

Dear Friends,

My name is Seyed Hossein Ahmadinejad, and I am a PhD student in the Department of Computer Science. My supervisor (Dr. Philip Fong) and I are trying to come up with mechanisms to protect users' privacy in social networks. To do so, we are conducting an experiment to see how vulnerable Facebook profiles are to a specific type of privacy violation, called inference attacks.

For this purpose, a Facebook application has been developed. This application tries to assess how secure your profile is against inference attacks and then provides you a few recommendations to make your profile more secure. To run this experiment, we need a number of users to voluntarily participate in our experiment. A link to our Facebook page is provided in the following where you can find more details about this experiment. Note that this research study has been approved by the Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board (CFREB) at University of Calgary. If you would like to contribute to the research community by participating in our experiment, please go to our Facebook page, read the informed consent form and run our application.

We will appreciate your help in advance.

The Facebook page of our application: http://apps.facebook.com/research_study/

Feel free to distribute this email to your friends.

Regards,

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