

Ethnographic Study of Online Performance Artists

What's this study about?

We're trying to learn about the relationships online performers have with each other and with the organizations that run the platforms that they stream and upload to. Some of this touches on things like dealing with inter-personal issues and how the community deals with major events as well as questions about what it's like to make your income from online public performances.

What are my choices?

You can choose not to participate in the study at all, or you can respond to some questions but not others. You can later ask that I not use some or any of the information from any previous conversations (until that data, like an anonymized quotation, is published in a form that I can't change after the fact). If you tell me you want to withdraw or simply not participate in the first place, I'll delete the data you gave (if any) and that'll be the end of it.

Will anyone know I'm in the study?

Only if you want — the only people in our research group who will know individual participants' names will be people directly involved in the study. The only reason other people will know you participated will be if you tell them, or you tell me to mention you when I email them.

What else should I know?

If you're interested in participating, you should know

- The first conversation will probably take 30–45 minutes. Later conversations (if you're okay with it) would likely be shorter (mostly to clarify things or ask follow-up questions).
- I can't compensate you (or anyone, really) for their time.
- I plan on recording the audio of our conversation so I can transcribe what you said (so I don't misremember or misquote anything). Once I have a transcript, I'll delete the audio.

Who can I talk to about the study?

If you have any questions or concerns with the study, you can talk to the researchers directly, or you can talk to Stanford's Institutional Review Board (IRB), who oversee our research and make sure participants are treated ethically.

Talk to the researchers: If you have any questions or problems related to the study, feel free to contact me, [Ali Alkhatib](#), by phone at [408-348-2720](#) or by email (ali.alkhatib@cs.stanford.edu).

Talk to the IRB: If you're not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please feel free to contact the (IRB) to speak to someone independent of the research team at [\(650\)-723-2480](#) or toll free at [1-866-680-2906](#). You can also email irb2-manager@lists.stanford.edu or write to:

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