**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

**User-Centred Survey in the RMIT Course Programming Studio 1**

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You are invited to participate in research being conducted by students of the Programming Studio 1 course in the School of Computer Technologies, STEM College at RMIT University. Please read this information carefully and be confident that you understand its contents before deciding whether to participate.

Participation is purely voluntary. Participation in this study does not impact you directly or your assessment in any courses being conducted at RMIT University. If you have any questions about the project, please ask any one of the investigators listed above, by emailing them.

**Who is involved in this research? Why is it being conducted?**

This research is conducted as part of the Programming Studio 1 course.

In this study, students needs to perform an analysis and a short survey on a deployed IT based system with users. This analysis will be used to determine if modification to a websites design improves the user experience.

**Why have you been approached?**

You have been approached because you reflect the attributes of users who are most likely to feel the affects of a change in design.

**If I agree to participate, what will I be required to do?**

If you agree, you will be required to answer a short survey. Consent will be implied by the return or completion of an anonymous survey.

**What are the possible risks and disadvantages?**

There are no direct risks of physical or emotional harm.

**What are the benefits associated with participation?**

There will be no direct benefits associated.

**What will happen to the information I provide?**

Your response will be stored, anonymously, with other responses.

The results from the analysis of the data will be not be published.

It will be used only within the content of the Programming Studio 1 course. Your responses will be stored safely in RMIT secure server that hosts Canvas and the RMIT Microsoft Tennant.

**What are my rights as a participant?**

As a participant in this research you have the rights to:

* withdraw from participation at any time.
* have any unprocessed data withdrawn and destroyed provided it can be reliably identified.
* have any questions answered at any time.

**Whom should I contact if I have any questions?**

Please contact any of the investigators listed at the beginning of this participant information.

**Security of the website**

Users should be aware that the World Wide Web is an insecure public network that gives rise to the potential risk that a user’s transactions are being viewed, intercepted or modified by third parties or that data which the user downloads may contain computer viruses or other defects.

**Security of the data**

This project will use an external site to create, collect and analyse data collected in a survey format. The site we are using is Microsoft Forms. If you agree to participate in this survey, the responses you provide to the survey will be stored on a host server that is used by RMIT. No personal information will be collected in the survey so none will be stored as data.

**Yours sincerely**

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