

Consent Form for Research Participation

Study Number:

Study Title: Measuring and Comparing the Appropriateness of Data Collection Purposes in Mobile Apps Created by Indian and US Developers

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This is a consent form for research participation. It contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate. Your participation is voluntary.

Purpose: This research is being done to understand the data collection practices of mobile app developers in India and the US in order to improve the transparency and accountability of data collection.

Procedures and Time Required: You will be asked to participate in a 15-minute survey about your phone usage. With your permission, the data collected in the survey will be used for research purposes.

Financial Information: Participation in this study will involve no cost to you. You will not be paid for participating in this study.

Risks and Benefits: Your participation in this study does not involve any risks to you beyond those of everyday life. Taking part in this research study may not benefit you personally, but we may learn new things that could help others.

Confidentiality:

- All information collected in this survey will be solely used for research purposes.
- Identifiers, such as usernames and email addresses, will be collected from users only with their consent.
- Identifiers will be used only to link survey data to other research data.
- Identifiers will be removed from all data before it is shared with other researchers or used for future research projects without your additional informed consent.
- If you decide to withdraw, data collected up until the point of withdrawal may still be included in the analysis.
- Data will be protected from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction.
- Data will be retained for the duration of the research project, plus a reasonable period of time after the project is completed.

Contacts & Questions:

If you have questions or concerns about the study, you can contact the researchers at

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If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this research, feel you have been harmed, or wish to discuss other study-related concerns with someone who is not part of the research team, you can contact the University of Chicago Social & Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board (IRB): phone (773) 702-2915, email sbs-irb@uchicago.edu.

Consent:

Participation is voluntary. Refusal to participate or withdrawing from the research will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you might otherwise be entitled. You will be provided a copy of this form. By signing below, you agree to participate in the research.

Participant's Signature

Participant's Name (printed)

Date

Optional Elements: Please mark your choices below:

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identifiable information from this study may be used for future research studies or shared with other researchers for future research without your additional informed consent.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The researchers may retain your contact information in order to contact you in the future to see whether you are interested in participating in other research studies.
