University of Victoria

Participant Consent Form

Thanks for participating! Please read the following to understand the nature of this research and how we'll manage your data.

Contacts

If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please feel free to contact any of the members of our research team: Omar Elazhary (omazhary@uvic.ca), Margaret-Anne Storey (mstorey@uvic.ca), and Neil Ernst (nernst@uvic.ca). You may also verify the ethical approval of this study, or raise any concerns by contacting the Human Research Ethics Office at the University of Victoria (+1 250-472-4545 or ethics@uvic.ca).

Risks

There are no known or anticipated risks to you by participating in this research.

Benefits

Your participation in this research will help us understand the impact continuous software engineering practices have on your workflow as a developer and whether your organization is utilizing automation in a way that enhances your development process.

Voluntary Participation

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. If you do decide to participate, you may withdraw at any time without any consequences or any explanation. If you do withdraw from the study (do not click the Submit button), your data will not be submitted, saved, or used in any form. Click the Submit button only if you agree to voluntarily participate.

Anonymity

This survey is completely anonymous and we do not require your email address. If you choose to provide your email address, we will use it to contact you for a potential interview and send you the results of our study. Your email address will be removed from the survey data and replaced with anonymous identifiers before the results of this study are published.

Confidentiality

The survey data and your identity will be protected by restricted and secure computers located in our research lab at the University of Victoria. Only the research investigators will be able to access the data once it is downloaded from the server that hosts the survey.

Please be advised that this survey may use tools that store data in the U.S. As such, there is a possibility that information about you that is gathered for this research study may be accessed without your knowledge or consent by the U.S. government in compliance with the U.S. Patriot Act.

Dissemination of Results

It is anticipated that the results of this study will be shared with others in the following ways: theses, dissertations, published articles or books, presentations at scholarly meetings, on the Internet, and directly to the participants involved (if requested to be notified of results).

Disposal of Data

Data collected will be disposed of 3 years after the beginning of the study. All survey data collected and backups will be electronically deleted.

By completing and submitting this survey, **YOUR FREE AND INFORMED CONSENT IS IMPLIED** and indicates that you understand the above conditions of participation in this study.