

You are being asked to participate in a research entitled,

### **GENERATING LIFE STORIES FROM FACEBOOK POSTS**

You must be 18 years or older to participate in this data gathering activity. Your participation is voluntary. Please carefully read the information below. Do not hesitate to ask any questions regarding the data gathering process that may not be clear to you.

The data gathering activity is conducted by senior students of B.S. Computer Science, namely Alden Luc Hade, Janica Mae Lam, Camille Alexis Saavedra, and Robee Khyra Mae Te, as part of their requirements for completing their undergraduate thesis. FB Stories was developed under the supervision of Ms. Ethel Ong from the College of Computer Studies.

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#### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The aim of our software, FB Stories, is to provide you, a Facebook user, with a tool that you can use to produce a short and interesting biography about yourself, or a life story, using some information that you have provided on your Facebook account. To study the types of posts users share in Facebook, we would need sample posts from your Facebook account for analysis.

**No data will be extracted from your Messenger account; comments and shares in posts will also be excluded. We would only gather the following information:**

- Name
- Gender
- Birthdate
- Educational Background
- Working Background
- Family (name and relationship)
- Current Location and Hometown
- Preferences (liked pages/artists/musicians)
- Attended and Interested Events
- Caption/Description of each of your posts
- Tags in each post (if any)
- Check-ins

#### **B. PROCEDURE**

To participate in helping the researchers gather data for analysis, we would like to request you to do the following:

1. Log into your Facebook account in our system

2. Read through and accept the terms and conditions which allows us to access your Facebook data listed above.
3. Wait until the extraction process is finished
4. Read and evaluate the generated story
5. Save to text file (Optional)
6. Logout

Your Facebook posts will be used to determine key areas in the design of the software, namely:

1. None of your private information shows up during analysis of the posts (i.e. all that shows up will be what you approved);
2. The criteria for choosing the posts to extract will be enough in generating the contents of the life story; and finally,
3. The generated story is coherent and has good content based on the posts used.

Upon your consent, we will use and store the posts that meet the stated criteria for research purposes only. For confidentiality, we will anonymize the posts by removing any names and replacing these with placeholders.

**C. POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORT**

The data extraction process requires the use of only a personal computer with access to the Internet; therefore, this process will not pose any potential physical risks nor harm to you.

**D. POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO SUBJECTS AND/OR SOCIETY**

Your participation in this activity will provide insights to the project team on the potential use of the posts by Facebook users who wish to generate stories about themselves based on the data that they have posted.

**E. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you **will remain confidential** and will be disclosed only with your permission, or as required by law. The Facebook posts you posted will be stored and names of people from these posts will be replaced with placeholders.

**F. PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL**

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. If at any point in time you wish to withdraw during the data gathering process, you may do so without penalty or consequence of any kind. Any data collected, should you withdraw, will be disposed of properly.

**CONSENT to PARTICIPATE in Data Gathering for “Generating Life Stories from Facebook Posts”**

I confirm that (please tick the appropriate boxes):

TAKING PART IN THIS PROJECT						
1.	I have read and understood the information about the research as provided in the above Information Sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2.	I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about my participation in the data gathering of my Facebook posts for analysis by the proponents.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3.	I voluntarily agree to participate in the data gathering of my Facebook posts and am aware that taking part in it includes analyzing the contents of my Facebook posts for use in the design of FB Stories.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4.	I understand that my participation is voluntary; I can withdraw from the data gathering activity at any time.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
USE OF THE INFORMATION I PROVIDE FOR THIS AND FUTURE STUDIES						
5.	The procedures regarding confidentiality have been clearly explained to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
6.	I agree for the data I provide be archived by the researchers only for research purposes.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
7.	Select only <b>one</b> of the following:					
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**PARTICIPANT:**

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Name of Participant	Signature	Date

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