

# **Consent Document for Enrolling Adult Participants in a Research Study**

Georgia Institute of Technology

**Project Title:**

Applications for Parameterized Stories

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**Protocol and Consent Title:**

Applications for Parameterized Stories

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You are being asked to volunteer in a research study.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this study is to obtain feedback on participants' experiences with PeNLab's interactive system for navigating interactive stories. We expect to enroll thirty individuals in this study.

**Exclusion/Inclusion Criteria:** Participants in this study will be adults over the age of eighteen.

**Procedures:** Your participation will consist of one session that lasts approximately an hour. During this session, you will be asked to experience a series of stories via the PeNLab's interactive system; these stories are presented in the form of text, storyboards and video.

We will give you a training session that explains the use of the application. We will ask you to think aloud as you interact. Finally, you will answer a short questionnaire about your experiences with the application. You may choose to stop at any time.

At the end of this form, you will be asked whether you consent to be video-recorded during this study. The purpose of these recordings is to help us fill in details about your participation that we were not able to gather during the study. More information about how we will be protecting your identity can be found in the confidentiality section.

**Risks or Discomforts:** The risk associated is similar to tablet and computer use, which is minimal. If you experience any discomfort while using the application, please inform us and we will stop the test.

**Benefits:** You are not likely to benefit in any way from this study. We hope that what we learn will help us develop engaging applications for navigating complex, multi-sequential stories.

**Compensation to You:** There is no compensation for participation.

**Confidentiality:** The following procedures will be followed to keep your personal information confidential in this study: We will comply with any applicable laws and regulations regarding confidentiality.. To protect your privacy, your records will be kept under a code number rather than by name. Your name and any other fact that might point to you will not appear when results of this study are presented or published. To make sure that this research is being carried out in the proper way, the Georgia Institute of Technology IRB may review study records. The Office of Human Research Protections may also look over study records during required reviews.

If video is recorded, video files will remain confidential and will not be seen by anyone other than the investigators. We will store the video on a password-protected computer and will delete the files within one month of your participation in this study. Any data gained from these videos will not be tied to your personal identity and will only make reference to your code number. Our final report will not contain any video or audio recorded during this experiment. We may describe observations that we make based off of the recordings, but this will be done without including any information that could be used to identify you.

**Costs to You:** This study has no costs to you other than your time.

**In Case of Injury or Harm:** If you are injured as a result of being in this study, please contact Dr. Janet Murray at telephone (404) 894-6202. Neither the Principal Investigator nor Georgia Institute of Technology has made provision for payment of costs associated with any injury resulting from participation in this study.

**Participant Rights:**

- Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to be.
- You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason and without penalty.
- Any new information that may make you change your mind about being in this study will be given to you.
- You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.
- You do not waive any of your legal rights by signing this consent form.

**Questions about the Study:** If you have any questions about the study, you may contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Janet Murray, at telephone (404) 894-6202.

**Questions about Your Rights as a Research Participant:** If you have any questions about the study, you may contact Dr. Janet Murray at telephone (404) 894-6202. If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, you may contact Ms. Kelly Winn, Georgia Institute of Technology, at (404) 385-2175.

If you sign below, it means that you have read (or have had read to you) the information given in this consent form, and you would like to be a volunteer in this study.

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Participant Name (Printed)

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| Signature of Person Obtaining Consent | Date |
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