Extended/Evening Hours: Can't find available lab time during the day? In September the Xlab began making it possible for researchers to schedule after-hours lab time. This "self-service" option is for experiments where technology support is not required, and all computer operations and subject payments are handled by researcher, and where researchers and research assistants have been pre-approved by Xlab staff.   Interested investigators should contact Xlab Administrator Brenda Naputi Naputi@haas.berkeley.edu for more information.

On-line surveys and experiments: Xlab is offering, on a trial basis, the possibility of conducting on-line surveys, with flat-fee payments to subjects done electronically with Amazon Gift Card codes. We're pilot testing this now for an Xlab researcher, and expect to be able to offer this service to all Xlab affiliates by mid-November. Again, contact Brenda Naputi for more information about on-line surveys and experiments.

Human Subjects: The Office for the Protection of Human Subjects is using Xlab as a pilot tester for its on-line "eProtocol" system for managing all aspects of New, Continuation/Renewal, and Amendment applications for research that fits within the scope of the Xlab Master Protocol. Xlab protocols submitted on Berkeley eProtocol will be pre-reviewed by the Xlab Administrator and then forwarded to Director of the Xlab for review and approval. Please see the Xlab website step-by-step instructions on how to submit an application through eProtocol (http://xlab.berkeley.edu/researchers_pages/researchers_intro.html).

Before submitting an application via eProtocol, please consult with Xlab Administrator Brenda Naputi. Email naputi@haas.berkeley.edu or call 510-642-8780.

Grants: Xlab continues its policy of making small grants available to faculty and graduate student researchers. See http://xlab.berkeley.edu/researchers_pages/grants.html on the Xlab's website.

New Experiment Software: Inquisit 3 is now available at the Xlab. Inquisit can be used to collect a wide range of psychological data, including

reaction time tasks, psychophysiological experiments, attitude measures, market research, and subjective questionnaires. It comes with a desktop edition designed for research labs and a web edition for experiments administered from a web page over the internet. More information about this software is available at http://www.millisecond.com/

Xtech Support: The Xlab welcomes its newest staff member: Rowilma Balza del Castillo took over as the Xlab's SysAdmin in September. Rowie has over ten years experience with Dan McFadden's Econometrics Laboratory (which she'll continue to support on a part-time basis). Her responsibilities at Xlab include not only the functioning of the hardware and software, but the support for investigators as they deploy their experiments on the Xlab's network of computers.

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