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**Title of Project: Engagement and Effectiveness in Human Computation and Entertainment Video Games**

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### **Information Sheet**

We would like to invite you to participate in a web-based online game. The game is part of a research study whose purpose is to examine how participants play games and analyze how different game designs can affect engagement and performance. You may receive different game designs than other participants. Your interaction data will be recorded and analyzed. You may be asked to answer some questions about your experience. You may participate as long as you like.

We are asking you to participate in this study because of your interest in playing the game. **You must be fluent in English and at least 18 years old to participate.**

**The decision to participate in this research project is voluntary.** You do not have to participate and you can refuse to participate. Even if you begin the game, you can stop at any time.

**The risks or discomforts to you for taking part in this study are low** and are similar to participating in online games or surveys.

**There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this study.** However, your participation may help us learn more about engagement and performance in games.

**You will not be paid for your participation in this study.**

**Your part in this study is anonymized to the researchers. We will not save any information (e.g., user IDs) or ask you for any information that could be used to uniquely identify you.** Any reports or publications based on this research will use only anonymized data and will not identify you or any individual as being affiliated with this project. Data that are completely stripped of identifiable information may be made available online or shared with other researchers. Your de-identified information could be used for future research without additional informed consent. Some games are developed with Unity game engine, which has its own policies.

**If you have any questions regarding electronic privacy,** please feel free to contact Mark Nardone, NU's Director of Information Security via phone at 617-373-7901, or via email at [privacy@neu.edu](mailto:privacy@neu.edu).

**If you have any questions about this study,** please feel free to contact Seth Cooper, email: [seth.cooper.study@gmail.com](mailto:seth.cooper.study@gmail.com), the person mainly responsible for the research.

**If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant,** please contact Nan C. Regina, Director, Human Subject Research Protection, Mail Stop: 560-177, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115. Tel: 617-373-4588, Email: [n.regina@neu.edu](mailto:n.regina@neu.edu). You may call anonymously if you wish.

**This study has been reviewed and approved by the Northeastern University Institutional Review Board (#17-10-07).**

**Please note that the game may consume Internet data allocation if played on mobile devices, just as any other Internet game would.**

**[included in case i, implicit consent: By continuing to play the game, you are indicating that you consent to participate in this study.] [included in case ii, explicit consent: By clicking on the "I Agree" link below you are indicating that you consent to participate in this study.] Please print out a copy of this consent form for your records.**

Thank you for your time.

Seth Cooper

**[included in case ii, explicit consent: I Agree]**

**APPROVED**

**By NU IRB at 3:00 pm, Apr 08, 2021**