

## Privacy notice – please read before you start the questionnaire

### *Controller*

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### *Purpose of the questionnaire*

We are collecting researchers' experiences with Data Acquisition software for an academic study. The information will be used only for statistical analysis and for reporting the overall results of the research.

### *What data we collect*

Type of question	Mandatory?	How it will be used
Experience questions (e.g., "How difficult was programming...?")	Yes – you must answer	Answers are aggregated and presented anonymously. No individual-level data will be disclosed.
Affiliation and research group	Optional – you may leave these fields blank	Answers are aggregated and presented anonymously. No individual-level data will be disclosed.
Personal identifiers (name and e-mail)	Optional – you may leave these fields blank	If you choose to provide them, we will only use them to keep you informed about the project. They will <b>never</b> be used in any published results.

### *Legal basis*

- The mandatory experience questions are processed on the basis of our **legitimate interest** in conducting scientific research.
- The optional personal data are processed on the basis of **your explicit consent** (you decide whether to provide them).

### *Data storage & security*

All responses are stored in a Google Forms/Sheets file that is protected with encryption and access-restricted to the research team only.

### *Retention period*

The data will be kept for 10 years after the study is completed, after which it will be deleted or fully anonymised.

### *Your rights*

You have the right to request access to, correction of, or deletion of any personal data you have provided, as well as to withdraw your consent at any time. To exercise these rights, please contact [ana.caballo@proton.me](mailto:ana.caballo@proton.me)

### *International transfers*

Google may store data on servers outside the EU. We rely on the standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission to ensure an adequate level of protection.

### *Supervisory authority*

If you wish to lodge a complaint, you may contact the Dutch Data Protection Authority (Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens).