INFORMED CONSENT FORM for RESEARCH

Title of Study: Carrem: A Middleware for Requirements Reflection via Active Learning

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What are some general things you should know about research studies?

You are being asked to take part in a research study that will take up to fifteen or twenty minutes of your time. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You have the right to be a part of this study, to choose not to participate or to stop participating at any time. The purpose of this research study is to increase our understanding on the process of using context-aware runtime adaptive mobile applications. You are not guaranteed any personal benefits from being in a study. Research studies also may pose risks to those that participate. In this consent form you will find specific details about the research in which you are being asked to participate. If you do not understand something in this form it is your right to ask the researcher for clarification or more information. A copy of this consent form will be provided to you upon request. If at any time you have questions about your participation, do not hesitate to contact the researcher(s) named above.

What is the purpose of this study?

This study seeks to understand the usefulness, impact and usability of context-aware runtime adaptive applications. Specifically, we seek to understand how the use of a middleware to build such applications can impact the user. We conjecture that by using a middleware, the usability and usefulness of such applications are maximized while reducing the effort from the users.

What will happen if you take part in the study?

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to (1) complete a demographics survey, (2) fill out your daily routine and application preferences, and (3) explain your experience about the task.

Risks

There are minimal risks to this study.

Benefits

This study will help advance how developers build runtime adaptive applications while making the experience of using these applications pleasant to the users.

Confidentiality

The information in the study records will be kept confidential. Data will be stored securely in a password protected account on a server. No reference will be made in oral or written reports which could link you to the study. You will at no time be asked to provide your name in the study

Compensation

For participating in this study you will receive a USD 2 to USD 5 via the crowdsourcing platform. Payment is contingent upon providing thoughtful, quality data. The researcher will determine the quality of the data.

What if you have questions about this study?

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the researcher, Muhammad Fazalul Rahman, at mf3791@rit.edu.

What if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?

Contact Heather Foti, Associate Director of the HSRO at (585) 475-7673 or hmfsrs@rit.edu if you have any questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant.

Consent To Participate Online Form

We will provide a check box with the following text in an online form. The subject can proceed only if they check the box.

"I have read and understand the information in informed consent form. I will receive a copy of this form if I ask for one. I agree to participate in this study with the understanding that I may choose not to participate or to stop participating at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled. I understand that by clicking to proceed with the study, I agree to consent to these terms."