

## **Ethics information: debriefing scripts**

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The debriefing script that is used at the end of the experiment must:

- restate the main aim of the experiment
- if applicable, explain any other, related aims of the experiment, and any particular data collected
- allow the participant to ask comment or ask questions
- give contact details, and encourage further comments
- thank the participant

An example debriefing script (italics indicate the required information):

**Web Interface Investigation  
IM2, 2003/4  
Jane Student**

“The main aim of the experiment was to investigate the suitability of these web pages [*restate the main aim of the experiment*]. However, I was particularly looking to see whether you made use of the site map, and whether you appeared confused at any time about which links to follow. I wanted to know how easy the pages are to navigate [*if applicable, explain any other, related aims of the experiment, and any particular data collected*].

Do you have any comments or questions about the experiment? [*allow the participant to ask comment or ask questions*]. Please take a note of my email address and the email address of the module co-ordinator, and please let us know if you have any further questions about this experiment [*give contact details, and encourage further comments*]. Thank you for your help [*thank the participant*].”

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