

Avocado Collection End User Agreement LDC2015T03

_____ (“End User”), a person engaging in linguistic research or technology development, agrees to use the data designated as The Avocado Collection (the “Collection”) and distributed by the Linguistic Data Consortium (“LDC”) subject to the following understandings, terms and conditions.

The owners of the Collection, Sherwood Partners (“Owners”), have made it available for use in linguistic research and technology development for the public good. The data was provided to LDC for distribution under a specific set of restrictions that require LDC to impose the following conditions on its use.

The Collection may contain sensitive personally identifiable information that requires protections different from, and in some cases more restrictive than, other types of linguistic resources that End User may previously have worked with. Please read this agreement carefully.

In consideration for access to the Collection, End User agrees to abide by the following terms:

1. End User may not redistribute the Collection, in whole or in part, or give access to the Collection, to any person at, or outside of, End User’s organization.

2. The Collection may only be used for linguistic research and technology development including but not limited to information retrieval, text classification, natural language processing, machine learning, social and organizational analysis and like fields.

3. End User may not publicly reproduce, in whole or in part, any document from the Collection for any purpose, including use as examples in scientific papers. Synthetic examples that illustrate the form and nature of the content, but that contain no actual information from the Collection, may be made public (e.g., as examples in scientific papers). Because the Collection may contain information that qualifies as personally identifiable information under some definition, no portion of the Collection, however small, may be publicly reproduced.

4. End User may not place any work derived from the Collection on an Internet accessible server unless access to that server is controlled and limited (for example, by password) to authenticated users within End User’s organization who have signed the End User Agreement.

5. End User may not use the name of the company that created the Collection in public or private discussions or in print; End User may only identify it, and the Collection, by the pseudonym “Avocado.” End User may use only the following prescribed text to describe the company:

“Avocado was an Information Technology software and services firm developing products for the mobile Internet market, operating from the late 1990s to the middle of the first decade of the 21st century.”

Moreover, End User may not identify, or speculate on the identity of, any investor in the company in conjunction with End User’s use of the Collection, even if that information is available from public sources.

6. Due to the potential presence of personally identifiable information in the Collection, End User will obtain whatever training and approval is required by their organization for working with human subjects data.

7. If End User becomes aware of a breach of any of the terms of this End User Agreement, by End User or by others, End User must report this promptly to the person responsible for the use of the Collection at End User’s organization.

8. In the event that End User violates the terms of this Avocado Collection End User Agreement, then upon notice from the Owners or LDC End User shall cease use of the Collection and destroy all copies of the Collection and other documents that contain excerpts from the Collection. The Owners and LDC each also reserve the right to bar subsequent access to the Collection by End User.

9. The Owners are a third party beneficiary of this Avocado Collection End User Agreement.

I have read and understood the terms of this Avocado Collection End User Agreement and I hereby agree to it.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

The person responsible for the use of the Collection at End User’s organization must retain a signed copy of this End User Agreement on file.