# User Study Task (Make a Copy First!)

You have 15 minutes to complete this task. The task is not to test how quickly you can finish the task. So please aim for the thoroughness, not speed. The experimenter will remind you when you have 5 minutes left.

**[5 min] Part I. Get familiar with the Stack Overflow post and its code example.**

Suppose you want to implement a function that computes the distance between two coordinates on earth. You find [this SO post](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/837872/calculate-distance-in-meters-when-you-know-longitude-and-latitude-in-java/837957#837957) that illustrates how to implement the function in Java. Please inspect the code example in this post and focus on understanding its functionality and implementation details.

*Experimenter: Are you confident about your understanding of this function to move to the next step?*

**[10 min] Part II. Create a reusable template of the SO code example.**

Now you want to create a template of the SO code example so other programmers do not have to repetitively adapt the code example to their own projects.

Please specify the following code parts in the given code example.

(1) Use the blue color to tag where you consider as the gist of the example and should remain unchanged during code reuse.

(2) Use the yellow color to tag where should be changed or removed based on the context of the target program.

(3) Use the red color to specify what additional code you would like to add into the template.

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| public static float distFrom(float lat1, float lng1, float lat2, float lng2) {  // some additional unit converting code can be here  double earthRadius = 6371000; //meters  double dLat = Math.toRadians(lat2-lat1);  double dLng = Math.toRadians(lng2-lng1);  // some additional comments for explaining what `a` is  double a = Math.sin(dLat/2) \* Math.sin(dLat/2)  + Math.cos(Math.toRadians(lat1)) \* Math.cos(Math.toRadians(lat2))  \* Math.sin(dLng/2) \* Math.sin(dLng/2);  // some additional comments for explaining what c is here  double c = 2 \* Math.atan2(Math.sqrt(a), Math.sqrt(1-a));  float dist = (float) (earthRadius \* c);  // maybe some additonal unit converting code here  return dist;  } |