASF	3 to 5	3 to 5
Compensation	Unpaid only	Unpaid only
Volunteering	1 to 2 hours	1 to 2 hours
Challenges	No	Few
Residence/Culture	US /US	Germany/ Germany
English Speaking	Very Confident	Confident
Age	35 to 44	35 to 44
Gender	Man	Man
Education	Undergrad	Masters
Mentor	No	No

Weighted and non-weighted give exactly the same majority profiles

Adopt non-weighted dataset

Results: Outlier Profiles Non Weighted

Non-Weighted	Outlier 1	Outlier 2	Outlier 3
Years at ASF	3 to 5	3 to 5	1 to 2
Compensation	Unpaid only	Equal Mix, paid and unpaid	A mix, but mostly paid
Volunteering	1 to 2 hours	1 to 2 hours	1 to 2 hours
Challenges	Few	No	Few
Residence/Culture	India /India	Canada/Canada	US/US
English Speaking	Very Confident	Confident	Very confident
Age	35 to 44	35 to 44	24 or younger
Gender	Man	Man	Gender Var/non-conform/
Careful Handle	No	No	Yes
Education	Undergrad	Technical training	Undergrad
Mentor	No	Yes	No

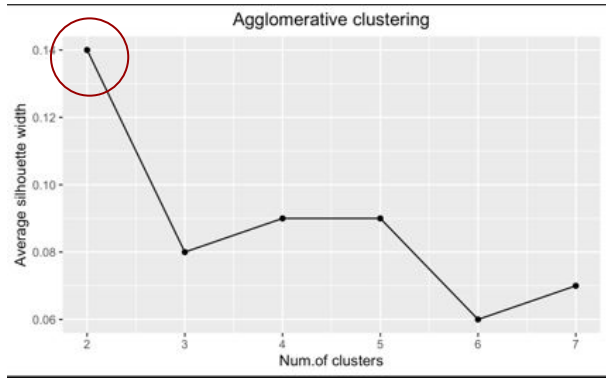
Results: Challenged dataset; Majority Profiles

Challenged Partition	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Years at ASF	3 to 5	Over 10 years
Compensation	Unpaid only	Mix but mostly paid
Volunteering	1 to 2 hours	3 to 5 hours
Challenges	Few	Few
Residence/Culture	US /US	US/ US
English Speaking	Very Confident	Very confident
Age	35 to 44	25 to 34
Gender	Man	Man
Education	Masters	Masters
Mentor	No	yes

Challenged dataset give profiles with similar attributes as Majority profiles

- weighted
- non weighted

Dropped challenged partitioned dataset



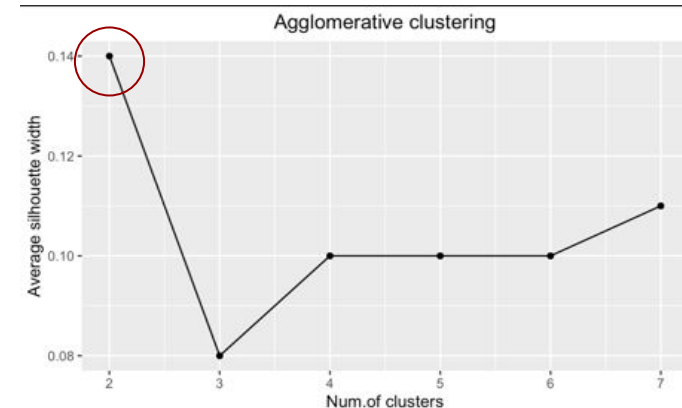
Results: Gender dataset; Majority Profiles

Gender Partition	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Years at ASF	Over 10 year	Over 10 years
Compensation	A mix but mostly paid	Unpaid only
Volunteering	1 to 2 hours	3 to 5 hours
Challenges	Few	No
Residence/Culture	US/US	US/US
English Speaking	very confident	Very confident
Age	35 to 44	25 to 34
Gender	Women	Women
Education	Undergrad/Masters	Masters
Mentor	No	No

Gender dataset give profiles with similar attributes as Majority profiles

- weighted
- non weighted

Dropped gender partitioned dataset



Outliers: Partitioning Data



Factors: Challenges, Gender, Culture, English Speak

- Challenges <> “No” and “Few” => 51 participants (19 provided emails)
 - Further cluster into 2 or 7 clusters?
- & Gender <> “Man” => 15 participants (6 provided their emails)
- & Culture <> US and Germany => 9 participants (3 provided their emails)
- & English speak <> “Very Confident (fluent)” and “Confident” => 1 participant (did not provide their email)

Examples of the outliers

	Profile
Years at ASF	Over 10 year
Compensation	A mix but mostly paid
Volunteering	10+ hours
Challenges	Many
Residence/Culture	Netherland/ Italy
English Speaking	Average
Age	45 to 54
Gender	Prefer not to say
Education	Masters
Mentor	No
Contact	No

Challenges <> “No” and “Few” &
Gender <> “Man” & Culture <> US
and Germany & English speak <>
“Very Confident (fluent)” and
“Confident” => 1 participant

The three examples that provided contact info out of the nine profiles

	Profile 1	Profile 2	Profile 3
Years at ASF	6 to 10 years	over 10 years	over 10 years
Compensation	unpaid only	unpaid only	a mix but mostly paid
Volunteering	I don't have time	3 to 5 hours	6 to 10 hours
Challenges	Several	Many	Several
Residence/Culture	US/United Arab Emirates	US/ India	US/Canada
English Speaking	Very confident	Very confident	Very confident
Age	25 to 34	45 to 54	25 to 34
Gender	Woman	Prefer not to say	Tran woman
Education	Masters	Undergrad	Undergrad
Mentor	No	No	Yes
Contact	Yes	Yes	Yes

Challenges <> “No” and “Few” &
 Gender <> “Man” & Culture <> US
 and Germany => 9 participants

The three examples that provided contact info out of the 15 profiles

	Profile 1	Profile 2	Profile 3
Years at ASF	Over 10 years	3 to 5 years	6 to 10 years
Compensation	An equal mix, paid and unpaid	unpaid only	unpaid only
Volunteering	6 to 10 hours	10+ hours	3 to 5 hours
Challenges	Several	Several	Several
Residence/Culture	Ireland/ US	Germany/US	US/US
English Speaking	very confident	confident	very confident
Age	55 to 64	35 to 44	55 to 64
Gender	Woman	woman	Gender varian / Non-conforming / Non-binary
Education	undergrad	undergrad	masters
Mentor	No	yes	No
Contact	Yes	Yes	Yes

Challenges <> “No” and “Few” &
Gender <> “Man” => 15 participants

Other results and Insights





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The objective of the following set of questions is to understand the motivation of contributors in the ASF and how they are able to make time to contribute.

- In general, do you contribute to the ASF as paid or unpaid work?
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Choose one of the following answers

- Paid work only
- Unpaid only
- An equal mix of paid and unpaid
- A mix, but mostly paid
- A mix, but mostly unpaid

On average, how much time per week are you available to volunteer for unpaid projects (e.g., contributing to OSS, volunteering for a hospital, pet projects)?
Choose one of the following answers

- I dont have time to volunteer
- 1-2 hours
- 3-5 hours
- 6-10 hours
- 10+ hours



Availability of Protocols / Guidelines

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- When you need to locate information about ASF processes, policies, or guidelines, which of the following describes your experience?



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	Never	Rarely (less than once a month)	Sometimes (more than once a month)	Often (once a week or more)
Mailing list communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
IRC communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Performing code reviews	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Process of getting code accepted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Code of conduct	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Onboarding newcomers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Licensing, trademark	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Add new committers/PMC members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Project releases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voting process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

When you need to locate information about ASF processes, policies, or guidelines, which of the following describes your experience?

	Always easy to find	Easy to find	A little difficult to find	Quite difficult to find
Mailing list communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
IRC communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Support for Newcomers

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- What suggestions do you have for improving the ASF policies, processes, or guidelines available to new contributors?



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Choose one of the following answers

- Yes
- No
- Have not made a contribution yet

Did you face any challenges when you started to participate in the ASF (e.g., language differences, technical expertise, cultural differences, etc)?

Choose one of the following answers

- No challenges
- A Few challenges
- Several challenges
- Many challenges

What suggestions do you have for improving the ASF policies, processes, or guidelines available to new contributors?



Diversity and Inclusion (1/2)

For the following section, we would ask you about your experiences in a project that you are most active in OR a project that you would like to tell us about EDI (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion) aspects.

- For the project you have in mind, rate the following statements.
- Which is the project you are thinking of? [optional]
- Please choose your country of residence.
- Please choose the country where you grew up OR the country that defines you the most.
- How confident are you in your ability to read, write and speak in English when performing the following activities?
- [...]

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For the project you have in mind, rate the following statements.

	Completely disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Completely agree	Not Applicable (N/A)
Other members of the project see me as a parental figure.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am expected to take care of other members of the project more so than is usual.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a hard time following discussions because of technical jargon.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel some members of the community are patronizing to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have an equal chance to get contributions accepted.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nothing keeps me from contributing to the project.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a solid network of open-source peers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was easy to find a mentor with whom I felt comfortable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The POC represents a diverse set of people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel represented in the decision making group.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was made aware of the code of conduct and how to report violations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt safer and more empowered to fully participate in this project because I followed the code of conduct.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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[Choose one of the following countries](#)

Please choose...

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[Choose one of the following elements](#)

Please choose...

How confident are you in your ability to read, write and speak in English when performing the following activities?

	Uncomfortable	Not confident (can speak, but difficult)	Average	Confident	Very confident (fluent)
Performing reviews	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in a non-technical discussion on the email list	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in technical discussions on the email list	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speaking with others (face to face)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Diversity and Inclusion (2/2)

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- [...]
- Did you select your online handle very carefully - considering the gender it may or may not reveal ?
- What is your age range?
- How do you identify yourself?
- What is your education level (or equivalent)?
- In your own words, what in your background or personal experiences help you be successful in OSS today?

The image shows a screenshot of a survey form with five questions. Each question is presented in a dark blue header bar with a question icon and a 'Choose one of the following answers' link. The questions are:

- Did you select your online handle very carefully - considering the gender it may or may not reveal ?**
Options: Yes, No
- What is your age range?**
Options: 24 or younger, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, Over 65, Prefer not to say
- How do you identify yourself?**
Options: Woman, Man, Trans Woman, Trans Man, Gender variant / Non-conforming / Non-binary, Prefer not to say, Prefer to self-describe (please answer as comment)
A text box labeled 'Please enter your comment here:' is provided for the last option.
- What is your education level (or equivalent)?**
Options: No formal education, High school, Technical training, Undergraduate degree, Master's degree, Ph.D.
- In your own words, what in your background or personal experiences help you be successful in OSS today?**
A large text box for a free-form answer.



Wrap Up

- What else do you think we should know about this survey or about D&I in the ASF?
- Would you like to volunteer for a follow-up interview to help us explore the survey results in more detail?



Wrap up

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[Choose one of the following answers](#)

- Yes
- No



Age per years at ASF

Row Labels	Count of Age	% of Age2
3 to 5 years	164	26.71%
35 to 44	76	46.34%
25 to 34	50	30.49%
45 to 54	25	15.24%
55 to 64	8	4.88%
Over 65	3	1.83%
Prefer not to say	1	0.61%
24 or younger	1	0.61%
Over 10 years	158	25.73%
45 to 54	61	38.61%
35 to 44	59	37.34%
55 to 64	18	11.39%
Over 65	9	5.70%
Prefer not to say	7	4.43%
25 to 34	3	1.90%
24 or younger	1	0.63%
6 to 10 years	127	20.68%
35 to 44	53	41.73%
45 to 54	35	27.56%
55 to 64	19	14.96%
25 to 34	11	8.66%
Over 65	6	4.72%
Prefer not to say	3	2.36%
1 to 2 years	99	16.12%

Results

25 to 34	50	50.51%
35 to 44	27	27.27%
45 to 54	9	9.09%
24 or younger	5	5.05%
55 to 64	5	5.05%
Prefer not to say	2	2.02%
Over 65	1	1.01%
Less than 1 year	66	10.75%
25 to 34	33	50.00%
35 to 44	16	24.24%
45 to 54	7	10.61%
24 or younger	5	7.58%
55 to 64	3	4.55%
Prefer not to say	1	1.52%
Over 65	1	1.52%
Grand Total	614	100.00%

Immigrants data: 134 data points

Row Labels	Count of residence	% of residence
Albania	1	0.75%
Australia	2	1.49%
Austria	1	0.75%
Belarus	1	0.75%
Bulgaria	1	0.75%
Canada	6	4.48%
Czech Republic	1	0.75%
France	5	3.73%
Germany	12	8.96%
Hungary	1	0.75%
Ireland {Republic}	2	1.49%
Japan	2	1.49%
Luxembourg	1	0.75%
Malaysia	1	0.75%
Morocco	1	0.75%
Netherlands	5	3.73%
New Zealand	3	2.24%
Norway	1	0.75%
Russian Federation	1	0.75%
Singapore	3	2.24%
Slovakia	1	0.75%
Spain	2	1.49%
Sweden	3	2.24%
Switzerland	4	2.99%
United Kingdom	8	5.97%
United States	63	47.01%
Vietnam	2	1.49%
Grand Total	134	100.00%

Row Labels	Count of culture	% of culture
Algeria	1	1
Andorra	1	1
Argentina	2	2
Australia	1	1
Austria	3	3
Belarus	1	1
Belgium	1	1
Brazil	3	3
Cameroon	1	1
Canada	6	6
China	12	12
Cuba	1	1
Denmark	1	1
France	10	10
Germany	5	5
Greece	1	1
India	18	18
Iran	1	1
Italy	1	1
Japan	2	2
Kazakhstan	2	2
Korea South	3	3
Kyrgyzstan	1	1
Lithuania	1	1
Mexico	3	3
Moldova	1	1
New Zealand	1	1

Norway	3	3
Portugal	2	2
Romania	3	3
Russian Federation	10	10
Serbia	1	1
Slovakia	1	1
South Africa	1	1
Spain	5	5
Sweden	2	2
Switzerland	1	1
Taiwan	1	1
Turkey	2	2
Ukraine	2	2
United Arab Emirates	1	1
United Kingdom	6	6
United States	9	9
Grand Total	134	134

Side by Side: Majority Profiles; Weighted and Non-Weighted

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Age	35 to 44	25 to 34
Gender	Man	Man
Education	Masters	Masters
Mentor	No	yes

Weighted	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Years at ASF	6 to 10	3 to 5
Compensation	Unpaid only	Unpaid only
Volunteering	1 to 2 hours	1 to 2 hours
Challenges	Few	Few
Residence/Culture	Germany/ Germany	US/ US
English Speaking	Confident	Very confident
Age	35 to 44	*35 to 44
Gender	Man	Man
Education	Masters	Masters
Mentor	No	*No

Side-by-Side: Gender dataset; Non-weighted & Weighted

Non_Weighted	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Years at ASF	Over 10 year	Over 10 years
Compensation	A mix but mostly paid	Unpaid only
Volunteering	1 to 2 hours	3 to 5 hours
Challenges	Few	No
Residence/Culture	US/US	US/US
English Speaking	very confident	Very confident
Age	35 to 44	25 to 34
Gender	Women	Women
Education	Undergrad/Masters	Masters
Mentor	No	No

Weighted	Cluster 1	Cluster 2
Years at ASF	Over 10 year	1 to 2 years
Compensation	Unpaid only	A mix but mostly paid
Volunteering	3 to 5 hours	1 to 2 Year
Challenges	Few/ No	No
Residence/Culture	US/US	US/India
English Speaking	very confident	confident
Age	35 to 44	25 to 34
Gender	Prefer not to say/ women	Women
Education	Undergrad	Masters
Mentor	No	No