



## Research Information Sheet

### *Technology Professionals' Experiences Working with Privacy and Data Protection Laws*

#### Key Information\*

- You are being invited to participate in a research study. Participation in research is completely voluntary.
- The purpose of the study is to understand how technology professionals think about and discuss issues related to privacy in their work.
- The study will take a total of 1-2 hours and you will be asked to talk about your experiences and beliefs about privacy in your work.
- Risks and/or discomforts should not be greater than everyday life, but may include discomfort with discussion topics or the risk of breach of confidentiality.
- There is no direct benefit to you. The results from the study may help technology professionals better address privacy issues in their future work.

#### Introduction and Purpose

My name is Richmond Wong. I am a postdoctoral researcher at the University of California, Berkeley working with Professor Steven Weber in the Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity. I would like to invite you to take part in my research study, which looks at how technology professionals and people working at technology companies think about and discuss issues related to privacy (and other social impacts of technology) in their professional work.

#### Procedures

If you agree to participate in my research, I will conduct an interview with you at a time and location of your choice. The interview will involve questions about prior experiences you have had related to discussing or addressing issues related to privacy or social impact of technology in your work. We will also ask you about your beliefs about who you think should be responsible for addressing these types of issues. We may also present you with some fictional technology products or scenarios to discuss their potential social impacts. We will also ask you for demographic information. It should last about 60-90 minutes. With your permission, I will audio/video record and take notes during the interview. The recording is to accurately record the information you provide, and will be used for transcription purposes only. If you choose not to be recorded, I will take notes instead. If you agree to being recorded but feel uncomfortable or change your mind for any reason during the interview, I can turn off the recorder at your request. Or if you don't wish to continue, you can stop the interview at any time.

I expect to conduct only one interview; however, follow-ups may be needed for added clarification. If so, I will contact you by email to request this. A follow up will last up to 30 minutes if we need any clarification about what you said in our first interview.

#### Benefits

There is no direct benefit to you from taking part in this study. It is hoped that the research will help technology professionals better think about privacy and social impacts of technology during the design and development of new technology products.

**Risks/Discomforts**

The risks of participating in this study should not be greater than everyday life. It is possible that a question or fictional product scenario may make you uncomfortable or upset. You are free to decline to answer any questions you don't wish to, or to stop the interview at any time.

As with all research, there is a chance that confidentiality could be compromised; however, we are taking precautions to minimize this risk.

**Confidentiality**

Your study data will be handled as confidentially as possible. If results of this study are published or presented, individual names and other personally identifiable information will not be used.

To minimize the risks to confidentiality, we will store original audio recordings on an encrypted server, and they will only be available to the researchers.

We will transcribe the recordings as soon as possible after the interview and delete the original recordings within 12 months. When the research is completed, We will save the de-identified transcriptions and study notes for possible use in future research done by myself or others.

Your personal information may be released if required by law.

Identifiers might be removed from the identifiable private information. After such removal, the information could be used for future research studies or distributed to other investigators for future research studies without additional informed consent from the subject or the legally authorized representative.

In this study you will be asked for verbal/oral confirmation of consent to participate, rather than signed consent.

**Compensation**

You will not be paid for taking part in this study.

**Rights**

***Participation in research is completely voluntary.*** You are free to decline to take part in the project. You can decline to answer any questions and are free to stop taking part in the project at any time. Whether or not you choose to participate in the research and whether or not you choose to answer any questions or continue participating in the project, there will be no penalty to you or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

**Questions**

If you have any questions about this research, please feel free to contact me at 415-689-3983 or [ryw9@berkeley.edu](mailto:ryw9@berkeley.edu).

If you have any questions about your rights or treatment as a research participant in this study, please contact the University of California at Berkeley’s Committee for Protection of Human Subjects at 510-642-7461, or e-mail [subjects@berkeley.edu](mailto:subjects@berkeley.edu).

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**CONSENT**

If you wish to participate in this study, please verbally say so or sign below. We will give you a copy of this form to keep for future reference.

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Participant's Signature (*Optional*)                                  Date