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Creator/Evaluator ethics
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

(1) What is this study about?

You are invited to take part in a research study about being a creator/evaluator with an online system. This particular study involves a system which lets you design card for the digital game Hearthstone. As someone with particular experience in that game, you have been invited to participate in our study.

This Participant Information Statement tells you about the research study. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the research. Please read this sheet carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation in this research study is voluntary.

By giving your consent to take part in this study you are telling us that you:

- ✓ Understand what you have read.
- ✓ Agree to take part in the research study as outlined below.
- ✓ Agree to the use of your personal information as described.

You will be given a copy of this Participant Information Statement to keep.

(2) Who is running the study?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

- Dr Kazjon Grace, Senior Lecturer, the School of Architecture, Design and Planning - Chief investigator
- Mr Alex Elton-Pym, PhD Candidate, the School of Architecture, Design and Planning

(3) What will the study involve for me?

If you decide to take part in the research study, you will be asked to participate in a participatory design workshop. We will be asking you to perform tasks with the system and report how you felt during

those tasks. This will take the form of you designing a series of cards, and answering questions about your experience. With your permission, we would like to use your feedback in our research.

(4) How much of my time will the study take?

The study should take approximately 30 minutes to an hour. You will be invited to a follow up study of similar length.

(5) Who can take part in the study?

To participate in the study, you must be over 18 and have some experience with the game Hearthstone

(6) Do I have to be in the study? Can I withdraw from the study once I've started?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of Sydney. It will also not affect your marks or your ability to participate in any units of study should you choose to study at The University of Sydney now or in the future.

If you decide to take part in the study and then change your mind later, you are free to withdraw at any time. You can do this by contacting Dr. Kazjon Grace or Mr. Alex Elton-Pym. There are no consequences of withdrawing from the study.

You are free to stop the study at any time. Unless you say that you want us to keep them, any recorded data will be erased and the information you have provided will not be included in the study results.

If you decide to withdraw from the study, we will not collect any more information from you. Please let us know at the time when you withdraw what you would like us to do with the information we have collected about you up to that point. If you wish your information will be removed from our study records and will not be included in the study results, up to the point that we have analysed and published the results.

(7) Are there any risks or costs associated with being in the study?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

(8) Are there any benefits associated with being in the study?

We cannot guarantee that you will receive any direct benefits from being in the study.

(9) What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting personal information about you for the purposes of this research study. Your information will only be used for the purposes outlined in this Participant Information Statement, unless you consent otherwise.

Your information will be stored securely and your identity/information will be kept strictly confidential, except as required by law. Study findings may be published, but you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

We will keep the information we collect for this study, and we may use it in future projects. By providing your consent you are allowing us to use your information in future projects. We don't know at this stage what these other projects will involve. We will seek ethical approval before using the information in these future projects. Your information will not be provided to any third parties.

(10) Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, you are welcome to tell other people about the study.

(11) What if I would like further information about the study?

When you have read this information, *Dr Kazjon Grace* will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage during the study, please feel free to contact *Dr Kazjon Grace* kazjon.grace@sydney.edu.au.

(12) Will I be told the results of the study?

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. You can tell us that you wish to receive feedback by contacting Dr Kazjon Grace. You will receive this feedback after the study is finished.

(13) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?

Research involving humans in Australia is reviewed by an independent group of people called a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the HREC of the University of Sydney. As part of this process, we have agreed to carry out the study according to the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)*. This statement has been developed to protect people who agree to take part in research studies.

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the university using the details outlined below. Please quote the study title and protocol number.

The Manager, Ethics Administration, University of Sydney:

- **Telephone:** +61 2 8627 8176
- **Email:** human.ethics@sydney.edu.au
- **Fax:** +61 2 8627 8177 (Facsimile)

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