

## CONSENT FORM

### Overcoming Writer's Block with Mobile App

This document is being submitted to participants, it should outline what it is you are asking them to do, include some of the following headings with relevant information for participants included underneath:

#### Brief Project Outline:

- *Writer's block is, as usually defined, the inability of an author or a creator to write new works. The cause of writer's block varies from creative slowdown, to lack of motivation or inspiration, to perfectionism, stress, or health issues. One of the ways writers tend to fight back writer's block is to write as much as they can every day without stressing themselves too much, whether the quality is the best or not. Therefore, word count is significantly important to writers.*
- *"Writing Blocks" is a simple mobile collection game to track a writer's word count every day and reward them in-game coins based on the amount of words. Writers can also customize their own daily goal, and they will be rewarded extra coins if they achieve their goal. Then, with the in-game currency, writers can exchange game characters. Characters will also focus on being visually attractive or interesting.*

#### Do I have to take part?

- *No, participation is voluntary*

#### Can I withdraw at any time?

- *Yes, you can withdraw at any time without giving a reason. However if you wish to withdraw at a later date please note that once the data has been anonymised your data cannot be withdrawn*

#### What do I have to do?

- *Download either the APK file or the PC version of the application and test it out. Then, fill in the evaluation form to review the application.*

#### How will the findings be used?

- *Data such as review rating and word count improvement will be analysed and taken into consideration as research material.*

#### Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

- *Yes, all data will stay anonymous and only used in my thesis.*

#### What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

- *N/A*

#### What will happen to the data collected?

- *Data will be stored electronically in an Excel Sheet. Only people who review the thesis, such as the project supervisor, can access to the data. Data is also archived privately and anonymously.*

**Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge**

**YES**

**NO**

**HAVE YOU:**

- |  |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • been given information explaining about the study?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study?                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • received satisfactory answers to all questions you asked?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • received enough information about the study for you to make a decision about your participation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**DO YOU UNDERSTAND:**

That you are free to withdraw from the study and free to withdraw your data prior to final consent

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| • at any time/ up until the point of anonymisation on 1.5.2020? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • without having to give a reason for withdrawing?              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**I hereby fully and freely consent to my participation in this study**

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in BLOCK Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any concerns related to your participation in this study, please direct them to the Faculty of Engineering Research Ethics Committee, via the Research Governance Team; [research-governance@bristol.ac](mailto:research-governance@bristol.ac).

