Student experiment permission form for COMSM3201/COMSM0108

**Lead supervisor name:** Dr John Lapinskas

**Student name(s):** Harry Jackson

**Student ID(s):** 2343237

**Project title:** A 3D Rail Shooter in PICO-8

**Summary of proposed experiment(s):**

* Qualitative think-aloud evaluations of game builds to gather informal user feedback – data anonymised at the point of collection
* A quantitative evaluation using the NASA-TLX questionnaire, to evaluate the perceived workload involved in completing runs of the game under different difficulty configurations – data anonymised at the point of collection

In order for the project to fall within the scope of this module’s blanket ethics, all answers to the following questions must be “No”. More details are available in the project handbook, available on the unit Blackboard page.

**Does the proposed experiment gather data from animals?** No

**Does the proposed experiment gather data from vulnerable populations?** No

**Does the proposed experiment gather sensitive information?** No

**Does the proposed experiment take photos or videos of people?** No

**Does the proposed experiment gather other data which, if lost, would allow participants to be identified?** No

**Does the proposed experiment gather data from people who have not given full informed consent?** No

**Does the proposed experiment trick or deceive participants in any way?** No

**Does the proposed experiment involve danger of physical or mental harm?** No

**Does the proposed experiment use/scrape personal data from any publicly available data sets?** No

**Does the proposed experiment use/scrape data from any non-publicly available data sets?** No

I certify that the above information is accurate, and that I have read the ethics section of Blackboard.

**Date: 07/08/2025 Student signature(s): Harry Jackson**

I certify that I have discussed the methodology of the proposed experiment with the student(s) in detail, and that I am satisfied that the above information is accurate.

**Date: Lead supervisor signature:**

**Guidance for students and supervisors**

Supervisors, please email this form to pete.bennett@bristol.ac.uk by Tuesday 2nd September, i.e. the project report deadline, alongside the reporting form. Please ensure that you discuss the plans of the study in detail to ensure it falls within the blanket ethics application.

Note that this form does not need to cover every experiment in the project – if you later decide to run more experiments, then it is perfectly fine to submit multiple copies of the form.

**Summary of proposed experiment(s):** It is very important that you discuss your plans in detail with your supervisor ***in advance of running the study***, but you do not need to write the plan in full on this form. A single sentence should be enough.

If you have any other questions, please contact Pete Bennett ([pete.bennett@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:pete.bennett@bristol.ac.uk)).