

SQUINT™ USE AGREEMENT

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Preamble:

- The MITRE Corporation (www.mitre.org) is a not-for-profit company that is dedicated to solving problems for a safer world via a commitment to serving the public interest.
- MITRE initially created the SQUINT capability for the benefit of election integrity, and it is operated at MITRE’s National Election Security Lab located in McLean, Virginia.
- MITRE is extending the application of SQUINT to information integrity for critical public information needs beyond elections, such as COVID-19 misinformation and to support other emergency response and preparedness situations.
- SQUINT access is provided only to pre-authorized Users that are approved by MITRE.

1: Purpose

- A. The purpose of the SQUINT capability is to enable officials to obtain crowd-sourced situational awareness of misinformation, disinformation, or undue amplification related to critical public information needs including elections or COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and response misinformation that is being distributed through online platforms and forums.
- B. To achieve the purposes of the SQUINT capability, contribution of data (“Data”) is required. Users shall endeavor to contribute Data via SQUINT that has one or more of the following characteristics:
- 1) It speaks to or about election or COVID-19 and emergency response operations, administration, infrastructure, or context.
 - 2) It appears to be incorrect, misleading, or deceptive, or is known by the User to be incorrect, misleading, or deceptive.
 - 3) It has been distributed or redistributed to an uncharacteristically large number of recipients.
 - 4) It has been distributed or redistributed by a likely foreign or foreign-sponsored entity.
 - 5) It has the potential to be confusing or misleading to citizens, and/or disruptive to the integrity or perceived integrity of an election or an emergency response.

2: Procedure

SQUINT collects Data from Users to identify and correct misinformation circulating among citizens. SQUINT then analyzes the Data collected and results are provided to the designated and pre-authorized Users. Trends and patterns identified over time will be anonymized and shared amongst all Users for the benefit of public information integrity.

3: Scope of Use.

- A. MITRE grants User a limited, revocable, non-exclusive, and non-transferable license to use SQUINT on any device User owns or controls. SQUINT can be accessed via a download to a mobile device and/or through a browser plugin.
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4: Consent to Use of Data.

User agrees that MITRE may collect, store, and process the Data for the benefit of critical public information integrity in accordance with the Purpose and Procedure defined above.

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