

## INTRODUCTION

Motivated by [3] and the general insight that a fair amount of work isn't compensated because it doesn't fall within the confines of narrowly defined tasks, we address the known problem of task search, described by [1] and studied by a number of subsequent researchers.

Workers on Mechanical Turk already spend time helping one another (e.g. see [/r/HITsWorthTurkingFor](#), a sub-community on Reddit to assist “Turkers” in finding worthwhile tasks), but their reward for such work is relatively unclear; some prior research into hiring referrals suggests that people who make worthwhile connections are afforded a certain amount of social capital [see 2].

Still, social aspects of job referral as they've been studied in the past have focused

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