

# Consent form for participation in the Annotate-Me experiment for the Master Thesis project

## Background and Purpose

The goal of this research study is mainly focused on investigating various user interfaces that facilitate the annotation process of unstructured textual documents. Annotation refers to the process of linking a real world objects, things, **entities** identified in the text such as New York, Android, Google. The benefits from annotating unstructured text data include:

- improving search engine algorithms
- automatic question answering systems
- entity inter-relation discovery

## What does participating in the project imply?

In this user study, participants will be asked general questions about their study background and experience with text analysis, followed by a short demonstration video that explains the flow of the experiment. Participants will be asked to perform some annotations during the session and in the end, they will be asked to fill in a short questionnaire assessing the overall interface. No sensitive information will be gathered. All the information given will be associated with a randomly generated number as the participants ID and therefore anonymity is ensured.

## What will happen with the collected information

The information gathered during this experiment will only be used for the aforementioned thesis project which will server as data for analyzing and answering the research questions posed by the study. The information gathered will only be accessible by the supervisor and me. The informed consent form with signatures will not be part of the final report or any other deliverables, nor will they be stored/shared digitally in any way.

## Voluntary Consent

Your participation in the experiment is entirely voluntary, and you have the right to withdraw from this at any point without stating any reasons. If you decide to withdraw, all your gathered information will be deleted in front of you and will not be used in the study. For any questions regarding the experiment, you can contact me (Brikend - 96869024) or my supervisor (Mariusz - 48342678).

I have read the informed consent form and agreed to participate in the experiment.

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(Signature by participant, date)