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Informed Consent Form

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Research Project Title: IAT 432 – Design Evaluation

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The Simon Fraser University Research Ethics Board has approved this research study as part of the course IAT 432.

This consent form, a copy of which is made available to you, is part of the process of informed consent. It should give you the basic idea of what the research is about and what your participation will involve. If you would like more detail about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should feel free to ask the course instructor or students. Please take the time to read this carefully and to understand the information.

Purpose

Our research goal is to evaluate a technology design in terms of its usability and usefulness.

Participant Recruitment and Selection

To be recruited for this study, you must be over 18 years of age.

Study Method

In the study you will use one or more technologies and we will use questionnaires or interviews to ask you about your experiences using the technology. Questions will focus on the usability and usefulness of the design, e.g., what was easy to use? what was difficult to use? We will also log your interactions with the technology and time your usage.

All studies/assignments will be conducted remotely over communication technologies such as Skype or Zoom while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

Your Participation

If you agree to participate, you will be free to withdraw at any time for any reason. However, data collected up to that withdrawal point may still be retained and used by the researchers.

Research results, such as class reports, can be obtained by contacting the course instructor: Yasamin Heshmat, yheshmat@sfu.ca

What Type of Personal Information Will Be Collected?

We will collect hand written notes about your experiences and reactions to the prototype. We will also take pictures and video clips of you using it, with your permission.

Your anonymity will be strictly maintained. Any data collected will be labeled with an anonymous participant ID. There is a chance that pictures and video clips reveal your identity and, for this reason, you can choose to not have them captured.

Are There Risks or Benefits if I Participate?

The risks of participation are intended to be none or minimal.

What Happens to the Information I Provide?

No one except the course instructor, teaching assistant, and students will be allowed to see or hear any of your data.

Data will be kept on a secured computer until the course analysis is completed. At this point, it will be permanently destroyed.

Given that all studies for assignments will be conducted remotely over communication technologies such as Skype or Zoom while COVID-19 restrictions are in place, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed due to the technologies being used and their level of encryption.

Public presentations of the results will primarily present the results in an anonymized form.

Acceptance of this Form:

Your signature on this form indicates that you 1) understand to your satisfaction the information provided to you about your participation in this research project, and 2) agree to participate as a research subject.

In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the investigators, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. You are free to withdraw from this research project at any time. You should feel free to ask for clarification or new information throughout your participation.

Participant's Name (please print):

Participant's Signature:

Date: _____

Questions/Concerns:

If you have any concerns about the way you've been treated as a participant or concerns with the research project, please contact the course instructor: Dr. Yasamin Heshmat, School of Interactive Arts and Technology at: yheshmat@sfu.ca or Jeff Toward, Director SFU Office of Research Ethics, at 778-782-6593 or jtoward@sfu.ca.