

Dynamic Consent

Abstract:

In today's world, the accumulation of huge data always prompts research activity in any field, and consent does play a major role in it. Informed consent forms a set of terms and conditions which includes all the constraints that are essential for all the research activities to be performed. The problem with informed consent arises only when additional research is proposed by researchers and the question of "whether additional consent is required, or whether the existing consent covers the new research" comes into discussion, as obtaining a new addition would consume a lot of time and money. A similar problem was faced by Citizen science when it hesitated to take additional consent from its citizens, as those new models of consent required an understanding of complex information and concomitant privacy risks. This invoked public outrage when the information about this research came to light. The problems like these can be dealt with through a novel approach of Dynamic consent, which introduces a digital communication interface between the participants and the researchers, ensuring a secure, instantaneous, and cost-effective acquisition of additional consent from time to time and also enabling participants to alter their consent choices.

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