## A Survey of Awareness and Adoption of Automated Software Engineering Tools and Techniques

Dear developer,

Thank you for participating in this online survey. We are researchers at the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University, Thailand and University College London, UK. This survey is part of the "Automated Software Engineering for Thailand Software Industry" project, where we aim to improve software development in Thailand by automated software engineering. You can find more information about this project at <a href="https://muict-seru.github.io/ASETSI">https://muict-seru.github.io/ASETSI</a>.

You have been contacted and invited to participate because you are a Thai developer and you have experience of developing software in a team. In this survey, we would like to ask about your awareness of and experience with automated software engineering tools and techniques.

The survey is anonymous and has 55 questions and should only take about 30-45 minutes to complete.

We will record that you have participated and you may receive another invitation to participate in a second round. We will only use your information to identify the group of participants who have participated in both rounds. Your information is not used for anything else.

We hope that you will complete the entire form but if you do not wish to continue, you can just quit the session and your input will be discarded.

This survey is a part of the Industrial Academia Partnership Programme 18-19 (IAPP18-19\74) project funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering, UK and Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI). The result from this survey will be analyzed and used for academic publications. The project has been approved by the Committee for Research Ethics (Social Science) of Mahidol University (certificate number 2019/200.1709) and by the UCL Research Ethics Committee (No. 6082/001).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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#### Consent Form

I hereby express my consent to participate as a subject in the research project entitled "Automated Software Engineering for Thailand Software Industry".

In so doing, I am informed of the research project's origin and purposes; its procedural details to carry out or to be carried out; its expected benefits and risks that may occur to the subjects, including methods to prevent and handle harmful consequences; and remuneration, and expense. I have thoroughly read the detailed statements in the information sheet given to the research subjects. I was also given explanations and my questions were answered by the responsible researcher. I therefore consent to participate as a subject in this research project.

I am aware of my right to further information concerning benefits and risks from the participation in the research project and my right to withdraw or refrain from the participation at any time without any consequence on the service or health care I am to receive in the future.

I consent to the researchers' use of my private information obtained in this research, but do not consent to any individual disclosure of private information. The information must be presented as part of the research results as a whole.

On the condition that I have any questions about the research procedures, or on the condition that I suffer from an undesirable side effect from this research, I can contact Dr. Chaiyong Ragkhitwetsagul Tel. 089-1763372, E-mail <a href="mailto:chaiyong.rag@mahidol.edu">chaiyong.rag@mahidol.edu</a>

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1.	I thoroughly understand the risks and the statements in the information sheet fo
	the research subjects and in this consent form.
	Mark only one oval.
	I agree to give my consent
	I disagree to give my consent

#### Demographic Information

2.	How many years of software development experience do you have?
	Mark only one oval.
	Less than a year
	1 to 2 years
	3 to 5 years
	6 to 10 years
	More than 10 years
3.	How many years have you been working at your current company?
	Mark only one oval.
	Less than a year
	1 to 2 years
	3 to 5 years
	6 to 10 years
	More than 10 years
4.	How long have you been working on your current software project(s)?
	Mark only one oval.
	Less than a month
	1 to 6 months
	7 to 12 months
	1 to 2 years
	More than 2 years

What are your current roles in software development?

5.

	Check all that apply.
	Developer
	QA Tester
	Designer
	Project manager
	Team leader
	Manager Manager
	Researcher
	Student
	Other:
6.	What is the approximate size of the development team of the current project(s)
	you are contributing to? Please enter only the number.
A۱	wareness of Automated Software Engineering Tools
Th bo	utomated software engineering applies computation to software engineering activities. ne goal is to partially or fully automate these activities, thereby significantly increasing oth quality and productivity. Examples include code analysis tools, testing tools, code view tools, integration or deployment tools.)
7.	How familiar are you with the concept of automated software engineering?  Mark only one oval.
	Not familiar at all
	Slightly familiar
	Moderately familiar
	Very familiar
	Extremely familiar

To what extent are you adopting some of the automated software engineering tools in your work?
Mark only one oval.
Not at all Skip to question 10
To some extent
To a moderate extent
To a good extent
To a great extent

### Current benefits of automated software engineering

You have answered that you are adopting some of the automated software engineering tools in your work. This question asks about your the benefits from currently using automated software engineering in your work.

9. You have answered that you are adopting some of the automated software engineering tools in your work. Currently, the adoption of automated software engineering in my software development ...

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Extremely
helps me to maintain the software more easily					
helps me to deliver the software faster					
helps me to deliver high- quality software					
is useful in overall					

### Future adoption of automated software engineering

You may currently be adopting some of the automated software engineering tools in your work or not at all. This question asks about the potential benefits that you think you will receive from adopting automated software engineering in the future.

10. Possible adoption of automated software engineering in the future ...

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Extremely
will help me to maintain the software more easily					
will help me to deliver the software faster					
will help me to deliver high- quality software					
will become useful in overall					

#### Adoption of different types of automated software engineering tools

In the following, we will focus on four areas in which tools for automated software engineering are used.

- 1. software measurement
- 2. static code analysis
- 3. software testing
- 4. continuous integration and continuous deployment.

#### Software Measurements

The first is about Software Measurement, where quantifiable or countable software characteristics are measured, usually in the form of software metrics. Examples are lines of code (LOC), defects per LOC, team velocity, etc.

11.	How familiar are you with automated tools used for measuring your software?
	Mark only one oval.
	Not familiar at all
	Slightly familiar
	Moderately familiar
	Very familiar
	Extremely familiar
Ex	perience on Using Software Measurement Tools
and	tware measurement tools are automated tools that analyse a given software project doutput quantified attribute of a characteristic of the given software. For example, tools t can measure code complexity, duplications, and size.
12.	Have you used (or have been using) software measurement tools?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes Skip to question 15
	No Skip to question 13
13.	If No, do you think a team could benefit from using software measurement tools during development?  Mark only one oval.  Yes  No

14.	What prevented you from using software measurement tools?					
Skip	to question 22					
15.	If Yes, did you find it useful or are you finding it useful?					
	Mark only one oval.					
	Yes					
	◯ No					
16.	Currently, to what extent do you use software measurement tools during your activities?					
	Mark only one oval.					
	Not at all Skip to question 18					
	To some extent Skip to question 18					
	To a moderate extent Skip to question 18					
	To a good extent Skip to question 18					
	To a great extent Skip to question 18					
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17.	What prevented you from using more software measurement tools?					

Skip to question 21

List of software measurement tools

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Other:					
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	used	but not useful	somewhat useful	an very useful	
JHawk					
SonarQube					
Teamscale					
JDepend					
NDepend					
Analizo					
Other tools					
you use oth	ner tools	besides th	ne ones show	ving in the lis	st, what are they

### Static Code Analysis

The second area is about Static Code Analysis where source code is examined and debugged without the software being run. Examples are checking for coding conventions or code smells.

21.	How familiar are you with the static code analysis tools?						
	Mark only one oval.						
	Not familiar at all						
	Slightly familiar						
	Moderately familiar						
	Very familiar						
	Extremely familiar						
Ex	perience on Using Static Code Analysis Tools						
22.	Have you used or are you using static analysis tools?						
	Mark only one oval.						
	Yes Skip to question 25						
	No Skip to question 23						
23.	If No, do you think a team could benefit from using static analysis tools during development?						
	Mark only one oval.						
	Yes						
	◯ No						

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	If Yes, how much did you find it useful or are you finding it useful?
	Mark only one oval.
	Not at all
	To some extent
	To a moderate extent
	To a good extent
	To a great extent
	Currently, to what extent do you use static analysis tools during your activities.  Mark only one oval.
	Not at all Skip to question 28
	To some extent Skip to question 28
	To a moderate extent Skip to question 28
	To a good extent Skip to question 28  To a great extent Skip to question 28

Skip to question 34

### 28. Do you use static analysis tools that

Chec	ck all that apply.
	Run continuously in your editor/IDE
	Run in your editor/IDE when you tell them to run
	As a part of pre-commit/pre-push checks
	As a part of your build or continuous integration process
	As a part of your code review process
	Run in a non-integrated/separate way, e.g., standalone tools or command line tools
	Other:

## 29. Which of the following multi-language tools have you used to perform static code analysis?

	Not used	Used but not useful	Used an somewhat useful	Used an very useful
Axivion Suite				
Checkmarx				
Code Dx				
CodeScene				
Coverity				
GrammaTech CodeSonar				
HCL Security AppScan				
Facebook Infer				
Imagix 4D				
Kiuwan				
Klocwork				
LDRA Testbed				
MALPAS				
Micro Focus				
Moose				
PMD				
Polyspace				
Pretty Diff				
PVS-Studio				

KIFO DIDQ		
Sider Sider		
AdaCore		
SonarQube SonarQube		
Sotoarc- Sotograph		
SourceMeter SourceMeter		
SQuORE		
Teamscale		
Understand Understand		
Yasca Vasca		
Other tools		

# 30. Which of the following tools have you used to perform static code analysis on Java programs?

	Not used	Used but not useful	Used an somewhat useful	Used an very useful
Checkstyle				
FindBugs or SpotBugs				
JArchitect				
Jtest				
Semmle				
Squale				
ThreadSafe				
Eclipse				
IntelliJ IDEA				
Other tools				

# 31. Which of the following tools have you used to perform static code analysis on Javascript programs?

	Not used	Used but not useful	Used an somewhat useful	Used an very useful
<b>ESLint</b>				
Google's Closure Compiler				
JSHint				
JSLint				
Standard JS				
TSLint				
Other tools				

32. Which of the following tools have you used to perform static code analysis on Python programs?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not used	Used but not useful	Used an somewhat useful	Used an very useful
PyDev				
Pylint				
Black				
Flake8				
PyCharm				
Other tools				

33.	If you use other tools besides the ones showing in the list, what are they?

### Software Testing

The third area is about Software Testing where the software is executed and the observed behaviour is compared to the expected behaviour. Examples are unit testing or capture and replay testing.

34.	How familiar are you with the testing tools?
	Mark only one oval.
	Not familiar at all
	Slightly familiar
	Moderately familiar
	Very familiar
	Extremely familiar
Ex	perience on Using Testing Tools
35.	Do you test the software that you develop?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes No Skip to question 49
36.	How do you test your software?
	Check all that apply.
	Manually
	Use of automated testing tools
	Other:

	Check all that apply.
	Unit testing Integration testing System testing Functional testing Regression testing Acceptance testing Load testing Performance testing Beta testing Other:
38.	Have you ever used automated testing tools?  Mark only one oval.  Yes
	No Skip to question 50
39.	If you use automated testing tools, what do you use such tools for?  Check all that apply.  Generating test cases Executing test cases Managing test suites Evaluating test execution results Analysing code coverage Finding potential bugs Reporting bugs Performing load testing  Other:

What type of testing do you do on your programs?

40. Do you face the following challenges during manual testing and how serious are they?

	Very serious	Serious	Insignificant	Do not face	No opinion
Time constraints					
Compatibility issues					
Emphasis on development rather than testing					
Lack of support from supervisors/organization					
Lack of software testing experience					

41. Do you face the following challenges during testing using automated testing tools and how serious are they?

	Very serious	Serious	Insignificant	Do not face	No opinion
Time constraints					
Compatibility issues					
Lack of exposure to tools					
Unclear benefits of tools					
Poor documentation					
Steep learning curve of automated testing tools					
Lack of support from supervisors/organization					
Emphasis on development rather than testing					
Lack of software testing experience					
n your opinion what are t ool?	the top 2 t	hings you	need from an	automat	ed testing

43. How important are these different software testing activities to you?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Manual testing					
Unit testing					
Integration testing					
System testing					
Acceptance testing					

44.	Are you using any tool for automatic generation of test cases? For example,
	UniqueSoft Test Architect, Evosuite, Pynguin, or AgitarOne JUnit Generator?

Mark only one oval.

$\bigcirc$	Yes

O No

45. How do you measure the quality of the test cases?

Check all that apply.

Statement coverage
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Instruction coverage

Branch coverage

Mutation coverage

Other:

46.	Have you ever experienced flaky tests? Flaky test is a test that both passes and fails periodically without any code changes.
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes, they are a problem for us
	Yes, they are not a problem for us
	No
	I don't know what flaky tests are

### 47. Which of the following software testing tools have you used?

	Not used	Used but not useful	Used an somewhat useful	Used an very useful
Selenium				
Squish				
Watir				
Katalon Studio				
Telerik Studio				
Unified Functional Testing (UFT One)				
TestComplete				
IBM Rational Functional Tester (RFT)				
Ranorex				
Postman				
Apache JMeter				
JUnit				
Other unit test framework (e.g., NUnit)				
Other tools				

48.	If you use other tools besides the ones showing in the list, what are they?
Co	ntinuous integration and continuous delivery
CI r rep	e fourth area is about Continuous Integration (CI) and Continuous Delivery (CD) where means the code of the software under construction is frequently merged into a central ository where automated builds and tests run and CD means an automatic deployment code changes to a testing and/or production environment after the build stage.
49.	How familiar are you with the CI/CD tools?
	Mark only one oval.
	Not familiar at all
	Slightly familiar
	Moderately familiar
	Very familiar
	Extremely familiar
Ex	perience on Using CI/CD Tools
50.	Do you currently use CI/CD?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes Skip to question 52
	No, but I've used CI/CD in the past Skip to question 52
	No, and I've never used CI/CD Skip to question 51

### Why do you not use Continuous Integration CI/CD? Check all that apply. Maintenance costs are too high for CI/CD systems My project(s) don't have enough automated tests The developers on my project(s) are not familiar with CI/CD I don't currently use CI/CD, but I would like to in the future CI/CD doesn't bring value because we already do enough testing Setup costs are too high for CI/CD systems Automating builds for my project(s) is not worth it Other: Skip to question 56

52. Why do you use Continuous Integration CI/CD?

Check all that apply.

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CI/CD makes integration easier
CI/CD allows testing across multiple platforms
CI/CD helps us deploy more often
CI/CD can enforce a specific workflow
CI/CD allows faster iterations
CI/CD provides a common build environment
CI/CD helps us catch errors earlier
CI/CD helps us fix breaking builds sooner
CI/CD lets us spend less time debugging
CI/CD allows running tests on more powerful hardware
Other:

## 53. How frequent have you experienced the problems below when trying to use CI/CD?

	Not at all	Slightly frequent	Moderately frequent	Very frequent	Extremely frequent
Troubleshooting a CI build failure					
Lack of support for the desired workflow					
Maintaining a CI server or service					
Lack of tool integration					
Security and access controls					
Automating the build process					
Setting up a CI server or service					
Overly long build times					

### 54. Which of the following CI/CD tools have you used?

	Not used	Used but not useful	Used an somewhat useful	Used an very useful
AppVeyor				
Bamboo				
BuildBot				
CircleCl				
Cloudbees CodeShip				
CruiseControl				
Jenkins				
Azure DevOps Server				
TeamCity				
Travis Cl				
Wercker				
Other tools				

56.	Please enter the current year to show that you are not a bot
	Mark only one oval.
	2019
	2020
	2021
	2022

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