

Evaluation of an Interactive Content Builder for online content development and delivery

Student Participant Information Sheet

1. Background

The online content for this unit has been delivered to you via a new 'template' which gives structure to the learning material that you view on each page. This template is known as the Interactive Content Builder. The template developers request feedback on the template to continue its improvement.

The following survey asks you questions about your impression of the page design (i.e. the background colours, the content boxes and icons, etc.), the usability of the template and whether or not you liked the interactive elements (e.g. expanding boxes, sorting games, *non-assessed* mini-quizzes, etc.)

2. Invitation

You are invited to participate in this survey about the template used to present some of the content in your MyLO units.

3. Why have I been invited to participate?

You are being invited to participate in this survey because you are studying in a unit that makes use of the Interactive Content Builder template.

4. What will I be asked to do?

The survey will ask you to tell us about the units you have studied in the current semester that have and have not used the template, and your impression on the impact the template may have had on your experience. Such questions include which aspects of the template you liked or found helpful, any difficulties you experienced with the template, your experience compared with units that do not use the template, and which aspects of the template were used in the units you studied.

You can choose not to answer any question within the survey. It is expected that the survey will only take a 5-10 minutes to complete.

Please note: This survey is NOT about the quality of the teaching or content of your units, only about the impact the template has on your experience and learning in your units.



5. Are there any possible benefits from participation in this study?

The information gathered in this survey will be used to inform the ongoing development of the Interactive Content Builder template.

6. Are there any possible risks from participation in this study?

There is no advantage or disadvantage to participating in this survey. Please note that participation in this survey is anonymous and entirely voluntary, and that the data collected in this survey is not analysed until after the results for the current semester are published. There is no chance that any information you provide can affect your results, nor will your participation or non-participation in this survey have any impact upon your results.

7. What if I change my mind during or after the study?

If you change your mind during the survey you can choose to exit the survey without submitting it. The researchers will not be able to retrieve data from unsubmitted surveys.

Once you have submitted a survey it is not possible to withdraw the data from our server, as the data is anonymous, and we will not be able to tell which survey response is yours.

Participating in the survey does not obligate you to participate in any future surveys.

8. What will happen to the information when this study is over?

We will keep the data for a standard 5-year period after the publication of any research based on the data. The data will be stored on a secure University of Tasmania computer service that only the researchers will have access to. All data will be treated confidentially. Once the 5-year period has elapsed, the data will be deleted.

9. How will the results of the study be published?

The primary purpose of this survey is to support the further development of the Interactive Content Builder template and enhance the quality of online teaching and learning at the University of Tasmania.

Research based on this data may be published in relevant academic publications. Overall survey results, and links to any published research based on this survey will be posted on the Interactive Content Builder website at http://www.utas.edu.au/health/current-staff/learning-and-teaching/interactive-content-builder. Individual participants will not be identifiable from any published results.

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12. What if I have questions about this study?

If you have any questions regarding this survey please contact the Chief Investigator, Dr Carolyn King at: Carolyn.King@utas.edu.au or on (03) 6226 4613.

This study has been approved by the Tasmanian Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study, please contact the Executive Officer of the HREC (Tasmania) Network on +61 3 6226 6254 or email human.ethics@utas.edu.au. The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive complaints from research participants. Please quote ethics reference number H15314."

By submitting the online survey you are deemed to have consented to participating in the survey.

You may print and keep this information sheet for future reference.