**Participant Information Sheet for ‘From The Top’ User Questionnaire**

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**Name of department: Computer & Information Sciences  
Title of the study: From The Top**

**Introduction**

Joe Stainke will be conducting this research. He is a postgraduate Master’s student studying Software Development at the University of Strathclyde. Full contact details for Joe are as follows:

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Course: MSc Software Development

**What is the purpose of this research?**

An application is being developed to help users learn music theory. The purpose of the application is to offer users a light and friendly way to learn music theory which will provide benefits such as being able to communicate and collaborate with other musicians more easily. A second purpose is to provide a portable reference guide that can supplement practical learning. The purpose of this particular research is to gather requirements for the app.

**Do you have to take part?**

Participation in the questionnaire is entirely voluntary. Refusing to participate or withdrawing participation at any point will not affect the participant in any way. The participant can choose to answer as many or as few questions as they want.

**How will participants be recruited?**

Participants will be recruited in a group-based manner. A link to the survey will be shared to relevant Facebook groups comprising of musicians and instructors.

**What will you do in the project?**

Thispart of the research involves completing an online questionnaire. It should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. The deadline for completion will be 29th July 2022. No reimbursement or payment will be offered.

**Why have you been invited to take part?**

The app will ideally be accessible to as wide a range of users as possible with varying levels of existing music theory knowledge. Participants ranging from beginners to experts across a wide range of ages have been invited.

**What information is being collected in the project?**

The survey will collect information on the following;

* Personal profile
* Current knowledge / experience
* General attitudes towards music theory
* Likely application usage

The personal profile will include personal data such as age and position within the field. However, no information in the questionnaire should cause participants to be directly identifiable.

**Who will have access to the information?**

Information disclosed in this questionnaire will only be accessed by the author (Joe Stainke) and the project supervisor (Kostas Liaskos). While the data may be analysed and presented in the final report, individual answers will not be made available to anyone else, and every effort will be made to keep all personal information anonymous.

**Where will the information be stored and how long will it be kept for?**

All information collected from this questionnaire will be stored on the author (Joe Stainke)’s Strathclyde University Qualtrics account. Information may be stored on the author’s University OneDrive account at times for analysis purposes. Information will be kept until December 2022 in case any extensions and/or resubmissions are required, at which point it will be destroyed.

Thank you for reading this information – please ask any questions if you are unsure about what is written here.

All personal data will be processed in accordance with data protection legislation. Please read our [Privacy Notice for Research Participants](https://www.strath.ac.uk/ethics/) for more information about your rights under the legislation.

**What happens next?**

If you have read and agreed to all the information above and wish to participate in this questionnaire, please continue to <https://strathsci.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8u0E4Dl1XdBfQZo>. There you will be requested to sign a consent form similar to this and then be provided with the questionnaire.

If you do not wish to participate any further, your time has been appreciated.

Feedback relating specifically to the questionnaire will not be published. However, an analysed version of the results will likely be included in the final project report in mid-August. A copy can be provided on request.

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This research was granted ethical approval by the University of Strathclyde CIS Ethics Committee.

If you have any questions/concerns, during or after the research, or wish to contact an independent person to whom any questions may be directed or further information may be sought from, please contact:

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