

Pro forma information sheet and consent form



Information sheet

Research study Game Testing in Industry Interviews: information for participants

We would like to invite you to be part of this research project, if you would like to. You should only agree to take part if you want to, it is entirely up to you. If you choose not to take part there won't be any disadvantages for you and you will hear no more about it.

Please read the following information carefully before you decide to take part; this will tell you why the research is being done and what you will be asked to do if you take part. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

If you decide to take part you will be asked to sign the attached form to say that you agree.

You are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

What is this for?

The interview is oriented to understand what the games industry looks for when testing a game, either when using human testers or automatic testing, and how these processes are carried out. These questions will help me to understand what information the methodology I want to define should focus on, which information extracted from the gameplay can be helpful, how the industry would like to visualise the feedback presented and how it should be integrated into the development process.

What does it involve?

The interview will be conducted by Cristina Guerrero Romero, PhD student at the Queen Mary University of London. The interview involves a series of questions related to game testing and the procedures carried out in the company, both when using human play-testers and automatic testing. It also includes some questions to try to figure out what is missing in the current approaches and how they could be improved.

Do I have to do this?

Your participation is entirely voluntary. You don't have to reply a question if you don't feel comfortable with it, and you are free to withdraw from the interview at any stage.

What happens with the data?

Only my supervisors and I will see the data and replies to the questions. This study will be mentioned in my thesis, and potential papers as a clarification for design aspects in the methodology developed. However, it won't be possible to associate any of the information to a specific person or company, as everything will be anonymised. The only purpose of the collection of this data is using it to shape and define the implementation of my experiments and future studies.

How my responses will be stored?

I will take notes during the interview that will be copied to a file in my laptop (university cloud storage systems), destroying the original document. If we have agreed to record the interviews, I will use my phone as a recorder. I will make sure to delete the recordings from my phone as soon as possible, storing them and their transcripts on my laptop.

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form.

Please read Queen Mary's privacy notice for research participants¹ for important information about your personal data and your rights in this respect.

If you have any questions or concerns about the manner in which the study was conducted please, in the first instance, contact the researcher responsible for the study.

If this is unsuccessful, or not appropriate, please contact the Secretary at the Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee, Room W104, Queens' Building, Mile End Campus, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS or research-ethics@qmul.ac.uk. If you have any questions relating to data protection, please contact Data Protection Officer, Queens' Building, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS or data-protection@qmul.ac.uk

¹ This is found at: <http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/media/arcs/policyzone/Privacy-Notice-for-Research-Participants.pdf>

Consent form

Please complete this form after you have read the Information Sheet and/or listened to an explanation about the research.

Title of Study: **Game Testing in Industry Interviews**

Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee Ref: _____

Thank you for considering taking part in this research. The person organizing the research must explain the project to you before you agree to take part.

If you have any questions arising from the Information Sheet or explanation already given to you, please ask the researcher before you decide whether to join in. You will be given a copy of this Consent Form to keep and refer to at any time. If you are willing to participate in this study, please circle the appropriate responses and sign and date the declaration underneath.

Statement	Circle a response
I agree that the research project named above has been explained to me to my satisfaction in verbal and/or written form	YES / NO
I understand that if I decide at any other time during the research that I no longer wish to participate in this project, I can notify the researchers involved and be withdrawn from it immediately	YES / NO
I have read both the notes written above and the Information Sheet about the project, and understand what the research study involves	YES / NO
I agree to take part in the study, which will include use of my personal data	YES / NO

Recorded interview (yes/no):

Participant's name:

Participant's company:

Participant's role:

Participant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Investigator's Statement:

I _____ confirm that I have carefully explained the nature, demands and any foreseeable risks (where applicable) of the proposed research to the volunteer and provided a copy of this form