

Survey questions targeted at the space crowd:

The purpose of this project is to get a better picture of ourselves to aid anyone amongst us who wishes to address us. This is an amateur effort, any suggestion and contribution is welcome. This is a crowd based project in itself.

This document contains some topics and questions. Questions could be entered at each topic, and new topics can be added if necessary.

First we could populate the list, then we could do a vote to see which questions to include in the actual study. Just add a question that would cover something about people interested in space that you would like to know.

The goal is to put up a website for this with it's own url, and if people answered they would get to see the results and would get updated on a regular basis. The data would be open for anyone to use as they please.

The objective is to gauge what "surplus" resources people have in terms of interests, expertise, time, and money, and also where people spend these resources. Are we all just reading articles and rant on forums, or are most of us actively involved in some crowd based project? Where is our interest and efforts concentrated?

The title itself needs to be figured out. Here are a couple of suggestions from various sources, just add your own, we can vote on which one sounds best at a later stage:

"Collaborative Space Survey" /JamesG/

"Open Space Interest Survey"/JamesG/

"Space Crowd Study"/BI/

"Space Crowd Survey"/BI/

Here are some options for hosting the survey. Enter more options if you have any suggestions, decision can be made at a later stage:

limesurvey /it is free and opensource, requires a server to run on/

google form /free, but not the best option for a proper survey/

Some tips on how to do surveys:

<http://blog.surveymonkey.com/blog/2012/04/13/10-online-survey-tips/>

Personal:

Age /this could be in ranges of five or ten years/?

Sex? /I am not sure if this is relevant BI/

Location /country and closest major city is enough/?

Qualifications?

Occupation? /what sector people work in/

- teaching

-- primary/highschool/college/university

-- subjects

If studying, then where and what?

Are you married? single? other? (AB)

Income range? \$0-\$15K, \$15K - \$30K, \$30K - \$45K, \$45K - \$250K, \$250K - \$1M, \$1M+ (AB)

Do you have children?

Social Networking:

Are you using any social networking sites?

Which one(s) are you using? (Have to keep in mind there might be more than one)

How often do you use social networking sites? (AB)

How many friends, or followers do you have? (AB)

Why do you use networking sites? What is your main purpose when using them? (AB)

How do you access your social networking sites? (AB)

Personal Network:

Do you know anyone working in the space industry?

Do you know anyone working in education?

Space News/Forums:

Which space news website do you use to keep yourself up to date about the industry?

How often do you check such news outlets?

Which online forum or group do you use to socialise with other people with similar interests?

Do you post regularly in those forums or are you just a lurker?

Gaming:

Do you play computer games?

Do you play mobile games?

What kinds of games do you enjoy most?

Have you played any of the major online mmorpg's or do you play any currently?

How much time do you spend on computer/mobile games?

How much money do you spend on computer/mobile games?

What are your favorite space video games?

Do you think a space skydiving game would be interesting? (How about asking "Which kind of space game would you like to play?)

Crowd doing:

Do you participate in any crowd activity?

/crowdfunding, involvement in crowdsourced projects/

Have you participated in any space related crowdfunding project?

How much have you spent on crowd funding space related projects?

How much would you be actually willing to spend on a regular basis on crowdfunding space related R&D? /dollar amount per year/

What perks do you usually like to receive in return for your contribution?

Hardware Tinkering:

Are you interested in DIY hardware tinkering?

Have you done any DIY hardware tinkering?

Are you working on any hobby hardware project at the moment?

Are you involved with any open source hardware project?

What kind of hardware development would you be interested in?

How much time do you spend on hardware development as a hobby?

How much money do you spend on hardware development as a hobby?

Do you wish there was an easy to use space rated open source hardware prototyping platform?

Software Development:

Are you interested in software development?

Have you done any hobby level software development?

Are you working on any software of your own as a hobby?

Have you ever been involved in any open source software development?

How much time do you spend on software development as a hobby?

Maker Movement:

Have you been to a “maker space” before?

Would you be interested in joining one?

Are you a regular member of one such group?

How often do you visit the group?

How much is the membership fee?

Are you a paying member?

Space interests: (AB: Moved all space questions together)

Which fields within the wide topic of “space” are you interested in most?
/Astronomy, human space flight, robotic spaceflight, space industry etc../

How often do you do space related activities? (AB)

How often do you read about space, space sci-fi, or play space games? (AB) Open numerical entries per category would be interesting.

What do you think about asteroid mining? (AB)

Would you like to be an asteroid miner if you were given the chance? (AB)

Other Scientific Interests:

What fields of science are you particularly interested in?

Astronomy activity

Do you own a telescope (y/n)

-what kind?

--dobsonian

--cassegrain

--newtonian

-- refractor

-what aperture?

-what focal length?

- other details: brand/mount/filters/ccd/modifications

-what purpose - star jumping/spotting, photography, education, research, celestial events?

Topics of interest for further education/notification

- asteroid research

- planetary research

- earth sciences

- exoplanets

- solar events

- asteroid warnings

- astrophysics (theoretical papers)

- practical calculations

Do you utilize astronomy data for research? (y/n)
- what kind of data - radio, infrared, visual, x-ray?
- what field?
- describe the research
- journal articles?
- what expertise can you offer for image analysis?

Education:

Are you studying at the moment?

Would you be interested in free online courses? /courses like udacity, or coursera/

Space Societies /non-profits/:

Are you a member of any space related non-profit organisation?

How much membership fees do you pay overall?

Questions Regarding this survey:

Was this survey too long?

Was the survey too boring?

Did you find it hard to understand the questions?

Did you find it hard to chose the answer that best matched your actual answer?