CONSENT FORM

What is this project studying? The purpose of this evaluation is to explore how to design audio warnings that alert users about cybersecurity situations.

What would I do if I participate? You will complete several tasks on a computer, answer questions about those tasks, and rate various qualities of the audio warnings that are used during those tasks.

Can I quit if I become uncomfortable? Yes, absolutely. The TTU Human Subjects Protection Board has reviewed our research plan and thinks that you can complete it comfortably. However, you can stop participating at any time. You can leave at any time you wish. You will keep all the benefits of participating even if you stop. Participating is your choice.

How long will participation take? The usability testing session will last approximately 1 hour.

How are you protecting privacy? Your responses will be kept confidential. No names or identifying information will be reported by the researchers.

I have some questions about this study. Who can I ask? The study is being run by Dr. Akbar Siami Namin from the Department of Computer Science at Texas Tech University. If you have questions, you can call him at 806-742-3527.

TTU also has a Board that protects the rights of people who participate in research. You can ask them questions at 806-742-2064. You can also mail them at Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Office of the Vice President for Research, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

How will I benefit from participating? You will learn something about research, and you will receive course credits for this usability testing. Your answers are very important to the success of the project, which will improve the security awareness of computer based environments for all individuals. Your responses will help us design effective audio warnings. We appreciate your help with this important research.

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