

University of Sunderland
Information & Consent Form for Participation in Research

Title of Research Study: Emotive synthetic speech for relaxation and recreation purposes using Amazon Alexa.

Researcher: Robert Nutland

Purpose

The purpose of this research is to determine the effectiveness of using SSML to create expressive synthetic speech for Amazon Alexa.

Procedures

If you decide to participate in the study, you will be asked to complete a digital questionnaire. You will listen to a number of synthetic and human speech samples and be asked to score how well each conveys a given emotion.

Questions

If you have any questions about this research project, please feel free to contact the investigator, Robert Nutland, bi50np@student.sunderland.ac.uk.

Voluntary Participation

Please understand that your **participation is voluntary**. Your **refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss** of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You **may discontinue your participation** at any time without penalty or loss of benefits.

Statement of Consent

Please take all the time you need to read through this document and decide whether you would like to participate in this research study.

If you agree to participate in this research study,
please check this box to continue.

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