

# The Importance of Being Android

## Evaluative Study

Your task is to be part of an evaluative study into the design of a smartphone application. The app in question is "Learn Your Lines", the purpose of which is to help actors and actresses prepare for a role in a play. Although it is aimed for those working in the theatre, it can be extended to any medium that involves learning, memorising and rehearsing from a script. The app will be using the screenplay for "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, for this evaluation.

You will be asked to complete a series of tasks, and your performance in each task will be assessed so the design of the application can be evaluated. All the tasks should be completed within ten minutes and then it will be required that you complete a short questionnaire. This whole process will be completely anonymous. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

*NOTE: On the other side of this page you will find a diagram which shows what the buttons do on the device that is provided to you.*

### Task 1 - Viewing the Script

- View the script in "Normal" mode. Begin from the first page. When the script appears, advance through it until you reach page five. Reading the script is optional.

### Task 2 - Viewing the Script in Rehearsal mode

- Return to the Options screen and switch from "Normal" mode to "Rehearsal" mode. Select "Algernon" as your character, and begin from Act 2, page 23. Now select "Begin Rehearsing".
- Reveal three words from the currently hidden line. After that, advance through the page until you reach Algernon's fourth line. (The previous line will be delivered by Jack and will contain the text; "Well, at any rate, that is better...").

### Task 3 - Record yourself rehearsing a line

- Record yourself speaking Algernon's third line on page 23. ("Yes, if you are not too long...").
- Save your Recording as "Algernon". You may press "Cancel" before saving, and record yourself again if you wish.
- Now apply the recording you just made to the relevant line.
- Finally playback the recording you just applied to the line.

#### Task 4 - Create a note

- Create a note for the same line you just created a recording for. You may enter any text of your choosing.
- Go to the Performance Notes screen and find the note you just created. Rename the title of the note to; “Algernon - Line 6”.

#### Task 5 - View your Stats

- Now go to the Statistics screen. Filter the stats so the selected character is “Algernon” and view for all pages on Act 2.
- Clear the stats for the current selection.

#### Task 6 - Deletion

- Go to the Recordings screen and delete the recording you made earlier.
- Finally, go to the Performance Notes screen and delete the note you made earlier.

#### Button Help

Below is a diagram with the buttons available on the phone. The only buttons you should need to use is the menu button and the back button.

