

Swansea University – Computer Science Department

Research Consent Form

This consent form, a copy of which has been given to you, is only 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, please ask. Please take the time to read this form carefully and to understand any accompanying information.

Research Project Title

Programming by demonstration.

Researcher

Mr. A Person. { if the researcher(s) are students and they are not enrolled in a PhD or an MPhil then their supervisor needs to be listed here and to sign the application memo as well }

Experiment Purpose

The purpose of this experiment is to observe and record the ways that computer users solve certain tasks.

Participant Recruitment and Selection

Undergraduate and graduate students from Swansea University are being recruited for this experiment.

Procedure

This session will require about an hour of your time. You will be asked to fill in a short questionnaire about your experience with computers and then to solve two or more problems using common applications on a Macintosh computer. You may be asked to repeat variations of the problems. None of the tasks is a test – our objective is to find out how you approach the tasks.

Data Collection

A questionnaire will be used to gauge your computer experience at the beginning of the session. As you work on the task your mouse and keyboard actions will be recorded by the computer. The interviewer will take notes. There will be no video or audio recorders.

Data Archiving/Destruction

Data will be kept securely. The investigator will destroy study data after it is no longer of use. Usually, this will be at the end of the research project when results are fully reported and disseminated.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality and participant anonymity will be strictly maintained. All information gathered will be used for statistical analysis only and no names or other identifying characteristics will be stated in the final or any other reports.

Likelihood of Discomfort

There is no likelihood of discomfort or risk associated with participation.

Researcher

Mr. A Person is working on his doctorate in the Computer Science Department at the Swansea University. This study will contribute to his research on programming by demonstration. His supervisor is Dr Matt Jones.

A Person can be contacted in room 123 Faraday Tower, Swansea University. His phone number is 01792 834466 (or internal extension 8466) and his email address is a.person@swan.ac.uk

Finding out about Results

The Participants can find out the results of the study by contacting the researcher after October 1, 2008.

Agreement

Your signature on this form indicates that you have understood to your satisfaction the information regarding participation in the research project and agree to take part as a participant. In no way does this waive you legal rights nor release the investigators, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. You are free to not answer specific items or questions in interviews or on questionnaires. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. Your continued participation should be as informed as your initial consent, so you should feel free to ask for clarification or new information throughout your participation. If you have further questions concerning matters related to this research, please contact the researcher.

Participant

Date

Investigator/Witness

Date

A copy of this consent form has been given to you to keep for your records and reference.