

Participant Information Sheet

Project title:	The mocked-up Pix-Star photo frame App
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This study was certified according to the Informatics Research Ethics Process, RT number 1432.

Who are the researchers?

This study is being conducted as part of the Human-Computer Interaction course at the University of Edinburgh. The researchers are Ruofei Qian (s1872408), and Chiyuan Mei (s1927134). The course lecturers are Dr Kami Vaniea, and Dr Aurora Constantin.

What is the purpose of the study?

We are studying the mocked-up Pix-Star photo frame app which allows users to create images locally in self-created albums and share them online / on others' album remotely. This study is aimed to evaluate the usability of the app interface based on design principles.

Why have I been asked to take part?

We are advertising the study to people who are currently at University of Edinburgh and are over 18 years old.

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 We will stop using your data in any publications or presentations submitted after you have withdrawn consent.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?

We will ask you to evaluate the mocked-up Pix-Star photo frame app interface based on the given report in Human-Computer Interface assignment 1. Concretely, we will ask you to attend an interview that will contain some general questions about the app interface design, like do you think it is easy to use? which part do you think can be improved to be more user-friendly?

What kind of data will be collected during the study?

We will only collect the answers you provided during the interview. Your personal information will not be recorded.

Are there any risks associated with taking part?

There are no significant risks associated with participation.

Are there any benefits associated with taking part?

You will receive no compensation for participating in this study.

What will happen to the results of this study?

The results of this study will only be used within Human-Computer Interface assignment 2. We will delete all recordings at the end of the study.

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 and will only be viewed by the students and instructors on the course.

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.

Who can I contact?

If you have any further questions about the study, please contact the instructors for the course: Dr Kami Vania (kvaniea@inf.ed.ac.uk) or Aurora Constantin (aconsta2@staffmail.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 state 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 <https://web.inf.ed.ac.uk/infweb/research/study-updates>.

General information.

For general information about how we use your data, go to: edin.ac/privacy-research

