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Study Title: Technology Regulation to Practice for Industry Actors**Co-Researchers:**

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You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by University of Alberta, University of Waterloo, and Vector Institute researchers. The purpose of this study is to identify and understand how Canadian industry has complied with existing privacy regulations (e.g., PIPEDA) so we can determine what challenges they face and whether privacy-preserving research can help with that. Participants in this study need to be between the ages of 18-65, working in industry in Canada, and English speaking.

If you decide to continue, you will be asked to complete 6 questions anonymously, which we expect will take you less than 15 minutes. It is anonymous in that you are not asked to provide name or other identifying information. Participation in this study is voluntary. You can withdraw your participation at any time by not submitting your responses or exiting the survey. You can choose to not answer any questions that you would feel uncomfortable answering. There are no known or anticipated risks from participating in this study. The study data will be kept by the PIs (listed above) for a minimum of five years, stored securely.

Benefits

You can withdraw your participation at any time by not submitting your responses or exiting the survey. You can choose to not answer any questions that you would feel uncomfortable answering. There are no known or anticipated risks from participating in this study. There are no direct benefits of participating in this study.

Risk

This study has the same risks that you normally have when using your phone or computer.

Voluntary Participation

You may withdraw at any time. To withdraw, simply close the webpage and do not complete the survey. All incomplete surveys will be deleted.

Confidentiality & Anonymity

We will not record who you are anywhere. This means no one will know who was responding if they look at our data. It is important for you to know that any personal information that you provide will be confidential. Once data is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn as the researchers have no way of knowing which data belongs to which participant. All the data will be summarized, and no individual could be identified from these summarized results. Additionally, anonymous quotations may also be used in any publications that come from this study.

Further Information

The plan for this study has been reviewed by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. If you have questions about your rights or how research should be conducted, you can call (780) 492-2615. This office is independent of the researchers.

Consent Procedures

If you do not want to participate in this study, then please **exit the study**.

If you are interested in participating after you have read this paper, indicate you agree and continue to the next page in the survey.

The Institution and Principal Investigator are getting money from NSERC to cover the costs of doing this study. You are entitled to request any details concerning this compensation from the Principal Investigator.

How do I indicate my agreement to be in this study?