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You have been invited to take part in a research study that explores how programmers read and understand code. This study will be conducted by Justin Cappos of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to do the following:

1. Read 4 program snippets, each of about 30 lines, and write down the program output.
2. Complete a short demographic survey about your programming experience.

There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. By helping the investigator complete this research, you are assisting in the development of better interaction between programmers and code that could have positive benefits for all software developers.

Participation in this study will take approximately an hour. You will receive \$8.00 for your participation.

Confidentiality of your research records will be strictly maintained by assigning a pseudonym to each participant. No data is directly linked to any individual participant. Only the researchers who are approved by the IRB office for this study will have access to the participants' identifying information.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any-time without penalty. For interviews, questionnaires, or surveys, you have the right to skip any questions you prefer not to answer.

Nonparticipation or withdrawal will not affect the services you receive at NYU, and if you are a student, will not affect your grades or academic standing.

If you have any questions about the study or your participation in it, or you wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact Justin Cappos at (718) 260-3116, or jcappos@nyu.edu, 2 MetroTech Center.

For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects, New York University, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, New York, 10012, at ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu or (212) 998-4808.

You will be given a copy of this consent document for your records.

Agreement to Participate

Subject's Signature & Date