

# *Participant Consent Form*

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## **Match Maker application – A web service based on the MoCA framework**

You are being invited to participate in a study entitled **applicability of the MoCA framework** that is being conducted by Maryi Arciniegas, Michael Paskevicius, Krista Low, Eli Ferguson and Dustin Faulkner.

The investigators are students in the department of Computer Science at the University of Victoria and you may contact them if you have further questions.

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As students in CSC 578A: Topics in Software Applications: "Computer-Supported Collaborative Work", we are required to evaluate a software solution as part of this course. This study is conducted under the supervision of Dr. Margaret-Anne Storey. You may contact her at 250 472 5713, or by email: [mstorey@uvic.ca](mailto:mstorey@uvic.ca)

The purpose of this course project is to apply the descriptive MoCA framework to a real problem thus providing insights about its accurateness to describe collaboration and its applicability to a real setting.

You are being asked to participate in this study because you have experience with collaborative activities and have knowledge and practice with tools that support collaboration.

If you agree to voluntarily participate in this research, your participation will include the exploration of a web-based tool and a survey about your experience. The link to the web-based tool and the survey will be send via email, so you can explore the tool and answer the related questions from your preferred work place.

Participation in this study may cause some inconvenience to you, including loss of time. We anticipated the survey would take 30 minutes of your time.

There are no known or anticipated risks to you by participating in this research.

The potential benefits of your participation in this evaluation include improving our knowledge of software and will also contribute to the training of the student conducting the study. Possible benefits for you may include reflecting on some tools you already use or training on potentially unfamiliar software tools.

Your participation in this course based research must be completely voluntary. If you do decide to participate, you may withdraw at any time without any consequences or any explanation. If you do withdraw from the study your data will deleted and will not be used on the data analysis.

In terms of protecting your anonymity, all information collected is anonymous and confidential. Any personally identifiable information will be deleted from the data. Data collected and responses to questions will only ever be presented via pseudonym or in aggregate form, as appropriate.

Your confidentiality and the confidentiality of the data will be protected by password-protected systems. The researchers are the only ones who will have access to this data.

It is anticipated that the results of this study will be shared with others in the following ways: through a class presentation on the project and through a report which will be read by Dr. Margaret-Anne Storey and the teaching assistants in that course. It may also be read by other members in the course.

Data from this study will be disposed after one year (starting the beginning of this study) and at the end of this time, data and backups will be deleted from the project repository.

In addition to being able to contact the researcher and Dr. Margaret-Anne Storey at the above phone numbers, you may verify the ethical approval of this study, or raise any concerns you might have, by contacting the Associate Vice-President, Research at the University of Victoria (250-472-4545).

Your signature below indicates that you understand the above conditions of participation in this study and that you have had the opportunity to have your questions answered by the researchers.

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*Name of Participant*

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*Signature*

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*Date*

***A copy of this consent will be left with you, and a copy will be taken by the researcher.***