CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Introduction: You are invited to take part in a research study (HS#3839) conducted by Yifu Lang from the department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of California, Santa Cruz Baskin School of Engineering. Before you decide to participate in this study, please carefully review this document and agree to the survey’s consent form.

Description of the project: The purpose of the study is to gauge children’s usage of Internet-of-Things technology. Furthermore, we want to understand the mental model of this technology from a parent’s perspective.

What you will do in the study: If you decide to take part in this study, you will answer questions pertaining to your experiences with Internet-of-Things devices. You will also watch short demonstration videos of some devices and answer some questions pertaining to them.

Time required: Participation will take 20-30 minutes.

Risks or discomfort: Although extremely unlikely, there maybe be a chance of a data breach. In such a case, emails may be compromised, which may be linked to some of the demographic questions in the survey.

Benefits of this study: Although there will be no direct benefit to you for taking part in this study, the researcher may learn more about the mental model of smart devices in parents and users.

Compensation: You will receive a $10 Amazon gift card as compensation for completing the survey.

Confidentiality: No identifiable information will be collected in this research except an email for compensation and consent purposes. This data is safely stored; only those who are involved with the research will have access.

Decision to quit at any time: The decision to take part in this study is completely voluntary to the subject. You may stop at any time, in which no answers or information from you will be recorded.

Rights and Complaints: If you have questions about this research, please contact Yifu Lang at yilang@ucsc.edu or Alvaro Cardenas at alvaro.cardenas@ucsc.edu. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact the Office of Research Compliance Administration at the University of California at Santa Cruz at (831) 459-1473 or orca@ucsc.edu.