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*From:* Yale Psychology Study ([yalepsychstudy\\_at\\_yahoo.com](mailto:yalepsychstudy_at_yahoo.com))

*Date:* 08/04/04

Date: 4 Aug 2004 12:56:35 -0700

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](mailto:eBob.com@totallybogus.com)> wrote in message

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news:<yW5Qc.1644\$zc4.1137900@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...

> *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.*

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> **Bob**

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> *"Joe Seigh" <jseigh\_01@xemaps.com> wrote in message  
> news:4110EB4C.9997EB4C@xemaps.com...*

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>> *Yale Psychology Study wrote:*

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>>> *Hi,*

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>>> *I assure you that this is not a scam. We are students working on a  
>>> research project and we set up a yahoo account, insteading of using  
>>> our personal accounts, in order to avoid spam and make it easier for  
>>> all of us to check the same account. I agree that setting up a new  
>>> Yale account would have been better, but it would have been a lot more  
>>> trouble and I am working under a dissertation deadline :)*

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>>> *Also, I can assure you that we do not collect any personal information  
>>> and that this research is fully approved by Yale's Human Subjects  
>>> Committee.*

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>>> *If you are a computer programmer and would like to participate, please  
>>> contact us and we will send you instructions on how to reach our  
>>> survey website. You are always welcome to stop participating at any  
>>> time while you fill out the survey and at no point in the survey are  
>>> you asked to enter your name, e-mail address, or any other personal  
>>> information.*

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>>> *If you have any further questions, I would be happy to answer them.*

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>>> **Best,**

>>> *A member of the Yale Cognition and Development Lab  
>>> (see our website: [www.yale.edu/cogdevlab](http://www.yale.edu/cogdevlab))*

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>> *There's no mention of this study on that website so what is that  
>> URL supposed to prove? And how do you think contacting via  
>> email does not disclose the sender's email address?*

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>> *Joe Seigh*