

Delft University of Technology
HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS
INFORMED CONSENT

Hello! Thank you for participating in the experiment. This experiment will be about a search and rescue game that you will play with RescueBot. The goal of the game is to collaborate with RescueBot and together look for and save the victims. It is a part of our bachelor thesis of Computer Science And Engineering at TU Delft. We investigate how different behaviours or artificial agents influence human's ability, benevolence and integrity, which together gives an indication of trustworthiness.

Who can participate

The participants can be individuals around the globe who are 18 years of age or older.

Risks

During the study we will ask you about some personal information, such as age group, gender, the continent you grew up in and your language proficiency. This data will be used to describe our sample, so that we avoid biases when drawing conclusions from this study. All data will be anonymised and will not be linked in any way to the personal (identifiable) information.

Withdrawal and Exclusion

Participation is entirely voluntary, and you may withdraw during the experiment without consequences. After finishing today's study, however, you can no longer request to remove your data (including the research data) as it is not possible to identify your data since it is anonymised.

Data Storage

Participant's data will be temporarily stored on the researcher's PC. All the data related to the experiment will be deleted by September 1, 2022, after which only the aggregated data in the final research papers will remain. All participant's data will be anonymised. If you have any questions or concerns about your data, do not hesitate to contact [your name (your email)].

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES	Yes	No
A: GENERAL AGREEMENT – RESEARCH GOALS, PARTICIPANT TASKS AND VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION		
1. I have read and understood the study information dated [DD/MM/YYYY], or it has been read to me. I have been able to ask questions about the study and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study and understand that I can refuse to answer questions and I can withdraw from the study at any time, without having to give a reason.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I understand that taking part in the study involves: playing the tutorial, then playing the actual video game and finally completing a questionnaire. I will be the one who completes the questionnaire. I am aware that the questionnaire consists of several Likert Scale questions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I understand that I will not be compensated for my participation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I understand that the study will end in less than forty minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B: POTENTIAL RISKS OF PARTICIPATING (INCLUDING DATA PROTECTION)		

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES	Yes	No
6. I understand that taking part in the study involves the risk that the researcher or the supervisors may know me and I may feel pressured to act as they would prefer or expect me to. I understand that these will be mitigated by not linking in any way the personal data which is being collected to the answers and/or the performance that I will have throughout the experiment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I understand that taking part in the study does not involve collecting specific personally identifiable information (PII) nor any associated personally identifiable research data (PIRD) with the potential risk of my identity being revealed. However, personal data such as gender, age, or the place where I spent most of my childhood will be collected. I understand that this risk is mitigated by the following measures: not storing the personal data in the open repository and destroying it from the researcher's PC (where it has been stored previously) by first of September 2022 and by combining the collected data with the one corresponding to other similar researches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I understand that the following steps will be taken to minimise the threat of a data breach, and protect my identity in the event of such a breach: anonymous data collection, no PII will be collected nor stored and the data will be stored only until first of September on the researcher's PC and then in the institutional open repository of the Technical University Delft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as my gender, my age and where I have spent the most time while growing up, will be not be shared in the open repository and it will not be linked to my answers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C: RESEARCH PUBLICATION, DISSEMINATION AND APPLICATION		
10. I understand that after the research study the de-identified information I provide will be used for the Bachelor thesis of the researcher.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D: (LONGTERM) DATA STORAGE, ACCESS AND REUSE		
11. I give permission for the de-identified personal data that I provide to be archived in the open repository of the Technical University Delft so it can be used for future research and learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I understand that access to this repository is available in online databases on the Internet that can be accessed freely and instantly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signatures

Name of participant [printed]

Signature

Date

I, as legal representative, have witnessed the accurate reading of the consent form with the potential participant and the individual has had the opportunity to ask questions. I confirm that the individual has given consent freely.

Name of witness

Signature

Date

I, as researcher, have accurately read out the information sheet to the potential participant and, to the best of my ability, ensured that the participant understands to what they are freely consenting.

Researcher name

Signature

Date

Study contact details for further information: [*Name, phone number, email address*]