Introduction to this usability-study

First off, thank you for taking the time to participate in this usability study! My goal is to take no more than fifteen minutes of your time.

Since this script serves as a replacement for me overseeing the test-session personally, I will keep the tone conversational and non-formal.

What is this? - This usability study is part of my master's thesis at the Department of Design Sciences - Lund University - Faculty of Engineering.

Purpose? - The goal is to examine how different stylistic elements, such as, color and contrast impact the completion time of simple, pointer-based task.

What are we doing exactly?

After pressing the Submit button below, you will be taken to the main page and presented with four different types of tasks, together with the stats for your session.

Each of the available tasks is an abstracted representation of what a manager might want to know about their team: team-performance, overbooked employees, etcetera.

Pressing a task button will take you to a more detailed description of what the goal of each particular task is.

Getting cold feet

If you feel that you no longer want to participate, for any reason, there is a 'Abort Test' button slightly below the task buttons. Pressing this button and confirming on the next page will delete all information about the session from the database, no hard feelings.

Data collection and publication

My goal is to record as little, ideally no, personally identifiable information about the participants of this test.

If identifiable patterns emerge I will not be including any of that information in anything that I make publicly available.

I will do some statistical analysis on these results, but, any results will be presented as an aggregate and not focus on individual test-results.

Surveys

Pre-test

In order to know how you compare to other participants, there will be a few questions about age, computer-literacy etcetera before you can start doing the tasks.

Post-test

I've also included a short, less than ten questions, post-test survey. This survey is accessible after completing five or more tasks (but you are, of curse welcome to do as many as you like!). The post-survey needs to be completed in order for the results of the session to register correctly.

■ I have read and understand what I'm participating in.