CONSENT FORM

INFORMED CONSENT FOR "EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AN 'AWARENESS AGENT' IN MANAGING DIGITAL INFORMATION OVERLOAD"

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Please highlight your choice by clicking inside the appropriate box

1. Taking part in the study

	YES	NO
I have read and understood the information sheet for the following study: "Evaluating the Effectiveness of an 'Awareness Agent' in Managing Digital Information Overload", or it has been read to me. I have been able to ask questions about my participation and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.	YES ☐	NO ☐
I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study and understand that I can refuse to answer questions I am not comfortable with and I can withdraw from the study at any time by contacting David Goddard (david.goddard@open.ac.uk) up until April 1 2024, without having to give a reason.	YES ☐	NO ☐
I understand that taking part in the study involves participation in checkpoint meetings with the researchers as well as independent use of a prototype software system.	YES ☐	NO ☐

I agree to the outputs of my interactions with the prototype software system being processed and recorded in a database for the purpose of conducting the research.	YES ☐	NO ☐

2. Use of the information in the study

I understand that information I provide will be used for producing a research report on the software system being evaluated and that information will only be shared in a fully anonymised form.	YES ☐	NO ☐
I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as my name or where I live, will not be shared beyond the study team.	YES ☐	NO ☐
I understand that my data will be stored on a file server and database system for the duration of the research (up to a maximum of one year), after which it will be destroyed.	YES ☐	NO ☐
I agree to being quoted anonymously in research outputs.	YES ☐	NO ☐

3. Future use and reuse of the information by others

I give permission for the software interaction outputs that I provide to be deposited in a specialist data centre after it has been anonymised, so it can be used for future research and learning.	YES ☐	NO ☐

I would like to receive a copy of the summary of the findings of this study. Please insert your email address in the space below if you answer 'yes' Email address ……………………………………………………..	YES ☐	NO ☐

4. Signatures

Name of participant [in CAPITALS] _____	Signature _____ **(electronic signatures may be accepted**	Date _____

This research project has been reviewed by, and received a favourable opinion from, The Open University Human Research Ethics Committee – HREC reference number: XXXX