

Study Title: Evaluation of Urdu Text Input Options.

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Consent Form:

The data collected from this study will be used in articles for publication in journals and conference proceedings. Any write-ups of the data will not include information that can be linked directly to you.

1.Benefits:

Other than the receipt of a small honorarium, you will not directly benefit from your participation. Information gathered in this research will help us improve existing Urdu language technologies and develop new ones that could benefit future users.

2.Risk:

While it is always possible that someone can figure out who participated in a study, we will remove all identifying information from your data before analyzing it in order to make it harder for people to tell who has participated.

There are no other foreseeable risks. If at any time, we become aware of additional risks, we will postpone the study and notify you immediately so that these risks can be minimized before we continue with research activities. If it is necessary, we will stop the study altogether.

3.Remuneration:

To thank you for your time, we will be pleased to make a summary of the results available to you once they have been compiled. This summary will outline the research and discuss our findings and recommendations. It will be made available through our lab website:

<https://spaces.facsci.ualberta.ca/edtekla/> We expect this summary to be available in May. 2025. You are also eligible to receive a gift card for \$30

4.Confidentiality & Anonymity:

No one will be identified in this study and identifying personal information will be removed. Reports and publications detailing the results of this research will describe aggregate data.

All data and documents will be securely kept for a period of at least 5 years after we have finished our research activities. Data may be kept for even longer. If we decide not to keep it after 5 years, it will be destroyed.

5. Voluntary Participation & Freedom to Withdraw:

You get to choose whether you want to complete study activities. This includes whether you answer specific questions that are part of the study. It is okay if you don't want us to use your data. We can always exclude your data while analyzing that of others. Your participation will in no way affect your course grades. Your instructors will not be told who has or has not participated. You may withdraw at any time. To withdraw, simply exit the website.

If you complete study activities, you can still withdraw later. We will give you a code that you can use to withdraw your data. Make sure that you keep this code because we will not be able to find and destroy your data otherwise. If you withdraw during or after your participation, your remuneration will not be affected.

If you do not participate in this study or choose to withdraw from this study, the data that was collected during your participation will be destroyed. Note that you cannot have your data removed if we have already published papers based on that data. The earliest that this is expected to happen will be 3 months after data collection.

6. Further Information:

Please contact Carrie demmanse@ualberta.ca , or Yalmaz edtekla@ualberta.ca , if you would like to know more. They are both happy to answer questions about this study and what we are doing. Please contact either of them if you have any questions or concerns.

The plan for this study has been reviewed by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta (Pro00115709). If you have questions about your rights or how research should be conducted, you can call (780) 492-2615. This office is independent of the researchers.

A PDF copy of consent form is available [here](#).

Consent Procedures

By clicking the "Start" button you agree that you have read this form, been told whom to contact if you have questions, and are able to save a copy of this consent form for yourself.