**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:

Lead Developer

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Department: Computer & Information Sciences

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 user acceptance testing to make sure each piece of functionality works according to the requirements.

**Do you have to take part?**

Participation in the testing 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 take part in as many or as few of the test’s steps as they want.

**How will participants be recruited?**

Participants will be recruited in a group-based manner. An invitation to take part in the testing will be shared to a relevant Facebook group comprising of musicians and instructors, asking volunteers to get in touch via email if they would like to participate. A meeting can then be arranged.

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

Thispart of the research involves completing a user acceptance test. Participants will be asked to perform certain tasks on the app and confirm whether or not the expected result was achieved. It should take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. The deadline for completion will be 10th August 2022. No reimbursement or payment will be offered.

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

The number of responses to the survey from members of this particular Facebook group was very high and the results were extremely helpful. It would be useful to have members who have participated in the survey to also take part in the testing for a sense of continuity.

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

The testing will collect information on how successfully the app functions according to its requirements. All data collected is anonymous and nothing will cause participants to be identifiable.

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

Information disclosed in this research 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 testing will be stored on the author (Joe Stainke)’s Strathclyde University OneDrive account. 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 testing, please contact the developer (Joe Stainke) with the details provided. A meeting will be arranged for a time that suits both. You will be requested to sign a consent form similar to this and then the research will take place.

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

Results from the testing 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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