

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Language is used every day without truly understanding the whole meaning of the phrases or the origins of our words. In recent years, there has been an increased awareness in the United States to understand better the phrases we use and how they have impacted marginalized communities today. Various industries are introducing *inclusive language* for their cybersecurity teams to transition to and incorporate in their roles.

This *inclusive language* resource is an ongoing document drafted by the WiCyS Racial Equity Committee for others to share with their cybersecurity teams. This collective effort will help shape the industry into one we can all be proud of as we move forward together.

COMMONLY USED:

Master
Slave
Blacklist
Whitelist
White board
Whitebox testing
Blackbox testing
Master Git branch
Scrum Master
Sanity-check
Crazy ex. “crazy outliers in the data”
Master Black Belt (Six Sigma)
(You) guys
Man Hours ex. “how many man hours...”
Man a booth, man a table, manpower
Chairman
Grandfathered
Blackhat hacker
Whitehat hacker
Native feature

CHANGE TO:

Lead, Primary, Original
Follow, Secondary, Replica
Deny list, Blocklist
Allow list, Approved list
Collaboration board, Ideation, Brainstorm
Open Testing
Closed Testing
Main, Production, Release, Live branch
Scrum Lead/Manager
Check for completeness and clarity
Baffling ex. “baffling outliers in the data”
Six Sigma Expert
You all, team, folks
Hours ex. “how many hours...”
Staff a booth, staff a table, workforce
Chair of the board
Exempt, rollover
Unethical hacker
Ethical hacker
Built-in

TOGETHER, WE THRIVE!

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