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**School of Computing  
RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR ETHICAL REVIEW OF A  
RESEARCH PROJECT INVOLVING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS  
WHICH IS IN THE CATEGORY OF NOTIFICATION ONLY**

There are 3 generally accepted levels of ethical review for projects carried out in a University or similar setting. These are notification only, expedited and full committee.

This notification only level of review is to approve relatively low-risk research involving human participants, primarily using social science methodologies in which any personal information collected is not of a sensitive nature. The School of Computing Research Ethics Committee has been delegated responsibility by the University to approve ethics submissions from undergraduate and taught Masters projects only, which are in the category of notification only.

Examples of projects in this category include:

- Anonymous surveys in which the topic itself is not likely to elicit significant difficulties for the participants, such as: anonymous internet surveys (e.g. Survey Monkey), street questioning.
- Observation (without audio or visual recording) of public settings where privacy would not normally be expected, such as observing people on streets or at sports events.
- Research carrying no risks beyond those of everyday life (as experienced by the intended participant population), such as asking people's opinions about products or services; asking students about educational experiences; monitoring the impact of daily activities.
- Interviews with public figures, professionals or others in their professional capacity regarding their professional activities.
- Analysis of data (e.g. health records) which have had all identifying information removed by the data holder and been provided to the researcher in accordance with data protection legislation.
- Collection of biological samples which are anonymised and do not require invasive techniques (e.g. hair, nails).

If your project is using data from a public repository like Kaggle or is not generating or using any form of personal data then you do not need research ethics approval, you do not need to complete and to submit this form and your project supervisor should indicate this on the project dashboard.

If your project involves collecting or processing [personal data which is of a personal nature](#), you must first complete the DCU online Data Protection training course and review the ["Data Protection – Key Points for DCU Researchers"](#) guidance from the Data Protection Unit to assist you in meeting your legal obligations under GDPR and associated Irish law.

Once you have completed this form (if you need to) you should save it as a PDF file, not WORD, and upload it to the your project dashboard before you start gathering data. It will then be read and assessed by two members of the committee and once two members of the committee approve your submission you will be automatically notified by email and your project can start data gathering.

There are strict deadlines for submitting this form for each class group, undergraduate and taught Masters by which your submission must be made and you will be informed of these deadlines by your course board chair or project co-ordinator. If you do not submit by these deadlines then the research ethics committee is not obliged to approve your submission and when that happens and your project is assessed and graded at the end of the year, you will be awarded 0 for that component of your project.

**SECTION 1 – GENERAL DETAILS****1.1 Project Title**

HoneyMoon Engine

**1.2 Applicant Details**

Name	Student or Supervisor	E-mail
Ivan Shvydchenko	Student	<a href="mailto:ivan.shvydchenko2@mail.dcu.ie">ivan.shvydchenko2@mail.dcu.ie</a>
Jibran Jarwar	Student	<a href="mailto:jibran.jarwar2@mail.dcu.ie">jibran.jarwar2@mail.dcu.ie</a>
Renaat Verbruggen	Supervisor	<a href="mailto:renaat.verbruggen@dcu.ie">renaat.verbruggen@dcu.ie</a>

Other Investigators: *Including any external to DCU*

Name	School/Unit/External Institution	E-mail

**1.3 Key Project Dates**

Proposed start date for data collection	Proposed end date for data collection	Proposed project completion date
12/03/2025	30/03/2025	20/04/2025

**1.4 Please indicate which academic award**

Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taught Masters <input type="checkbox"/>
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**1.5 Please confirm the location(s) where the research will be carried out**

*If research will be carried out abroad, you will need to address the ethical challenges raised by this in Section 3 of your application - consult the Conducting Research Abroad document in the Ethics Resources and Guidelines section of the [DCU Research Ethics webpage](#)).*

DCU Glasnevin Lonsdale building Laboratories

**1.6 Please state what additional permissions may be required to access participants.**

*Specify from whom the permission is required (e.g. a school Board of Management), and when their written approval will be obtained*

N/A

## SECTION 2 – PROJECT DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

Research Overview - Please respect the indicated word counts in the following sections and explain all acronyms in full text the first time they appear.

### 2.1 Provide a brief description of the research (max 250 words):

*Please use lay language, include the scientific/theoretical background of study and a justification as to why this research project should proceed in that context*

The HoneyMoon Engine is a 2D game development tool designed to provide a more accessible entry point for aspiring game developers who find traditional engines like Unity overwhelming.

This game engine enables users to create games using Lua scripting, while the core functionality and complex processing are managed in C++. Key features include object rendering, camera control, basic physics, collision handling, and animation support, allowing users to focus on game logic without needing to dive into lower-level programming tasks.

The engine will integrate with tools like SDL for rendering, ImGui for interface management and LuaC++ for native scripting. This approach aims to balance simplicity and functionality, making it an ideal learning platform and a gateway into games development fundamentals.

### 2.2 Please state the aims and objectives of the project (max 200 words)

HoneyMoon is designed to provide a minimalistic yet powerful set of tools for 2D game development, focusing on essential features to introduce new users to game development and simple programming.

### 2.3 Please confirm your methods of data collection:

*Tick all relevant check boxes and provide details for each one, including any devices used to collect data, and whether the data will be anonymous, potentially identifiable or identifiable at point of collection*

Method	Describe briefly
<input type="checkbox"/> Interviews or focus groups	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveys/questionnaires	The data will be anonymous apart from their emails which they need to include for the google form, where users who test our software will answer a few questions on their experience and provide any feedback necessary to improve our application or provide knowledge of any bugs they discovered during testing.
<input type="checkbox"/> Audio/video recordings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public observations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons in public office	
<input type="checkbox"/> Using existing data (incl. secondary data)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Using human derived material (biological samples)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard tests (educational/personality etc.)	

<input type="checkbox"/> Standard educational practices	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	

#### 2.4 Please confirm who the participants on this study will be, including group size and composition:

*Include associated demographic characteristics, and state how your proposed sample size was determined (e.g. power analysis)*

<p>The participants of this study will be our fellow peers in computer science who are all above the age of 18. The group size will be 8-10 people because we will be testing on a single laptop and we think this is a sufficient amount of people to provide us with effective feedback we can work from.</p>
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#### 2.5 Please outline your recruitment process, including where you are sourcing participants from and your criteria for inclusion/exclusion:

*Where gatekeepers are involved, outline the procedures relating to their involvement*

<p>The recruitment process was asking people who we knew that were also willing to help us with User Testing for our application.</p>
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#### 2.6 Addressing participant vulnerability – if your participants fall into any of the following categories, please check the relevant tick box/boxes and state below what special arrangements will be made to protect them:

*If your participants are not in any of these categories, tick N/A*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Children under 18 years of age
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons in unequal relationships with the researcher (e.g. lecturer-student, therapist-client, employer-employee)
<input type="checkbox"/> People with a recognised or diagnosed intellectual, physical or mental impairment
<input type="checkbox"/> People confined to institutions (e.g. prisoners, residents in 24 hr nursing facilities)
<input type="checkbox"/> People who have undergone traumatic or adverse emotional events
<input type="checkbox"/> People with diminished cognitive ability
<input type="checkbox"/> Marginalised sections of society
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
<p><b>Special arrangements:</b></p>

**2.7 Involvement of children under 18 years of age – if your participants are in this category, please confirm compliance with the following:**

*If your participants are not in this category, tick N/A*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have read and agree to act in accordance with the DCU Child Protection policy and procedures ( <i>as per the <a href="#">DCU Child Protection Unit webpage</a></i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have put in place safeguards for the children participating in the research
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have supports in place for children who may disclose current or historical abuse (whether or not this is the focus of the research)
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that all requirements will be met prior to commencing the research ( <i>e.g. TUSLA Children First Training completed, Garda Vetting in place</i> )

**2.8 Please confirm how the results of the research will be disseminated:**

*Include a statement on whether the participants will be provided with any information as to the findings or outcomes of the project*

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## SECTION 3 – ETHICAL ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

### 3.1 Please identify all issues including ethical issues which may arise in the course of this research. What are the potential risks to participants, and how will those risks be addressed or minimised?

*Potential risks can be physical, psychological, social, legal, etc. Please include details of any additional support being provided for participants during/after the study*

The purpose of this application is to undertake user-testing of a 2D Game Engine application, the application is low-risk and we do not anticipate any ethical issues and risks. However, participants will be provided with the contact information for the DCU ethics committee and data protection office in the informed consent and plain language statement.

### 3.2 Please identify the potential benefits (direct and/or indirect) to those participating in this research:

*Potential benefits should outweigh the potential risks to participants*

The benefits for this study include developing or improving game development skills, learning basics too using the Lua programming Language.

### 3.3 Please describe what measures/protocols you have put in place in the event that there are any unexpected outcomes or adverse effects to participants arising from involvement in the research:

In the event of any unexpected outcomes the individuals taking part in this project can come too anyone on the team working on this project and if they wish to stop at any point in time we would acknowledge this and provide support if necessary. In addition, participants will be provided with the contact information for the DCU ethics committee and data protection office in the informed consent and plain language statement.

### 3.4 Do you intend to provide payment or incentives to participants?

Yes ☐

No ☒

*If Yes, please consult the REC Guidelines on the Use of Compensation and Incentives (in the Ethics Resources and Guidelines section of the [DCU Research Ethics webpage](#)) before providing additional details below*

### 3.5 Does this research raise any potential risks for the researchers themselves?

*Please consider the location/environment where the research is being conducted, exposure to distressing data content etc.*

Yes ☐

No ☒

*If Yes, please describe further and explain what risk management procedures will be put in place to minimise these risks to researchers:*

**3.6 Does this research raise any potential conflict of interest?**

*Please consider any potential real or perceived conflicts of interest that might influence the integrity of the research, or give rise to bias in conducting and reporting the research, or affecting publication (consult the [DCU Conflict of Interest Policy](#) for assistance)*

Yes ☐ No ☒

*If Yes, please identify and explain the steps being taken to address that conflict:*

**3.7 Please describe how the conduct of the research will be monitored:**

*Regular oversight by the PI is required to ensure the project conforms to the procedures set out in this application (especially where several people are involved in carrying out the research procedures)*

The research will be monitored by the project supervisor Dr. Renaat Verbruggen

## SECTION 4 – CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA MANAGEMENT

### 4.1 Considering your previous response in section 2.3 of the form on data collection, please confirm whether you are collecting or processing personal data in this research project:

*Personal data is any information about a living person, where that person is either identified, or could be identified from the data itself, or when it is combined with other data. This includes paper based, electronic and biological samples data. If your data is fully and completely anonymous, it is not personal data.*

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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*If Yes, please confirm your compliance with the following by ticking the checkboxes:*

<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have completed the DCU Data Protection training module on Loop.
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have read the <a href="#">“Data Protection – Key Points for DCU Researchers”</a> guidance on the DCU Data Protection Unit (DPU) website and agree to protect and manage our data in accordance with same.
<input type="checkbox"/> We have assessed the degree of risk inherent in the personal data being used in the research project, and confirm that all DPU GDPR requirements have been met prior to submitting this application (e.g. completion of Data Protection questionnaire, confirmation that any survey tool being used is GDPR compliant, that required Data Processing or Sharing Agreements will be in place, etc.)

### 4.2 Data access – please confirm whether access to participant data is confined to the investigators named on this application:

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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*If No, please name who the other individuals are and why they need access. Any proposed transfer of data (including outside of the EU) should be detailed here.*

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### 4.3 Data storage – please confirm compliance with the following:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data collected on mobile devices will be protected with a strong password/passphrase at a minimum, and/or encrypted if the device supports it
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data will be removed from mobile devices as soon as is practicable and stored in a secured location in DCU (on server or institutional Google Drive)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper based data will be held securely in locked cabinets in DCU, with access restricted to the named researchers
<u>Specific arrangements in relation to biological samples should be stated here:</u>
<u>Any exemptions to the above compliance statements should be justified here:</u>



#### 4.4 Please confirm who will be responsible for the secure storage of data generated by the research:

Name the relevant DCU investigator/s

Ivan Shvydchenko, Jibran Jarwar

#### 4.5 Please confirm how long the data will be held for:

For personal data, consult section 15: Retention of Personal Data in the [“Data Protection – Key Points for DCU Researchers”](#) guidance on the DCU Data Protection Unit (DPU) website

01/05/2025

#### 4.6 Please confirm what will happen to the data collected at the end of the study:

Please tick the relevant checkbox and complete the associated follow-up section for that category

Archived <input type="checkbox"/>	Destroyed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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##### 4.6.1 Archived data

Please provide the following details:

Name the DCU staff member responsible for archival and future use of data	
Confirm whether the data will be made available to other researchers, and if so, how?	
Confirm <u>how</u> the data will be prepared for archive (e.g. will datasets be anonymised)	
Confirm <u>where</u> the data will be archived and who will be allowed to access it	

##### 4.6.2 Destroyed data

Please provide the following details – Note: for student projects, the supervisor must take responsibility for data destruction if there is no guarantee the student will have access to the data at the time of destruction

Please justify why the data will be destroyed	We will no longer need the use of the testers emails from the answered google form
Name the DCU researcher responsible for destruction of data	Ivan Shvydchenko, Jibran Jarwar
Confirm when the data will be destroyed (specify date)	01/05/2025
Confirm compliance with the following destruction methods (tick relevant boxes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic data will be overwritten/securely deleted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper based data will be confidentially shredded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical samples will be disposed in accordance with the relevant DCU approved SOP

##### 4.6.2 Other - Please explain what will happen to the data if not being archived or destroyed:

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## SECTION 5 – PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURES

In addition to completing this form you are required to attach, within the single PDF that you submit, a copy of (1) the Participation Information Sheet which you share with your participants and (2) a copy of the Informed Consent Form which your participants sign.

**5.1 Please confirm that the following items have been addressed in your Participant Information Sheet which should be shared with all participants whether it involves online or in-person data gathering:**

*The items below should be used as headings in your information sheet. Note the language used under each item must reflect the participant age group and corresponding comprehension level– if your participants have different comprehension levels (e.g. both adult and child participants) then separate sheets must be prepared for each set. Templates are available via the [REC Forms - Applications, Templates and Amendments section](#) of the Research Ethics website.*

<b>Checklist – tick the relevant check box for each item</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Introductory Statement (Researcher names and titles, school, title of the research study)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is this research about?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Why is this research being conducted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Why have you been invited to take part?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What will happen if you decide to take part in this research study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will your data be used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will your privacy be protected (including any legal limits to confidentiality)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are the risks of taking part in this research study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you change your mind at any stage and withdraw from this study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will you find out what happens with this project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact details for further information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If you marked any item as No, please explain and justify why:*

**5.2 Informed Consent Procedures – please confirm whether written consent is to be obtained:**

*Please tick the relevant checkbox*

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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*If Yes, describe the procedures by which written consent will be obtained. If you are involving child participants, you will also need to obtain their written assent. Templates are available via the [REC Forms - Applications, Templates and Amendments section](#) of the Research Ethics website.*

There is a checkbox in the form confirming that a person gives their consent

*If No, describe the procedures regarding how consent/assent will be obtained:*

If you are gathering data from an online process such as Google Form or SurveyMonkey then you should use a page such as the one below, to capture participants' informed consent and your data gathering should not proceed until participants have completed this form with the appropriate answers.

**Participant – please complete the following (by clicking Yes/No for each question)**

I have read the Plain Language Statement (or had it read to me) \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

I understand the information provided \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I understand the information provided in relation to data protection \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I understand I may withdraw from the Research Study at any point \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have read and understand the arrangements to be made to protect confidentiality of data, including that confidentiality of information provided is subject to legal limitations \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have read and understand confirmations relating to any other relevant information as indicated in the PLS \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I consent to participate in this research study \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

## SECTION 6 – SUBMISSION CHECKLIST AND RESEARCHER DECLARATION

### 6.1 Please confirm all required supplementary documentation to be included in this application within Section 7:

Checklist – tick the relevant check box for each item	Yes	N/A
Participant Information Sheet/s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Informed Consent Form/s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informed Assent Form/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recruitment Advertisement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Questionnaire/Survey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interview/Focus Group Questions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debriefing Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bibliography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approval from another Research Ethics Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of other external approvals (e.g. Board of Management letter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of internal approvals (e.g. BSC approval review letter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other – provide details here:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### 6.2 Signed Declaration

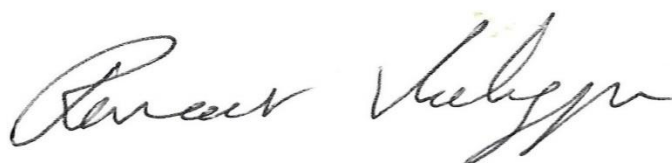
By submitting this form, the applicant (and supervisor) agree to the following:

*The information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate. I have read the University's current research ethics guidelines, and accept responsibility for the conduct of the procedures set out in the attached application in accordance with the form guidelines, the [REC guidance and resources](#), the University's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), its [Code of Good Research Practice](#) and any other condition laid down by the Dublin City University Research Ethics Committee. I have attempted to identify all risks related to the research that may arise in conducting this research and acknowledge my obligations and the rights of the participants.*

*I also acknowledge my requirement to be informed as to other duties and legal obligations applying to my research, and to comply with these duties and obligations – this includes being informed about DCU Data Protection guidelines for researchers, DCU Child Protection policy and procedures (where relevant) and DCU Insurance requirements.*

*I and my co-investigators and/or supporting staff have the appropriate qualifications, experience and facilities to conduct the research set out in the attached application and to deal with any emergencies and contingencies related to the research that may arise. Research will not commence until required consents and approvals are in place.*

#### Electronic Signature(s):

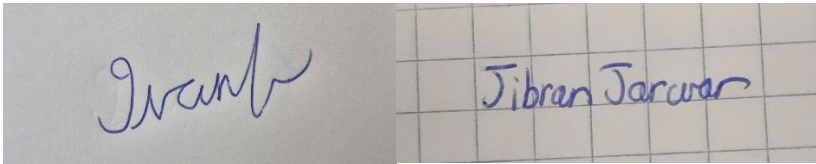


Supervisor:

Print Name here: \_\_\_\_\_ RENAAT VERBRUGGEN

Date: 20/02/2025

Student(s) signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_



Print Name(s) here: IVAN SHVYDCHENKO, JIBRAN JARWAR

Date: 21/02/2025

## SECTION 7 – SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

Please attach all required documentation as confirmed by you in the previous section. The application should then be saved as one file in PDF format before submission via the project dashboard.

Section 1 of 6

### Plain Language Statement For HoneyMoon Engine User Testing

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Form description

**Study Title:** HoneyMoon Engine User Testing

**Conducted by:** Jibran Jarwar, Ivan Shvydchenko

**Contact:** jibran.jarwar2@mail.dcu.ie, ivan.shvydchenko2@mail.dcu.ie

**What's the Purpose?**

We're testing the functionality of our Game Engine to see how user-friendly it is and to get your feedback on how we can improve it or fix any issues you come across.

**What About My Data?**

Your privacy is our priority, overseen by Dublin City University. We'll collect data related to your app usage, feedback, and any additional information you provide. This includes interactions with the app and your subjective opinions. The data controllers are Jibran Jarwar and Ivan Shvydchenko and the data will be stored within our Google accounts. For any data concerns, you can contact Mr. Martin Ward at data.protection@dcu.ie. Your data will be used solely to enhance the app and will be kept secure and private, in line with legal standards. We'll store your data only for the duration necessary for the study and then it will be securely disposed of.

**Your Rights Regarding Data**

You have the right to access your own personal data collected during this study. Should you wish to access your data or have any questions about how it is used, you can contact either Jibran Jarwar at jibran.jarwar2@mail.dcu.ie or Ivan Shvydchenko at ivan.shvydchenko2@mail.dcu.ie. Alternatively, you may reach out to the Data Protection Unit at Dublin City University for any data-related inquiries.

**Complaints**

If you have concerns about how your personal data is being used, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Irish Data Protection Commission. We are committed to upholding the highest standards of data privacy and encourage you to get in touch if you have any concerns.

**What Do I Need to Do?**

Just explore the Game Engine, try different functionalities and share your thoughts or any issues you encounter. It should only take about 8 - 12 minutes.

**Is It Confidential?**

Absolutely. We'll protect your information, sharing it only if required by law.

**Is This Required?**

Nope, it's totally up to you. You can back out whenever you want without any impact on your relationship with DCU or the test conductors.

**Got Questions or Concerns?**

If you have concerns about this study and wish to contact an independent person, please contact: The Secretary, Dublin City University Research Ethics Committee, c/o Research and Innovation Support, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: 01-7008000, e-mail: [rec@dcu.ie](mailto:rec@dcu.ie)

Description (optional)

After section 1 Continue to next section

**Section 2 of 6**

Consent Form for Participation in User Testing



Description (optional)

I have read the Plain Language Statement (or had it read to me).

☐ Yes

☐ No

I understand the information provided.

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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☐ Yes

☐ No

I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions.

☐ Yes

☐ No



I understand I may withdraw from the Research Study at any point.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I have read and understand the arrangements to be made to protect confidentiality of data, including that confidentiality of information provided is subject to legal limitations.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I have read and understand confirmations relating to any other relevant information as indicated in the Plain Language Statement.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I know who I can contact if I have questions relating to the study be conducted.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I consent to participate in this research study.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## Section 3 of 6

## HoneyMoon Engine User Testing



**Purpose:** This session aims to collect your feedback on the app's usability, content, and features to enhance your learning experience. We value your honest opinions and suggestions.

**Estimated Time:** 8 - 12 Minutes

Have you used the HoneyMoon Engine application before this testing session?

☐ Yes

☐ No

After section 3 Continue to next section



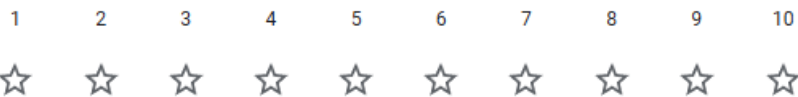
## Section 4 of 6

## User Interface and Functionality



Description (optional)

Did you find the navigation of our application easy to use and understandable? Could you easily find and access the different components within the application?



Were there any elements or terms within the app that weren't properly explained that you found confusing or unclear?

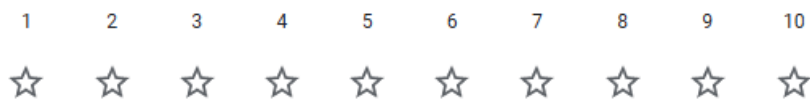
Give a brief answer for any elements you didn't fully understand or weren't properly explained, or put N/A if you found everything understandable

Long-answer text

Did you encounter any technical issues or glitches while using the application? If so, please describe them. If not, put down N/A.

Long-answer text

How did you feel about the layout and Design of the Game Engine?



After section 4 Continue to next section

#### Section 5 of 6

Learning Outcomes and Benefits



Description (optional)

How well do you understand the game Engine process from setting up to running your own made game?



Have you had experience with Lua Before doing this User Testing?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered No to the previous question, how well do you think your acquainted with it now?

poor      1      2      3      4      5      good

☐      ☐      ☐      ☐      ☐

Did you get a better understanding of Game Design? Give a brief answer.

Long-answer text

Would you ever consider doing Game Development again after using this application?

Definitely      1      2      3      4      5      Never

☐      ☐      ☐      ☐      ☐

Would you consider using this specific game Engine again

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

# Consent Form

This consent form is designed so participants can give their permission for user testing. By signing this form, participants acknowledge that they understand the study's objectives, any potential risks or benefits, and their voluntary participation. They also confirm that they can withdraw at any time without consequences. The form ensures transparency and protects participant confidentiality.

**Study Title:** HoneyMoon Engine User Testing

**Conducted by:** Jibran Jarwar, Ivan Shvydchenko

**Contact:** jibran.jarwar2@mail.dcu.ie, ivan.shvydchenko2@mail.dcu.ie

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We're testing the functionality of our Game Engine to see how user-friendly it is and to get your feedback on how we can improve it or fix any issues you come across.

## What About My Data?

Your privacy is our priority, overseen by Dublin City University. We'll collect data related to your app usage, feedback, and any additional information you provide. This includes interactions with the app and your subjective opinions. The data controllers are Jibran Jarwar and Ivan Shvydchenko and the data will be stored within our Google accounts. For any data concerns, you can contact Mr. Martin Ward at [data.protection@dcu.ie](mailto:data.protection@dcu.ie). Your data will be used solely to enhance the app and will be kept secure and private, in line with legal standards. We'll store your data only for the duration necessary for the study and then it will be securely disposed of.

## Your Rights Regarding Data

You have the right to access your own personal data collected during this study. Should you wish to access your data or have any questions about how it is used, you can contact either Jibran Jarwar at

jibran.jarwar2@mail.dcu.ie or Ivan Shvydchenko at ivan.shvydchenko2@mail.dcu.ie. Alternatively, you may reach out to the Data Protection Unit at Dublin City University for any data-related inquiries.

#### Complaints

If you have concerns about how your personal data is being used, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Irish Data Protection Commission. We are committed to upholding the highest standards of data privacy and encourage you to get in touch if you have any concerns.

#### What Do I Need to Do?

Just explore the Game Engine, try different functionalities and share your thoughts or any issues you encounter. It should only take about 8 - 12 minutes.

#### Is It Confidential?

Absolutely. We'll protect your information, sharing it only if required by law.

#### Is This Required?

Nope, it's totally up to you. You can back out whenever you want without any impact on your relationship with DCU or the test conductors.

#### Got Questions or Concerns?

If you have concerns about this study and wish to contact an independent person, please contact: The Secretary, Dublin City University Research Ethics Committee, c/o Research and Innovation Support, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: 01-7008000, e-mail: [rec@dcu.ie](mailto:rec@dcu.ie)

Description (optional)

By submitting this form, you agree to participate in user testing for HoneyMoon Engine and consent to the collection and use of your data for research purposes. Do you agree to these terms?

☐ Yes

☐ No