

University of Michigan

Consent To Be Part Of A Research Study

NAME OF STUDY AND RESEARCHERS

Title of Project: Study title: An Investigation into the impacts of drug use on software working environments

Principal Investigator: *Madeline Endres, PhD Student, University of Michigan*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

You are invited to participate in a research study about your experiences with and options about drug use (both recreational and medical) and its impacts on software workplaces. You are eligible to participate in this study if you are at least 18, are (or have been) a professional programmer, and have significant experience with drug use in a software working environment (either directly, or as a third party).

If you agree to be part of the research study, you will be asked to attend an interview that lasts between 30 and 60 minutes. In this interview, you will be asked about your experiences and opinions about drug use (both recreational and medical) and its impacts on software engineering workplaces. The interview will be conducted on the University of Michigan's zoom platform and it will be recorded. This recording will be used to create a transcription of the interview. The original recording will be destroyed once the transcription is created. More details about data security can be found later in this document

Benefits of the research: This research may lead to better drug use policies in software workplaces going forward. It will also help clarify the culture around drug use in software, and how this culture intersects with mental and physical health.

Risks and discomforts: We will be collecting identifiable and sensitive data. While we will do everything we can to protect your data (see plan below), there is a small risk of your data leaking. You will also be asked to talk about subjects that may be personal or emotionally taxing.

Compensation: You will have the option to be compensated \$40 for participating in this study.

Participating in this study is completely voluntary. Even if you decide to participate now, you may change your mind and stop at any time. You may choose not to continue with the interview for any reason.

In this project, we will be collecting identifying (and potentially sensitive information) during the interview portion as we will be recording the interviews. We will also be collecting your names and emails for payment purposes. To protect the confidentiality of your research records, we will collect identifying and/or sensitive information using secure platforms approved by the University of Michigan for sensitive human subjects research. In particular, we will use the University of Michigan's zoom for conducting and recording interviews and the pre-screening will take place on UMich's Google Drive. All data will additionally be stored on secure Michigan resources: UMich Dropbox and UMich Google Drive. To further protect your data, we will destroy all video and audio recordings after we have made textual transcripts and analyzed the data.

Information collected in this project may be shared with other researchers, but we will not share any information that could identify you.

If you have questions about this research study, please contact Madeline Endres (Graduate Student PI) at endremad@umich.edu or Westley Weimer (Faculty Advisor) at weimerw@umich.edu

The University of Michigan Medical School Institutional Review Board (IRBMED) has determined that this study is exempt from IRB oversight (HUM00213745).