



CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Censorship circumvention software usability study

Introduction

We (Linda Lee, David Fifield, and Nathan Malkin) are researchers at the University of California, Berkeley working with Dr. Serge Egelman and Dr. David Wagner, who are the Principal Investigators of this project. We are conducting a study to understand how people 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 simple, familiar web browsing tasks in a simulated censorship environment. The purpose of this is to see how hard it is for people to access censored websites. 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 computer screen only, without audio, and not of you personally. If you agree to being recorded but feel uncomfortable at any time, we can stop the session at your request.

After the tasks are complete, you will have an interview with one of the researchers to give us feedback on your experiences regarding 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 Soda Hall or 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 the software you test.

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 interview notes will be kept indefinitely, maintained for possible use in future research by others or us. The same measures described above will be taken to protect confidentiality of this study data.

Compensation/Payment

You will be paid with \$30 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:

- Linda Naeun Lee <lnl@cs.berkeley.edu>
- David Fifield <fifield@eecs.berkeley.edu>
- Nathan Malkin <nmalkin@cs.berkeley.edu>

Or the principal investigators:

- Serge Egelman <egelman@cs.berkeley.edu>
- David Wagner <daw@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.

Consent

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

Participant's Name (*please print*)

Date

Participant's Signature