

Participant Information Sheet

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Project Title

Dynamics of GitHub Migrations

An Invitation

Hello, my name is Dr. Kelly Blincoe. I am a Lecturer at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. I would like to invite you to participate in a research study by completing a short survey. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete. This is a joint study with Dr. Daniela Damian from the University of Victoria, Dr. Qi Xuan from Zhejiang University of Technology, and Dr. Bogdan Vasilescu and Dr. Vladimir Filkov from University of California, Davis. We want to learn more about open source software development. This study will help us learn more about why participants in projects on GitHub move between projects. We selected you because you are an active user of GitHub.

All survey responses will be anonymous and we will keep your answers confidential. The Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee (AUTEC) has approved this study. Feel free to contact me at kblincoe@aut.ac.nz if you have any questions about the study.

At the end of the survey, you can enter into the draw for a \$100 Amazon gift card. The survey will close on 14th August 2015, and the winner will be notified by email.

The survey is available at <http://goo.gl/forms/3oQKF7PNxg>

What is the purpose of this research?

We want to learn more about open source software development. This study will help us learn more about why participants in projects on GitHub move between projects. We plan to publish the results at an upcoming Software Engineering Conference.

How was I identified and why am I being invited to participate in this research?

We selected you because you are an active user of GitHub.

What will happen in this research?

We will ask you to answer several questions about how and why you contribute to GitHub projects. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions, and you can skip any question you do not want to answer.

What are the discomforts and risks?

There are no discomforts or risks. Participation is voluntary. You can stop being in the study at any time. You will not be penalized.

How will my privacy be protected?

Your survey responses will be anonymous. You will not be asked for personal or identifying information at any time.

What are the costs of participating in this research?

We expect the survey to take about 10 minutes of your time.

What opportunity do I have to consider this invitation?

The survey will be open for 7 days, until 14 August 2015.

How do I agree to participate in this research?

Completion of the attached questionnaire will be taken as an indication of your consent to participate

Will I receive feedback on the results of this research?

Updates on the results of this research will be available at http://kblincoe.github.io/migration_survey.html.

What do I do if I have concerns about this research?

Any concerns regarding the nature of this project should be notified in the first instance to the Project Supervisor, Kelly Blincoe, kblincoe@aut.ac.nz, +64 9 921 9999 ext 8429

Concerns regarding the conduct of the research should be notified to the Executive Secretary of AUTC, Kate O'Connor, ethics@aut.ac.nz, 921 9999 ext 6038.

Whom do I contact for further information about this research?

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