



## **CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH**

### **Censorship circumvention software usability study**

#### **Introduction**

We, Linda Lee and David Fifield, are researchers working with Serge Egelman at the University of California Berkeley and the International Computer Science Institute. We are conducting a study to understand how users use censorship evasion software and what improvements could make it easier to use.

#### **Procedures**

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to do the following:

You will be asked to complete some web browsing tasks in a simulated censorship environment. The purpose of this is to see how hard it is for people to complete basic online tasks in such a setting. The tasks will be simple online tasks you will most likely have familiarity doing (searching for something, sending an email), but under restrictions that others face in different countries. The session should take about 60 minutes.

With your permission, we will make a video recording of the screen. The video will be of the screen only, and not of you personally. If you agree to being recorded but feel uncomfortable at any time during the session, we can stop the session at your request.

After the tasks are complete, you will fill out a short survey giving us feedback on your experiences and any feedback for improving the software you have just tested.

#### **Study time**

You will be scheduled a 60-minute time slot.

#### **Study location**

All study procedures will take place at the Experimental Social Science Laboratory (Xlab), located on campus of the University of California, Berkeley.

#### **Benefits**

There is no direct benefit to you from taking part in this study. We hope that the information gained from the study will help improve the usability of anonymity software.

## Confidentiality

Your study data will be handled as confidentially as possible. We will not maintain a link between your identity and the research data, replace your name with a non-identifying code ('participant 1'), and only allow researchers to access records of your participation.

## Future use of study data:

No personally identifiable data will be kept. Screen recording videos and survey data will be kept indefinitely, maintained for possible use in future research by us or others. The same measures described above will be taken to protect confidentiality of this study data.

## Compensation/Payment

You will be paid with \$30 dollar visa gift card for your participation in this study.

## Rights

**Participation in research is completely voluntary.** You have the right to decline or withdraw at any point in this study without penalty or loss of benefits.

## Questions

If you have any questions about the research, you may contact any of the researchers:

- David Fifield <[fifield@eecs.berkeley.edu](mailto:fifield@eecs.berkeley.edu)>
- Linda Naeun Lee <[lnl@cs.berkeley.edu](mailto:lnl@cs.berkeley.edu)>

Or the principal investigator:

- Serge Egelman <[egelman@cs.berkeley.edu](mailto:egelman@cs.berkeley.edu)>

If you have any questions or concerns about your rights and treatment as a research subject, you may contact the office of UC Berkeley's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, at 510-642-7461 or [subjects@berkeley.edu](mailto:subjects@berkeley.edu).

## Consent

If you wish to participate, please sign and date below. You may keep a copy of this form.

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Participant's Name (*please print*)

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