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<b>Project Title</b>	Python study
<b>Purpose of the Study</b>	This research is being conducted by Michelle L. Mazurek (University of Maryland, College Park) in cooperation with Sascha Fahl at Saarland University (Germany). The purpose of this project is to better understand how Python programmers use Python.
<b>Procedures</b>	1) You will be asked to complete several short programming tasks. 2) Immediately after finishing the short programming tasks, you will be given an exit survey.  The entire process should take about 60 minutes.
<b>Potential Risks and Discomforts</b>	There is only minimal risk to participants. All collected data including Python source code and exit survey answers will be stored in a secure cloud-storage system that only investigators listed in the IRB can access.
<b>Potential Benefits</b>	There are no direct benefits for participants in this study. However, we believe that this study will improve understanding of how Python programmers use Python.
<b>Confidentiality</b>	No personally identifiable information will be collected. However, we may use cookies and IP addresses to prevent duplicate participation. If we contacted you through github, we may link your participation with pseudonymized data from your github profile, not including your email address or github ID.  All exit survey answers, along with Python source code, will be collected and analyzed pseudonymously. Moreover, the data will be stored in a secure cloud-storage system accessible only to investigators listed in the IRB application.  After this study is completed, the data used in this study will be archived for three years and then destroyed.
<b>Compensation</b>	You are not compensated for the study.
<b>Right to Withdraw</b>	You may choose not to take part at all. If you decide to participate in this research, you may stop participating at any time. If you decide not to participate in this study or if you stop participating at any time, you will not be penalized or lose any benefits to which you otherwise qualify. If you are a student of UMD or Saarland University, neither your grades, standing nor your employability will be positively or negatively affected by deciding to participate in this study, deciding to not participate in this study, or starting the study and withdrawing from it.
<b>Participant Rights</b>	If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or wish to report a research-related injury, please contact:  <b>University of Maryland College Park Institutional Review Board Office 1204 Marie Mount Hall</b>

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Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

	<p><b>College Park, Maryland, 20742</b> <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:irb@umd.edu">irb@umd.edu</a></b> <b>Telephone: 301-405-0678</b></p> <p>This research has been reviewed according to the University of Maryland, College Park IRB procedures for research involving human subjects, and it has been approved by the Ethical Review Board at Saarland University.</p> <p>A copy of this consent form (for your records) can be found at &lt;URL&gt;.</p>
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I am age 18 or older. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am comfortable using the English language to participate in this study ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have read this consent form or had it read to me. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

**SUBMIT**