

Participant Information Sheet

This user study is for my Part II Project (titled *Creating a genre visualisation space by capturing human judgements of similarity*) and is part of capturing human judgements of similarity through ranking items.

1. The Task

Your task is to, given the Spotify playlist of previews of songs, rank the songs on the given scale, in which each end point is a genre. For example, ‘ranking from Black Metal (top) to Classical Music (bottom)’ means songs that sound closer to Black Metal should be closer to the top of the scale, whereas songs that sound more like Classical Music should be at the bottom.

As we are only listening to the preview of the song, Spotify will repeatedly show you pop-ups encouraging you to create an account with them. When this happens, please press the cross on the top right hand corner of the pop-up and continue with the task. I apologise ahead for the inconvenience this may cause.

2. Data Collected

- Rankings you make
- Your answers to a few questions before the task, about your level of music experience
- Your answers to a few questions after the task, asking for your feedback

During the project your ranking data and other information is anonymous to me; I can only identify your records if you provide me with your Participant ID.

3. Withdrawing from the study

Your participation is entirely voluntary and that you can withdraw from the project at any time without prejudice, now or in future.

To withdraw from the study any point before sending me the results, simply drop me a message saying you are no longer interested in participating, eg. through social media, or at scc88@cam.ac.uk.

To withdraw from the study after you have sent me the results, please email me at scc88@cam.ac.uk **and include in your email your Participant ID**. I will then remove all the data associated with you from my storage and from any further studies. Ranking data removal **will not be possible without your Participant ID** as the records are anonymous to me.

4. Copy of results

On completion of my Part II course, I will send you a copy of my dissertation if you have indicated that you want one.

5. Further information

Supplementary information can be found here <https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/research-participant-data> which links to the University's generic statement on use of personal information of research participants.

For further information or raising concerns please contact me at scc88@cam.ac.uk.

Consent Form: Please read and type in your name in the textbox below as acknowledgement

I have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet;

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have had them answered to my satisfaction;

I agree to take part in this project;

I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw such participation at any time without giving a reason;

I understand the procedures for handling personal data collected about me.