

Experiment Sign-up & Consent Form

Title of the study – "Exploration vs. Exploitation: Preference-Driven Challenge Recommendation in Software Crowdsourcing"

I have been asked to participate in a research study under the direction of Dr. Ye Yang. Other professional persons who work with them as study staff may assist to act for them. I understand that my participation in this study will last for no more than 30 minutes. I have been told that, during the course of the study, I will provide some basic information in order to receive personalized recommendations, and I will provide my feedback regarding the relevance and usefulness of the recommendation system, after receiving and reviewing the recommendations.

Exclusions

I will inform the researcher if any of the following apply to me:

- ◆ I am under the age of 18.
- ◆ I have any other issues which preclude me from participating in this study.

Risks/Discomforts

The study described is not expected to cause any risks or discomforts although there may be risks and discomforts that are not yet known. I fully recognize that there are risks that I may be exposed to by volunteering in this study which are inherent in participating in any study; I understand that I am not covered by Stevens's insurance policy for any injury or loss I might sustain in the course of participating in the study.

Confidentiality

I understand confidential is not the same as anonymous. Confidential means that my name will not be disclosed if there exists a documented linkage between my identity and my responses as recorded in the research records. Every effort will be made to maintain the confidentiality of the study records. If the findings from the study are published, I will not be identified by name and my identity will remain confidential unless disclosure is required by law.

Payment for Participation

Upon completing the survey, I will be receiving a \$10 Amazon gift card if I am among the first 25 participants. Participants completing the follow-up feedback survey will be entered into a draw for 5 Stevens T-Shirts.

Right to Refuse or Withdraw

I understand that my participation is voluntary and I may refuse to participate, or may discontinue my participation at any time with no adverse consequence. I also understand that the investigator has the right to withdraw me from the study at any time.

*Required

Do you agree to these terms? *

☐ Yes, I agree

☐ No, I disagree



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Your answer

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Your answer

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- ☐ Learn new technical skills and improve existing skills
- ☐ Community identification
- ☐ Connect with peers and new clients
- ☐ Other:

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