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From: Yale Psychology Study (yalepsychstudy_at_yahoo.com)

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Hi all,

Again, I apologize for causing any unnecessary confusion. I am a real graduate student genuinely looking for computer programmers (as well as a few other professions) to participate in this study, which is part of my dissertation. I realize this specific study is not listed on the website, but I can assure you that it belongs with the category of "cognitive division of labor" studies that we have worked on for a few years. This is real work that has been published in various scientific journals, and I must uphold very strict standards set by Yale's Human Subjects Committee in order to conduct research using an online format.

I can 100% assure you that if you e-mail us, your address will only be used to send you the appropriate survey website. Along with the website, you will receive my real yale e-mail address and phone number, so you are welcome to contact us and confirm the legitimacy of this research. Human Subjects guidelines completely prevent me from attaching your name to any of your responses on the survey, as well as from using your e-mail address for any other purpose. If I did so, I would likely get kicked out of the university!

Unfortunately, there is no good way (that I know of – please tell me if you have any ideas) to send you the website for the survey without having it sent to your particular e-mail address, or making it known to every person on this newsgroup. (We pay the survey provider for each response we gather so getting 100's of unnecessary responses would become very expensive.)

If you are still nervous about sending me your address but would like to participate, may I suggest that you set up a dummy yahoo account, e-mail us, fill out the survey and then delete your account?

Thanks!

eBob.com" <eBob.com@totallybogus.com> wrote in message

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- > *I think that they have already completed their research. Their real goal*
- > *was to determine how gullible/cautious computer programmers are.*
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- > *Seriously, I would participate, but not if it means revealing my email*
- > *address to some unknown person at a Yahoo address.*
- >
- > *Bob*