

Test script

Hello! Thank you so much for coming. We are here today to test a prototype of a system that is in development. It is an anonymous audio-based venting platform called “Bottle” that allows social-media users to express thoughts and feelings without the pressures of maintaining their appearance or image.

Please read the user briefing document. Then complete the pre-test questionnaire so that we can get a bit of background about your social media use.

[Provide user briefing document and pre-test questionnaire to user]

[Once the user finishes reading the User Briefing document and filling the pre-test questionnaire, collect these materials]

Thank you for filling that out. Now let’s start the testing. We will provide you a list of tasks to complete using the prototype. As explained in the user briefing document, please try to figure things out on your own, but if you can’t complete a task, feel free to ask for help. While performing the tasks, try to vocalize the feelings and thoughts you have about the system - both positive and negative. What’s confusing? What’s missing? What works well? What doesn’t?

Please read through the task list and let us know if you have any questions.

[Provide user with the test task list]

[Try to answer concerns, if any, without imposing bias]

Now please begin performing the tasks.

[Provide user with the prototype]

[User performs the tasks on prototype]

[NOTE: When the user is performing the first task, i.e. Send out a message (a Bottle), and they are trying to record a bottle, you will have to perform some Wizard of Oz technique. See the Usability Test Plan document for more details.]

[NOTE: When the user is performing the first task, i.e. Send out a message (a Bottle), they will be asked to add tags to their bottle. If the user attempts to select more than one tag by clicking on the “+” button, let them know that at this time, multiple selection is not allowed and this will be

implemented in future iterations, and that for now, selecting just one tag is sufficient. If they do not try to add multiple tags, then don't say anything about this at all.]

Now that you have tested the prototype, please fill out this post-testing questionnaire.

[Provide pre-test questionnaire to user and collect it when they are finished with it]

Thank you so much for participating in our usability test. This will greatly help us in the design process. Have a great day!