

Participant Consent Form

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Title of Project: Term Project Group

Purpose of the Study: To test the usability of a software system prototype aimed at improving the internet navigation experience for visually impaired people.

Study Procedures: This study will be conducted in person, with the presence of at least 2 of the researchers listed above. Participants will be asked to perform tasks that include finding the location of images on a paper by following audio cues. Participants will be required to wear blindfolds while performing the tasks. The total duration of the study will be 20-30 minutes.

Voluntary Participation: Participation is voluntary, and at any point, the participant may ask to stop and leave. If the participant feels anxiety, stress, or any other system that makes them uncomfortable, they may take breaks. However, withdrawing from the study is not possible after the tests with the participant are concluded.

Potential Risks: Participants may feel stress, fear, or anxiety by being blindfolded. Some sounds may not be pleasing to certain participants.

Potential Benefits: Participating in the study will have no direct benefit for you; however, we hope to learn more about our design aimed to benefit visually impaired people who navigate the internet using a computer.

Confidentiality: Your identity and personal information will remain confidential. The session will be video-recorded, but the recording will be securely saved on a website only accessible by members of our class.

Yes: ___ No: ___ You consent to be video-recorded.

If yes: **Yes: ___ No: ___** You consent to have the video be accessible to members of our class.

Questions: For any questions/clarifications, don't hesitate to get in touch with any or all of the following:

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If you have any ethical concerns or complaints about your participation in this study and want to speak with someone not on the research team, please contact the Associate Director, Research Ethics, at 514-398-6831.

Please sign below if you have read the above information and consent to participate in this study. Agreeing to participate in this study does not waive your rights or release the researchers from their responsibilities. A copy of this consent form will be given to you by email, and the researchers will keep a copy.

Participant's Name:

Participant's Email:

Participant's Signature:

Date: