

Abbreviated Consent
for
Characteristics of a Good Teammate

You are being asked to participate in a research study.

Key study information you should know:

- The purpose of the study is to evaluate the importance of different teammate characteristics for working with smart technologies. If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire on a website at a time and place convenient to you. This study includes two phases and completion of both will take approximately 40 minutes.
- Risks or discomforts from this research include potential boredom from answering questionnaires or fatigue from working at a computer workstation. This experience is similar to Internet browsing or reading on a computer screen for approximately 40 minutes.
- The study will provide no direct benefits to you aside from monetary compensation, though you may learn about new smart technologies.
- Taking part in this research project is voluntary. You can discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss.
- All submitted responses will be checked for quality, and researchers reserve the right to reject or not compensate work that is of poor quality.

Please take time to read this entire document and ask questions before deciding whether to take part in this research project. Good research depends on good data – before starting be sure you do not mind answering questions about yourself.

If you participate in this research, you may experience one or both phases since your responses to Phase 1 will determine your eligibility for Phase 2. Once you have completed the survey, you will be shown a six-digit Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) code and asked to submit your responses. You must enter the six-digit code into MTurk to ensure payment.

Phase 1 (5-10 minutes): Phase 1 asks for some information about you and your experience with smart technologies. Participants with satisfactory completion for Phase 1 will be compensated \$1.00. Those selected for Phase 2 will continue directly into the second part of the questionnaire.

Phase 2 (25-35 minutes): Phase 2 includes a longer series of questions about you and your experience with smart technologies. Participants with satisfactory completion of Phase 2 will be compensated with an additional \$5.00 bonus, for a total payment of \$6.00.

Questions in this study are in the form of either a rating scale, with responses given by mouse clicks on desired rating values, or open-ended questions with text boxes for typed answers.

The researchers will take the following precautions to maintain the confidentiality of your data:

- Your MTurk Worker ID and personal information are not recorded in this study. This information will be kept by MTurk only as a record of your participation. Your IP address will not be recorded.

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- The data collected in the questionnaire will be assigned a random ID and there will be no way of connecting this ID to your personal record.
- Electronic data will be password-protected/encrypted and stored on a server to which only the experimenters have access.

The data may be accessed by the Department of Defense for auditing purposes.

If you have questions regarding the study, contact the Principal Investigator: Dr. Leslie Blaha, 412-268-4156 or leslie.blaha@us.af.mil. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the AFRL Institutional Review Board: 937-904-8100 or afrl.ir.protocolmanagement@us.af.mil.

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