

Appendix C(i): Participant Information Sheet and Research Consent Form Template

**Project title: Developing an AI emotional model for NPCs in a combat scenario. (EMS6468)**

**Researcher name(s): Joseph Roper, Dr Salma Elsayed**

What is the research about?

We invite you to participate in a research project about a new type of NPC (Non Player Character) architecture for a top down shooter game.

Do I have to take part?

This form has been written to help you decide if you would like to take part. It is up to you and you alone whether you wish to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be free to withdraw at any time without providing a reason and without penalty.

What will I be required to do?

You will be required to edit a game level in a Unity project specifically using the new NPC type. The demo will take a minimum of 20 minutes to finish. Afterwards a questionnaire will be given to fill out.

How will you handle my data?

Your data will be stored in an anonymized form and will only be accessible to Joseph Roper and Dr Salma Elsayed, see contact details below. This means that nobody including the researchers could reasonably identify you within the data. Your data will be stored in Google Drive, with data fully anonymised at the earliest opportunity. Your responses are treated in the strictest confidence - it will be impossible to identify individuals within a dataset when any of the research is disseminated (e.g., in publications/presentations). Abertay University acts as Data Controller ([DataProtectionOfficer@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@abertay.ac.uk)).

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Retention of research data

Researchers are obliged to retain research data for up to 10 years’ post-publication, however your anonymised research data may be retained indefinitely (e.g., so that researchers engage in open practice and other researchers can access their data to confirm the conclusions of published work). Consistent with our data retention

policy, researchers retain consent forms for as long as we continue to hold information about a data subject and for 10 years for published research (including Research Degree thesis).

# Consent statement:

Abertay University attaches high priority to the ethical conduct of research. Please consider the following before indicating your consent on this form. Indicating your consent confirms that you are willing to participate in the research, however, indicating consent does not commit you to anything you do not wish to do and you are free to withdraw your participation at any time. You are indicating consent under the following assumptions:

* I understand the contents of the participant information sheet and consent form.
* I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about the research and have had them answered satisfactorily.
* I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary and that I can withdraw from the research (parts of the project or the entire project) at any time without penalty and without having to provide an explanation.
* I understand who has access to my data and how it will be handled at all stages of the research project.

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| **PLEASE INITIAL BOX:** | **Yes, I do consent** | **No, I do not consent** |
| I consent to take part in this study conducted by Joseph Roper who intend to use my data for further research examining player experience within a top-down shooter game. |  |  |
| I consent for Joseph Roper to collect and process my sensitive data [Age] |  |  |

# Signature:

**I confirm that I am willing to take part in this research:**

**PRINT NAME:**

**SIGNATURE:**

# DATE:

# You can find our procedure for complaints (regarding research projects) and our privacy notice and legal basis for processing research data at: <https://www.abertay.ac.uk/legal/privacy-notice-for-research-participants/>