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Civil communication in practice: What does it mean to you as an open source developer?

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Code review is a collaborative activity involving sentiments and emotions that can affect developers' productivity, creativity, and contribution satisfaction. Discussions in a code review environment in open source could get spirited at times as people from diverse backgrounds and interests are part of it. As a consequence, open source communities have become introspective and started to think about the extent to which the differences in communication styles during code reviews can actually affect the morale of the community. Even though many open source projects have started to establish a code of conduct formalizing ground rules for communication between participants with the goal to make everyone comfortable in contributing to the open source project, we still have a need to understand how communication and feelings surrounding it happen in practice.

To address those needs, we propose a BOF with the Linux Community. The goal is to do a short survey focusing on analyzing e-mails from the Linux Kernel Mailing List (LKML) to understand the differences in communication styles and how they impact the Linux community. As a result of this BOF, we will be able to provide valuable information to help communities write their guidelines for code reviews or tools to improve communication in a code review environment.

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