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INFORMATION LETTER
for a Research Study entitled
"The Science of Security Engineering"

You are invited to participate in a research study to understand the software engineering activities that go behind the discovery of buffer overflow vulnerabilities. The study is being conducted by Yasmeen Rawajfih, under the direction of Dr. Munawar Hafiz in the Auburn University Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering. You were selected as a possible participant because you reported a buffer overflow vulnerability that appeared on the SecurityFocus vulnerability list between the months of December 2011 and March 2012, and are age 19 or older.

What will be involved if you participate? If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to provide answers to a short questionnaire regarding the buffer overflow vulnerability(ies) you reported, and submit your answers by email. Your total time commitment will be approximately 15 minutes.

If you change your mind about participating, you can withdraw at any time during the study. Your participation is completely voluntary. If you choose to withdraw, your data can be withdrawn as long as it is identifiable.   Your decision about whether or not to participate or to stop participating will not jeopardize your future relations with Auburn University, the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering.

Your privacy will be protected. Any information obtained in connection with this study will remain confidential. Information obtained through your participation may be used to fulfill an educational requirement, published in a professional journal, and/or presented at a professional meeting, etc.

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If you have questions about this study, please contact the research group at
sse@auburn.edu or Dr. Munawar Hafiz at mzh0034@auburn.edu. A copy of this
document will be given to you to keep.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the
Auburn University Office of Human Subjects Research or the Institutional Review
Board by phone (334)-844-5966 or e-mail at hsubjec@auburn.edu or
IRBChair@auburn.edu.

HAVING READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, YOU MUST DECIDE IF YOU WANT
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH PROJECT. IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE,
THE DATA YOU PROVIDE WILL SERVE AS YOUR AGREEMENT TO DO SO.   THIS
LETTER IS YOURS TO KEEP.

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Co-Investigator   Date

Yasmeen Rawajfih
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