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| University of Bath logo | |  | | --- | | **Department of Computer Science** | | **12-Point Ethics Checklist for UG and MSc Projects** | | |  | | --- | | Samuel George Brightman |   **Student** | | |  | | --- | | 2023   \_\_\_\_ |   **Academic Year or Project Title** | | |  | | --- | | Nadejda Roubtsova |   **Supervisor** | |

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*Does your project involve people* *for the collection of data other*

*than you and your supervisor(s)?* YES

If the answer to the previous question is YES, you need to answer the following questions, otherwise you can ignore them.

This document describes the 12 issues that need to be considered carefully before students or staff involve other people (‘participants’ or ‘volunteers’) for the collection of information as part of their project or research. Replace the text beneath each question with a statement of how you address the issue in your project.

1. *Will you prepare a Participant Information Sheet*

*for volunteers?* ~~YES / NO~~

***No own data collection will be undertaken. Instead, a secondary open-access dataset “Something-Something” will be used. The data is licensed for non-commercial research. The videos of the dataset were all staged hand actions performed by consenting crowdworker actors. All ethical and legal requirements around data collections were taken care of by the creators of the dataset, making most of the questions on this form non-applicable* in this case.**

*2. Will the participants be informed that they could withdraw*

*at any time?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*3. Will there be any intentional deception of the participants?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*4. Will participants be de-briefed?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*5. Will participants voluntarily give informed consent?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*6. Will the participants be exposed to any risks greater than those*

*encountered in their normal work life (e.g., through the use*

*of non-standard equipment)?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*7. Will you be offering any incentive to the participants?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*8. Will you be in a position of authority or influence over any of your*

*participants?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*9. Will any of your participants be under the age of 16?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*10. Will any of your participants have an impairment that will limit*

*their understanding or communication?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*11. Will the participants be informed of your contact details?* ~~YES / NO~~

n/a (see question 1)

*12. Will you have a data management plan for all recorded data?* NO

**Something-Something is an open-access dataset without any personally identifiable information. So, there is no practical need for a DMP. Furthermore, I do not intend to submit the findings of my dissertation research for a peer-reviewed publication. Since according to the guidance notes (point 1.3) to the University of Bath Research Data Policy, the said policy (which mandates a DMP) only applies to postgraduate research when the findings are published in peer-reviewed publications, my project currently does not require a DMP. Finally, the data licence has a non-redistribution clause, and hence no part of the data will be submitted with the dissertation. Instead, the dataset’s official repository will be referenced, as is standard practice with open-access datasets.**