

Participant Information Sheet

Project title:	Selective imitation in gridworld environments
Principal investigator:	Dr. Chris Lucas
Researcher collecting data:	Max Taylor-Davies
Funder (if applicable):	CDT Robotics and Autonomous Systems

This study was certified according to the Informatics Research Ethics Process, RT number 644374. Please take time to read the following information carefully. You should keep this page for your records.

Who are the researchers?

Max Taylor-Davies, Edinburgh Centre for Robotics and School of Informatics,
University of Edinburgh

Dr. Chris Lucas, School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to investigate aspects of human decision-making in simple game environments.

Why have I been asked to take part?

You have elected to take part in the study through an online crowdsourcing platform

Do I have to take part?

No – participation in this study is entirely up to you. You can withdraw from the study at any time, without giving a reason. Your rights will not be affected. If you wish to withdraw, contact the PI. We will stop using your data in any publications or presentations submitted after you have withdrawn consent. However, we will keep copies of your original consent, and of your withdrawal request.

What will happen if I decide to take part?



You will be asked to play a set of simple online games in your web browser. Your actions in these games will be recorded. No audio or video will be recorded. The total duration of the experiment should be approximately 15 minutes.

Compensation

You will be compensated for your time, in accordance with the hourly rate listed on the crowdsourcing platform.

Are there any risks associated with taking part?

There are no significant risks associated with participation.

Are there any benefits associated with taking part?

No

What will happen to the results of this study?

The results of this study may be summarised in published articles, reports and presentations. Quotes or key findings will be anonymized: We will remove any information that could, in our assessment, allow anyone to identify you. With your consent, information can also be used for future research. Your data may be archived for a minimum of 2 years.

Data protection and confidentiality.

Your data will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Law. All information collected about you will be kept strictly confidential. Your data will be referred to by a unique participant number rather than by name. Your data will only be viewed by the research team consisting of Max Taylor-Davies and Dr. Chris Lucas.

All electronic data will be stored on a password-protected encrypted computer, on the School of Informatics' secure file servers, or on the University's secure encrypted cloud storage services (DataShare, ownCloud, or Sharepoint) and all paper records will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in the PI's office. Your consent information will be kept separately from your responses in order to minimise risk.

What are my data protection rights?



The University of Edinburgh is a Data Controller for the information you provide. You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance Data Protection Law. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure and objection. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit www.ico.org.uk. Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer at dpo@ed.ac.uk. For general information about how we use your data, go to: edin.ac/privacy-research

Who can I contact?

If you have any further questions about the study, please contact the researchers: Max Taylor-Davies at M.Taylor-Davies@sms.ed.ac.uk or Dr. Chris Lucas at c.lucas@ed.ac.uk

If you wish to make a complaint about the study, please contact inf-ethics@inf.ed.ac.uk. When you contact us, please provide the study title and detail the nature of your complaint.

Updated information.

If the research project changes in any way, an updated Participant Information Sheet will be made available on <http://web.inf.ed.ac.uk/infweb/research/study-updates>.

