

Participant Information Sheet

Project title:	A Graphical Playground for Haskell
Principal investigator:	Professor Philip Wadler
Researcher collecting data:	Oliver Jones

This study was certified according to the Informatics Research Ethics Process, reference number 102908. Please take time to read the following information carefully. You should keep this page for your records.

Who are the researchers?

Oliver Jones and Professor Philip Wadler

What is the purpose of the study?

To assess the usability of the system, allowing me to evaluate how successful the project is.

Why have I been asked to take part?

The research target group is people with varying backgrounds in computer science and functional programming.

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 We will stop using your data in any publications or presentations submitted after you have withdrawn consent.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 complete a series of tasks using the system. For each task, you will be asked to answer a few questions, rating various aspects of the system's usability. This will be done remotely, with questions being answered via an online survey.



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 Oliver Jones.

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 lead researcher, Oliver Jones (s2153980@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>.

Consent

By proceeding with the study, I agree to all of the following statements:

- I have read and understood the above information.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary, and I can withdraw at any time.
- I consent to my anonymised data being used in academic publications and presentations.
- I allow my data to be used in future ethically approved research.

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