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Ethics information: debriefing scripts

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**

**HCI 2016/7**

**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].”*

A note about remote collection of data: if there is a chance that participants may abandon an experiment before the end, so that there is no chance to debrief them, then this must be indicated in the introduction text.

**Model Suitability Investigation**

**Mark Turner**

**2021/22**

Once again the purpose of this study was to investigate how feasible the use of 3D printed models could be as a 2-factor authentication method. As well, the purpose of an extended study was to investigate how well users of the objects could retain how the objects are used – ie how memorable the authentication method was.

Do you have any final comments or questions about the study? If you’d like to, please take the time to note down our contact information so that you can contact us if you do have any questions or comments to add. Thank you very much for your help during the study, now we will reimburse you. You are welcome to keep your authentication object if you like too.