

# Assessment Management System for Maties CS: Participation Consent

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You are invited to take part in a study conducted by Michael Shepherd, from the Computer Science Division at Stellenbosch University. You were approached as a possible participant because you are a student of Scientific Computing 272.

## **Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this study is to create an assessment environment and a simple and intuitive submission system for the Stellenbosch University Computer Science Division.

## **What Will be Asked of Me?**

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to submit an assessment through the given submission system.

## **Possible Risks and Discomforts**

It is possible that there could be a problem with the assessment environment or the submission system. The system will be up and open for submissions between the 18th and 25th of October. The existing submission system will also be available at all times, so if at any point there is an issue or you feel uncomfortable with this submission system you will be able to submit with the existing system with no consequences to your marks.

## **Benefits to Participants**

The use of this submission system should be more intuitive to use than existing solutions such as SunLearn for you the student. The assignments will also be easier to handle and mark for the lecturers and teaching assistants.

## **Payment for Participation**

There will be no payment for participation.

## **Protection of Your Information, Confidentiality and Identity**

The assignments and associated marks will not be publicly available. The only people that will have access to this information will be the lecturer and teaching assistants involved with the marking. The marks will be made available to the students by the lecturer in any way that they see fit.

## **Participation and Withdrawal**

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you agree to take part in this study, you may withdraw at any time without any consequence. You may also refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer and still remain in the study. The researcher may withdraw you from this study if you encounter any issues with either the assessment environment or the submission system.

## **Researchers' Contact Information**

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, please feel free to contact Michael Shepherd at 19059019@sun.ac.za, and/or the supervisor Willem Bester at whkbester@cs.sun.ac.za.

## **Rights of the Participants**

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact Ms Maléne Fouché [mfouche@sun.ac.za; 021 808 4622] at the Division for Research Development.

## **Declaration of Consent**

As the participant I confirm that:

- I have read the above information and it is written in a language that I am comfortable with.
- I have had a chance to ask questions and all my questions have been answered.

- All issues related to privacy, and the confidentiality and use of the information I provide, have been explained.

By signing below, I .....(name of participant) agree to take part in this research study, as conducted by Michael Shepherd.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

## **Declaration by the Principle Investigator**

As the principal investigator, I hereby declare that the information contained in this document has been thoroughly explained to the participant. I also declare that the participant has been encouraged (and has been given ample time) to ask any questions. In addition the conversation with the participant was conducted in a language in which the participant is fluent.

Signature: ..... Date: .....