



## *Software Development Practices in New Zealand*

### **INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR ANONYMOUS SURVEYS**

Hello,

You are invited to take part in this research. Please read this information before deciding whether or not to take part. If you decide to participate, thank you. If you decide not to participate, thank you for considering this request.

#### **Ko wai ahau / Who am I?**

My name is Gurleen Kaur and I am an Honours student in Engineering at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington. This research project is working towards the partial fulfilment of the requirements for a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Software Engineering.

#### **He aha te whāinga mō tēnei rangahau / What is the aim of the project?**

This project is an informative investigation of the software development practices in New Zealand to develop an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of New Zealand's competitive advantage in the software industry. Your participation will support this research by providing insights into current software practices and how these may compare to the results from previous studies. This research has been approved by the Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee (Research Master Application ID: 0000031593).

#### **Ka pēhea tō āwhina mai / How can you help?**

You have been invited to participate because you are a professional software developer in the industry, familiar with working with development practices, and are over the age of 18. If you agree to take part, you will complete a survey. The survey will ask you questions about the types of software practices you use in your work. The survey will take you less than 30 minutes to complete.

#### **Ka ahatia ngā kōrero ka tukuna mai / What will happen to the information you give?**

This research is anonymous. This means that nobody, including the researchers, will be aware of your identity. By answering it, you are giving consent for us to use your responses in this research. Your answers will remain completely anonymous and unidentifiable. Once you submit the survey, it will be

impossible to retract your answer. Please do not include any personal identifiable information in your responses of yourself or your organisation.

Personal details will be collected only for those who wish to enter the prize draw/request a copy of the final report. All personal details will be received separately from the survey data and will be held in confidence. This ensures that your answers to the survey questions will not be linked to your identity.

## He aha ngā hua o te rangahau / What will the project produce?

The information from my research will be used in my Honours report and presentation.

## Mehemea ngā pātai, he raruraru rānei, me whakapā ki a wai / If you have any questions or problems, who can you contact?

If you have any questions, either now or in the future, please feel free to contact either:

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If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington HEC Convenor, Associate Professor Rhonda Shaw, by emailing [hec@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:hec@vuw.ac.nz).