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DAWdle Usability Test Protocol

Introduction:

Welcome everyone, thank you for being here today. We appreciate your time and willingness to help us get feedback on our DAW creation app, DAWdle. You will be given 30 minutes to make a sound clip using our application. We would like to assure you that any complications you might have are a reflection of our application and not a reflection of your abilities.

During this time, we will be screen recording as you navigate through the application to gather data on how it can be improved. Everything you do during this time will be confidential and will not be released to anyone outside of our institution.

While you're creating a sound clip, we would like you to focus on the task at hand and wait until after the session to share any thoughts or feedback about the application.

Before we begin, does anyone have any questions?

Background:

First let me ask a few questions about your past DAWS experiences.

How many years have you been using DAW software?

Do you have more experience with digital DAWS or physical DAWS?

What are you looking for in a digital DAW?

Which digital DAWS have you used?

What were you trying to accomplish?

What was the hardest part accomplishing this task?

Tasks:

1. Imagine you would like to make a sound clip that you could later use to modify for the creation of a song. See if you can navigate to the sound clip creation tool, create a sound clip, and save the sound clip.

   Task Complete Successfully? True ☐   False ☐

   Time on task:_____

   On a scale, now difficult was this task?
   Difficult   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐ Easy

2. Imagine that you have already created a sound clip and want to modify it with different special effects. See if you can navigate to the special effects tool, load a sound clip, and modify an existing sound clip.

   Task Complete Successfully? True ☐   False ☐

   Time on task:_____

   On a scale, now difficult was this task?
   Difficult   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐ Easy

3. Imagine you have an idea for a song you'd like to make. See if you can navigate to the song creation tool and create a song using sound clips.

   Task Complete Successfully? True ☐   False ☐

   Time on task:_____

   On a scale, now difficult was this task?
   Difficult   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐ Easy

Debrief:

Now that the tests have been completed, I have a final few questions to wrap up this session.

    Were you able to complete your task?

    Which tasks did you find the most difficult?

    Which tasks did you find the least difficult?

    If you've used DAW software previously, how does it compare to your experience today?

    Are there any changes you would recommend?

We would like to thank you for your time, have a nice day.