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Response Summary

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Page: **Who Are You?**

1. Which best describes your current position?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Business Stakeholder <input type="checkbox"/>	3.2%	4
Data Professional <input type="checkbox"/>	2.4%	3
Developer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.6%	62
Operations/Support <input type="checkbox"/>	3.2%	4
IT Manager <input type="checkbox"/>	8.0%	10
Modeler (Analyst/Designer/Architect) <input type="checkbox"/>	16.8%	21
Project Manager <input type="checkbox"/>	11.2%	14
QA/Test <input type="checkbox"/>	1.6%	2
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	4.0%	5
answered question		125
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2. How many years of work experience do you have?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
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None	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.0%	0
Less than 2 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2%	4
2 to 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.0%	10
5 to 10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.2%	24
10 to 20 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41.6%	52
20+ years	<input type="checkbox"/>	28.0%	35

answered question 125

skipped question 0

3. Number of IT/Systems/Development people in your organization

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		Response Percent	Response Count
1 to 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28.0%	35
11 to 50	<input type="checkbox"/>	21.6%	27
51 to 100	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.2%	19
101 to 500	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.0%	20
501 to 1000	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.8%	11
1000+	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.4%	13

answered question 125

skipped question 0

4. Which sector is your organization primarily in?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
e-Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2%	4
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.6%	12
Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.4%	8
IT Consulting	<input type="checkbox"/>	14.4%	18

answered question 125

skipped question 0

4. Which sector is your organization primarily in?

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Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2%	4
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.6%	2
Shipping	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.6%	2
Technology (inc. Software)	<input type="checkbox"/>	37.6%	47
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	22.4%	28
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5. Where are you located?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
North America	<input type="checkbox"/>	57.6%	72
South/Central America	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.0%	5
Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.4%	33
Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.8%	6
Australia/NZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.8%	6
Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.4%	3
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Page: The Questions

6. AGILE ADOPTION: What percentage of your development teams have adopted agile techniques?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
91-100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8%	4
81-90%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.9%	2
71-80%	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.6%	11
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6. AGILE ADOPTION: What percentage of your development teams have adopted agile techniques?

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61-70%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.0%	1
51-60%	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8%	4
41-50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.7%	8
31-40%	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7
21-30%	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.7%	9
11-20%	<input type="checkbox"/>	18.3%	19
1-10%	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5%	14
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	24.0%	25


answered question 104

skipped question 21

7. PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES: Does your organization have common coding conventions/guidelines which development teams should conform to?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
No, and we have not considered doing so	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.5%	13
No, but we hope to do so one day	<input type="checkbox"/>	18.3%	19
I think so, but don't know for sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.9%	3
Yes, but most developers follow their own personal conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.6%	10
Yes, but most project teams follow their own conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	29.8%	31
Yes, and most project teams follow the enterprise conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.2%	20
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.0%	1
 Show replies Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7

answered question 104

skipped question 21

8. USER INTERFACE CONVENTIONS: Does your organization have common user interface (UI) conventions/guidelines which development teams should conform to? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
No, and we have not considered doing so	<input type="checkbox"/>	24.0%	25
No, but we hope to do so one day	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.2%	21
I think so, but don't know for sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.8%	5
Yes, but most developers follow their own personal conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.8%	5
Yes, but most project teams follow their own conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.2%	21
Yes, and most project teams follow the enterprise conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	22.1%	23
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.9%	2
Show replies Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.9%	2
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9. DATA CONVENTIONS: Does your organization have data/database conventions which development teams should conform to? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
No, and we have not considered doing so	<input type="checkbox"/>	21.2%	22
No, but we hope to do so one day	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.4%	16
I think so, but don't know for sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7
Yes, but most developers follow their own personal conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7
Yes, but most project teams follow their own conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.2%	20
Yes, and most project teams follow the enterprise conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	25.0%	26
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9. DATA CONVENTIONS: Does your organization have data/database conventions which development teams should conform to? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.9%	2
Show replies Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8%	4
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10. ESTIMATES: My organization's typical approach to initial estimates on software development projects? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't require initial estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	21.2%	22
Initial estimates must be "exact"	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.5%	12
Initial estimates must be within a 5% range	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.9%	2
Initial estimates must be within a 10% range	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.5%	13
Initial estimates must be within a 15% range	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7
Initial estimates must be within a 20% range	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.3%	17
Initial estimates must be within a 25% range	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5%	14
Initial estimates must be within a 50% range	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.3%	17
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11. ACTUALS: On average, the actual costs of software development projects are? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

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11. ACTUALS: On average, the actual costs of software development projects are?

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We don't track actual costs against the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	38.5%	40
Within 5% of the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.9%	2
Within 10% of the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7
Within 15% of the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.8%	5
Within 20% of the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.6%	10
Within 25% of the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	17.3%	18
Within 50% of the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5%	14
Within 75% of the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8%	4
More than 75% different than the original budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8%	4
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12. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES: What strategies do project teams typically use to stay out of trouble or when in trouble to help get them out of it? Check all that apply.

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Pad the budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	18.3%	19
De-scope towards end of project to meet deadline	<input type="checkbox"/>	62.5%	65
Ask for extra funds to complete the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.7%	35
Extend schedule to deliver promised scope	<input type="checkbox"/>	71.2%	74
Avoid "scope creep" wherever possible via a change control/management process	<input type="checkbox"/>	38.5%	40
Take a "stage gate" approach to funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.5%	12
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12. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES: What strategies do project teams typically use to stay out of trouble or when in trouble to help get them out of it? Check all that apply. [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

Change the original estimate to reflect the actuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.6%	10
Change the original schedule to reflect the actuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	18.3%	19
Have a flexible budget from the beginning of the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.5%	13
Have a flexible schedule from the beginning of the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.0%	27
Have a flexible scope from the beginning of the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	31.7%	33
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13. DATA MANAGEMENT: On average, how would you judge the relationship which your development teams have with your organization's data management (DM) group (this is sometimes referred to as a data administration group or simply a data group)? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
We don't have a DM group	<input type="checkbox"/>	55.8%	58
We just started a DM group and it's too early to say	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7
Development teams find that the DM group is effective and are willing work with them	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.7%	8
Development teams are required to work with the DM group and find them effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.3%	17
Development teams are required to work with the DM group but would prefer not to	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.6%	10
Development teams find ways to avoid working with the DM group whenever possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8%	4
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14. IT GOVERNANCE: How would you rate your organization's IT governance effort?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
I don't know what IT governance is	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5%	14
We don't have an IT governance program	<input type="checkbox"/>	35.6%	37
It's too early to tell	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.8%	6
The IT governance program generally helps teams to succeed	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.7%	8
The IT governance program is neither helpful nor harmful	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.2%	20
The IT governance program is generally a hindrance to teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.6%	11
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	7
 Show replies Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.0%	1
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