Results

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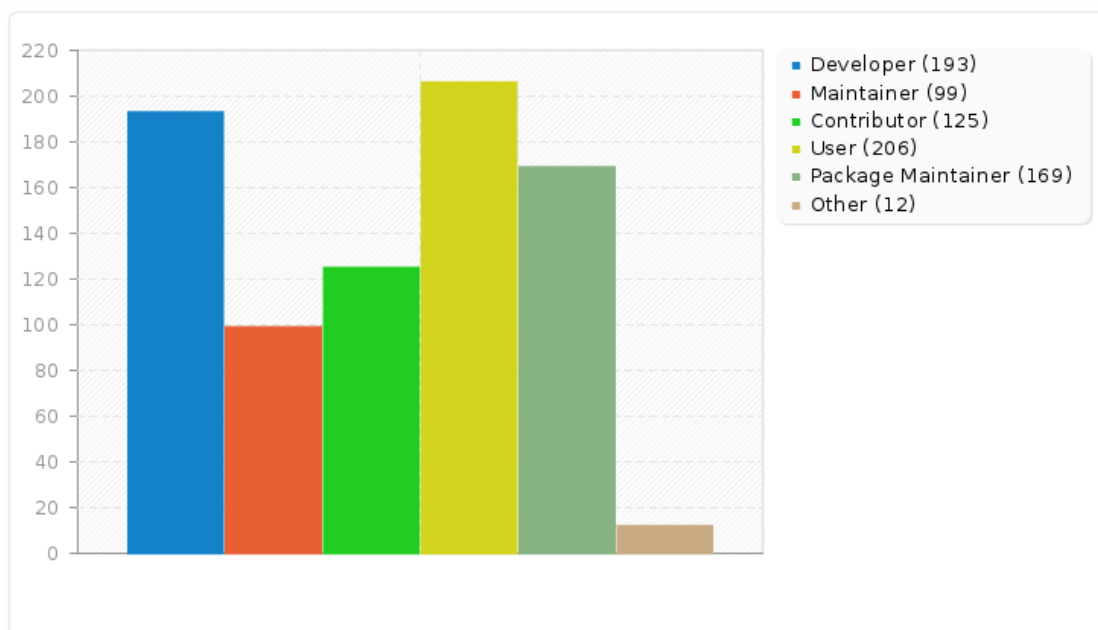|	
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Field summary for Q00001

What is your relationship to the project?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Developer (SQ001)	193	61.27%
Maintainer (SQ002)	99	31.43%
Contributor (SQ003)	125	39.68%
User (SQ004)	206	65.40%
Package Maintainer (SQ005)	169	53.65%
Other	12	3.81%

ID	Response
2	translator
10	upstream
88	Upstream
102	sysadmin
157	DSA
248	former alioth maintainer
366	Translator
434	Infrastructure Maintainer
443	Ex-developer
480	bug reporter/triager
483	consultant to commercial users
494	Delegate

Field summary for Q00001

What is your relationship to the project?

- Developer (193)
- Maintainer (99)
- Contributor (125)
- User (206)
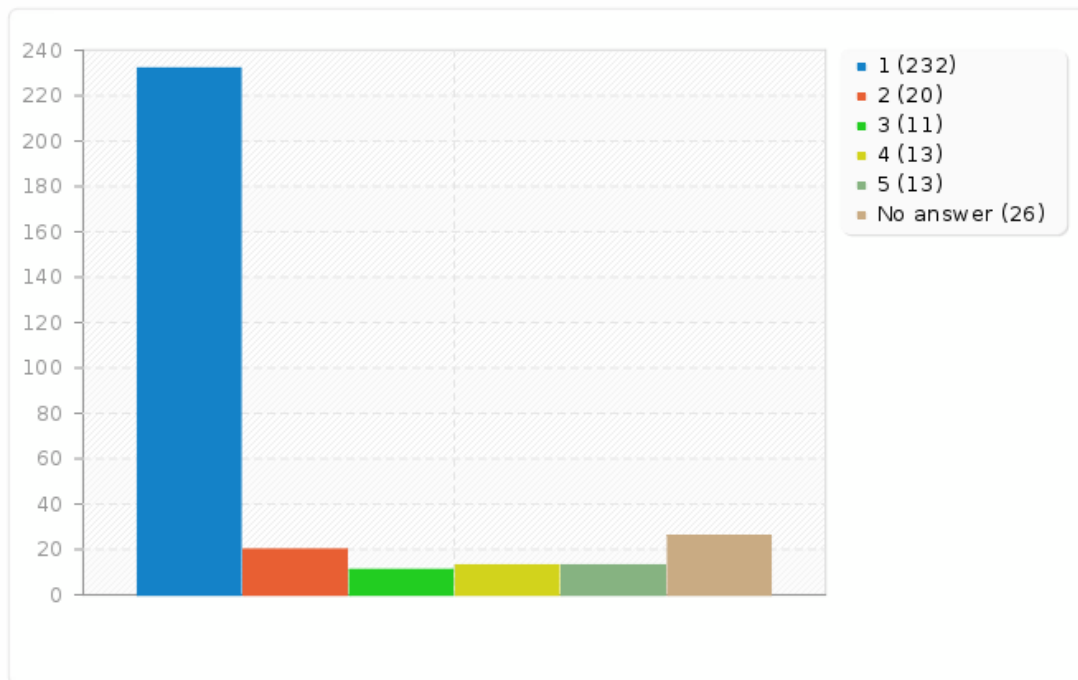- Package Maintainer (169)
- Other (12)

Field summary for Q00002(SQ001)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Issue Tracker]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	232	79.73%	86.60%
2 (2)	20	6.87%	
3 (3)	11	3.78%	3.78%
4 (4)	13	4.47%	
5 (5)	13	4.47%	8.93%
No answer	26	8.20%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	289	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ001)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Issue Tracker]
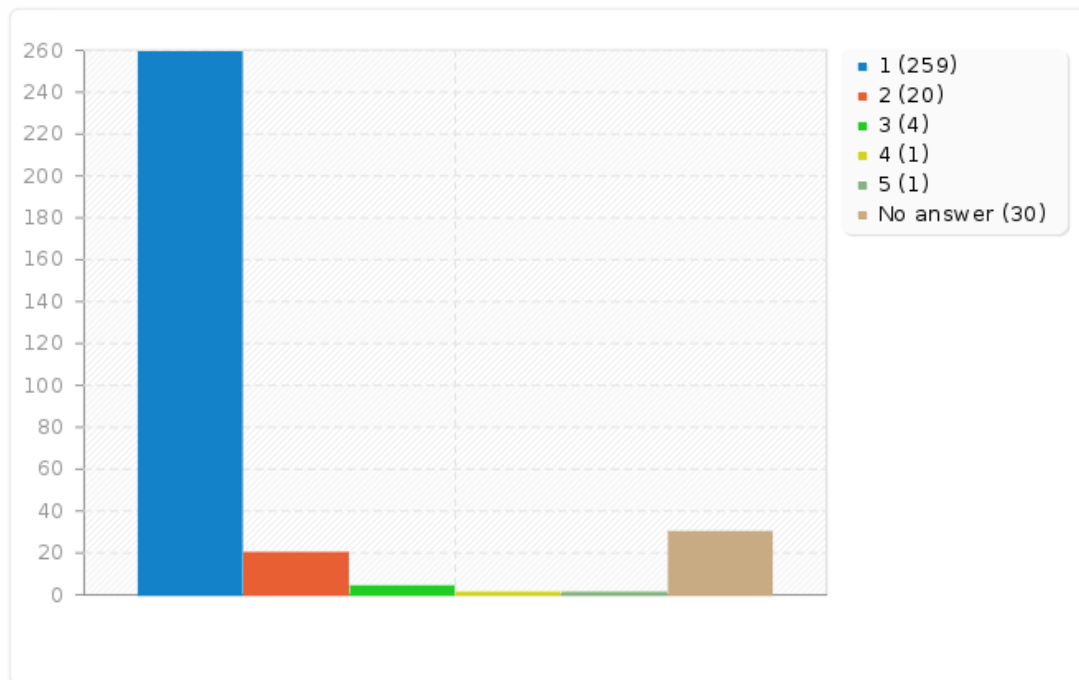
Field summary for Q00002(SQ002)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Forum]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	259	90.24%	97.21%
2 (2)	20	6.97%	
3 (3)	4	1.39%	1.39%
4 (4)	1	0.35%	
5 (5)	1	0.35%	0.70%
No answer	30	9.46%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	285	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ002)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Forum]
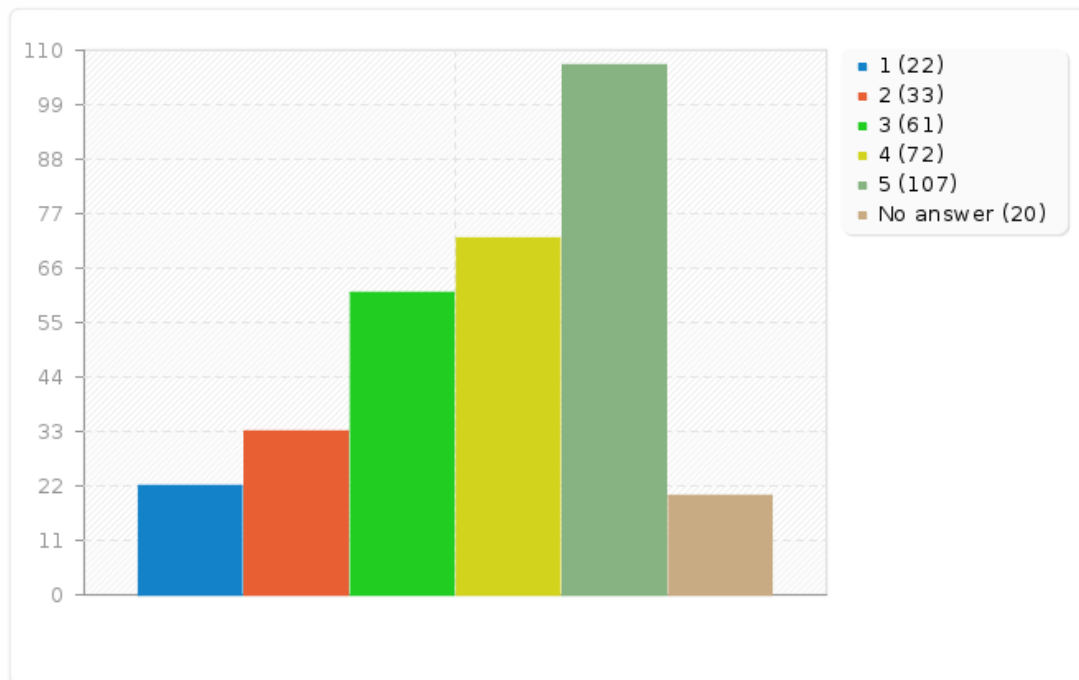
Field summary for Q00002(SQ003)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Mailinglist]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	22	7.41%	18.52%
2 (2)	33	11.11%	
3 (3)	61	20.54%	20.54%
4 (4)	72	24.24%	
5 (5)	107	36.03%	60.27%
No answer	20	6.31%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	295	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ003)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Mailinglist]
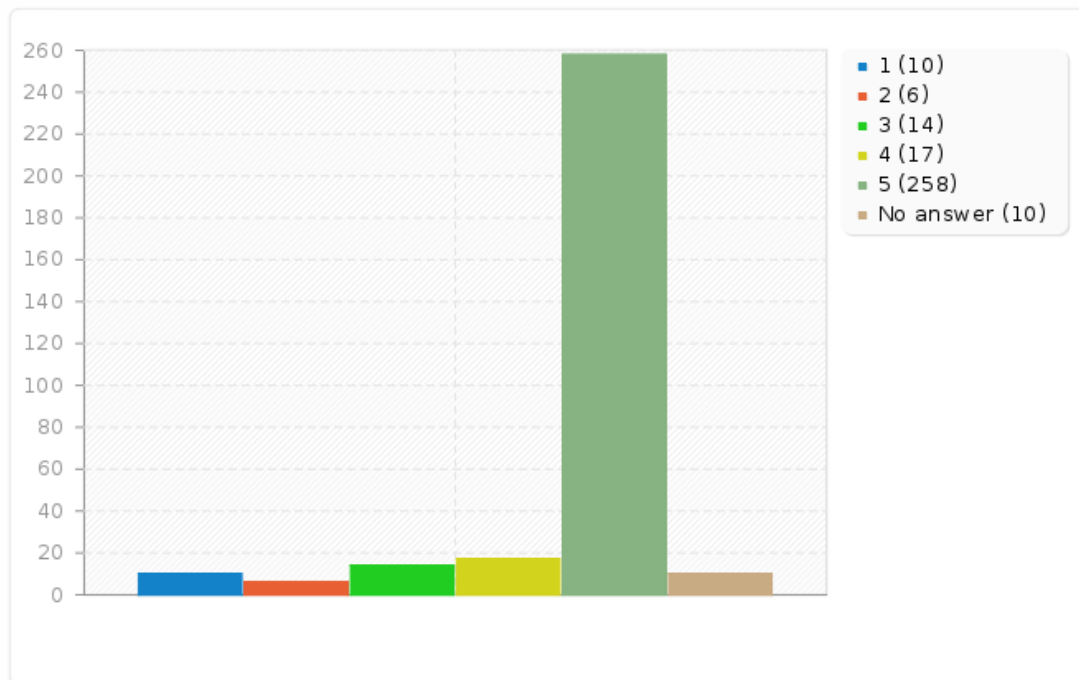
Field summary for Q00002(SQ004)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Git]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	10	3.26%	5.21%
2 (2)	6	1.95%	
3 (3)	14	4.56%	4.56%
4 (4)	17	5.54%	
5 (5)	258	84.04%	89.58%
No answer	10	3.15%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	305	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ004)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Git]

Legend:
- 1 (10)
- 2 (6)
- 3 (14)
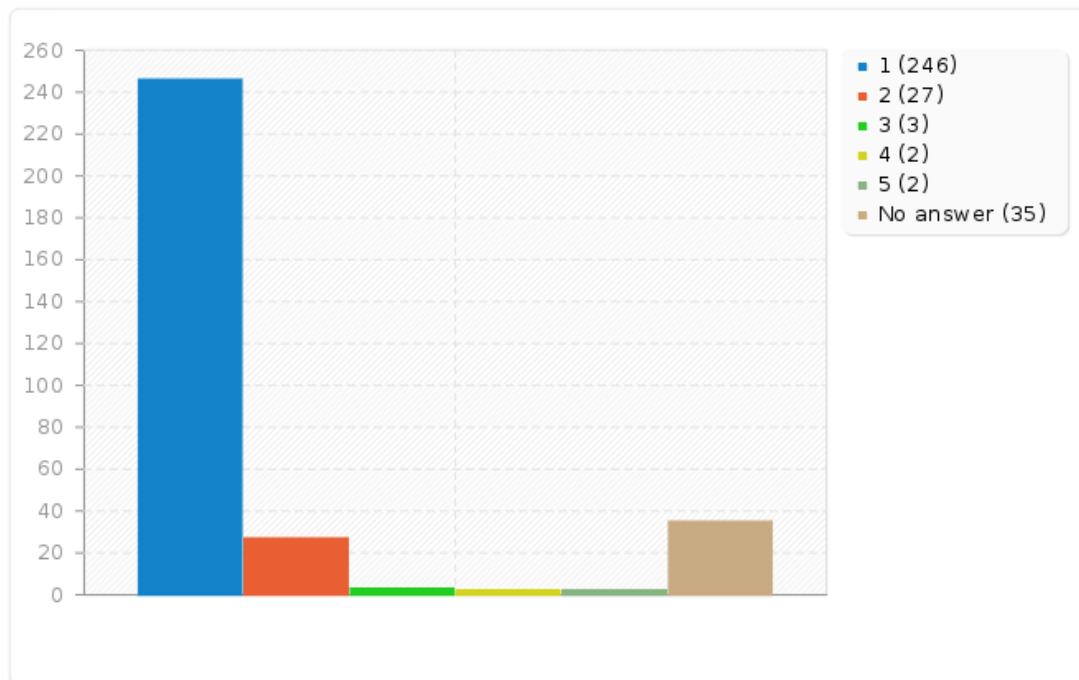- 4 (17)
- 5 (258)
- No answer (10)

Field summary for Q00002(SQ005)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Mercurial]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	246	87.23%	96.81%
2 (2)	27	9.57%	
3 (3)	3	1.06%	1.06%
4 (4)	2	0.71%	
5 (5)	2	0.71%	1.42%
No answer	35	11.04%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	280	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ005)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Mercurial]
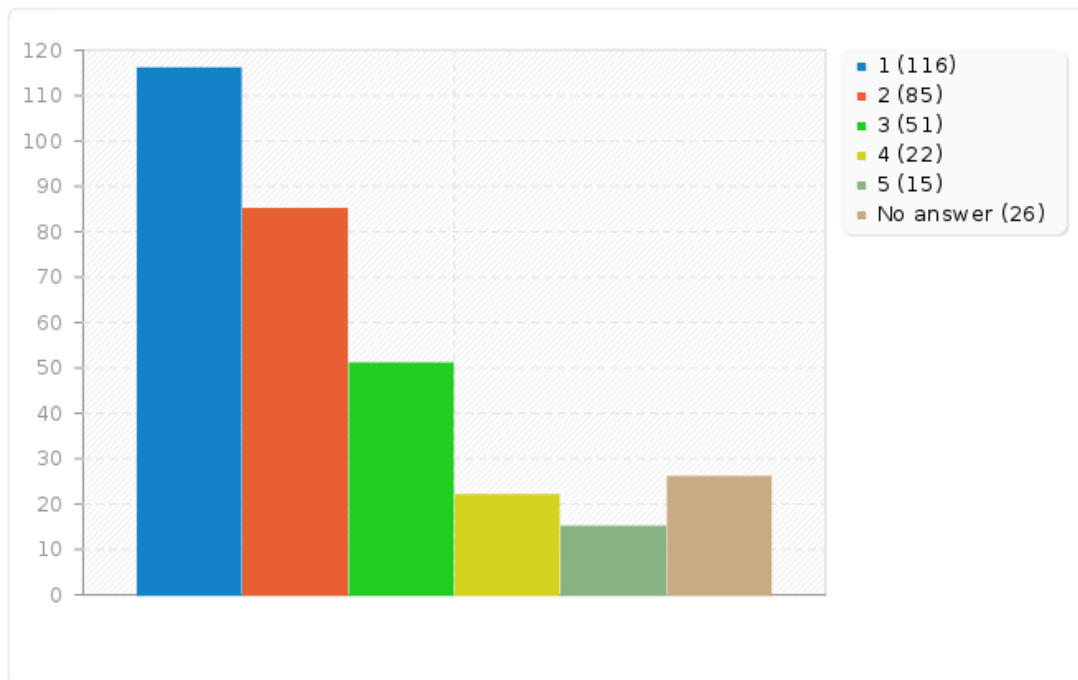
Field summary for Q00002(SQ006)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [SVN]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	116	39.86%	69.07%
2 (2)	85	29.21%	
3 (3)	51	17.53%	17.53%
4 (4)	22	7.56%	
5 (5)	15	5.15%	12.71%
No answer	26	8.20%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	289	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ006)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [SVN]
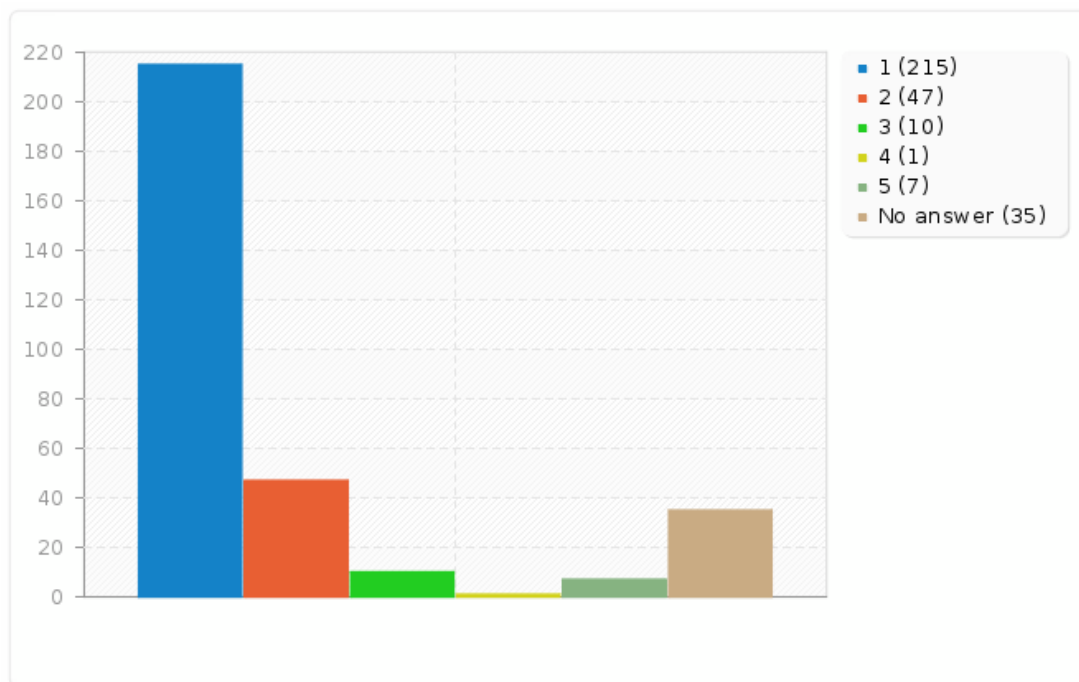
Field summary for Q00002(SQ007)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [CVS]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	215	76.24%	92.91%
2 (2)	47	16.67%	
3 (3)	10	3.55%	3.55%
4 (4)	1	0.35%	
5 (5)	7	2.48%	2.84%
No answer	35	11.04%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	280	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ007)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [CVS]
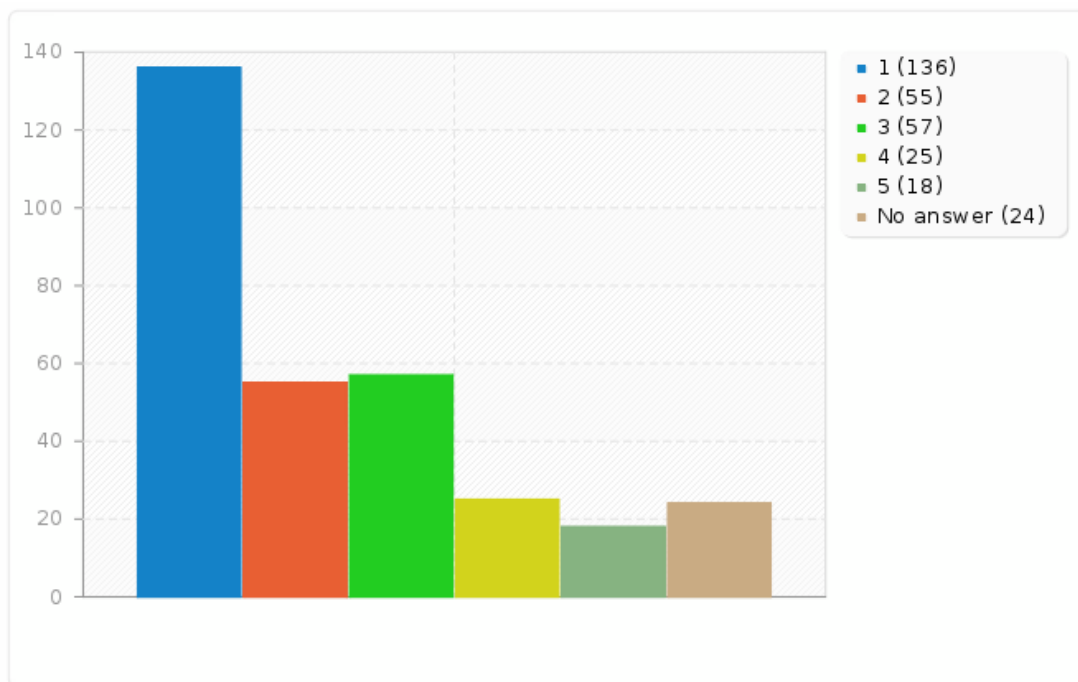
Field summary for Q00002(SQ008)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Web Pages]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	136	46.42%	65.19%
2 (2)	55	18.77%	
3 (3)	57	19.45%	19.45%
4 (4)	25	8.53%	
5 (5)	18	6.14%	14.68%
No answer	24	7.57%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	291	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ008)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Web Pages]
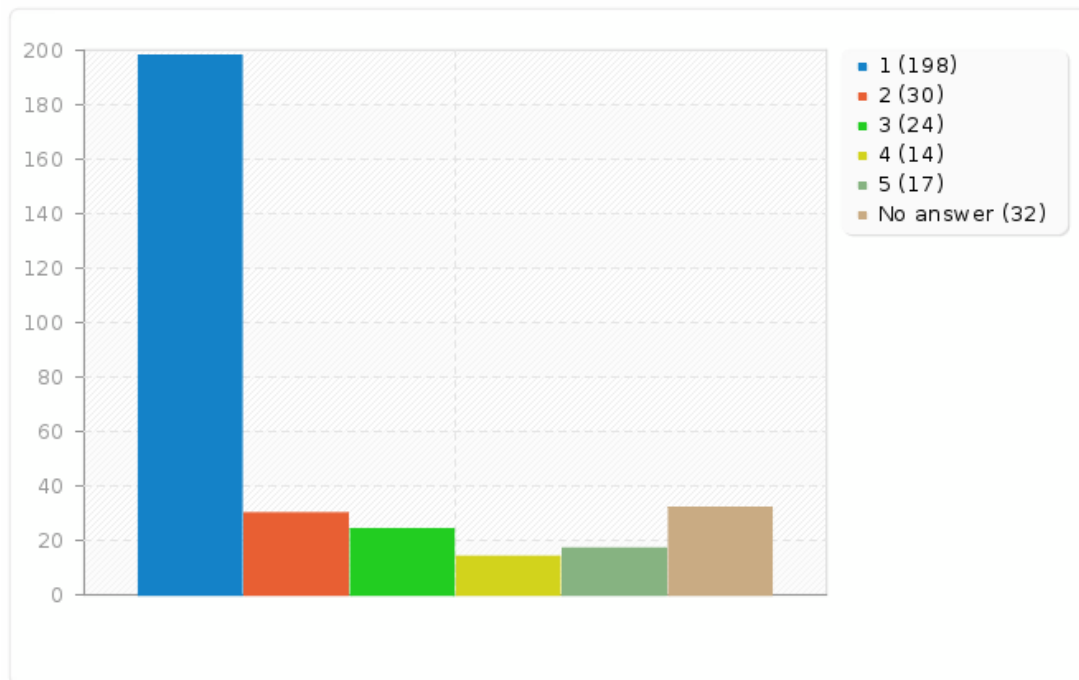
Field summary for Q00002(SQ009)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Software Releases/Distribution]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	198	69.47%	80.00%
2 (2)	30	10.53%	
3 (3)	24	8.42%	8.42%
4 (4)	14	4.91%	
5 (5)	17	5.96%	10.88%
No answer	32	10.09%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	283	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ009)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Software Releases/Distribution]
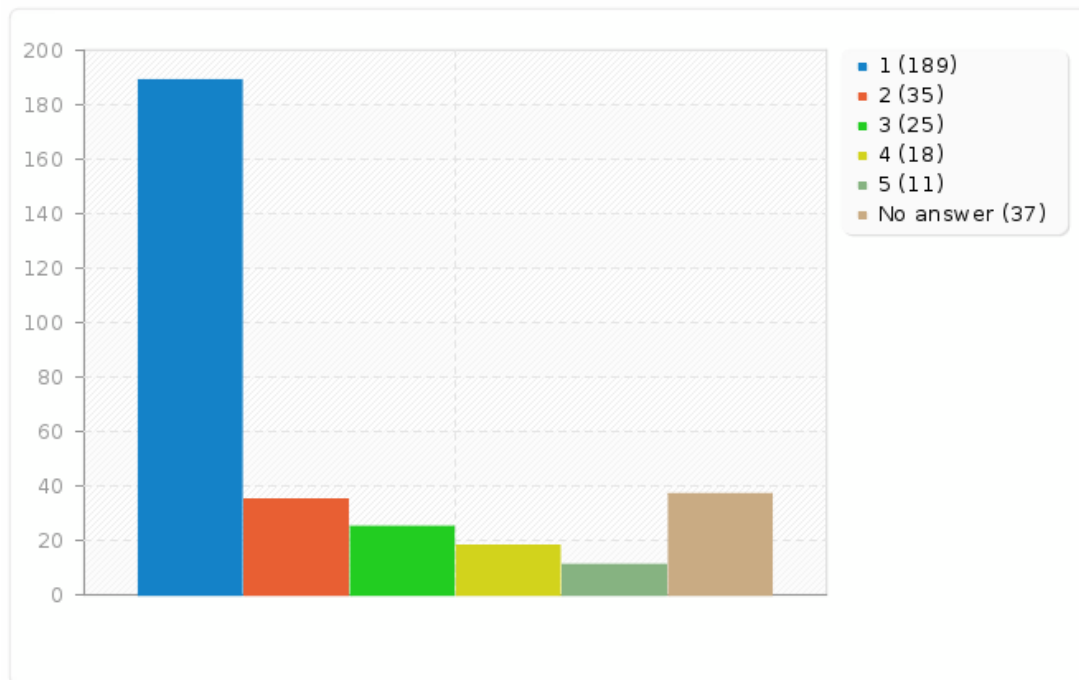
Field summary for Q00002(SQ010)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Documentation]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	189	67.50%	80.00%
2 (2)	35	12.50%	
3 (3)	25	8.93%	8.93%
4 (4)	18	6.43%	
5 (5)	11	3.93%	10.36%
No answer	37	11.67%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	278	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00002(SQ010)

Which services are you using from alioth. Please rate each service from 1 (never used it) to 5 (very important for my work). [Documentation]
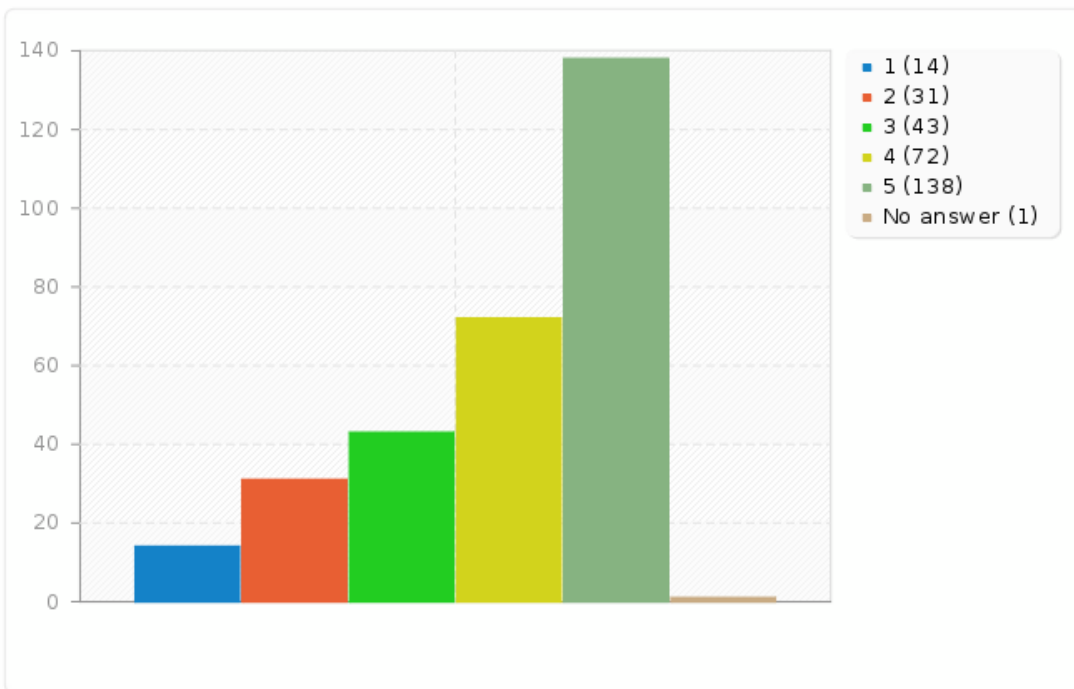
Field summary for Q00003

How important is Alioth for your Debian Work? Please tell us from 1 (don't use it) to 5 (crucial to my work).

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	14	4.43%	14.24%
2 (2)	31	9.81%	
3 (3)	43	13.61%	13.61%
4 (4)	72	22.78%	
5 (5)	138	43.67%	66.46%
No answer	1	0.32%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	298	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00003

How important is Alioth for your Debian Work? Please tell us from 1 (don't use it) to 5 (crucial to my work).

Field summary for Q00004(NS001)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Issue Tracker]

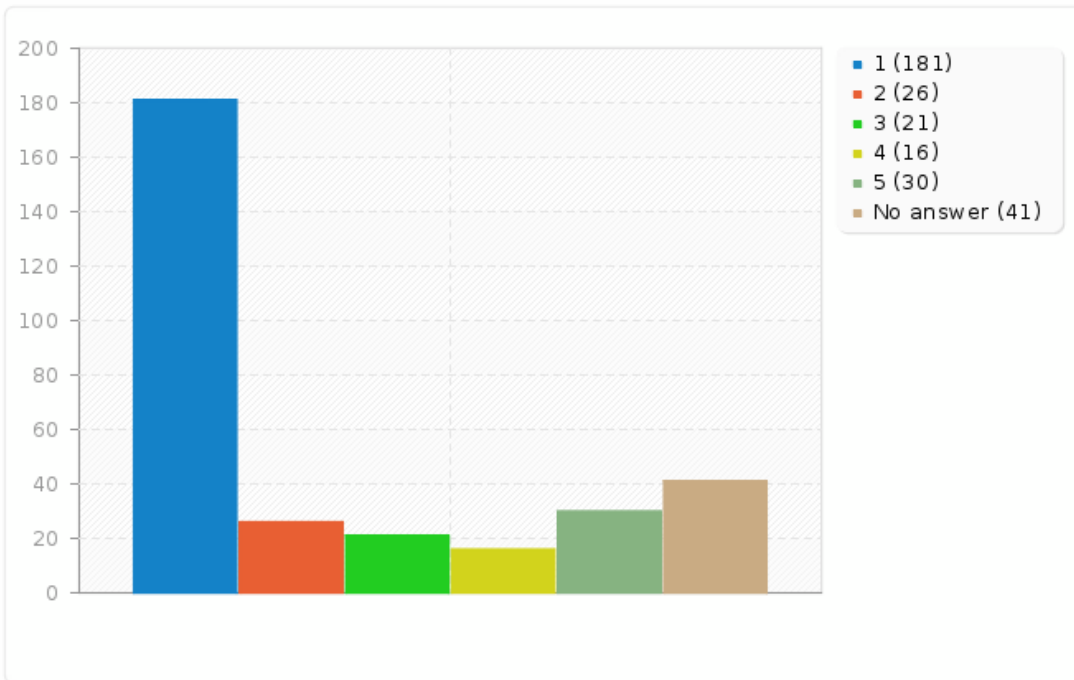| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	181	65.58%	75.00%
2 (2)	26	9.42%	
3 (3)	21	7.61%	7.61%
4 (4)	16	5.80%	
5 (5)	30	10.87%	16.67%
No answer	41	12.93%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	274	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS001)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Issue Tracker]

Field summary for Q00004(NS002)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Forum]

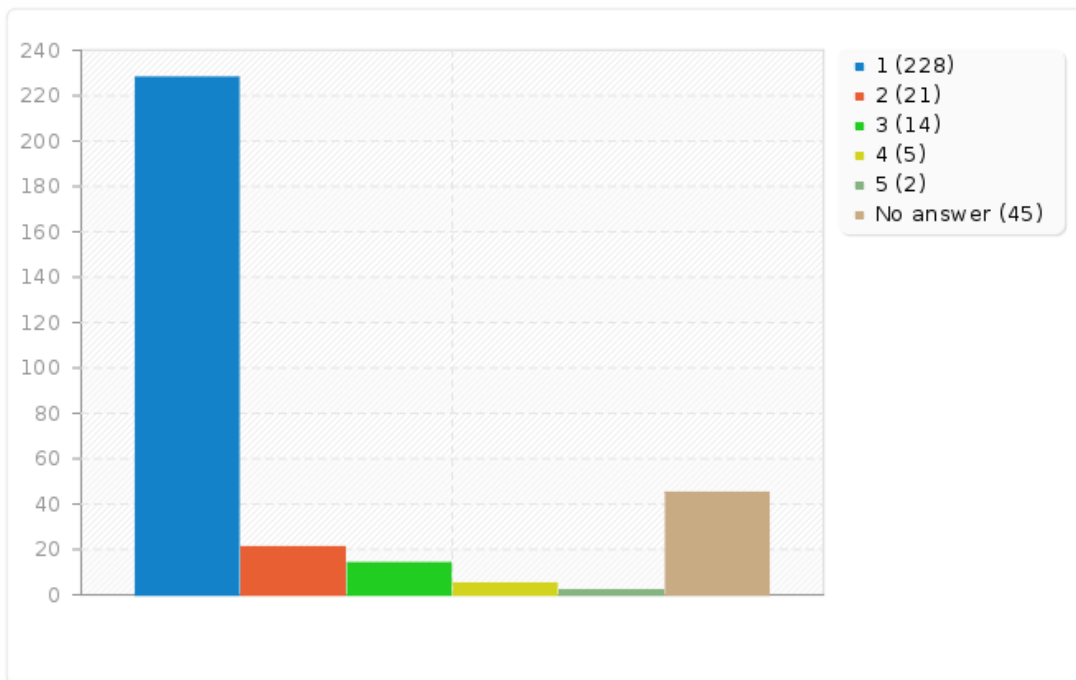| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	228	83.82%	91.54%
2 (2)	21	7.72%	
3 (3)	14	5.15%	5.15%
4 (4)	5	1.84%	
5 (5)	2	0.74%	2.57%
No answer	45	14.20%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	270	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS002)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Forum]

Field summary for Q00004(NS003)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Mailinglist]

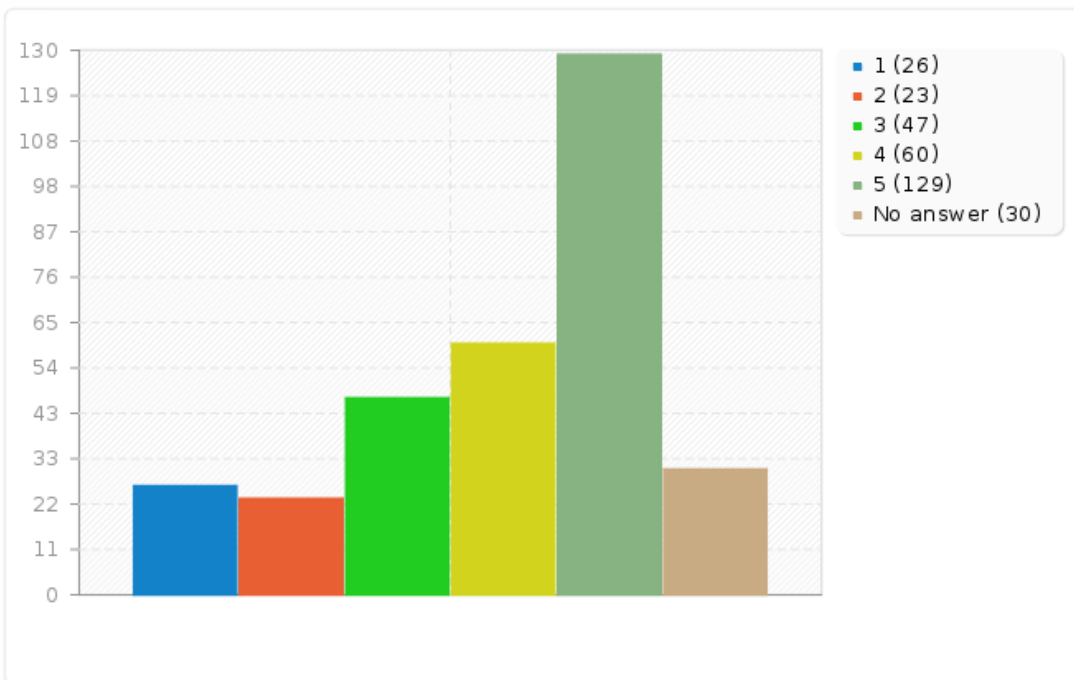| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	26	9.06%	17.07%
2 (2)	23	8.01%	
3 (3)	47	16.38%	16.38%
4 (4)	60	20.91%	
5 (5)	129	44.95%	65.85%
No answer	30	9.46%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	285	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS003)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Mailinglist]
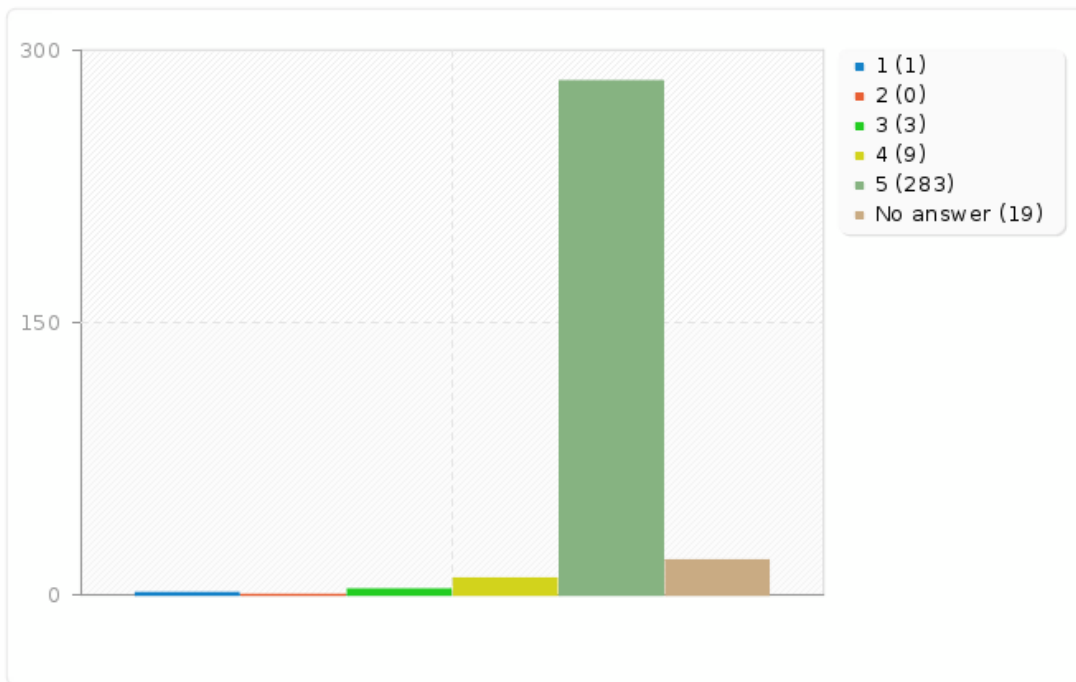
Field summary for Q00004(NS004)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Git]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	1	0.34%	0.34%
2 (2)	0	0.00%	
3 (3)	3	1.01%	1.01%
4 (4)	9	3.02%	
5 (5)	283	94.97%	97.99%
No answer	19	5.99%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	296	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS004)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Git]

Field summary for Q00004(NS005)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Mercurial]

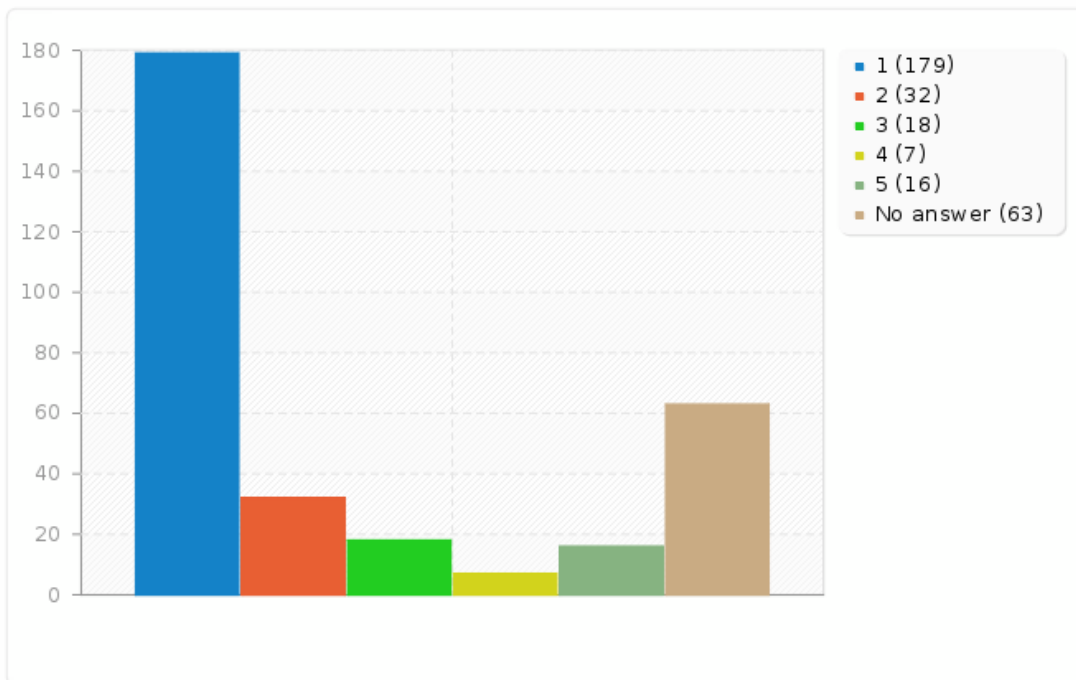| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	179	70.47%	83.07%
2 (2)	32	12.60%	
3 (3)	18	7.09%	7.09%
4 (4)	7	2.76%	
5 (5)	16	6.30%	9.06%
No answer	63	19.87%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	252	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS005)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Mercurial]

Field summary for Q00004(Ns006)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [SVN]

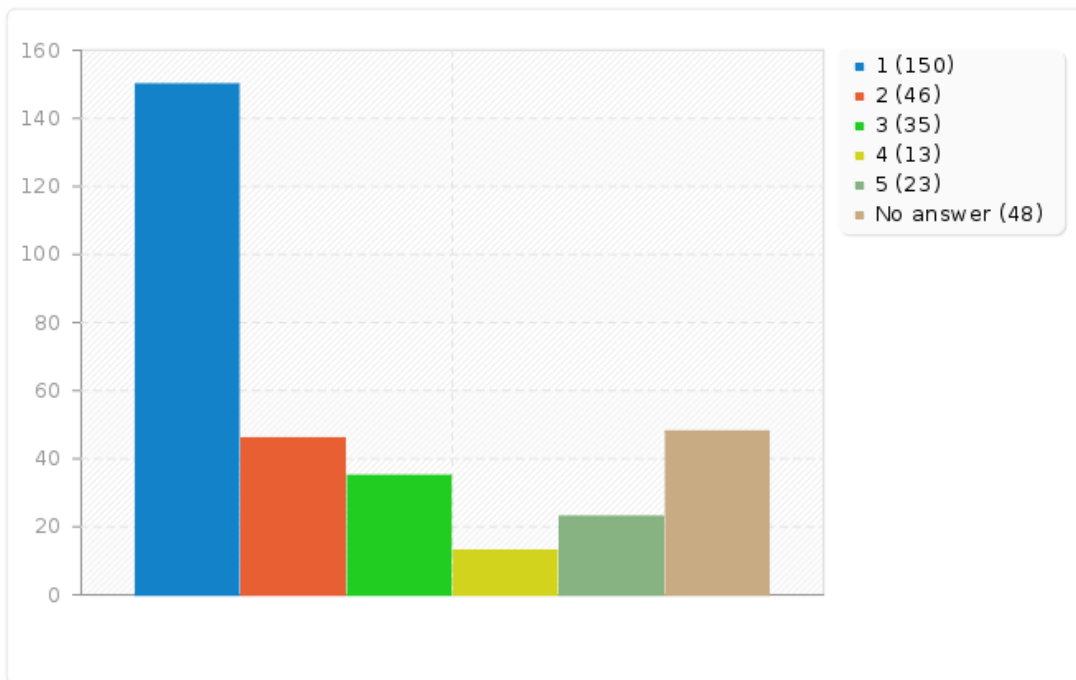| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	150	55.76%	72.86%
2 (2)	46	17.10%	
3 (3)	35	13.01%	13.01%
4 (4)	13	4.83%	
5 (5)	23	8.55%	13.38%
No answer	48	15.14%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	267	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(Ns006)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [SVN]

Field summary for Q00004(NS007)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [CVS]

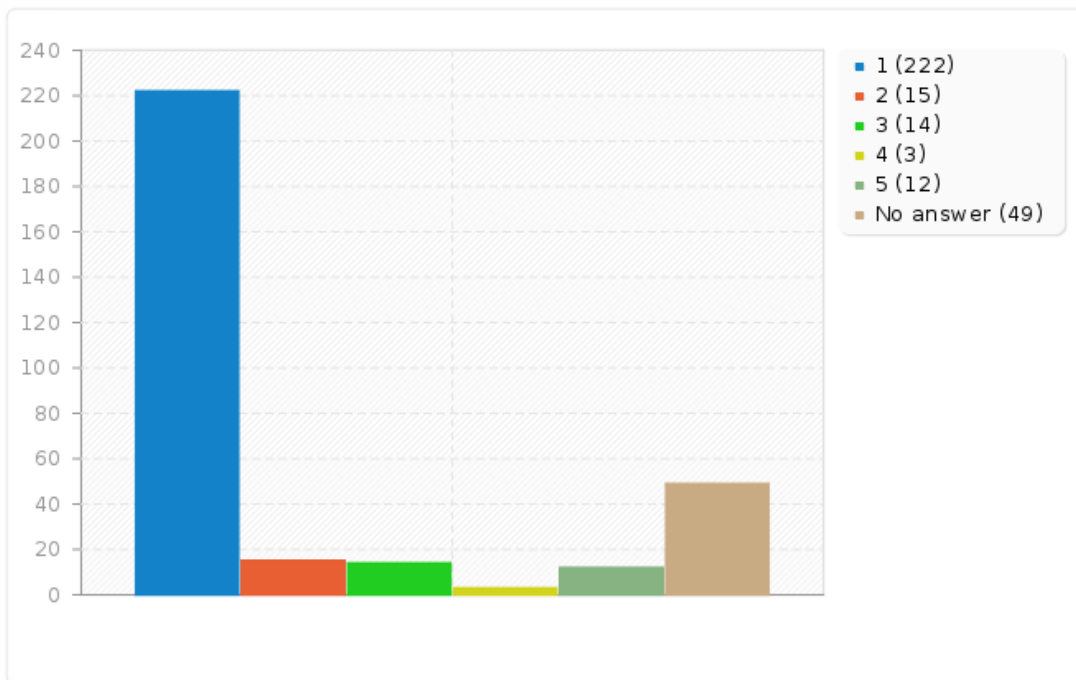| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	222	82.84%	88.43%
2 (2)	15	5.60%	
3 (3)	14	5.22%	5.22%
4 (4)	3	1.12%	
5 (5)	12	4.48%	5.60%
No answer	49	15.46%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	266	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS007)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [CVS]

Field summary for Q00004(NS008)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Web Pages]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	110	40.29%	57.51%
2 (2)	47	17.22%	
3 (3)	58	21.25%	21.25%
4 (4)	30	10.99%	
5 (5)	26	9.52%	20.51%
No answer	44	13.88%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	271	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS008)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Web Pages]
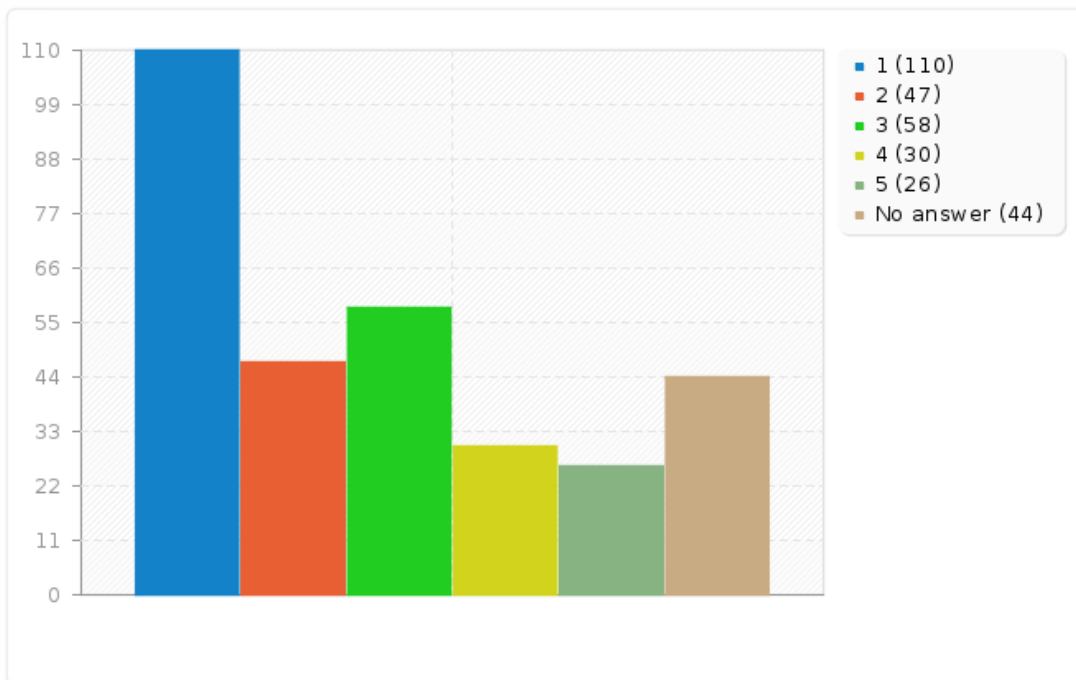
Field summary for Q00004(NS009)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Software Releases/Distribution]

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	145	55.56%	71.26%
2 (2)	41	15.71%	
3 (3)	40	15.33%	15.33%
4 (4)	16	6.13%	
5 (5)	17	6.51%	12.64%
No answer	56	17.67%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	259	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS009)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Software Releases/Distribution]
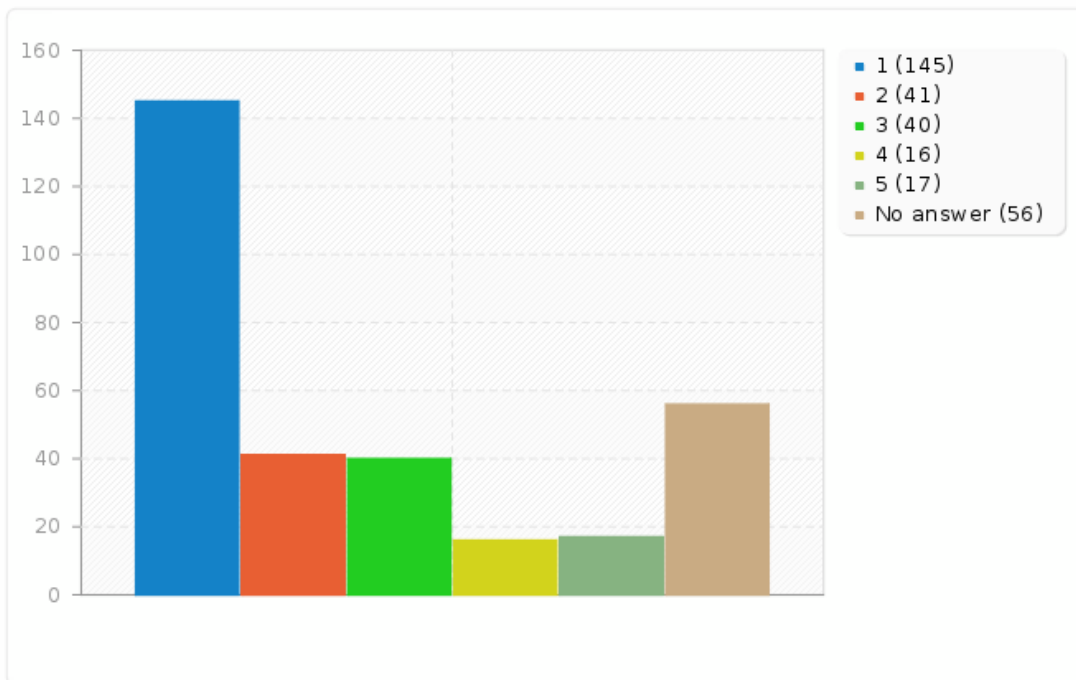
Field summary for Q00004(NS010)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Documentation]

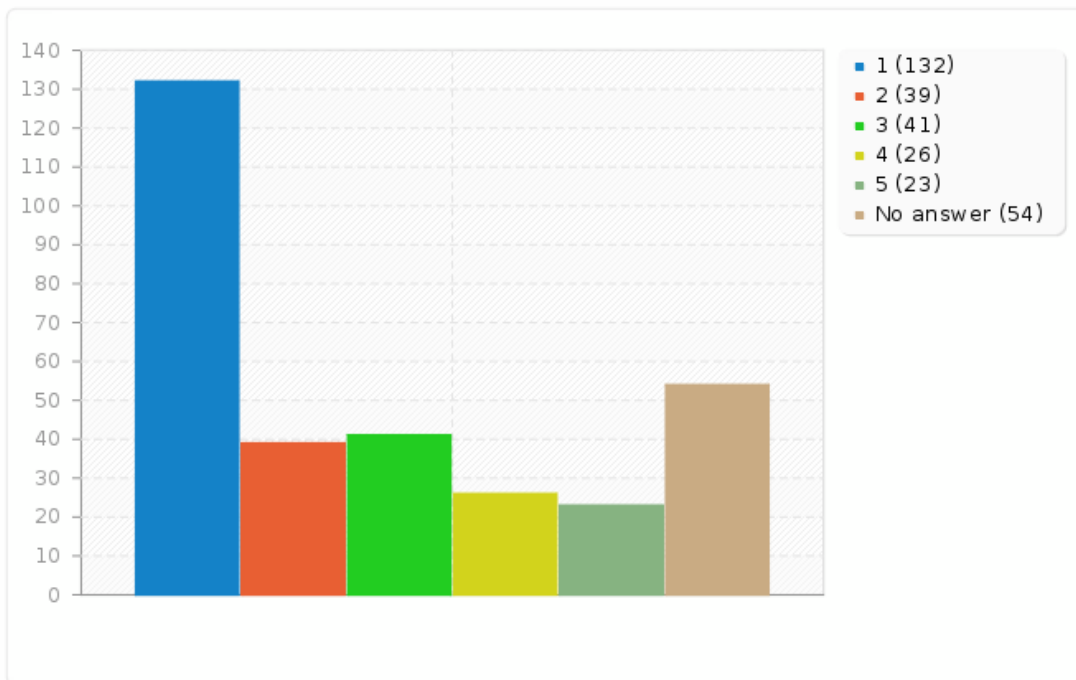| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	132	50.19%	65.02%
2 (2)	39	14.83%	
3 (3)	41	15.59%	15.59%
4 (4)	26	9.89%	
5 (5)	23	8.75%	18.63%
No answer	54	17.03%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	261	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Q00004(NS010)

Which of the following services need some kind of successor when alioth gets shut down. From 1 (can go away entirely) to 5 (needs a replacement or everything is lost) [Documentation]

Field summary for Q00005

This question is a little bit tricky. Should Debian rely on OpenCore Software? OpenCore means that some Community Edition exists which is OpenSource, but also some "Enterprise" Version with additional Features that are proprietary.   This software often comes with some kind of Contributor License Agreement (CLA) that usally say something like "You can use my work in proprietary / closed source software. ". As an example see the gitlab contributors agreement.

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes, Open Core is fine (A1)	122	38.73%
No, Debian should not rely on software that requires CLA's or has "Enterprise" versions with more features than the "core" (A2)	166	52.70%
Comments	74	23.49%
No answer	27	8.57%

ID	Response
3	Yes. Open core is no worse than any other software where the primary copyright holder has the ability to change the license of future versions. The arguments against open-core are, in my opinion, incredibly weak. We still have the ability to fork and patch the code - the fact that someone else has their own branch which they sell other licenses for is completely irrelevant.
10	Open Core is not automatically fine. But it *could* be fine -- since there is no "depends" choice, I will go with the fail-safe one.

Open core is a nasty conflict of interest waiting to happen. IMO, we can go for open core, provided that:

1. We *assume* from the get-go that we will have to fork eventually, and that we can deal with diverge-and-merge-back development (as in we deploy something, sometime later they deploy it in a different way, we switch to theirs). We can hope to never need to fork, but we cannot base any decisions on that hope.

2. We get every feature we need in the open source version *before* we start using it officially.

3. It is not likely that we will be in a position where we are actually in competition with the software provider. Otherwise, this is not a good idea for either party. |
21	CLAs are the bigger problem, with them the project is not even an open source project (and far off free software).
35	as long as the free version is used
44	Open Core software is absolutely NOT fine. It goes against the Free Software philosophy and, IMHO, against Debian's stance on Freedom.
61	The question is really tricky and the two option (CLA and OpenCore) should not be conflated together. So it's impossible to answer.
64	Licensing, upstream and the way it interacts with the community need to be a factor in the decision, but I don't think it's reasonable to consider that a firm showstopper.
65	My true view lies between "Yes" and "No" options offered. I think that -- all else being equal -- one would prefer to avoid Open Core. However, if the two options for replacing Alioth are NOT equal, then I would not dismiss Open Core out of hand. I would likely weigh it negatively, for the reasons discussed in the LWN article such as the burden of having to carry patches that Debian requires, but are viewed as "Enterprise" by the company behind the code.
66	The solution that will be in use for Debian should be Open Source software. Debian developers should not be forced to assign their copyrights away on any changes they make for running the solution.
68	I would prefer that Debian did not rely on open core software, but I don't think it's totally unacceptable.
74	(For me) Open core is a trap.
75	As long as they keep the software DFSG free and all of the software we are using are under DFSG it is still fine. To ensure this it requires a CLA that ensures the freedom like KDE's FLA.

81	Open Core and CLA are two different issues.

I think Open Core is fine as long as there is no objection from upstream to Debian reimplementing closed-source features. In particular, using the open core of a featureful replacement + reimplementing some stuff might be better than using an all-free-software replacement with fewer features + implementing lots of stuff.

The CLA isn't an issue if the Alioth maintainers are willing to keep a fork that includes non-CLA patches. Of course there are lots of downsides, but please consider this option. |
82	Personally I am fine with such OpenCore software as long as it is used in centralized infrastructure to help Debian development. Debian should be about distributing free software to give maximal freedom to its users -- but development tools are a different story IMHO. I wouldn't mind having a server with an OpenCore licensed software -- be it community or enterprise edition -- for internal use by Debian contributors. No one expects it to go into main or anything. (Yes, this is an argument in favour of GitLab over Pagure.)
91	For me the critical feature of gitlab/github which is missing from current alioth git is pull/merge request workflow. It will help new contributor process immensely.
97	Please use the best FOSS for the job. Take into account whether upstream seems reasonable (cooperative, supportive, etc), but as long as Debian doesn't intend to run the proprietary version, the *existence* of a proprietary version is not something that matters to us.
112	There are (at least) two reasons for avoiding open core. The first is philosophical: We don't allow licenses that discriminate against particular users in the distribution, we should licenses or agreements that give particular organisations or people special rights wherever possible for our services as well. If they want it to be closed source-able, BSD or Apache licenses would be more appropriate.

The second reason is practical: There are a good number of people in our community who dislike open core software enough that they refuse to contribute to those. Limiting the contributor pool should be avoided. |
114	While I don't like CLAs (and you linked the wrong one, https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/legal/individual_contributor_license_agreement.html is the GitLab individual contributor CLA) or OpenCore systems, I'd prefer a CLAed and/or OpenCore software with a big userbase/community over a niche one without those constraints.
118	At a minimum, I believe it is important for Debian to rely on the open version of software distributed as open core. I also believe it's important to consider the community itself. For example, I would strongly prefer see Gitea used over Gogs, but won't cry if Gitea is not selected.
124	This question should be a multiple choice question. Therefore, "no answer"
128	This isn't a black+white question and it's a pity that a binary answer is required here. I'd rather we didn't rely on open-core but I'm not passionate about that.
135	I don't have a problem with Open Core, but I do have a problem with CLAs. If a CLA is written so that it demotivates people from contributing, as happens with me if they they say things to the effect of "I own your patch more than you do, as if you were my unpaid employee", then it may cause a situation in which I need to choose whether to help alioth to produce a patch to fix a problem (and feel dirty) or stick to my principles and let alioth rot.
148	I assume there are people in debian who would never sign such a CLA while they would contribute effectively to the new alioth if
it would not be Open Core but strictly Free Software.
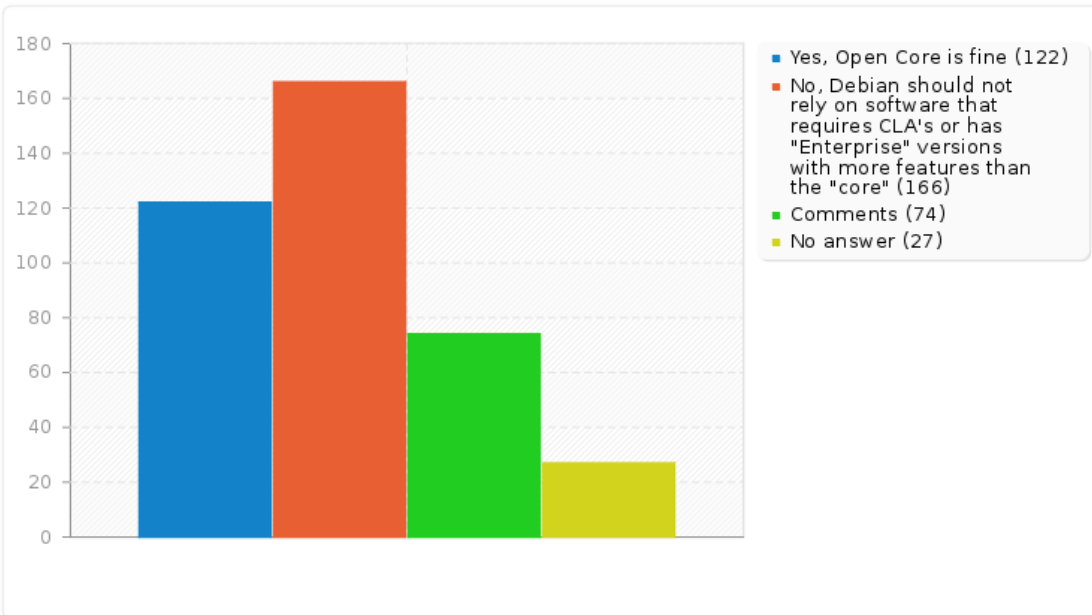| 152	It all depends how more advanced the Open Core Community Stuff is compared to the available "real" Free software. Sometimes it's worth sacrificing a bit of freedom for a crucial feature, somtimes it isn't. Debian should, however, always use the freely available edition and never take on offers from "Open Core" software companies for the "Enterprise" et al edition, not even for free.
155	We should avoid it, but if there's no good alternative I think we should use it. It's free software after all, and we can fork it if necessary.
170	Debian's strength is in its adherence to Free Software principles, and these shouldn't be lightly discarded for short-term convenience.
172	More than the open core model Contributors Agreement giving rights to a commercial entity is a real problem for core project. One can say the failure of upstart comes mostly from this.
178	I will not use Alioth if it is basedon open-core software.
179	It depends on the amount of good faith put in by the commercial entity; I wouldn't trust Oracle, but from what I've seen Gitlab seems fine. OTOH I am relatively indifferent to the tool used as long as it does its job. I just don't think open core is a strong enough argument _on it's own_ to reject it.

187	I have no problem with OpenCore per se, as GitLab has to earn its money somehow. I also have no problem with Enterprise versions. However, I would insist that any infrastructure software that Debian uses must be properly packaged and in main. This does not necessarily rule out CLAs.
193	OpenCore is very fine, even if CLAs (in general, not specifically OpenCore-related ones) suck.
195	I'm ok with it, but it's unethical.
196	Open Core is okay-ish for Debian, as long as only the open parts are used.
212	AS long AS only the free Version is used and there is no equivalent alternative.
229	While on one hand I think OpenCore software is OK if the Community Edition does what you want and comes with a DFSG-compliant license, I believe we should strive as much as possible to use completely free software in Debian. Having to agree to a CLA might also be problematic for those who want to contribute to OpenCore software, whether that is because of ideological reasons or because it would conflict with other obligations these contributors have.
231	I think OpenCore should not be ruled out from the beginning, but it's definitely a point that that has to be weighted in.
233	I think that CLA's are really bad for Free Software (even FSF copyright assignment policy is harmful!) and Debian should not rely on software with CLA's for its infrastructure. Moreover, the "Open Core" model is a trap: Debian should not fall in it!
235	My main objection is two-fold: CLAs granting the use of contributions in proprietary software, and enterprise versions being used as justification to reject features for the community edition. A project with no CLA, or a CLA respecting the submitter's license choice, and publishing enterprise versions with no Debian contributions in the proprietary part (and where Debian doesn't use the proprietary part, obviously) would be OK as far as I'm concerned.
240	I think Enterprise version is fine, CLA is not. CLA effectively means there'll be the need to fork, which puts too much maintenance burden on DSA.
244	I've no problems with some CLA's (like in FSF), when the code stay open. I would have a problem with my code being closed source - and i have a problem with different features for community and enterprise. So i would never contribute to such a project and only use it if there is absolutely no other choice even if the open choice is not so featureful and polished.
248	For two similar software with same features set, one OpenCore, one non-OpenCore, I would avoid the Open Core version. However if the Open Core version is truly better than the alternatives, then we should not be afraid of using it and of developing the non-core features that we are lacking.
251	open core, in general, is not always a good thing, but in the case that interests us (GitLab), i have strong reasons to believe that the organization is willing to incorporate the features we need. they have done so in the past and have explicitly asked us to say which features are missing, something we haven't done yet. i think we should at least give them a chance.
252	Very much not in the spirit of Debian to use non-free software for such an important service. Also risk for "eternal" patches is too big.
258	Thank you for having raised such a matter publicly.
262	I put "open core is fine", but in fact I'm in the middle between yes and no. Main point against open core is, that Debian wants to patch-in a feature, that upstream does not accept for commercial reasons. But this can happen with "pure" free software, too. E.g. upstream might not want a feature for other than commercial reasons.
269	Debian is one of the open source beacons and should be a good example to others.
282	However, I would strongly prefer Debian doesn't do a bunch of development for a for-profit company without receiving anything in return (e.g. significant financial sponsorship).
288	If it can be avoided, Debian should, but Open Core should not be a blocker if the only suitable option is Own Core
303	Debian could rely on such software if there was absolutely no reasonable alternative and enough of a community existed around the project that the idea of a fork in case of upstream stopping collaboration wouldn't mean that all work would fall on debian itself.
309	It's worth noting the MIT license by definition allows Open Core type setups even without a CLA. It's also worth nothing that the social contract specifically allows the use of non-free components on Debian systems, in a sense a Debian system with a proprietary application on top used as a product is also an OpenCore system when seen as a whole. For reference where I object to Open Core type setup or really against CLAs if it gives the receiving entity an advantage over "normal" contributors; As for example is the case with Qt, where the CLA is used so the Qt Company and _only_ the Qt company can ship a proprietary variant of Qt. In case of the Gitlab license/CLA, as far as a I can see, this asymmetry does not exist, anyone could decide to create and sell a proprietary fork of github.

310	I think mailing lists should be handled by lists.d.o.
	I think we should do our best to migrate as much of CVS/hg/SVN to Git as possible rather than run a new CVS/hg/SVN hosting service (although we will probably need SVN).
	I do not think that users of software should have the right to insist on the authors of the software to add features. And so I think it is only fair that an Open Core company do not merge FOSS patches that add features they wish to charge for in their commercial branch. However CLAs could be an issue.
321	I have objections to CLAs, not open core software. I would strongly prefer such projects to accept patches under a permissive license instead so there is no imbalance of rights.
325	It's all relative - Open Core is still better than Abandonware. While Open Core is detestable, having people paid to work on the codebase is helpful - even if the goals with them are contradictory sometimes.
333	The Open Core features should match the features that we need. If we cannot push our changes upstream (e.g. because the features that we implement with upstream's Enterprise features), the project could become harder to maintain.
337	Debian contributors should be able to contribute changes to the Debian version without signing an asymmetric "open-core" style CLA.
	If the Debian maintainers for a program are happy to carry all the CLA-less patches, then there is no problem. How practical this is would depend on the circumstances.
338	as formorer has argued, this puts our project at risk
341	Open source projects need to be paid hence why open core exists. I would not have a problem with Debian using such software. See Travis and Github which are heavily used by open source projects and are proprietary. Open core is more free than those so is an acceptable compromise if you will increase user engagement in creating Debian.
347	We already do rely on software with CLAs. e.g. DSA uses puppet (which does have a CLA) to maintain the project infra. On the other hand, both puppet and gitlab are already licensed under permissive licenses, so their CLAs do not add a possibility that was not already there anyway.
	WRT the enterprise version, maybe as Debian we could have some weight on making the features that are actually relevant free. we obviously do not care are about pointy-clicky features for lazy enterprise admins who can't be bothered to learn how to use a shell.
360	On the OpenCore business there are many different approaches. You can have companies that delivers unusable software as OpenSource (and use open source just as an advertisement), and others who delivers all you would need in Open Source license, with extras that would be "nice to have" but doesn't prevent you from getting work done, or they support integrations with other proprietary software only in the proprietary (open-core) license.
	This distinction is important to make, to not place every OpenCore software in the same basket.
370	If there is a CLA that says "we will not use your code in non-free software", the story would be different. As asked, my answer to this question is a firm "no".
382	OpenCore without CLA could be o.k., depends on upstream and the complexity of the project (is it forkable and maintainable)?
383	OpenCore seems fine as long as it is free software.
411	If he contestants are equal the choice of open core is something I would avoid. If one of them is clearly better it might still be an option if it's open core. It's not the most important part but I would like to avoid it if possible.
412	I suggest Gitea which is an active Gogs fork with more developers and more features than the original.
417	Hi. I don't have much problems with a CLA depending what it says. Though I do object to OpenCore.
	Also, discussions have mostly been around "pull requests". To me, this is already something of the past. We should focus on having a *PATCH REVIEW* system online, rather than poor pull requests. Something like Gerit for example (even though Gerit may be a poor choice given its implementation).
	A CI/CD is also obviously important. I've been using it for the packaging of OpenStack, and it's been great so far!
422	But if there is no volunteer to enable non-open core fully free system, we should compromise

	with every 2 year review cycle. Be practical but try to be FREE as possible.
442	I support the "Free Software needs Free Tools" position, and think that Debian should only rely on properly Free tools.
443	Debian already packages plenty of "open core" software. While fully open code is preferable, open core is still free software and if it provides better features and usability than its competitors, it would be worth considering. Running a service for the project doesn't have to require heavily modifying the other project's code. And being open core, it's likely extensible through some API to add custom functionality rather than needing to change the core in practice.
448	As much as gitlab is appealing, the CLA is a barrier. It would lead to questions about what kind of contributions to Debian also need a CLA.
480	I tend to say no, but I also see good arguments for gitlab. So I am not 100% fixed on that. However I think that CLA´s not done properly can done a lot of harm. Some better working ones would be the optional CLA of the KDE project or I think Software Freedom Conservancy.
481	In theory open core should be fine and the problems are workable, but it just creates problems like the potential for needing a fork or local patches in the future that it's probably best avoided. I think it depends on the specifics and on prior experience with the upstream - are they willing to accept features in CE that are only for EE customers? E.g. nginx is very widely used despite being open core.
483	I have no objection to open core, as long as the core functionality either does everything we need or is document to do so (and the fact that it doesn't is a bug and being fixed. I also have no objection to growing open core (where non-open features will become open at some fixed point in the future) and in this case I would be fine with Debian using the enterprise version.
493	Hard to give a binary answer here. Really depends on the CLA and/or the project's reputation.
494	All things being equal, I would prefer an entirely Free system, with a strong developer community. In practice, they never are equal. I have absolutely no problem with an Open Core system, if our needs are met by the Open part of the project.

Field summary for Q00005

This question is a little bit tricky. Should Debian rely on OpenCore Software? OpenCore means that some Community Edition exists which is OpenSource, but also some "Enterprise" Version with additional Features that are proprietary.   This software often comes with some kind of Contributor License Agreement (CLA) that usally say something like "You can use my work in proprietary / closed source software. ". As an example see the gitlab contributors agreement.

Legend:
- Yes, Open Core is fine (122)
- No, Debian should not rely on software that requires CLA's or has "Enterprise" versions with more features than the "core" (166)
- Comments (74)
- No answer (27)

Field summary for Newfeatures(SQ001)

Which new features should the new git service have? Please rate from 1 (unimportant) to 5 (I think it is very important to have this). [Pull requests]

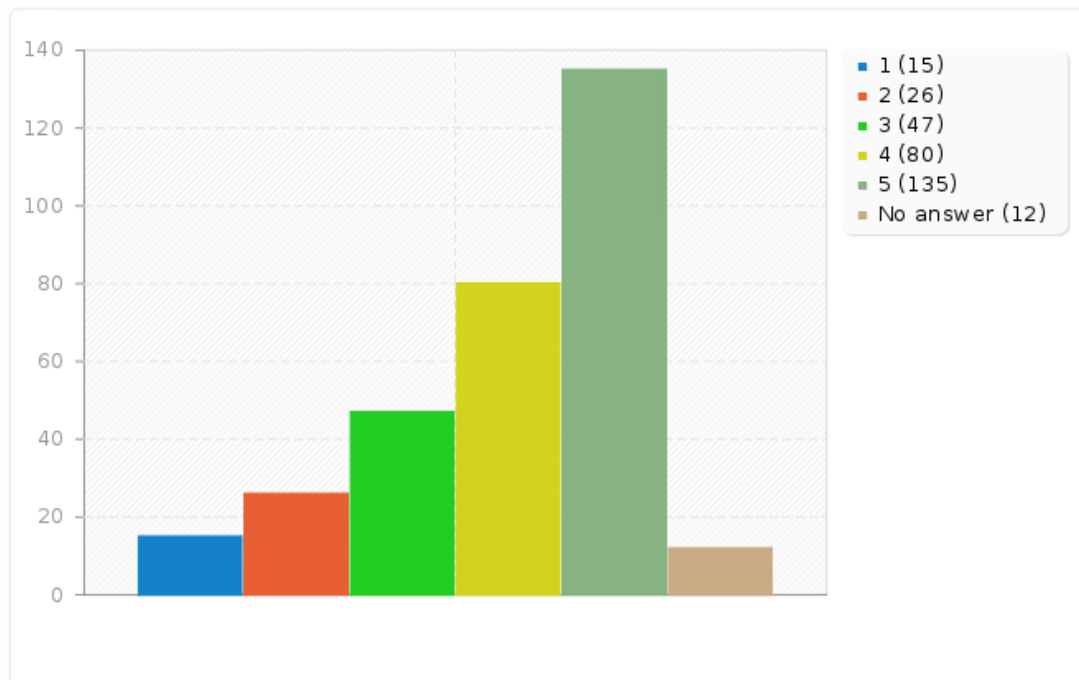| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	15	4.92%	13.44%
2 (2)	26	8.52%	
3 (3)	47	15.41%	15.41%
4 (4)	80	26.23%	
5 (5)	135	44.26%	70.49%
No answer	12	3.79%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	303	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Newfeatures(SQ001)

Which new features should the new git service have? Please rate from 1 (unimportant) to 5 (I think it is very important to have this). [Pull requests]

Field summary for Newfeatures(SQ002)

Which new features should the new git service have? Please rate from 1 (unimportant) to 5 (I think it is very important to have this). [Wiki]

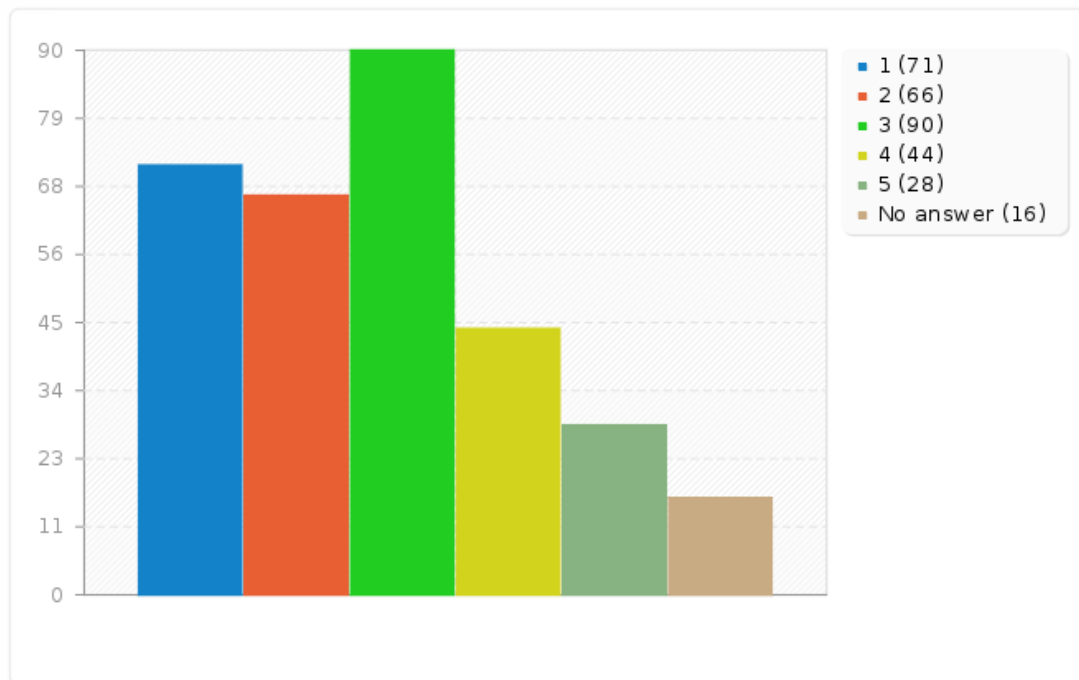| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	71	23.59%	45.51%
2 (2)	66	21.93%	
3 (3)	90	29.90%	29.90%
4 (4)	44	14.62%	
5 (5)	28	9.30%	23.92%
No answer	16	5.05%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	299	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Newfeatures(SQ002)

Which new features should the new git service have? Please rate from 1 (unimportant) to 5 (I think it is very important to have this). [Wiki]

Field summary for Newfeatures(SQ003)

Which new features should the new git service have? Please rate from 1 (unimportant) to 5 (I think it is very important to have this). [Continuous Integration / Continuous Development]

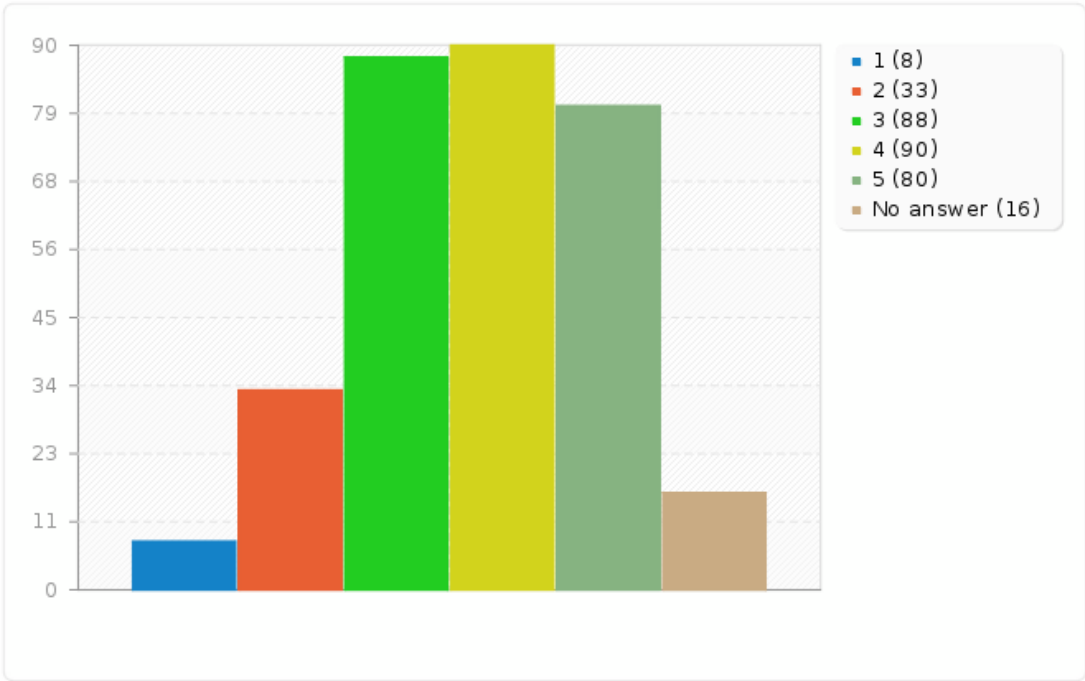| Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	8	2.66%	13.62%
2 (2)	33	10.96%	
3 (3)	88	29.24%	29.24%
4 (4)	90	29.90%	
5 (5)	80	26.58%	56.48%
No answer	16	5.05%	
Arithmetic mean	0		
Standard deviation	0		
Sum (Answers)	299	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Field summary for Newfeatures(SQ003)

Which new features should the new git service have? Please rate from 1 (unimportant) to 5 (I think it is very important to have this). [Continuous Integration / Continuous Development]

Field summary for Q00007

You can leave a message after the beep. Tell us whatever you want.

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	108	34.29%
No answer	207	65.71%

ID	Response
4	I think it's important we get *something* to replace mailing lists and git hosting in the near future. What exactly that solution is, and whether it's open core or not, don't matter nearly as much as whether there's someone willing to stand up and run the service.
6	I really think the new git hosting service should also come with a decent set of default hooks (possibly single maintainers can opt-out, but I'd really love to see it enabled by default). In particular, I'd like: * set pending on the BTS (both based on git commit message (although make sure to filter out wip/* branches and so) and changelog entries) * notification to IRC * notification to dispatch@tracker.debian.org * notification to any eventual ML
8	Thanks for maintaining Alioth.
10	tut-tut-tut-tut...
11	It would be nice not to lose access to git hooks, so that we could still have IRC, mail and other types of notifications, and any other kind of triggers and checks on git push. It would also be nice to still be able to have some kind of subdomain or ideally accept redirections from other domain names for the web pages (such as allowing to expose example-project.alioth-replacement.debian.org as example-project.org), and ideally with proper TLS certs so that we could access https://example-project.org/).
15	Let FusionForge die in a fire
18	Thank you for working on this.
21	Looking forward a github replacement ;)
24	For me commit lists are crucial, we use the commit list for peer review of any change to the Debian security tracker of changes.
49	Continued support (for some time at least, since it's gone unmaintained upstream) for bzr would be nice too.
57	Most important is a better performance for git repos access.
60	Thanks!
63	Other issues: - hooks (prededfined? self-defined?) - shell access - cronjobs - build website from hooks
65	Thanks to all those putting their time into this!!! Alioth is a vital service for collaborative maintenance.
83	Thanks for your hard work. I also use shell access on alioth to setup the Git repositories with the right triggers (mail notifications, IRC bots, BTS tagging) and generating a static blog for the team.
91	Git with pull/merge request
94	Thanks a lot for your great work during many years, and for the hard effort this migration will mean
97	I wish a solution existed that supported federated pull requests. But in the absence of that, please use gitlab. It's by far the highest-quality solution, and provides a familiar interface for people.
102	please kill shell accounts
105	I think that more and more peoples are migrating to github/gitlab in order to have travis-ci and appveyor. so it seems important for Debian to propose something equivalent for Debian. whci allow at the end to have ppa equivalent.
109	Pagure is probably ok. What about kallithea?
112	Thanks a million for investing effort into making Alioth better!

115	I hope that pagure will integrate ci. We use gitlab at work and it's very powerful and pleasant to work with, but opencore should not be endorsed by Debian.
124	This is great, and a much better forum for gathering data than the mailing lists. Thanks for doing this. :)
126	The need of mailing-lists is essentially about lists for commits messages. The Webpages are used to publish our team's documentation and packaging policy.
128	It's good to finally see something other than stop energy in this discussion.
135	Thanks for your work on this
140	The new service really should have commit notifications by email.
148	Thanks a lot for your work on making the new alioth happen!
152	Keep up the good work. Debian wouldnt be what it is today without Alioth.
154	I tried to use Alioth, but it was unusable for me [0]. Getting something that is usable by someone without admin rights to the box would be a good start. [0] https://lists.debian.org/debian-devel/2014/06/msg00435.html
155	Thanks for your work on Alioth! It is much appreciated. btw while svn is very important for me, we've been planning to migrate to git for a while, so the alioth replacement shouldn't necessarily have svn support IMHO.
157	thanks for this survery.
160	Many thanks to those working on this project!
163	I suggest to concentrate on the important code hosting (Git) and communication functionality (Mailing lists or discussions on issues and pull requests that create mail notifications). Adding CI/CD functionality just increases complexity and can be accomplished by other tools that are better suited for the Job (like Jenkins).
170	I think that the integration with e.g. CI should just be via ci.debian.net, with issues via bugs.debian.org etc. Lets build upon the federation of debian web services, not create another set of them.
172	Thanks for your work.
178	Thank you for your work in the past and the future.
179	Thanks for all of your work on Alioth!
182	Pancakes!
183	Its great to see a replacement is coming for alioth. And thank you for doing this job. Thank you
190	CI + pull requests are absolutely the single most important thing I hope to get out of this migration
193	Thanks for the survey, and for organizing the life past FusionForge. Much appreciated!
194	Git is good, and web based pull requests are too popular and convenient to ignore!
195	⍰
208	You go folks! Whatever you choose it is surely going to improve everybody's work!
213	Thanks for your hard work in making Debian, Debian.
223	Thank you for taking that project on!
228	Thank you.
229	I would prefer a solution that allows easy access to all data: it should be easy for individual developers to make backups/copies of all data in the replacement, not just the git repositories but also bug tracker databases and so on.
233	To me, Alioth mailing lists are useful for receiving git repository commit notifications, above all. If Alioth mailing lists cannot be (immediately) replaced by an actual mailing list service, a first step may be to replace them with some light service where users may sign up their e-mail address to automatically receive git commit notifications...
235	I think Pagure would be a great choice, and a great example of backing a good open source project regardless of its Fedora-related origins.
240	I think we could survive with only git hosting via ssh/http and nothing else, but CI and wiki would be very useful, especially if CI could be integrated with PPAs (or whatever they'll be called in debian).
248	Thank you for organizing this survey. It's pleasant to see that you are willing to listen to everybody. I agree that Alioth needs to die and we should probably discuss some closer integration between the new service and tracker.debian.org. -- Raphaël Hertzog
250	Thanks for working on this :)
251	I think it would be too bad if we would abandon GitLab CE for a technically inferior alternative simply because GitLab EE exists. CE, as it stands now, goes way beyond what we have in

	Alioth right now and would be a perfectly fine replacement as is. If there are features missing from the CE edition, we should ask them from GitLab B.V., but as I see it now, it's a fine replacement, and a copy is already deployed at gitlab.debian.net... There are also well-maintained Debian packages, although that doesn't seem to be a requirement anyways... Go GitLab!
262	Thanks for working on this important issue! PS: I personally think, that both Kallithea and Pagure sound most interesting, but I don't have any experience with neither of them.
263	thanks for your hard work with this service which I think its quite useful. Alioth is old, please replace it with something newer and easier to use.
267	Full integration with other Debian tools , like mentors, BTS, etc ...
269	Thank you for putting in the effort to set up such a service and keep it running!
280	Many thanks!
282	Thanks for looking into an Ali other replacement!
289	Modern way of development, like pull requests issue trackers and wiki's. Mailinglist is a must as we use alioth lists for quite a long time. Not having modern feature list might reduce new contributors towards the project.
291	thanks for caring!
292	I ve followed the thread about gitlab, pagure etc. Gitlab is much more powerfull, easy to use, and has so amazing features and is actively developped. i work in a company with a private instance of the "open core" solution and never had issues. neither we are interested in the paid features. in any case pull requests is a great thing to have and will probably attract some more contributors of the younger era ;) ci is good to have even if i think there are a lot of debian-qa jobs. pushing and having an automatic pipeline for building package and running some qa on it could be helpful.
306	Thanks.
310	Thank you for all your hard work!
315	A better frontend for the existing BTS would be really nice.
325	Thanks for working on this!
337	Good luck!
338	Please ensure that issue trackers are turned off by default, and maybe such that they cannot be enabled at all! I really don't want a second issue tracker alongside the Debian BTS, which is highly specialised for our project's needs. Thanks for the survey and of course the sprint.
341	Happy with whatever is decided even if it's just cgit. CI build on creation of pull request would be great if it's possible. Lots of bugs in Debian java are build related so would help to resolve those.
344	You may also want to consider tuleap https://www.tuleap.org/ as a replacement for alioth. All the best
347	It would be really great if people could easily contribute (e.g. with pull requests) without the need to create an account.
355	Most important feature is simply a git server. Anything else is just noise, IMHO. Move mailing lists to a separate list server, simple mailman setup?
358	keep up the good work, you're amazing!
362	Thank you very much for working on Alioth! Short version of my answers: git hosting and mailing lists are the most important features, anything else is secondary.
370	Alioth is used by a few upstream projects (e.g., the pcsclite project, and SANE). These projects should either be given a reasonable exit strategy, or they should be further supported by the project -- but we can't just pull the rug from under their feet (I am not involved with any of those projects, other than that I use some of them) This questionnaire is a very good initiative, but I think the above should be considered as well
371	I also use bzr on alioth.
374	Thanks for your work!
375	I've a potential Conflict of Interest as I'm both a Debian Maintainer, a GitLab employee and co-maintainer of the GitLab package in Debian. The following is without my GitLab employee hat. I've been using GitLab since long before I joined the companyband have been extremely happy about it. Based on my experience before and after joining the company, I would very

much recommend GitLab. GitLab has
1. A great product
2. An extremely positive attitude towards FOSS philosophy.
3. Answered the community's requests and worries and have moved important stuff from their enterprise edition to community edition
4. Has amazing helping mentality, not only for EE customers, but also for CE customers too.

I believe we have an opportunity in our hands to use this amazing piece of software.

377	Keep up the good work. :)
382	Code review is the crucial thing (i.e. being able to comment on patches), it doesn't matter if i can merge the change by mouse click or need to pull it first (from git URL like it's possible in gerrit). Thanks for taking the effort to replace alioth!
383	Good luck with the migration!
392	Thanks for doing this!
398	I never heard of the "documentation" feature alioth appearantly has :) Thanks for your work on alioth! Very much appreciated!
400	For some things I think the details matter. For instance, open core could be okay if upstream is friendly in the right ways (though its still risky). CI/CD features are kinda hard to imagine for me, but if there was an implementation maybe I'd think it was really cool! Same with pull requests - it probably depends on the particular mechanics. Thanks for your work!
417	I'm available for helping setting-up an OpenStack cloud for building a CI/CD if you guys feel like it should be done. Of course, it's zigo speaking here... :)
420	I hope we won't need to register for a new Alioth account after it gets replaced.
422	Thanks
431	Federation would be nice. git already provides this. But not for issues or "web based" pull requests.
432	
443	I already moved some of my Alioth stuff onto GitLab (main site). It's better than GitHub and has a good number of compelling features, like CI.
452	Prout
454	Hurray new Alioth! Thanks for all your hard work.
455	(Answered the survey questions on previous occasion and then thought to add this). I assume my use of alioth services is unusual -- http://benchmarksgame.alioth.debian.org/ For users (375 - 425,000) it's a PHP / static HTML website. For contributors (50 / year) it's an issue tracker, providing a history of discussion and collaboration. CVS is used to track history and trigger updates -- 3 or 4 commands I have written down. This is a stable project. The only changes in the use of alioth services are changes that have been forced upon the project by upstream changes to GForge. There doesn't seem to be any benefit to the project from the proposed changes. There does seem to be the likelihood of rework which may not even succeed in preserving issue-tracker history or website findability.
457	Check also https://rocketgit.com
465	I currently use Gitea, a fork of gogs, with more active development and more features. I really like it.
469	Easy to contribute patches to Alpine Linux due to pull requests and CI tests, hence I do it regularly. For Debian it's not as simple so I rarely contribute fixes...
479	Thanks for working on an Alioth successor. I like the "Alioth" name itself (and it is a standing expression for many others, I guess). So maybe we can continue using it?
480	Thanks for the survey. I clearly feel the challenge of how to decide for a replacement. I would really like to see Gitlab, but its OpenCore model with CLA makes the decision for it hard.
481	Regarding the wiki answer, I don't think we need to have a duplicate service from wiki.debian.org

484		We should make sure that new contributors can easily submit patches, fixes and contribute to documentation by new replacement. Thanks for all hard work so far in maintaining alioth!
485		"Gitea"
489		Thanks for maintaining Alioth and for taking on the responsibility with the replacement!
492		Thanks for continuing to provide these services!
493		Thanks for your work on this!
495		Why does this survey include mercurial, svn, and cvs but not bzr? All of these should be considered obsolete, but there are still packages using each of these on alioth as their official Vcs branch today.