**Why was my Amazon Mechanical Turk registration denied?**

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I opened an account on amazon mechanical turk and few days later I received an e-mail saying

**“We have completed our review of your Amazon Mechanical Turk Worker Account. We regret to inform you that you will not be permitted to work on Mechanical Turk.**

**Our account review criteria are proprietary and we cannot disclose the reason why an invitation to complete registration has been denied.”**

I can not find words to express my disgust for such stupid and humiliating answer. It is obviously some unhonest reason related to discrimination which, if declared, would significantly impair the company image.

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There are different definitions for crowdsourcing and therefore different approches from different platforms.

**Simple Tasks**  
Platforms like mechanical turk. Many workers do simple tasks for a little amount of money. Often tasks get done more than once and the result most of the people gave, is taken as valid.  
[http://mturk.com](http://mturk.com/)  
<http://clickworker.com/>  
<http://microtask.com/> Mainly Digitizing  
<http://samasource.org/> non-profit, content moderation, digitization, data entry, Data Mining and Enrichment, Business Listing Verification  
<http://cloudcrowd.com/> "CloudCrowd provides Turk functionality and adds workflow functionality and innate quality control"  
<http://www.mobileworks.com/> quality through exclusivity

**Metaplatforms**  
Because mechanical turk can be difficult to use, other platforms help people to structure their tasks and get better quality. They use mechanical turk as a ground layer and built upon it.  
<http://crowdflower.com/> uses mturk and samasource  
<http://scalableworkforce.com/> uses mturk  
[http://www.crowdguru.de](http://www.crowdguru.de/) uses clickworker  
<http://smartsheet.com/> collaboration tool with crowdsourcing provided by mturk and livework  
<http://www.serv.io/> media services, powered by CloudCrowd  
<http://houdiniapi.com/> “provides a bridge for integrating crowdsourced labor directly into applications using an API.”  
<http://cloudfactory.com/> uses their own trained workforce (Cloud Workers)

**p2p**  
One person does the task. But the task can be split between many or done more than once.  
<http://www.optask.com/> Web Research, Marketing & Lead Generation, Procurement, Powerpoint, Excel and Word, SEO and Blog Writing  
<http://mediapiston.com/> content creation  
[http://newspepper.com](http://newspepper.com/) video, photography and blogging services  
<http://textbroker.com/> text  
<http://livework.com/> Callcenter, Support (not exactly simple tasks)  
<http://becomeaguide.chacha.com/> questions via SMS  
<http://www.sumbola.com/> 'helps content creators deliver their creations to a global market'  
<http://studentoffortune.com/> homework help  
<http://www.content.de/> text (german)  
<http://taskarmy.com/> “hybrid between odesk and fiverr”  
<http://crowdmug.com/> requesting photos of places  
<http://www.asksunday.com/> personal assistant

**Expertise & Knowledge exchange**  
One or more persons use their expertise to fullfil tasks.  
[http://10eqs.com](http://10eqs.com/) Knowledge exchange (they structure the problem and have their own experts)  
<http://eclerx.com/> Sales and Marketing Services, Financial Services  
<http://starmind.com/> A bit like a bad quora with money  
[http://g2link.com](http://g2link.com/) p2p risk management  
<http://www.trada.com/> search engine marketing done by a crowd  
<http://boostctr.com/> search engine marketing optimization  
<http://www.taskus.com/>  
<http://www.mavenresearch.com/> consulting  
<https://www.minutebox.com/> expert advice over video

**Contestbased**  
There is a call and many people respond to it. There are different systems who gets a prize and what happens.  
<http://99designs.com/>designstuff  
[http://www.mykindacrowd.com](http://www.mykindacrowd.com/) /ideas & problems  
[http://www.hiretheworld.com](http://www.hiretheworld.com/) - Creative Contests and 1 to 1 employment platform for Design, Writing, Programming, and Administrative Tasks.

**Translation**  
Services specialized for translating.  
<http://mygengo.com/>  
<http://www.tolingo.com/>  
<http://www.lingotek.com/>  
<http://www.smartling.com/>  
<http://www.onehourtranslation.com/>  
<http://strakertranslations.com/>  
<http://www.speaklike.com/>  
[http://tran.sl](http://tran.sl/) crowd sourced translation engine

**Offline Tasks**  
Services that are built around offline tasks. From grocery shopping to repairing windows. Sometimes also online tasks.  
<http://taskrabbit.com/>  
<http://agentanything.com/>  
<http://gigwalk.com/>  
<http://www.milk.ly/>

**Freelancer**  
Platforms which help to find the right person for a job. Sometimes they also help the client to have more control.  
<http://elance.com/>  
[http://freelancer.com/http://guru.com/](http://freelancer.com/http:/guru.com/)  
<http://odesk.com/>  
<http://scriptlance.com/>  
<http://vworker.com/>  
<http://expertbids.com/> Professional services "get free personalized bids"  
<http://biddyon.com.au/>  
<http://www.voices.com/> voice over jobs  
<http://www.canyoucode.com/>

**Fixed amount of money**  
These platforms only connect the client with the worker. There are easy tools to built such a platform, as a result there are many. Tasks are often stupid.  
<http://fiverr.com/>  
<http://fourerr.com/>  
<http://gigbucks.com/>  
<http://gighour.com/>  
<http://gigme5.com/>  
<http://tenbux.com/>  
<http://twentyville.com/>  
<http://uphype.com/>

**Reviews and Opinions**  
The title says it all.  
[http://softwarejudge.com](http://softwarejudge.com/)  
[http://epinions.com](http://epinions.com/)  
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[http://reviewparty.com](http://reviewparty.com/)  
[http://reviewstream.com](http://reviewstream.com/)  
<http://www.utest.com/>

**Spammy stuff**  
Many of these platforms could be listed in 'Simple Tasks', but I wanted to separate them because most of the listed tasks are only targeted towards spam. Like "follow me on twitter, like that page, submit your data to that site,...". (Sorry, if I put your company here. That is what I saw. I could be wrong.)  
<http://jobboy.com/>  
<http://microworkers.com/> and <http://minifreelance.com/> (not sure if just a copy or the same company)  
<http://rapidworkers.com/>  
<http://simpleworkers.com/>, <http://minijobz.com/> and <http://www.desklancer.com/> (look also the same)  
<http://shorttask.com/> Research, Data Entry, Writing Design

**???**  
Not enough information on the website and I didn't test them already. Or they are just different from all others.  
<http://minuteworkers.com/>  
<http://innocentive.com/> crowdsourcing ideas  
<http://www.little-favours.com/> (Facebook App, small stuff)  
<http://crowdengineering.com/> enterprise crowdsourcing solution with integrated community management  
<http://cumulusiq.com/> Knowledge as a service; SAP Integration  
<http://kaggle.com/> post data, let scientists analyze. competition style.  
<https://atizo.com/> idea crowdsourcing (german)  
<http://researchgate.net/> scientific crowdsourcing  
<http://www.poptent.net/> video contest  
<http://www.rippple.com/> funding, service and cutomers for startups provided by a crowd  
<http://castingwords.com/> transcription  
<http://store.exvo.com/teams>  
<http://www.copify.com/> copywriting  
<http://www.imagebrief.com/> photos contest  
<http://www.speechpad.com/> transcription  
<http://txteagle.com/> sms based  
<http://world4brains.com/> crowdconsulting  
<http://www.go4customer.com/> outsourcing business solutions

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I am sure there are some mistakes and I missed some platforms, so be free to write comments and suggest edits.