

Chico State – SoundSpace Informed Consent Form

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Before you give your consent to volunteer, it is important that you read the following information to be sure you understand what you will be asked to do.

Investigators

The research will be conducted by Christian Hodges and Sufiyan Syed.

Purpose of the Research

This research study is designed to study the ease of use of SoundSpace. The data from this research will be used to improve the user interaction of SoundSpace. This study is part of a final project for the CSCI Usability class at California State University, Chico.

Procedures

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to participate in an interview that will include interacting with a prototype of SoundSpace. The prototype is a work-in-progress and you will be asked to attempt to complete tasks using it. You will also be asked questions about your experience with the prototype.

Keep in mind that the purpose of this research is to analyze SoundSpace and not to evaluate you. We are using this research to help improve the interaction of SoundSpace and your feedback will be valuable in making it more user-friendly.

Your participation will take approximately twenty minutes. During your participation, you will be asked to think out loud. That is, you should explain what you are thinking, what you are doing, and why.

Potential Risks or Discomforts

There is minimal foreseeable risks associated with the study. If you feel uncomfortable at any time in the interview, you may remove yourself from participating as discussed in the Participation and Withdrawal section.

Potential Benefits of the Research

There are no direct benefits to you from this study. From participating in the study, you may help improve SoundSpace, which may help people discover and consume music related content while allowing engagement between artists and fans.

Confidentiality and Data Storage

All the information that I obtain from you during the research will be kept confidential. All data will be kept secure and password protected. Only Christian and Sufiyan will have access to the passwords used for confidentiality purposes. Information that is shared with the Professor of the Usability class will be kept confidential. All the information and data will be kept on a password protected computer and any hard copy papers will be destroyed at the end of the study.

Participation and Withdrawal

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or stop participation at any time without penalty. To stop participation, you should inform the interviewer you wish to withdraw at any time. The program is voluntary and choosing not to be in the program is your choice without any repercussions.

Questions about the Research

If you have any questions about the research, you may contact Christian Hodges or Suyiyan Syed at chodges7@mail.csuchico.edu or ssyed1@mail.csuchico.edu respectively. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact the CSU, Chico Human Subjects in Research Committee at 530-898-5413.

I have read the information provided above. I understand that by signing this form I agree to take part in the research.

PLEASE SIGN HERE : X_____