

MetaData User Consent

We are asking you to participate in a research study titled “Metadata.” We hope to contribute to public knowledge about virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and virtual telepresence (“metaverse”) technologies. Information from this study may benefit users of these technologies now or in the future.

We will ask you to play an “escape room”-style virtual reality video game. We will then ask you to complete a brief survey.

The participant's involvement is voluntary, the participant may refuse to participate before the study begins, discontinue at any time, or skip any questions/procedures that may make them feel uncomfortable, with no penalty to the participant, and no effect on their academic standing, record, or relationship with the university or other organization or service that may be involved with the research.

We do not anticipate any risks from participating in this research. Nevertheless, some participants may experience mild physical discomfort or psychological discomfort (including feelings of fear or anxiety) from using a virtual reality device. Please notify the researchers immediately in this case so we can pause the experiment.

Your personal data may be collected during the experiment and survey. The data being collected may include demographics, biometrics, diagnostics, and technical data. This data will be de-identified with anonymous identifiers, and all identifying information will be stored separately from research data. Your personal data will be used only for the purpose of conducting technical research. The researchers will not have access to this data other than in its anonymized and de-identified form. Due to the results being anonymized, you will not necessarily receive any clinically relevant results discovered about you (if applicable).

Furthermore, the researchers will aggregate this data with data from other participants prior to publication or disclosure. Only bulk statistical aggregates, such as averages and standard deviations, will ever be shared with third parties. De-identified data from this study may be shared with the research community at large to advance science. We will remove or code any personal information that could identify you before files are shared with other researchers to ensure that, by current scientific standards and known methods, no one will be able to identify you from the information we share. Despite these measures, it is impossible to completely guarantee anonymity of your personal data. Your confidentiality will be kept to the degree permitted by the technology being used.

Data collected during this study may be used for future research without additional consent. However, any future research using data collected during this study will conform to the same (or stricter) data privacy requirements as those used in this study. Data collected from you for this study will not be directly used by the researchers to generate commercial profit. This consent form will be kept by the researcher for five years beyond the end of the study.

California Civil Code Section 1798.83, also known as the "Shine The Light" law, may permit California residents to request and obtain from us information about categories of personal information we disclosed to third parties and the names and addresses of all third parties with which we shared personal information in the immediately preceding calendar year. If you are a California resident and would like to make such a request, please submit your request in writing to us using the contact information provided below.

You can ask for the deletion of your personal information. If you ask us to delete your personal information, we will do our best to respect your request and delete your personal information, subject to certain exceptions provided by law, such as compliance requirements resulting from a legal obligation. We will not retain the ability to delete or revoke anonymized and aggregated data subsequent to its publication or disclosure.

Audio and video recordings will be used throughout the experiment to collect data for later review. These recordings will be used for internal purposes only and will not be released to the public. By participating in this research, you consent to the capture of audio and video recordings of your likeness, image, and voice for internal use only.

Participants are not promised any compensation for being in the study. We may contact you again to request your participation in a follow up study. As always, your participation will be voluntary and we will ask for your explicit consent to participate in any of the follow up studies.

The main researcher conducting this study is Vivek Nair, a graduate student at UC Berkeley. Please ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact Vivek Nair at vcn@berkeley.edu.

I, _____, consent to take part in the study and agree to the researchers using my personal data for the purposes described in this notice.

Signature: _____ Date: _____