



## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

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*Guidance: The information provided in this document is a guide only. Please revise the wording in this section as necessary. The information provided in blue italics must be removed from the document before it is submitted to the HREC/HREAP. Please delete .]*

### 1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to *retrieve feedback on a certain UI and the feel of the UI*. You have been invited because *you were willing, and your contact details were obtained from the fill in form*.

### 2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: *Abanob Tawfik, Joshua Hing, Utkarsh Sood, School of Computer Science and engineering, +61 2 9385 4329.*

**Research Funder:** This research is being funded by *Abanob Tawfik, Joshua Hing, Utkarsh Sood.*

### 3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research project, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Family and friends*
- People who use tablets*

### 4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research project is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the project at any stage.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- If you would like to participate, sign the consent form and;
- Take a copy of this form home with you to keep.

### 5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

*Participation in this research requires the subject to be willing to perform certain tasks on a mock UI prototype, there are no possible risks involved (maybe a paper cut).*

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete the following tasks:

#### **[Completion of a Questionnaire]**

*The research team will ask you to complete a given paper questionnaire. This questionnaire will ask you questions about System Design and overall system feel, it should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.*

*We don't expect this questionnaire to cause any harm or discomfort, however if you experience feelings of distress as a result of participation in this study you can let the research team know and they will provide you with assistance. Alternatively lists of services are provided in the contact details below to assist you if necessary.*

*You are free to withdraw from the research at any time. If you withdraw from the research we will destroy any information that has already been collected.*

#### **[Participation in an Interview or Focus Group]**



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*You will be asked to participate in a face to face interview or focus group. During this interview the research team will ask you questions about the **the overall UI design, and feel of the system**. To ensure we collect the responses accurately, we seek your permission to digitally record the interview using an **Samsung S8**.*

*We don't expect the questions asked during the interview to cause any harm or discomfort, however if you experience feelings of distress as a result of participation in this study you can let the research team know and they will provide you with assistance. Alternatively lists of services are provided in the contact details below to assist you if necessary.*

*You are free to stop the interview at any time. If you withdraw from the research we will destroy any information that has already been collected.*

**6. What are the possible benefits to participation?**

We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit others who want to live a more sustainable lifestyle

**7. What will happen to information about me?**

By signing the consent form you consent to the research team collecting and using information about you for the research study. We will keep your data for 3 days. We will store information about you in an google doc containing all the scanned files format at any computer machine. Your information will only be used for improving the current system UI.

**8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?**

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research study in a variety of ways. All information published will be done in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by adding your email or postal address within the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research. The results will also be made available via email

**9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?**

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do so by completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document. Alternatively you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you. Your decision not to participate will not affect your relationship with UNSW Australia, *Abanob Tawfik, Joshua Hing, Utkarsh Sood*.

**10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?**

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you want any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the project, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

**11. Research Team Contact Details**

<b>Name</b>	<u>Abanob Tawfik</u>
<b>Position</b>	<u>Group member</u>
<b>Telephone</b>	<u>0449225224</u>



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### 12. Support Services Contact Details

*Guidance: If your research has the potential to cause distress to participants, please list the support services that are available for participants to contact should they experience feelings of distress. In addition to the support services being provided by the research at least one service external to the research team or any of the participating organisations must be included at this section. Researchers must ensure that the support services listed are free services and have the adequate level of training to assist with these issues.*

If at any stage during the project you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

Name/Organisation	<a href="#">Abanob Tawfik</a>
Position	<a href="#">Group member</a>
Telephone	<a href="#">0449225224</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:Z5075490@ad.unsw.edu.au">Z5075490@ad.unsw.edu.au</a>

### What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted, then you may contact:

### Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	<a href="mailto:humanethics@unsw.edu.au">humanethics@unsw.edu.au</a>
HC Reference Number	<a href="#">[INSERT HC reference number]</a>



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## Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

### Declaration by the participant

- ☐ I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research project;
- ☐ I have read the Participant Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand;
- ☐ I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the project;
- ☐ [\[Recordings\]](#) I understand that the research team will audio/video record the interviews; I agree to be recorded for this purpose.
- ☐ I understand that the research team will collect [feedback from my user experience](#); I provide my consent for this to happen.
- ☐ I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- ☐ I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received;
- ☐ I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the project and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- ☐ I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only;

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I understand that I will be given a signed copy of this document to keep;

### Participant Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

### Declaration by Researcher\*

- ☐ I have given a verbal explanation of the research study, its study activities and risks and I believe that the participant has understood that explanation.

### Researcher Signature\*

Name of Researcher (please print)	
Signature of Researcher	
Date	

**\*An appropriately qualified member of the research team must provide the explanation of, and information concerning the research study.**

**Note: All parties signing the consent section must date their own signature.**



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## Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in the research proposal described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales, [Utkarsh Sood](#), [Abanob Tawfik](#), [Joshua Hing](#). In withdrawing my consent I would like any information which I have provided for the purpose of this research project withdrawn.

### Participant Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

### The section for Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to:

CI Name:	<a href="#">Abanob Tawfik</a>
Email:	<a href="mailto:Z5075490@ad.unsw.edu.au">Z5075490@ad.unsw.edu.au</a>
Phone:	<a href="tel:0449225224">0449225224</a>
Postal Address:	<a href="#">37 Burnett Street Merrylands 2160</a>