

Online Consent

This survey is part of a research study conducted by Michael Hilton at Carnegie Mellon University.

The goal of this study is to better understand why and how Software Engineering researchers choose to create and share artifacts as a part of disseminating research. The information will be used to provide guidance on how to improve the artifact process.

Procedures

You will be asked to fill out a short survey describing your experiences with research artifacts, and asking for your perspective. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

Participant Requirements

Participation in this study is limited to individuals age 18 and older. You are being invited to participate because you have published at least one research paper in a Software Engineering conference in the last five years.

Risks

The risks and discomfort associated with participation in this study are no greater than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during other online activities. While we will only store and work with the results in an anonymized manner, using external data, the data could be de-anonymized and your identity could be uncovered.

Benefits

There no personal benefit from your participation in this study

Compensation & Costs

There is no compensation for participation in this study.

There will be no cost to you if you participate in this study.

Future Use of Information

In the future, once we have removed all identifiable information from your data, we may use the data for our future research studies, or we may distribute the data to other researchers for their research studies. We would do this without getting additional informed consent from you (or your legally authorized representative). Sharing of data with other researchers will only be done in such a manner that you will not be identified.

Confidentiality

By participating in this research, you understand and agree that Carnegie Mellon may be required to disclose your consent form, data and other personally identifiable information as required by law, regulation, subpoena or court order. Otherwise, your confidentiality will be maintained in the following manner:

Your data and consent form will be kept separate. Your consent form will be stored in a secure location on Carnegie Mellon property and will not be disclosed to third parties. By participating, you understand and agree that the data and information gathered during this study may be used by Carnegie Mellon and published and/or disclosed by Carnegie Mellon to others outside of Carnegie Mellon. However, your name, address, contact information and other direct personal identifiers will not be mentioned in any such publication or dissemination of the research data and/or results by Carnegie Mellon. Note that per regulation all research data must be kept for a minimum of 3 years. No annotation services will be used.

Right to Ask Questions & Contact Information

If you have any questions about this study, you should feel free to ask them by contacting the Principal Investigator now at Dr. Michael Hilton, Institute for Software Research, School of Computer Science, mail: Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh PA, 15213, phone: (412) 268-7671, email: mhilton@cmu.edu. If you have questions later, desire additional information, or wish to withdraw your participation please contact the Principal Investigator by mail, phone or e-mail in accordance with the contact information listed above.

If you have questions pertaining to your rights as a research participant; or to report concerns to this study, you should contact the Office of Research integrity and Compliance at Carnegie Mellon University. Email: irb-review@andrew.cmu.edu . Phone: 412-268-1901 or 412-268-5460.

Voluntary Participation

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You may discontinue participation at any time during the research activity. You may print a copy of this consent form for your records.

I am age 18 or older. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have read and understand the information above. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I want to participate in this research and continue with the survey. ☐ Yes ☐ No