

TOR for a Technical Researcher in Mauritius

Project Description

[Unwanted Witness](#) is conducting research to analyse and assess how data collectors (big companies) in Mauritius collect and process the information on data subjects, and whether their practices comply with the data protection regulations in Mauritius. The findings of this research will be part of the Mauritius Privacy Scorecard findings and later on published in the Privacy Scorecard report for Uganda, Kenya and Mauritius 2023 which will be launched at the 5th Privacy Symposium Africa. We are seeking a researcher based in Mauritius who will use tech tools to analyse the websites and mobile apps of these companies to assess if they comply with the data protection laws and regulations and also check if they practice what they preach in their privacy policies.

Eligibility Requirements

The ideal candidate should meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must have a degree in Computer Science, Information Technology or a related field.
- Must have 3+ years of experience in conducting research, preferably in the field of data protection and privacy.
- Strong technical knowledge of data processing, storage, and transfer, including programming languages, web protocols, and data encryption methods.
- Ability to assess and analyze websites and mobile apps to identify potential vulnerabilities and threats.
- Must have experience in using tech tools to analyse websites and mobile apps.
- Must be familiar with the Mauritius Data Protection law and regulations.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills, with the ability to explain technical concepts to non-technical audiences.
- Must be able to work independently and manage their time effectively to meet project deadlines.
- Must have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, in English

Scope of Work

The researcher will be responsible for:

- Conducting a review of the privacy policies of the identified data collectors in Mauritius.
- Using tech tools to assess if the companies' websites and mobile apps are compliant with Mauritius' data protection laws and regulations.
- Preparing a report on the findings of the research.
- Providing recommendations to the Unwanted Witness team on how the companies can improve their data protection practices.
- Attending regular project meetings with the entire Privacy Scorecard team to discuss progress and provide updates.

Deliverables

The researcher is expected to deliver the following:

- A report on the findings of the research, including recommendations for the companies.
- A summary of the report that will be included in the Privacy Scorecard report.
- A presentation on the findings of the research to the Mauritius DPC and Unwanted Witness team.

About Unwanted Witness

Unwanted Witness is a Civil Society Organization founded in 2012 to promote online freedoms and protect digital rights in Uganda. The organization aims to create a safe and secure digital environment for citizens and promote the responsible use of technology. Unwanted Witness has become a leading voice in advocating for internet freedoms, and digital rights, particularly the right to privacy, digital identity, digital inclusion, and freedom of expression. We aim to empower citizens to use technology in a safe, secure, and effective manner while holding public and private entities accountable for digital rights violations.