Privacy policy for the "KDDI-TAU study" extension

What information is collected?

The extension collects browsing-history logs spanning three months. Specifically, for each URL visited in the past three months, the extension shares the visit time, the domain (without the path), and the page's title.

Where is the information collected from?

The data is collected from the user's Chrome (or Chromium-based) browser.

Why is the information collected?

The information is collected solely for the purpose of a research project conducted by researchers at Tel Aviv University and KDDI Research, Inc., aiming to characterize user activity on the Internet.

How is the information collected?

The only vantage point for collecting the data is the "KDDI-TAU study" extension. Once it receives the user's permission, the extension (1) accesses the history logs from the past three months on the browser; (2) presents logs to users so that they can remove any item they prefer not to share; and (3) asks the users to upload the data not removed in the previous step. Note that only users who participate in the research study and answer a survey published via Prolific and administered through Qualtrics will be asked to install the extension and share the data.

Who is the information shared with?

The information is not shared with anybody except for the research-project members.

What rights do users have over their data?

As previously mentioned, before they upload the data, users can remove any log items they prefer not to share. Additionally, the research team will adhere to user requests to remove their data at any point. Independently, the researchers plan to remove the data within three years of completing the research project.

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