

INTERVIEWEE INFORMATION SHEET

You have been asked to participate as a subject in a study that is part of a multi-site international research project investigating attitudes and perceptions regarding code quality. *We would like to interview you to investigate your attitudes to and your perceptions of code quality, and ask that we may record the interview.*

Some personal data – like your gender, type of affiliation and profession – will be associated with this interview data and other study data. However, neither your name nor any other identifiable data will be stored after the data collection is complete, nor made available to researchers outside of this project. All data gathered will be used solely for the purposes of this research project.

You may obtain answers to any pertinent questions about this research by contacting *First Last (email, phone number)*.

Participation in this study is voluntary, and you may withdraw your consent to participate at any time until June 30, 2017 without penalty. The interview will take about 50–60 minutes.

You have the right to receive a copy of any consent form that you sign and of any written consent documentation information that is used in obtaining your consent.

During the interview, we want you to share your personal opinions regarding source code quality and to point out pieces of code that you consider have high or low quality. We would particularly ask you to **bring along example code from your own personal experience** to the interview.

- The code examples or snippets can be large or small. It can be a few lines of code or a complex program/ system.
- You may create code for the sole purpose of exemplifying what you consider high or low quality. The code does not need to compile or fulfill any specific requirements.
- Please note that we might want to share parts of your code with others for analysis and quotation in papers, journal articles and books that may be written by the researchers. We will ask you to sign a consent for this purpose and will only share code that you authorized us to share.

Note that you are not judged and there are no right or wrong answers; we only want to understand your perspective on code quality. We understand that the code you work with may not be easily shared due to license restrictions, pending patents, or closed source code.

During the interview, we want to be able to look at the examples together with you on paper or a computer screen. Please make sure to bring paper copies or make available the code you want to discuss in a shared directory.

In order not to bias subsequent participants, please do not discuss details of study tasks or questions with other participants or potential participants.