**Initial Research Ethics Checklist**

**Note: *All researchers*** must complete this brief checklist to identify any ethical issues associated with their research. Before completing, please refer to the BU Research Ethics Code of Practice which can be found at http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/researchethics/. School Research Ethics Representatives (or Supervisors in the case of students) can advise on appropriate professional judgement in this review. A list of Representatives can be found at the aforementioned webpage.

**Sections 1-5 must be completed by the researcher and Section 6 by School Ethics Representative/ Supervisor prior to the commencement of any research.**

**1. RESEARCHER DETAILS**

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**Status**

Undergraduate

**School**

DEC

**Degree Framework & Programme**

Creative Technology Framework - Music and Audio Technology

**2. PROJECT DETAILS**

**Project Title**

Using Siri as a wireless speech controller for Logic Pro.

**Project Summary**

The aim of this project is to use the built in functionality of the iPhone's Siri assistant to be able to control a Logic Pro setup across a wifi network. I will be using a Rapid Application Development (RAD) methodology so that I can quickly build and prototype the application to then go straight into building and testing new features I want to add. I may do some research with studios over email to see if they would have something like this in their studio and if they think it is a viable addition to what they already have. This would probably include a questionnaire to get some real world feedback and market research from people who would actually be using the product.

**Proposed Start & End Dates**

1/10/2012 to 3/5/2013

**Project Supervisor**

Reza Sahandi <rsahandi@bournemouth.ac.uk>

**Framework Project Co-ordinator**

Tim Orman

**3. ETHICS REVIEW CHECKLIST – PART A**

I

Is approval from an external Research Ethics Committee (e.g. Local Research Ethics Committee (REC), NHS REC) required/sought?

No

II

Is the research solely literature-based?

No

III

Does the research involve the use of any dangerous substances, including radioactive materials?

No

IV

Does the research involve the use of any potentially dangerous equipment?

No

V

Could conflicts of interest arise between the source of funding and the potential outcomes of the research? (see section 8 of BU Research Ethics Code of Practice).

No

VI

Is it likely that the research will put any of the following at risk:

Living creatures?

Stakeholders?

The environment?

The economy?

No

No

No

No

VII

Does the research involve experimentation on any of the following:

Animals?

Animal tissues?

Human tissues (including blood, fluid, skin, cell lines)?

Genetically modified organisms?

No

No

No

No

VIII

Will the research involve prolonged or repetitive testing, or the collection of audio, photographic or video materials?

No

IX

Could the research induce psychological stress or anxiety, cause harm or have negative consequences for the participants or researcher (beyond the risks encountered in normal life)?

No

X

Will the study involve discussion of sensitive topics (e.g. sexual activity, drug use, criminal activity)?

No

XI

Will financial inducements be offered (other than reasonable expenses/ compensation for time)?

No

XII

Will it be necessary for the participants to take part in the study without their knowledge / consent at the time?

No

XIII

Are there problems with the participant’s right to remain anonymous?

No

XIV

Does the research specifically involve participants who may be vulnerable?

No

XV

Might the research involve participants who may lack the capacity to decide or to give informed consent to their involvement?

No

**4. ETHICS REVIEW CHECKLIST – PART B**

Please give a summary of the ethical issues and any action that will be taken to address these.

**Ethical Issue:**

**Action:**

NONE

NONE

**5. RESEARCHER STATEMENT**

I believe the information I have given is correct. I have read and understood the *BU Research Ethics Code of Practice*, discussed relevant insurance issues, performed a health & safety evaluation/risk assessment and discussed any issues/concerns with a School Ethics Representative/ Supervisor. I understand that if any substantial changes are made to the research (including methodology, sample etc), then I must notify my School Research Ethics Representative/ Supervisor and may need to submit a revised Initial Research Ethics Checklist. By submitting this form electronically I am confirming the information is accurate to my best knowledge.

**Signed:** Dean Vizer

**DATE:** 1-11-2012

**6. AFFIRMATION BY SCHOOL RESEARCH ETHICS REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR**

Satisfied with the accuracy of the research project ethical statement, I believe that the appropriate action is:

**The research project proceeds in its present form**

**YES**

**The research project proposal needs further assessment under the School Ethics procedure\***

**NO**

**The research project needs to be returned to the applicant for modification prior to further action\***

**NO**

*\* The School is reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that no project proceeds without appropriate assessment of ethical issues. In extreme cases, this can require processing by the School or University’s Research Ethics Committee or by relevant external bodies.*

**Reviewer Signature:** M R Sahandi

**Date:** 1/11/2012

**Additional Comments:**