

# Online Perception Experiments

How to link an experiment to MTurk

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# MTurk configuration

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## Real environment

- Requester  
<https://requester.mturk.com/>
- Worker  
<https://worker.mturk.com/>

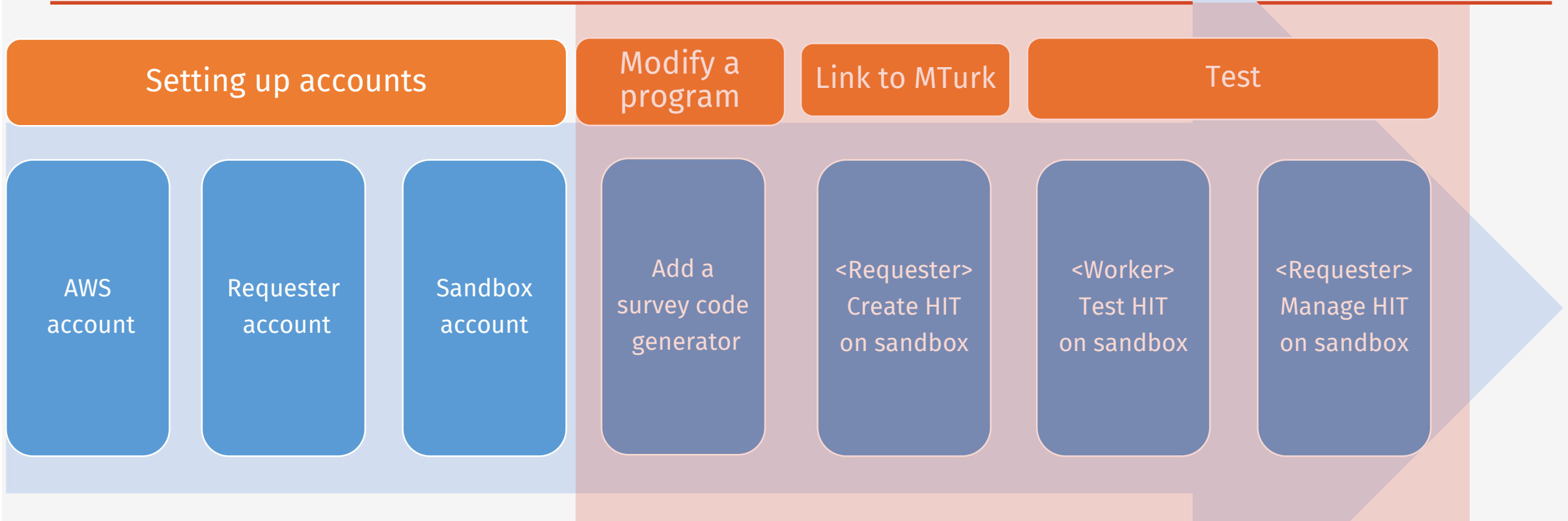
## Sandbox (Test environment)

- Requester  
<https://requestersandbox.mturk.com/>
- Worker  
<https://workersandbox.mturk.com>

The Mechanical Turk Developer Sandbox is a simulated environment that lets you test your applications and Human Intelligence Tasks (HITs) prior to publication in the marketplace.

Free to use for registered Mechanical Turk requesters. Fees will not be withdrawn and payments are not made to Worker accounts. <sup>2</sup>

# Overall procedure



Please refer to the following pdf file for setting up accounts



## Modify a program: Add a survey code generator

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1. Download a file from webserver using Filezilla  
/Users/**username**/Sites/sample/exp1\_hard.html
2. Rename the file on your computer  
exp1\_hard.html -> exp1\_hard\_mturk.html
3. Open the file, exp1\_hard\_mturk.html, using Atom editor
4. Insert a survey code generator function between  
“Thank you message” function and “time stamp” function

## Modify a program: Add a survey code generator

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5. Modify “thank you message” function

6. Call the survey code generator function in jsPsych.init

# Modify a program: Add a survey code generator

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< Survey code generator >

```
// Survey code generator

function makecode() {

    var text = "";

    var possible = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789";

    for (var i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        text += possible.charAt(Math.floor(Math.random() * possible.length));

    return text;

}
```

# Modify a program: Add a survey code generator

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< Modify "thank you message" function >

```
//Thank you message
function finish(surveycode) {
  DOM_target = document.querySelector('#jspsych-content');
  DOM_target.innerHTML = '<p style="font-size:200%;" ><strong>Thank you for participating' +
    'in this experiment</strong></p> <p style="font-size:150%;" >' +
    '<strong>Your survey code: <font color="red">' + surveycode +
    '</font></strong></p>';
  jsPsych.pluginAPI.cancelAllKeyboardResponses();
  jsPsych.pluginAPI.clearAllTimeouts();
};
```

※ Red color code should be added

## Modify a program: Add a survey code generator

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< Call the survey code generator function in jsPsych.init >

```
jsPsych.init({  
  timeline: [instruction_trial, question_trial],  
  show_progress_bar: true,  
  on_finish: function(data) {  
    surveycode = 'mturk_' + makecode();  
    data = jsPsych.data.get().filter({trial_type:'survey-multi-choice'}).  
      ignore('trial_index').ignore('time_elapsed').ignore('internal_node_id');  
    saveData('exp1_hard_' + stamp() + '_' + surveycode + '_result.csv', data.csv());  
    finish(surveycode);  
  },  
});
```

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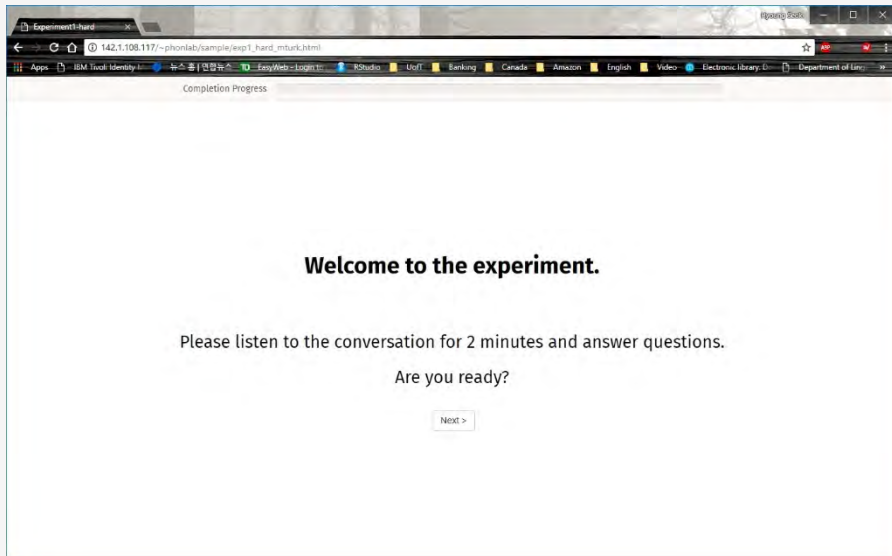
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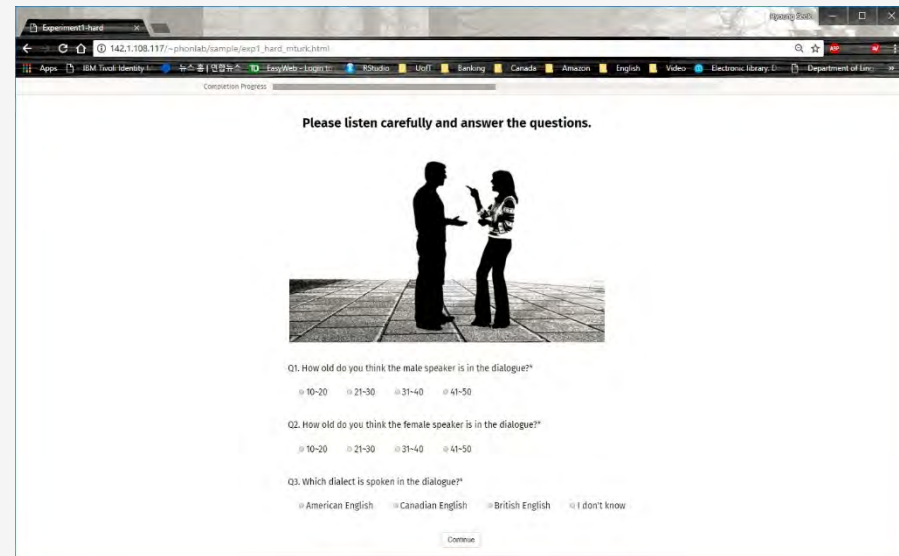
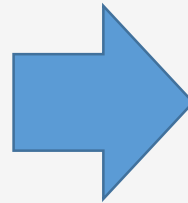
7. Save the file, `exp1_hard_mturk.html` on Atom editor
8. Upload the file to your folder in Web server using Filezilla  
(ex, `/Users/phonlab/Sites/sample/`)
9. Access the file in your browser and test the experiment  
([http://142.1.108.117/~phonlab/sample/exp1\\_hard\\_mturk.html](http://142.1.108.117/~phonlab/sample/exp1_hard_mturk.html))

# Modify a program: Add a survey code generator

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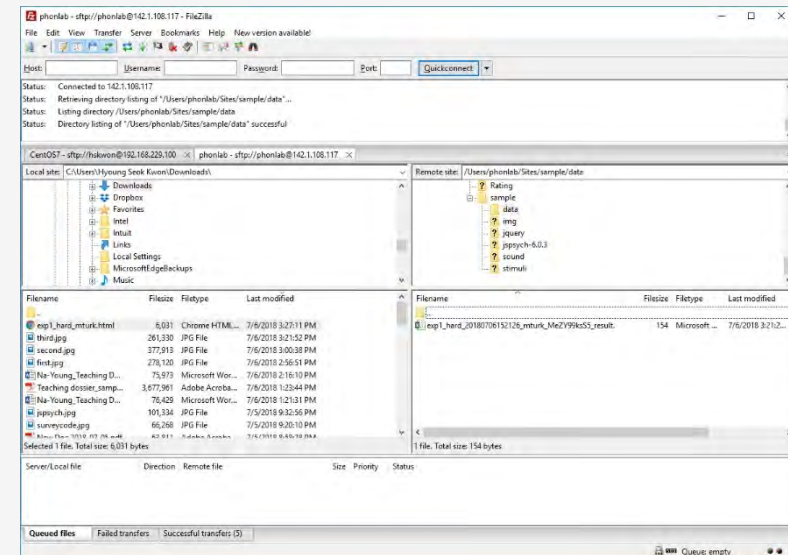
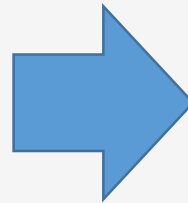
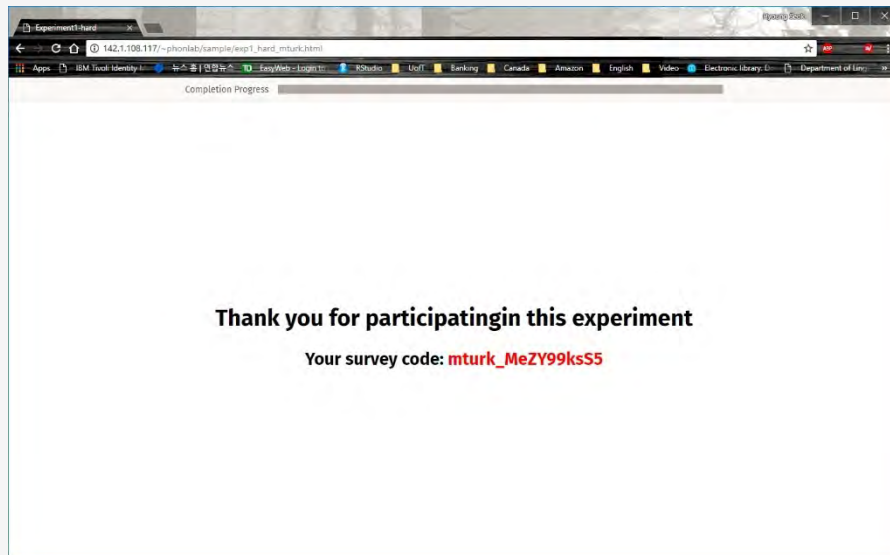
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# Modify a program: Add a survey code generator

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- Unique survey code is displayed
- Survey code is "**mturk\_MeZY99ksS5**"

- Check a result file name in the server
- The output file name is "**exp1\_hard\_20180706152126\_mturk\_MeZY99ksS5\_result.csv**"

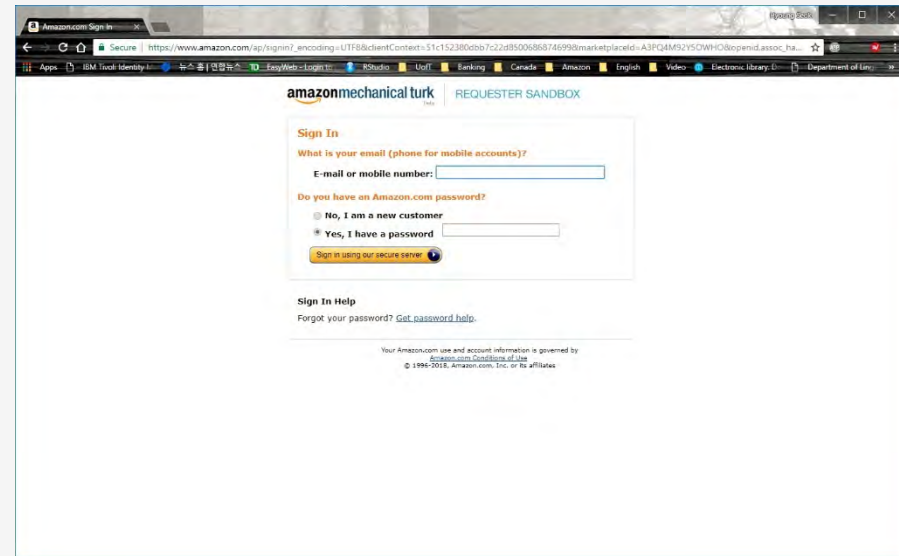
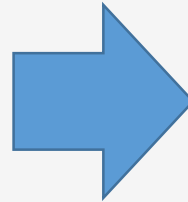
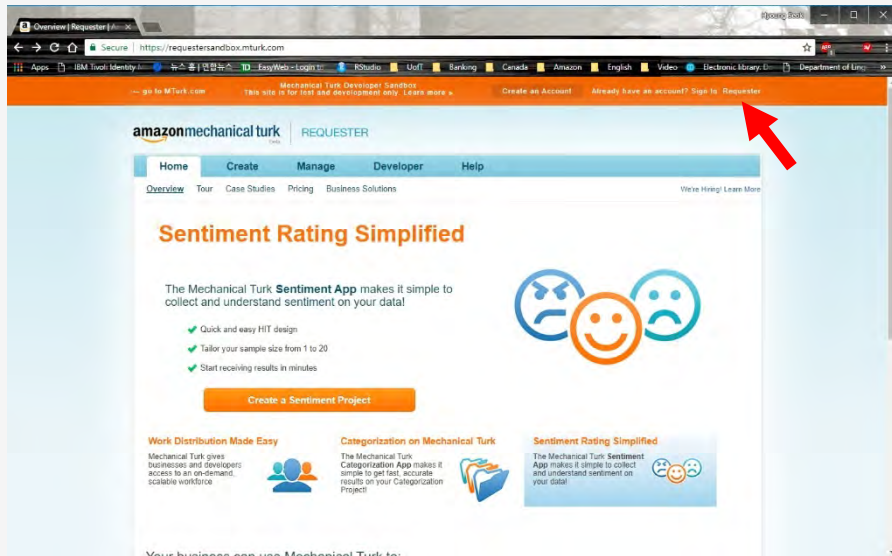
※ Survey code is recorded as a part of the result file name.

## Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT

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1. Login <https://requestersandbox.mturk.com/>
2. Create HIT (Human Intelligence Task)

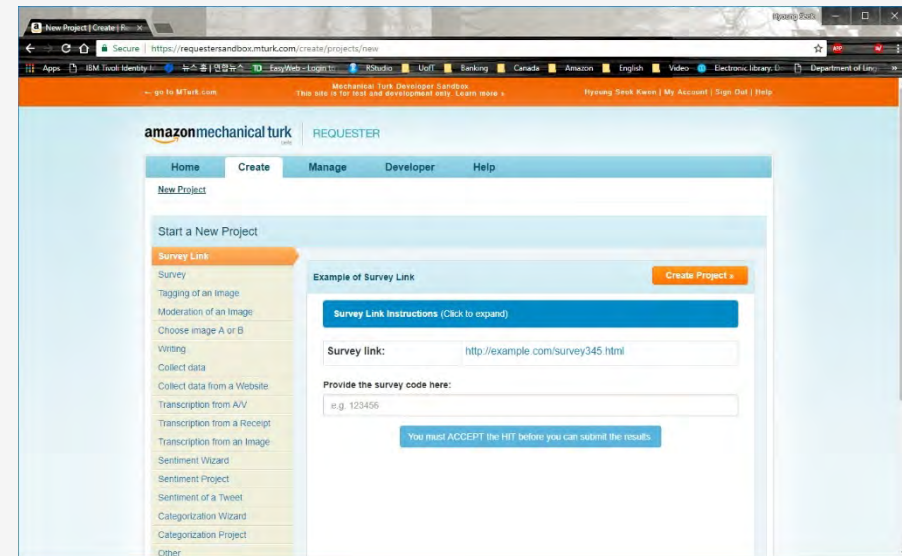
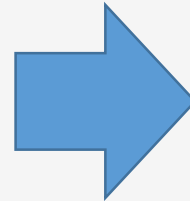
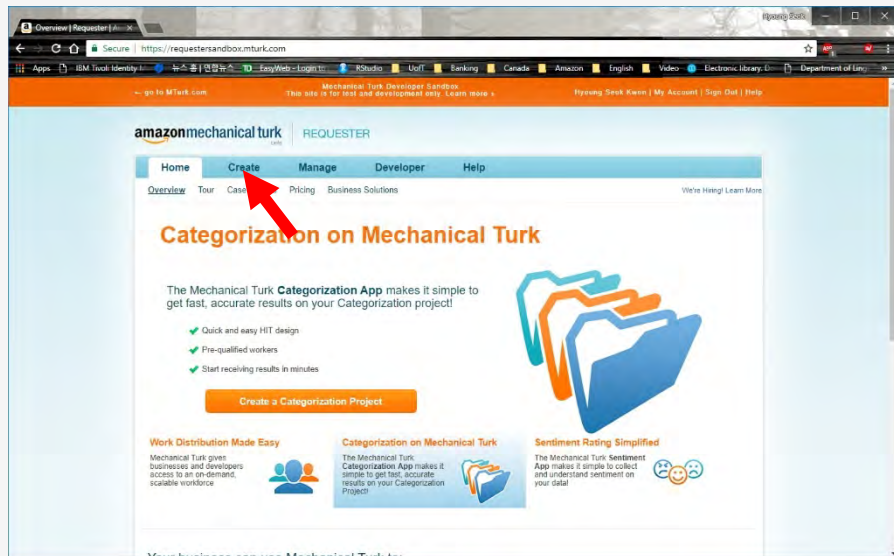
# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT



- Landing page
- Click "requester"

- Login window
- Provide ID and Password

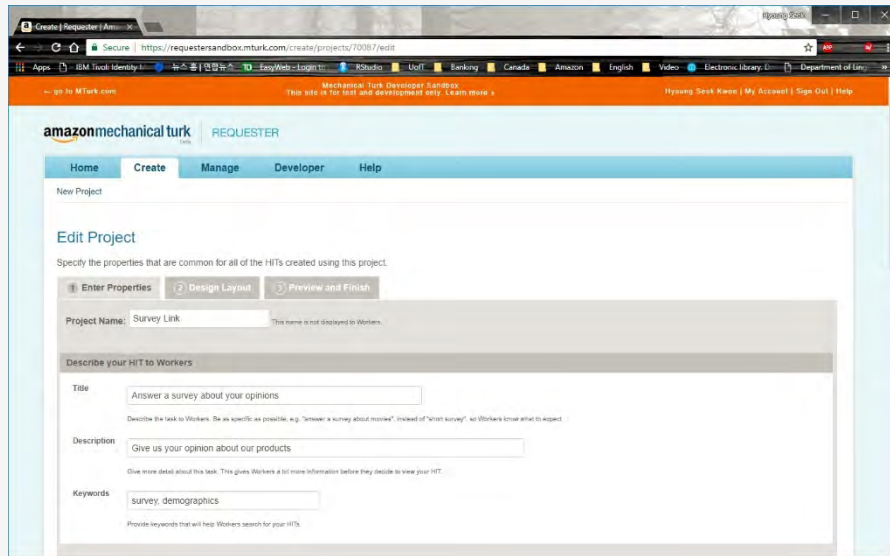
# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT



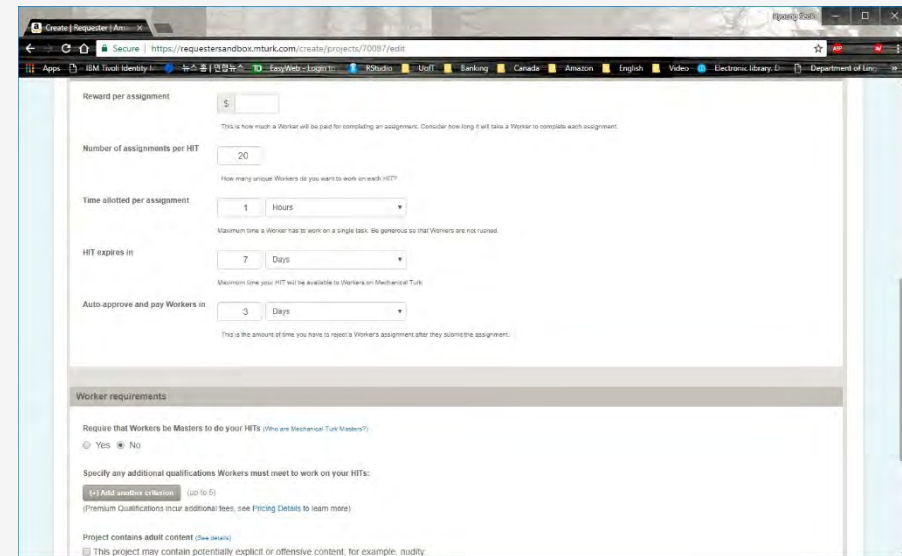
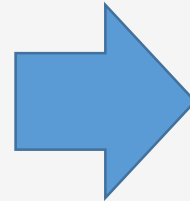
- Login successfully
- Click "Create"

- "Survey Link" highlighted on left side
- Click "Create Project"

# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT



The screenshot shows the 'Create Requester' interface on the Amazon Mechanical Turk website. The user is in the 'Enter Properties' step of creating a new project. The 'Project Name' is set to 'Survey Link'. The 'Describe your HIT to Workers' section includes a 'Title' field with the text 'Answer a survey about your opinions', a 'Description' field with 'Give us your opinion about our products', and a 'Keywords' field with 'survey, demographics'.



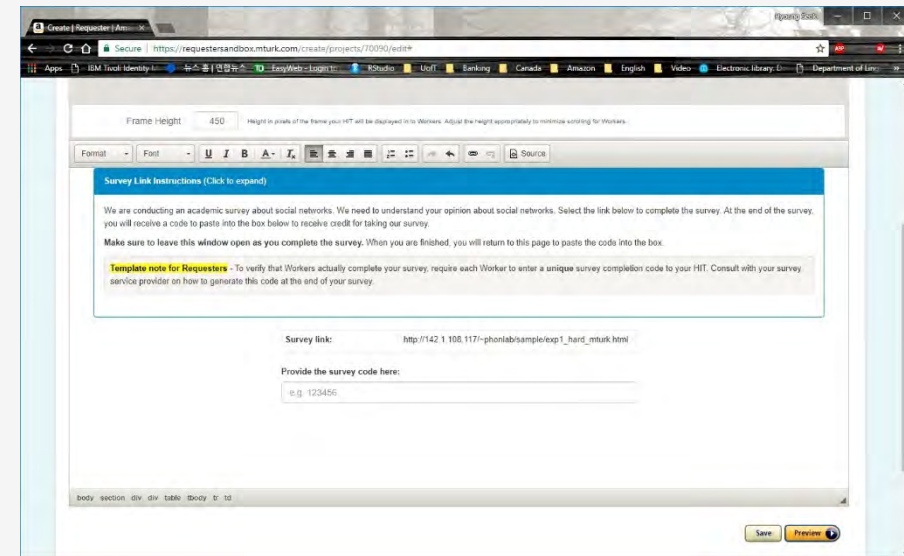
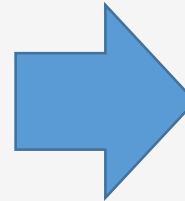
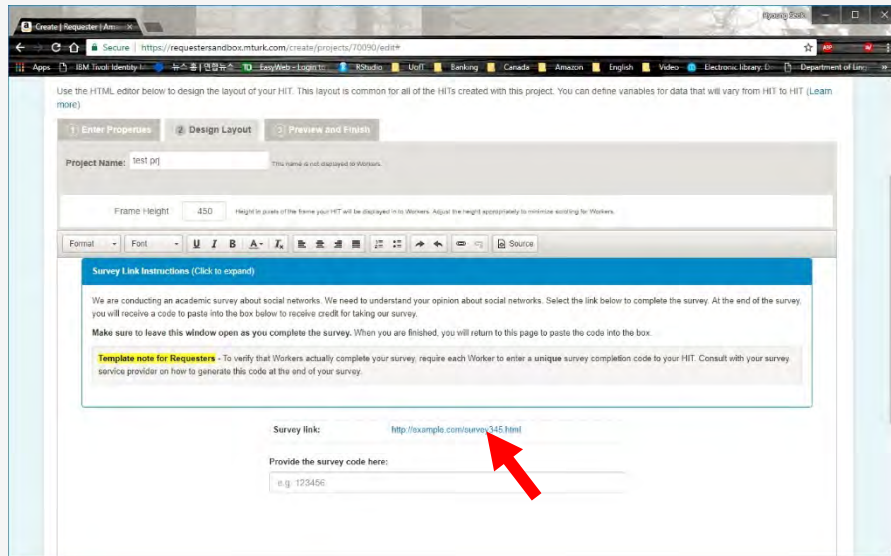
The screenshot shows the 'Create Requester' interface on the Amazon Mechanical Turk website, now in the 'Design Layout' step. The 'Reward per assignment' is set to \$5, 'Number of assignments per HIT' is 20, 'Time allotted per assignment' is 1 hour, 'HIT expires in' is 7 days, and 'Auto-approve and pay Workers in' is 3 days. The 'Worker requirements' section is visible at the bottom.

- **Provide Project Name, Title, Description, Keywords**
- **Project Name: test prj**
- **Title: test title**
- **Description: test description**
- **Keywords: test keywords**

- **Reward per assignment: 5**
- **No changes in other options for this test**
- **You can set worker's requirements**
- **Click "Design Layout"**



# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT

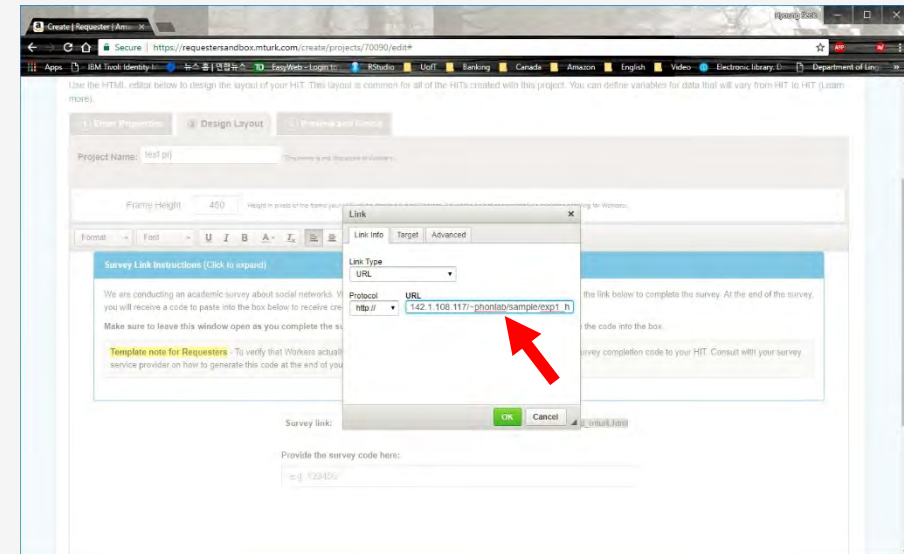
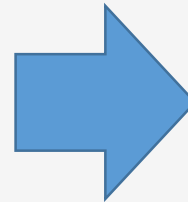
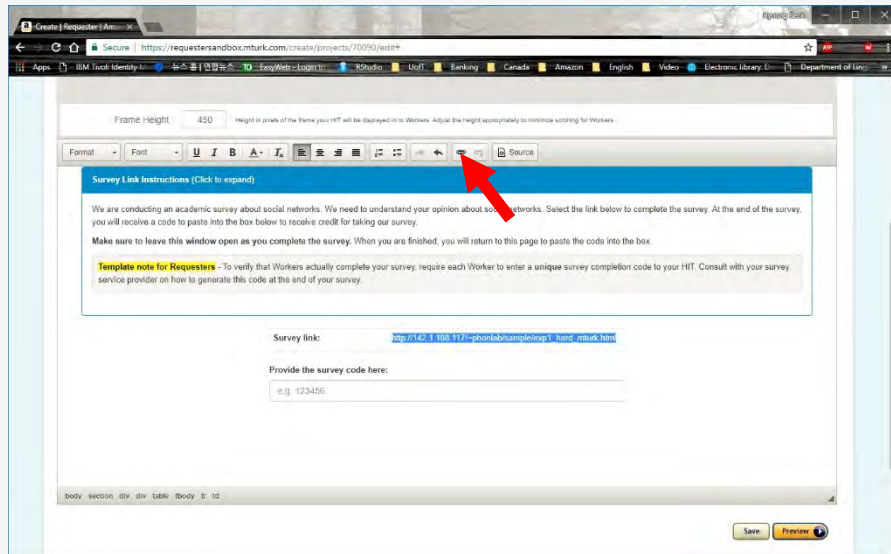


- **Delete**  
<http://example.com/survey345.html>

- **Input your URL**  
[http://142.1.108.117/~phonlab/sample/exp1\\_hard\\_mturk.html](http://142.1.108.117/~phonlab/sample/exp1_hard_mturk.html)



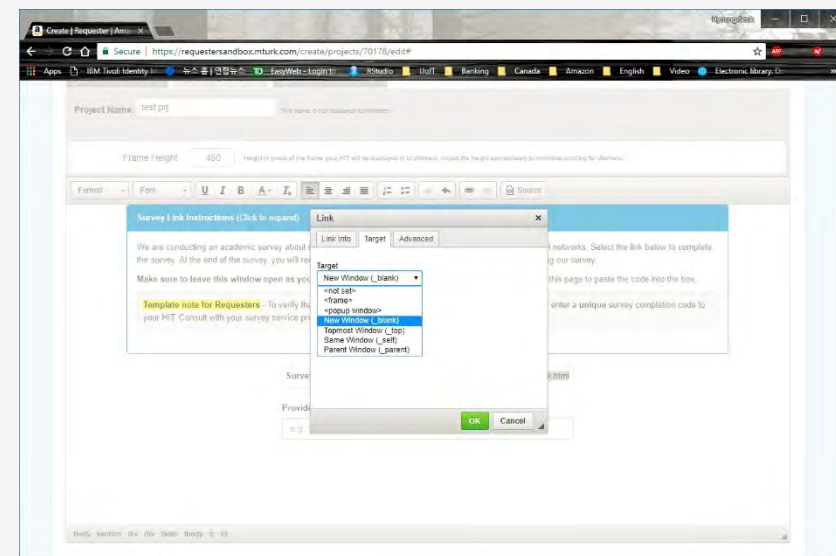
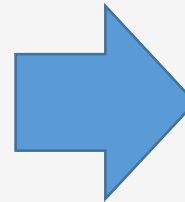
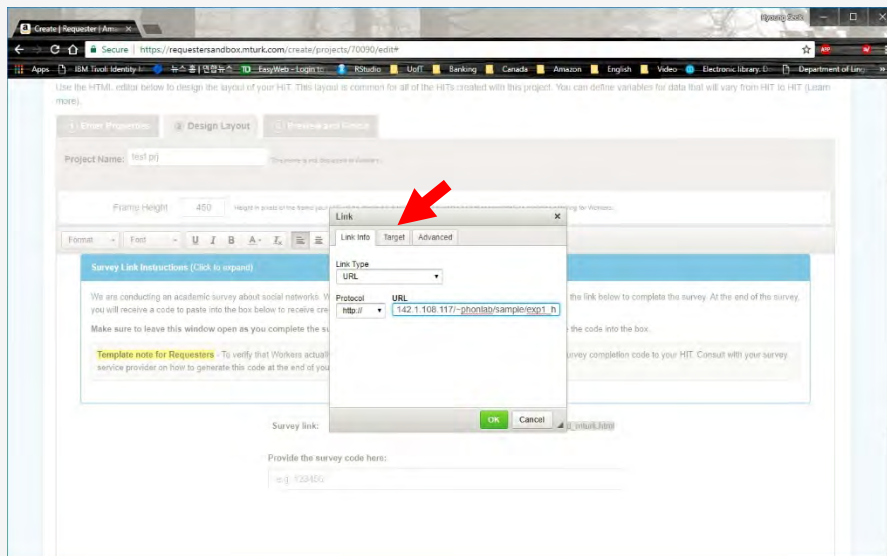
# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT



- Highlight URL
- Click "Link" button(🔗)

- Input your URL without <http://> in URL  
blank  
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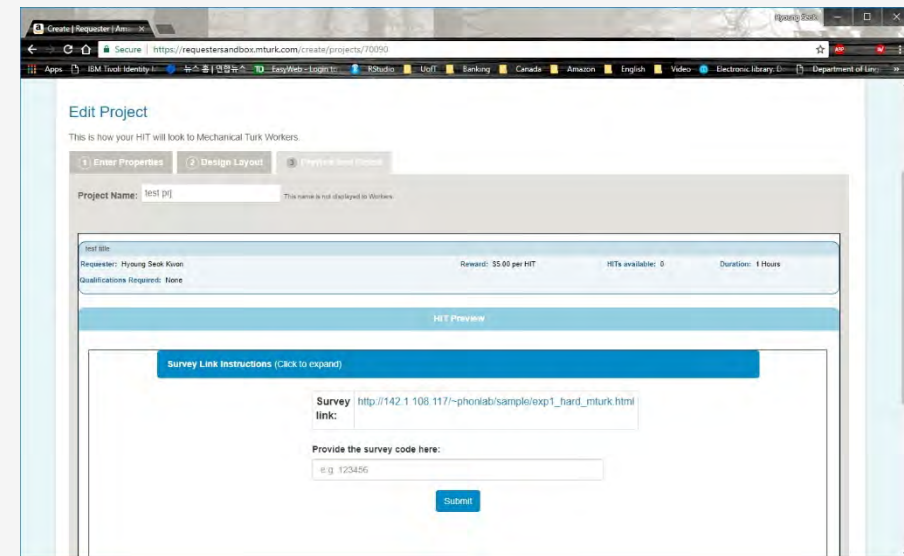
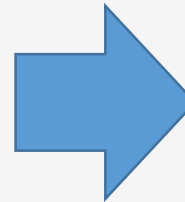
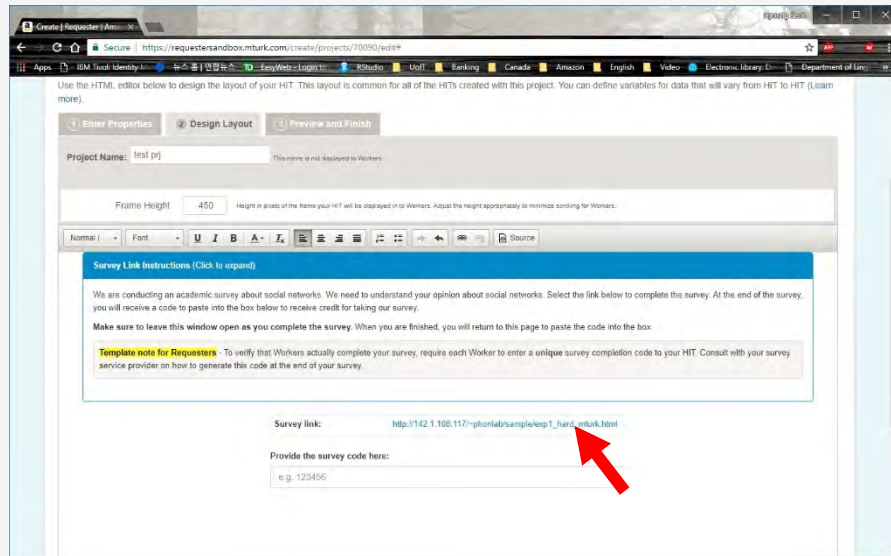
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- Click "Target" tab

- Click dropdown list
- Select "New Window (\_blank)"
- Click "OK"

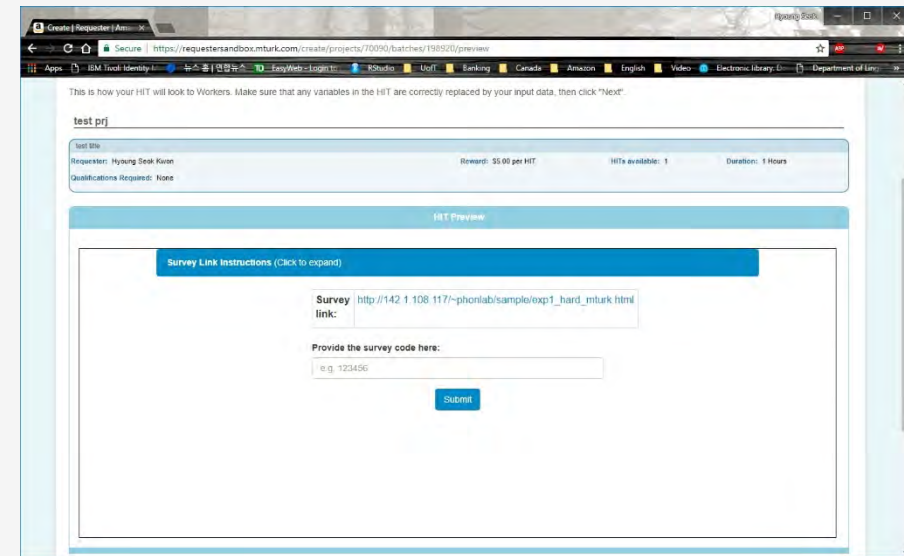
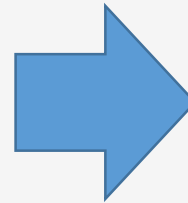
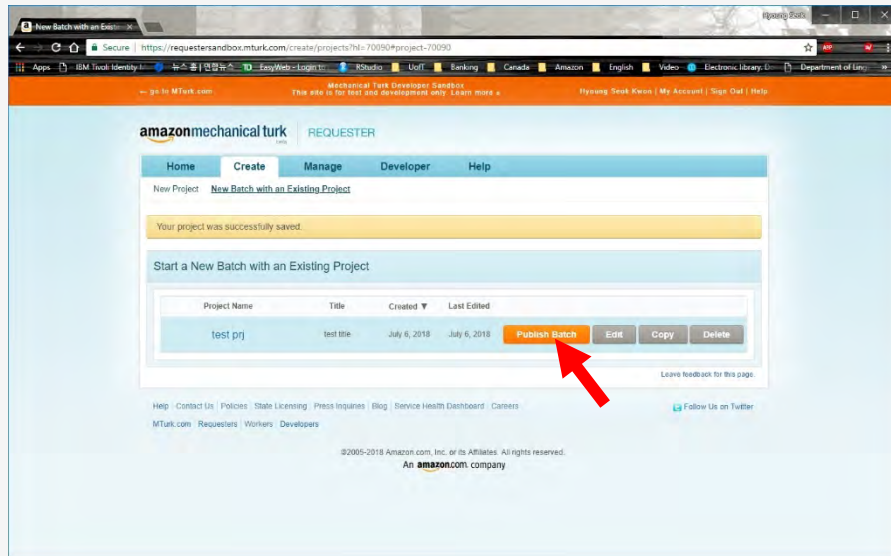
# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT



- The color of URL in the survey link field is changed to BLUE
- Click "Preview" on the bottom right

- Participants(Workers) will see this page for an experiment
- Participants will click "Survey Link Instruction"
- Click "Finish" on the bottom right

# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT

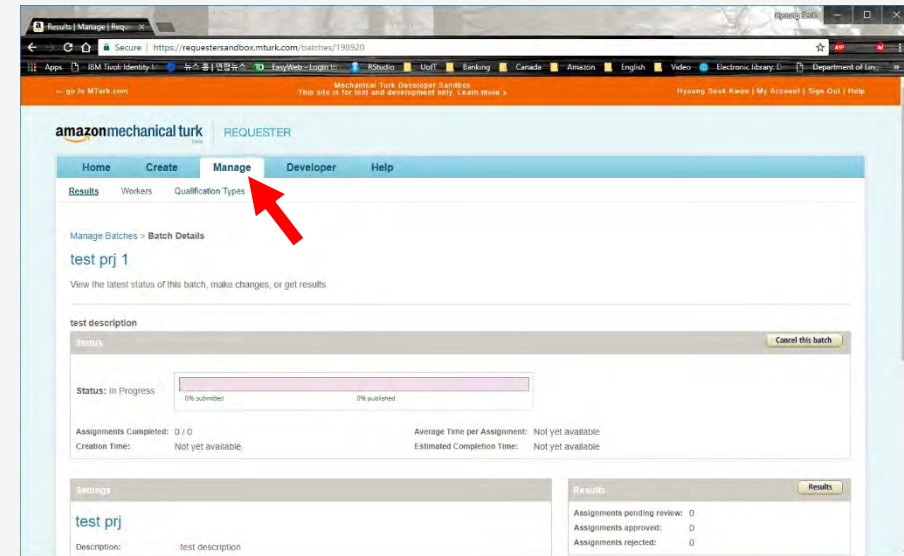
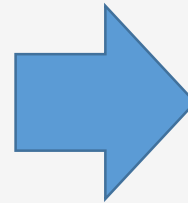
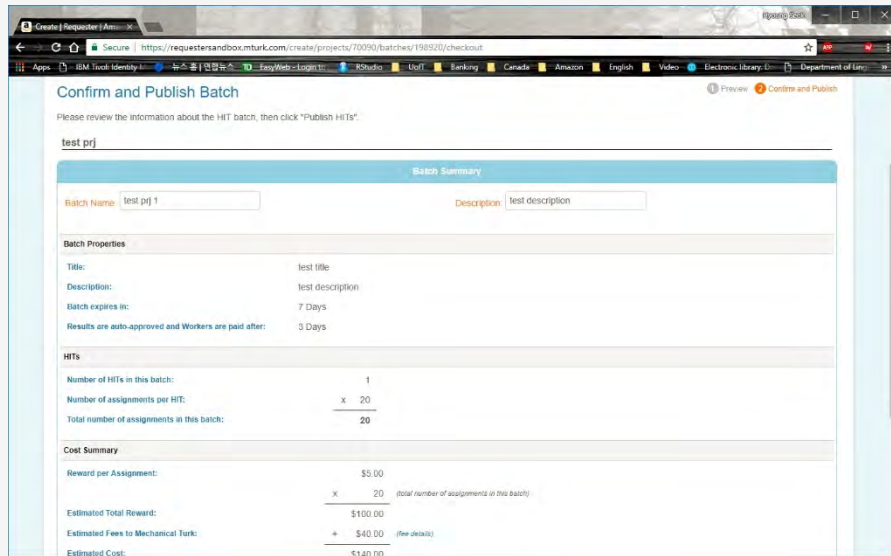


- Click "Publish Batch"

- HIT Preview is displayed again

- Click "Next" on the bottom right

# Link to MTurk: <Requester> Create a HIT



- This page is for confirming cost and publishing batch
- Batch name is different from Project name
- Click "Publish" on the bottom right

- Everything is all set
- Check experiment status in Manage tab
- Logout

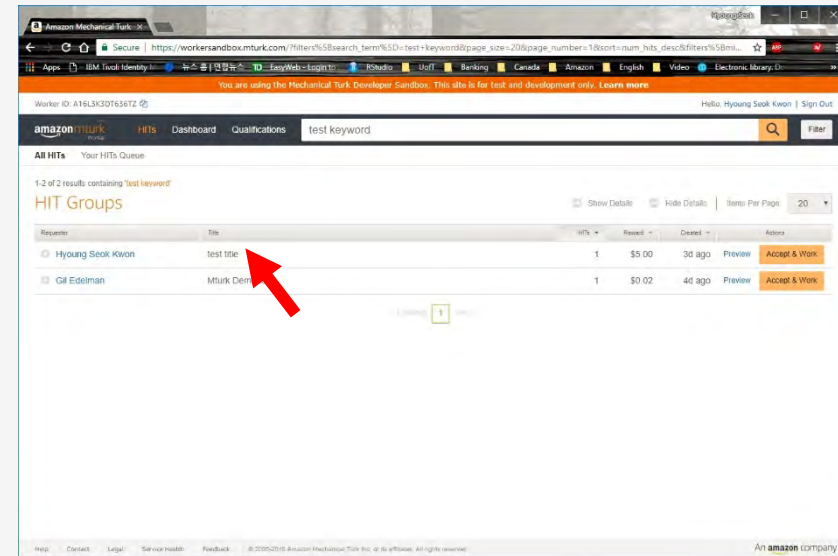
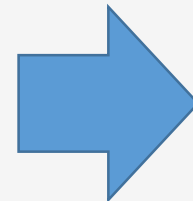
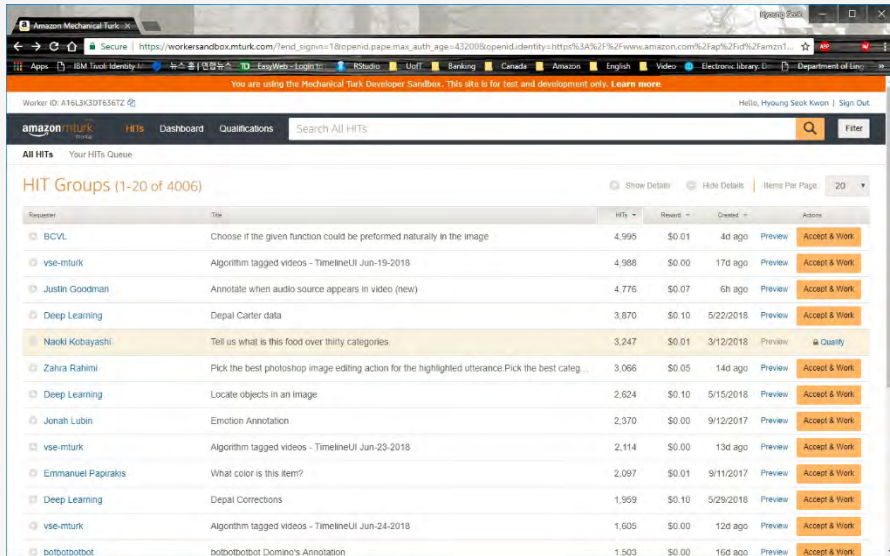
## Test: <Worker> Test a HIT

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1. Logout <https://requestersandbox.mturk.com/>
2. Login <https://workersandbox.mturk.com/>
3. Search HIT you created



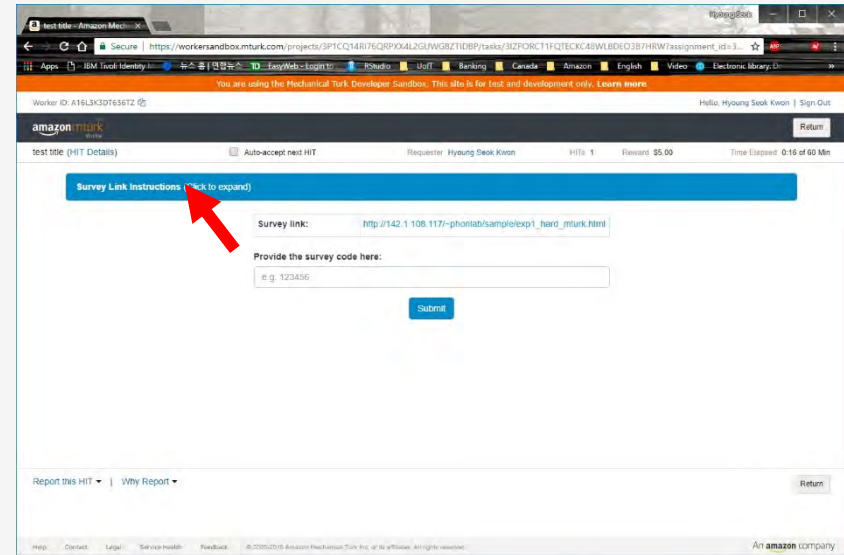
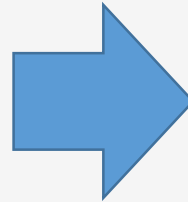
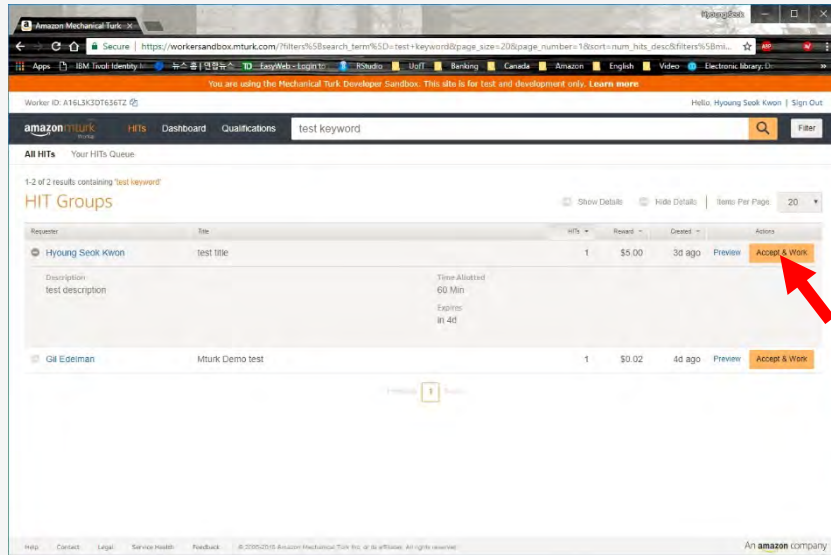
# Test: <Worker> Test a HIT



- Login <https://workersandbox.mturk.com/>
- All HITs are listed

- Search HITs using title or key words (ex, test title)
- A HIT, test title, is displayed
- Click "test title"

# Test: <Worker> Test a HIT

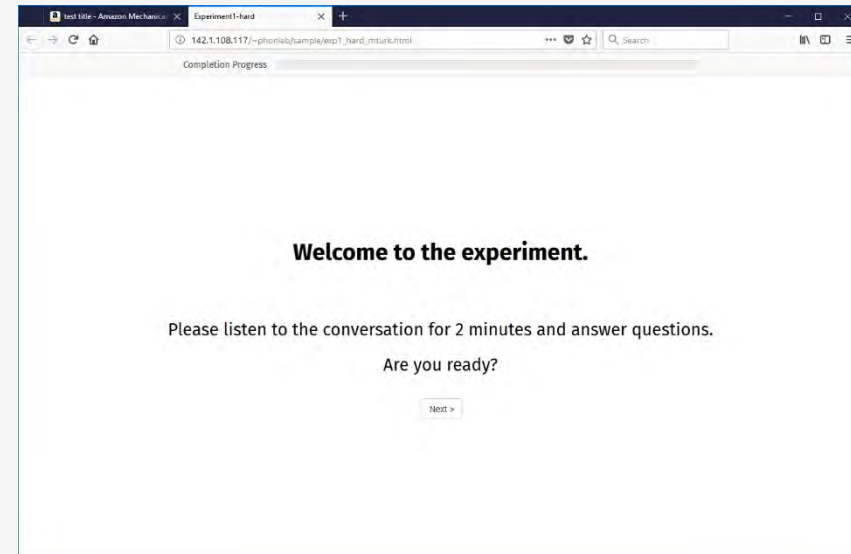
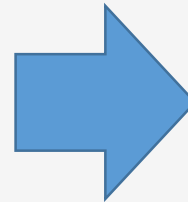
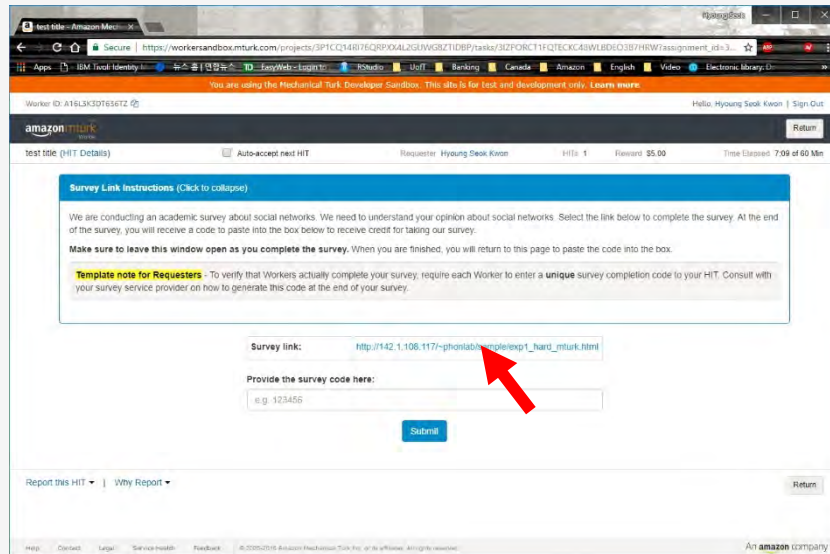


- Check discription
- Click "Accept&Work"

- Click "Survey link instructions (Click to expand)" for instructions



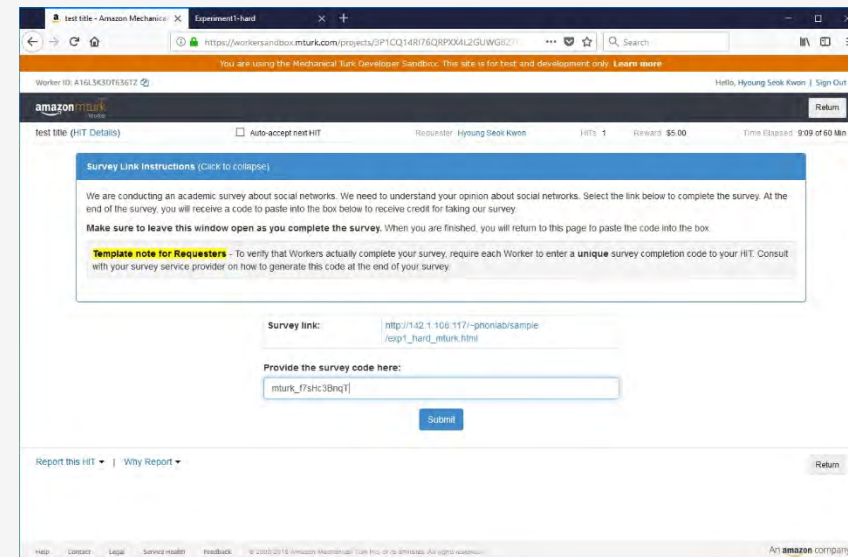
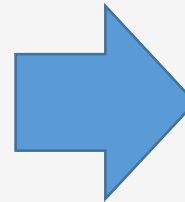
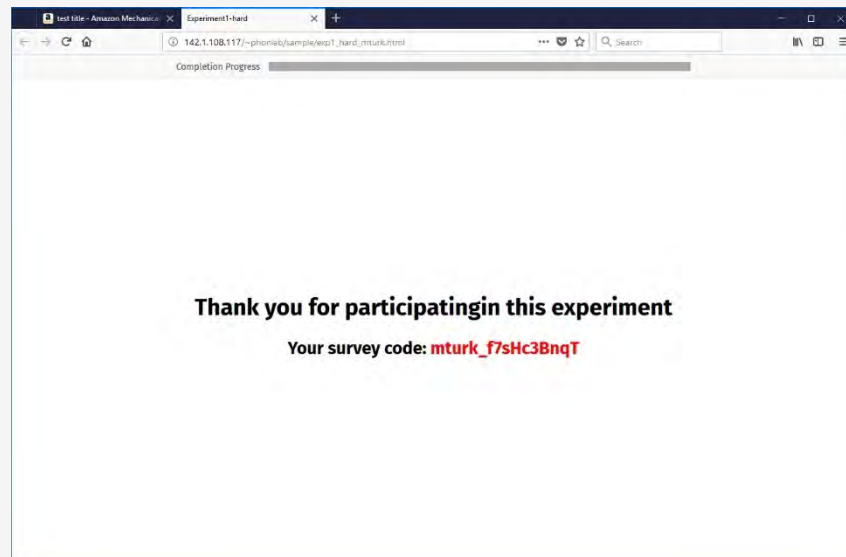
# Test: <Worker> Test a HIT



- Check description
- Click a link in Survey link field
- Do not close this tab

- New tab opens
- Experiment starts

# Test: <Worker> Test a HIT

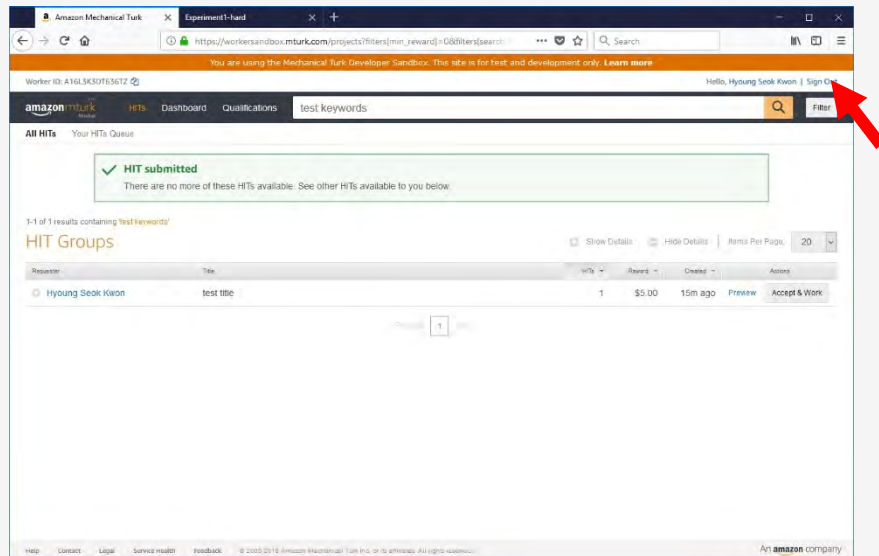


- Once the experiment is finished, unique survey code is displayed
- Copy the red color survey code **mturk\_f7sHc3BnqT**

- Paste the survey code in the “Provide the survey code here:” field
- Click “Submit”

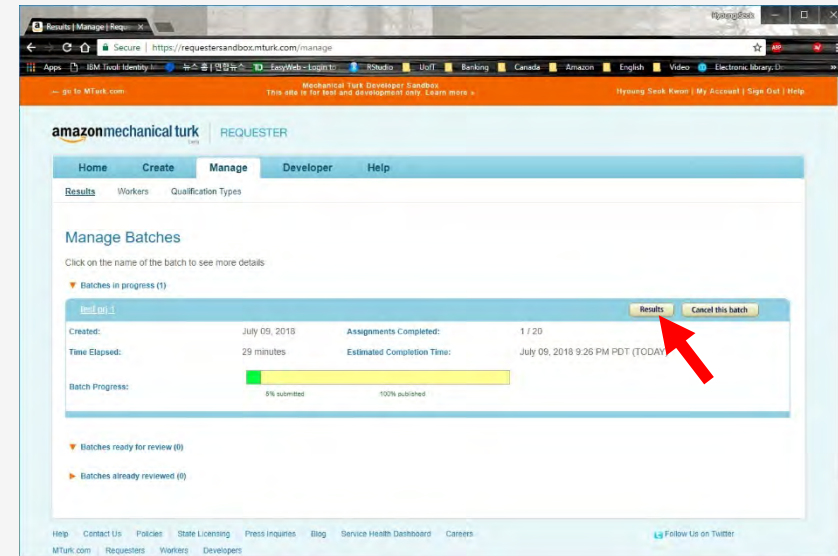
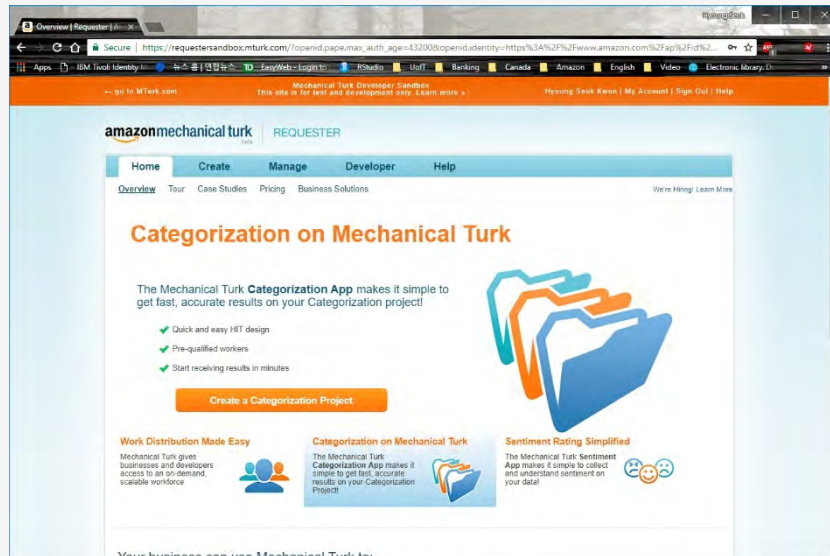
# Test: <Worker> Test a HIT

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- **HIT submitted**
- **\$5 will be paid if the requester approve your work.**
- **Click "sign out"**

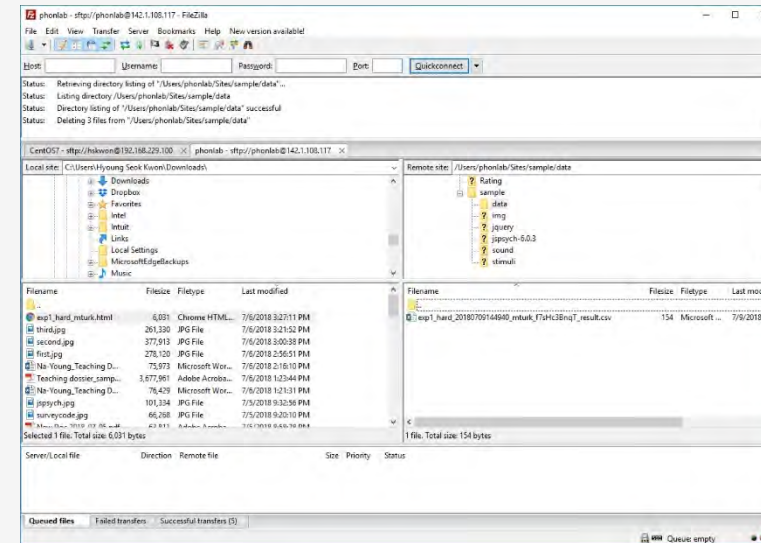
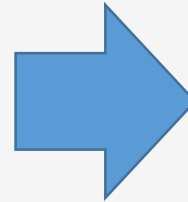
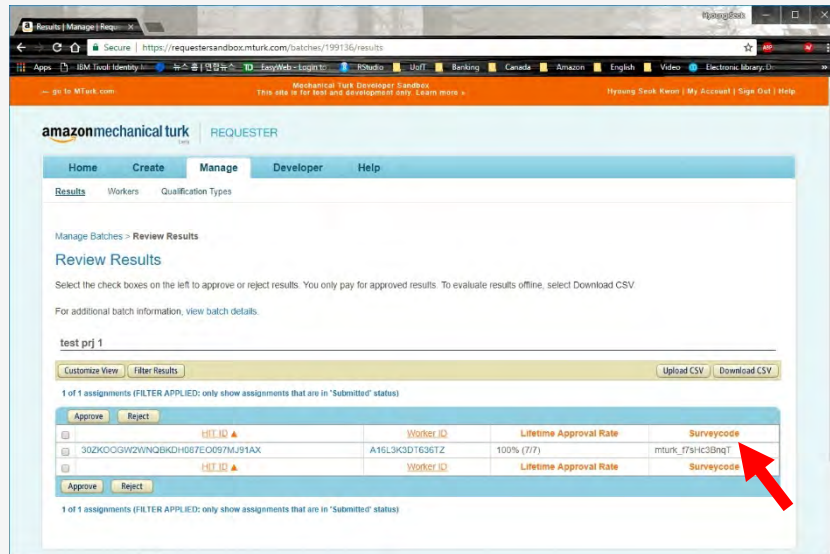
# Test: <Requester> Manage a HIT (batch)



- Login  
<https://requestersandbox.mturk.com/>
- Click "Manage"

- Check the batch status
- Click "result"

# Test: <Requester> Manage a HIT (batch)

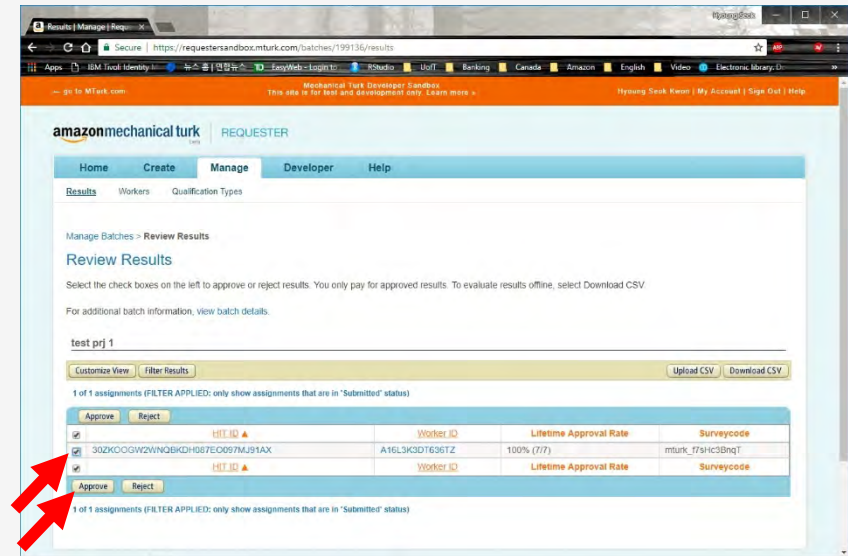
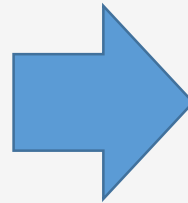


- Check survey codes of participants  
**mturk\_f7sHc3BnqT**

- Check output files in the web server using Filezilla
- Ensure that the file name contains **mturk\_f7sHc3BnqT**
- Download the file

# Test: <Requester> Manage a HIT (batch)

	A	B	C	D
1	rt	responses	sound	trial_type
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3				

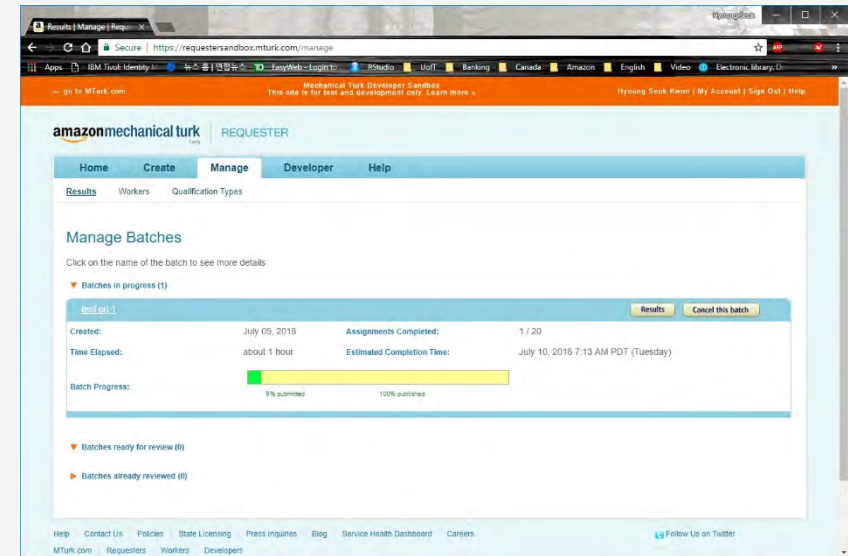
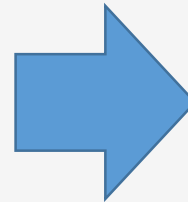
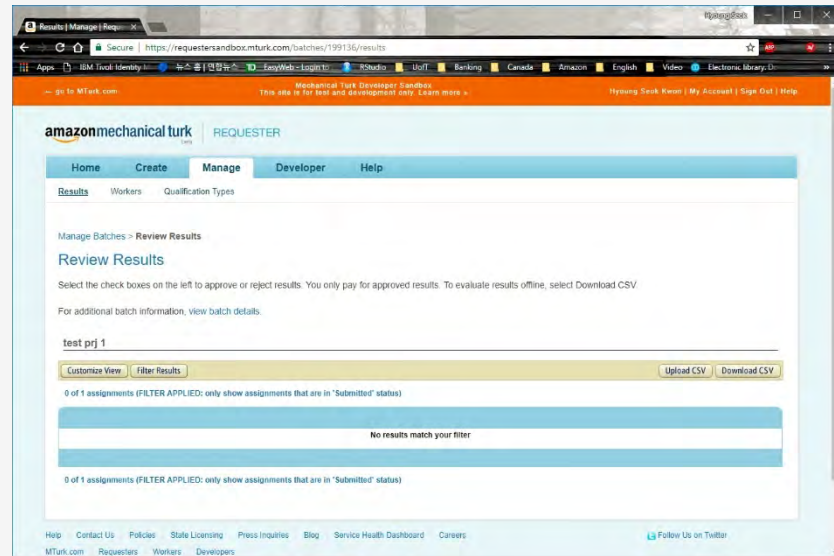


- Open the file
- Check the participant's responses

- If you are satisfied with the results of participants, you must approve them order to pay for the work
- Check check box on the left side
- Click "Approve"



# Test: <Requester> Manage a HIT (batch)



- There is no submitted assignment if you approve all
- Click "Manage" again

- Check the batch status continuously

# Appendix: Pricing

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## Worker Reward

1. Requesters decide how much to pay Workers for each assignment.

## MTurk fee

1. 20% fee on the reward and bonus amount (if any) you pay Workers.
2. HITs with 10 or more assignments will be charged an additional 20% fee on the reward you pay Workers.
3. The minimum fee is \$0.01 per assignment or bonus payment.