**Participant Consent Form**

*Harmonic Synchronisation of Hand Gestures with Visual Displays*

Consent to take part in research

* I voluntarily agree to participate in this research study.
* I understand that even if I agree to participate now, I can withdraw at any time or refuse to answer any question without any consequences of any kind.
* I understand that I can withdraw permission to use data from my interview within two weeks after the interview, in which case the material will be deleted.
* I have had the purpose and nature of the study explained to me in writing and I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the study.
* I understand that participation involves carrying out repetitive tasks in front of a webcam using my hands.
* I understand that I will not benefit directly from participating in this research.
* I understand that all information I provide for this study will be treated confidentially.
* I understand that in any report on the results of this research my identity will remain anonymous. This will be done by changing my name and disguising any details of my interview which may reveal my identity or the identity of people I speak about.
* I understand that the data produced from the study will be used in the final research topic.
* I understand that if I inform the researcher that myself or someone else is at risk of harm they may have to report this to the relevant authorities - they will discuss this with me first but may be required to report with or without my permission.
* I understand that under freedom of information legalisation I am entitled to access the information I have provided at any time while it is in storage as specified above.
* I understand that I am free to contact any of the people involved in the research to seek further clarification and information.

Names, degrees, affiliations and contact details of researchers (and academic supervisors when relevant).

*Signature of research participant*

Signature of participant Date

*Signature of researcher*

I believe the participant is giving informed consent to participate in this study

Signature of researcher Date

**Information Sheet for the MSc Data Science Project: Harmonic Synchronisation of hand gestures with visual displays**

Disclaimer

You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decided it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to understand how people can better use technical systems (TV, tablets, phones, and laptops) using hand gestures. This will be done using a webcam to track the user’s hands and determine whether they have carried out a particular hand gesture. In the case of this project this will include rotating the wrist and carrying out a grasping motion.

Why you have been chosen?

Inclusion criteria for this study is that the participant as a laptop with a webcam and do not have an impairment that prevents them from using both their hands.

Do you have to take part?

It is up to you to decide to whether or not to take part. If you do decide to part you will be given this information sheet to keep and asked to sign a consent form. You can withdraw at any time without if affecting any benefit that you are entitled to.

What do you have to do?

You will have a video call with the researcher whilst being asked to mimic displayed visual graphics on the screen at various speeds. These visual displays will include a circular widget rotating partially around another circle, you will mimic this display through ulnar and radial deviation of the hand. The other display will be a growing and shrinking circle, this will be mimicked by finger flexion and extension. **The camera will not record the participant.** The positions of the hand will be saved numerical values.

Risks

Prolonged movement of your arm may indue fatigue, the researcher will ask if you require a break between tasks. If you wish to take a break or stop participating at any point during the tasks the researcher will stop the study.

Complaints

If you wish to complain about how the study has been carried out you can contact the researcher’s supervisor, their email has been linked at the bottom of the document. If you feel as though you complain hasn’t been handled to your satisfaction you can contact the Computer Science department’s ethics officer (DREO). Their details have also been included at the bottom of this document.

Confidentiality

All the information that we collect about you during the research will be kept strictly confidential. You will not be able to be identified in any ensuing reports or publications.

What will happen to the results of the research project?

The results will be published with the entire project in early September 2021. The participant will be emailed a copy of the results and the project on this date. The participant will not be identifiable in any part of the research project.

Point of Contact

Please contact the researcher if you have any further questions.

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