

PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT
RESEARCH INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Principal Investigator

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Title of Research

*Usability Testing of Software for Computing Project Module.
Forin – Portable Digital Forensics.*

For **COMP3000**, I am required to develop (design, build and test) a piece of computer software to solve a real-world problem. I would like to ask for your help in developing the software further and apply real world testing and applications, by telling me your experience and how effective it is.

This work is being done in accordance with the University of Plymouth's 'Ethical principles for research involving human participants':

1. **Informed Consent:** The work may involve one or more of the following:
 - **Observation** of you undertaking tasks using Software, such as finding acquiring data from a test device and analysing it (40 minutes). You are encouraged to describe your thoughts during the activity. This seeks to evaluate the software (not you) – to see how easy it is to use.
 - **Questionnaires** You may be asked to complete a short anonymous questionnaire, asking for your opinion of the usefulness of the software (20 minutes). Completion of the questionnaire will be taken as informed consent.
2. **Openness and Honesty:** There is no requirement for deception in this study.
3. **Right to Withdraw:** Signing this form does not commit you to take part in any part of the study. It is merely a record that you have participated willingly. You can withdraw at any time, during any activity, without giving a reason, by contacting the principal investigator and giving your **ID number** (at the top of this document). As the questionnaire is anonymous it will not be possible to withdraw after submission. The data collected will not be in a format that could be used to measure individual performance.
4. **Protection from Harm:** There is no obvious potential for this to occur as actions and test environment is either controlled or owned by the investigator, but the participant or the researcher can stop the study at any point.
5. **Debriefing:** The results of this study will be included in my project report, which will be available to all participants and be completely anonymous.
6. **Confidentiality:** Individual students or lecturers will not be identified in any field notes, transcripts, reports, presentations, or publications (internal or external).

If you are dissatisfied with the way the research is conducted, please contact the principal investigator in the first instance, or the module leader: L.Stuart@plymouth.ac.uk 01752 586272.

If you feel the problem has not been resolved please contact the secretary to the Faculty of Science and Environment Human Ethics Committee: Rebecca Waghorne 01752 586038

The participant should keep this document.