

**Plain Language Statement Information Sheet**

**School:** School of Computing, Engineering and Physical Sciences

**Project Title:** Comparative Analysis of project management software using monday.com and Smartsheet for Team Collaboration

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**Programme Title:** **MSc. Information Technology with Project Management**

Dear participant,

You are being invited to take part in my research study – as above. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what will be involved. 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. Please take your time in deciding if you wish to take part and thank you for reading this.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

The purpose of this study is to conduct a comparative analysis of project management software, specifically monday.com and Smartsheet, to evaluate their effectiveness in enhancing team collaboration. The study aims to identify the key differences in functionalities between these two software and assess their impact on improving collaboration among team members working on company projects. The findings of this research will contribute to a better understanding of the capabilities of project management software and provide practical insights for stakeholders in selecting the most suitable platform for their collaborative needs.

**Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen to participate in this study because of your expertise and experience in project management/IT. Your insights and perspective will provide valuable input for the evaluation of monday.com and Smartsheet's team collaboration functionalities. Your participation will contribute to the validity of the research findings, ultimately benefiting organizations in their decision-making processes regarding project management software selection.

**Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. A decision not to participate will not affect your grades in any way.

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

As a participating subject you will be asked to provide your opinions, insights, and experiences related to project management software, particularly monday.com and Smartsheet. This will involve filling a questionnaire and participating in usability testing sessions to gather data on your preferences, usage patterns, and perceptions of these platforms. Your involvement will be voluntary, and you will have the opportunity to withdraw from the study at any time without consequence. Your responses will be anonymized and treated with confidentiality to protect your privacy.

**Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

All information, which is collected, about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. You will be identified by an ID number or letter and any information about you will have your name, address and all other identifiable details removed so that you cannot be recognised from it.

**What will happen to the results of the research study?**

A bound copy of the completed MSc project report may be stored at the University of the West of Scotland library (subject to approval).

**Who is organising the research?**

The School of Engineering and Computing at the University of the West of Scotland is organising this Computing MSc project.

**Who has reviewed the study?**

The project has been reviewed by the student’s supervisor, moderator, year leader, module coordinator and chair of the School of Engineering and Computing Ethics Committee.

**Contact for Further Information**

For further information please contact:

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Alternatively, if participants have any concerns regarding the conduct of the research project please contact the School of Computing, Engineering and Physical Sciences Ethics Committee Chair by contacting Dr John Hughes – john.hughes@uws.ac.uk.

Thank you for taking part in this study.