Reddit/Social Media Posts + General Email:

Hey all,
We are a Computer Science research team from the University of Michigan conducting a study on the effects of mind-altering substances in software working environments. We are especially interested in users' alleviation of symptoms and enhancement of programming work, effects on social environments, self-regulatory patterns, and effects on mental and physical health!

In order to participate in the study, you must be 18 or older, have worked at a job that primarily involves programming, and have used or know someone who has used mind-altering substances in a professional programming environment. This substance use can be either medically or recreationally motivated. You must also be willing and able to talk about your experiences in a 30-60 minute interview.

If you are interested in participating and think you meet the study requirements, here is a link to a 5-minute survey we will base the recruitment of participants on. If you were selected to be interviewed, the interview would take 30 minutes to an hour to complete and you would be compensated $40 for your time and effort.

For more information, email endremad@umich.edu or kaian@umich.edu!

Email to those emails collected in a previous study:

Hello (/To Whom it Might Concern etc.),
This is [Madeline Endres/the research team/part of the research team] who helped conduct the study on cannabis in programming environments ("Hashing it Out…"). During that survey, you indicated that you would be interested in being contacted for information about future research projects or follow-up studies.

We are currently conducting an interview study on the use of mind-altering substances in software workplaces including (but not limited) to cannabis.

To be eligible for this study, you must be 18 years of age or older, have worked in software development, and have had first or second hand experience with the use of mind-altering substances (including but not limited to cannabis, alcohol, antidepressants, opiates, stimulants, and psychedelics) in software engineering workplaces. This substance use can be either medically or recreationally motivated. You must also be willing and able to talk about your experiences in a 30-60 minute interview.

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Poster text(s):

Study on Psychoactive Drugs in Software Working Environments

- Are you 18 or over?
- Have you ever worked at a job that heavily required developing software?
- Have you had experience with the use of mind-altering substances at work?

If you said yes to all of the above, you may be eligible for this study. We are conducting research to find out the use of mind-altering substances and their effects (on mental/physical health, social environments, etc.) in professional programming workplaces. If you are selected for the study, you would be interviewed over Zoom or another secure video conferencing platform for 30 minutes to an hour on your experiences with this. Participants will be compensated $40 for their time.

To indicate your interest, visit this QR code for a 5-minute survey to confirm your eligibility:

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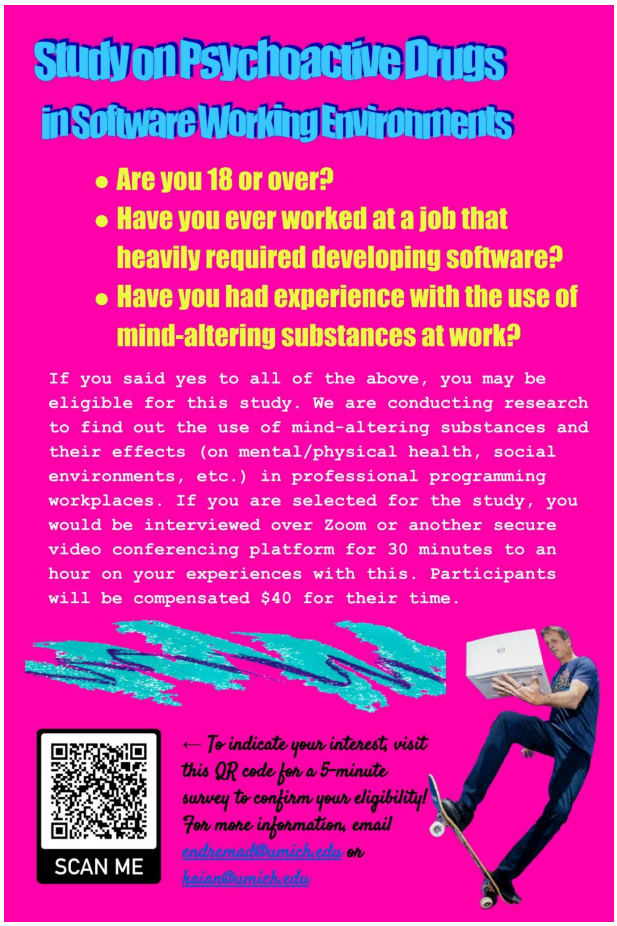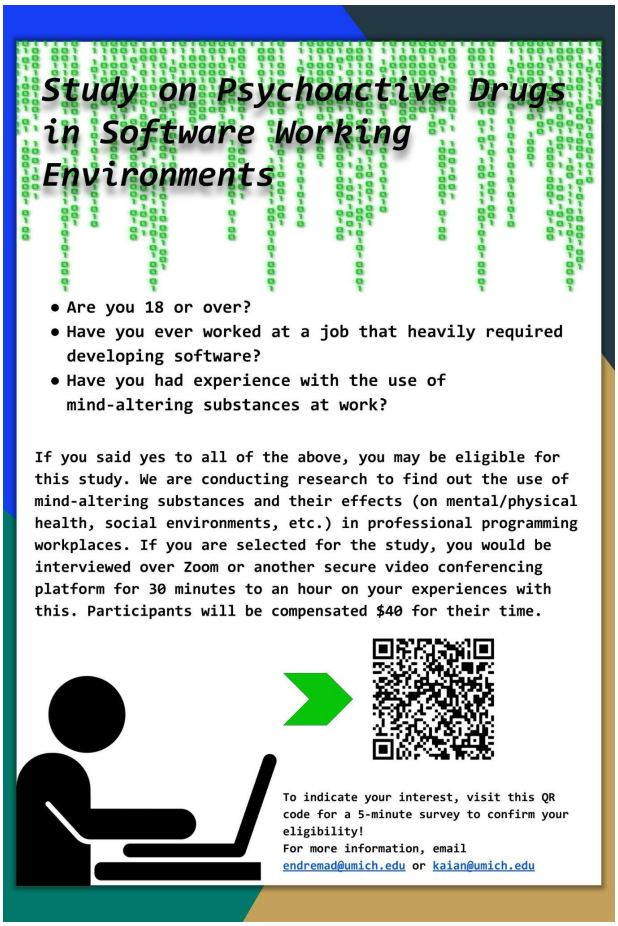
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