**Balloonapalooza: Information Sheet**

Hello! My name is Louis and I’m a third-year BSc Computing for Games student here in the Games Academy. I’m doing a research project for a big fat dissertation assignment, and I’d like to invite you, the **Respected and Beautiful Gamer™**, to play my snazzy little game to help support my snazzy degree!

The game lasts about **15 minutes.** Your participation is **completely voluntary** and you may withdraw at any time for any reason.

**How to play**

The game is a **simple first-person shooter** where you take out your deepest frustrations on an innocent flock of unsuspecting balloons. The objective is simple: shoot each balloon as fast as possible! The round ends as soon as all balloons are destroyed, or a timer is reached.

Players play through **four rounds** in sequence. Each round lasts **up to** **3 minutes** and tests a different technological system for the study.

**Please note** that the frame rate of the gameplay can fluctuate due to the testing of the system. A small subset of gamers report motion sickness when playing shooters under low frame rates. If you should experience this, I advise you to stop and let me know.

**Data collected**

Between each round, the game will give you a brief questionnaire about the difficulty, your performance, the visual quality of the game and your overall experience for that round. Please answer these honestly.

Some in-game performance metrics, including as your score and accuracy, will also be recorded to test the effectiveness of the system.

The data is **entirely anonymous** and cannot be individually linked to you. Excluding your signature on the consent form, you don’t need to provide a name or contact details.

**Data usage**

My experiment is comparing the differences in your results against the experimental system configuration in each round.

The data will be collated and made into amazing lines and rectangles to support my findings and make the project look real smart. This processing will be conducted by myself with help from the relevant members of staff when necessary. The raw data will be retained for no longer than six months, after which it will be violently annihilated with gratuitous prejudice.

**Questions:**

If you have any further questions about the research, please feel free to e-mail me (Louis Foy) at [lf208838@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:lf208838@falmouth.ac.uk) and I’ll get in touch. 😊

Participant Consent Form

1. I confirm that I have read and understand the information provided in the Information Sheet for the research study. I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and I have had these answered satisfactorily.

2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason, without my legal rights being affected.

3. I agree to take part in the above study.

Name of the participant: …………………………………………………………………

Signature ………………………………………………………………………………………..

Date ………………………………………………………………………………………………..

*Name of Participant, Date, Participant Signature Name of Person taking consent (usually the researcher), Date, Signature. Finally, include the contact details of Falmouth’s Research and Development team.*