

User Study of Digital Textbook Project: Consent Form

Human Computer Interactions Project Group 5

Study Goals: This research is being conducted to explore the usefulness, and ease of use, and user satisfaction of our current digital textbook design. The digital textbook project is an extension of existing digital textbook formats, most notably epub, with the intent of producing a new e-text format that will increase ease of use and user satisfaction. We will use the results of this study to refine and improve the digital textbook project.

Procedures: You will begin by filling out a brief background survey. Then, you will have a chance to sit down with the current digital textbook project prototype and perform a set of tasks as instructed by project team members. Please, think aloud as you perform these tasks. After you finish these tasks, you will fill out a user reaction survey. Finally, you will be given time to ask any questions, or make any suggestions you have about the project.

Participant Consent: Your participation in this study is completely voluntary; there will be no remuneration for the time you spend evaluating the project. All data collected during this study will be treated confidentially and all data will be reported anonymously. There are no known risks to participation in this experiment, and you may withdraw at any point. Please feel free to ask the evaluators if you have any other questions; otherwise, if you are willing to participate, please sign and date this form.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If there are any questions, please contact Richard Easterling at kzmn@vt.edu