Invitation to Participate in a Research Study on **Designing Software Architectures for Social Media**

The Quality Software Engineering (QSE) research group is looking for students in master programs to participate in a research study of designing social media. The study is jointly conducted from software architecture researchers at TU Wien and KU Leuven, Belgium.

Social media have a prominent role in the social fabric of our society. However, these systems are often designed in an ad-hoc manner. The goal of this study is to evaluate the usefulness and understandability of a new developed architecture method for designing social media platforms. In this study the student - in the role of a software architect - applies the new architecture design method in three small design tasks of social media scenarios. Participants may also be asked to complete a short survey. The results of this study will allow us to evaluate the new architecture method for social media.



The study is conducted from 13.3.2017 to 24.3.2017 at QSE, Institute of Software Technology & Interactive Systems, Favoritenstrasse 9-11/188, 1040 Vienna. A participation in the study is expected to take in total 5 hours (consisting of 2 hours tutorial/briefing, 3 hours practical work).

You can participate in the study,

- if you are a student in a master program,
- if you have a basic understanding of English,
- if you have interest in Social Web, Crowdsourcing, and Social Networks,
- if you have interest in software architecture design of software systems,
- if you have basic experience with UML models.

Why interesting to participate?

- You get a better understanding of social media platforms and software architecture.
- You get hands-on experience with established software architecture methods and how to use them in practice.
- You actively contribute to the improvement of current practice.
- All participants will get a small compensation for their efforts.

If you are interested to participate in our study, please contact:

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