

## Participant Information Sheet – Online Survey

### Researcher:

My name is Yaya Lu, and I am an honours student studying a Bachelor of Software Engineering at the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science. My research is on developing digital genealogical representations of complex relationships between Greek Mythology entities using Dr. Greta Hawes' MANTO database.

**Project Title:** Analysis and Visualisation of Complex Familial Relationships in Greek Mythology

### General Outline of the Project:

- **Description and Methodology:** My goal is to provide an intuitive web-interface that displays the genealogical connections in the MANTO database. This involves graphical representations of the relationships as well as highlighting the complexities of said relationships.
- **Participants:** I intend to interview scholars of Greek Mythology from around the world, and survey interested students from the Australian National University. There will be approximately 30 participants total.
- **Use of Data and Feedback:** The data will be used to determine possible future research and potential amendments to the existing interface designs. The final data will be presented in my thesis publication in mid-2020 and possibly in peer-reviewed published articles and conference presentations.

### Participant Involvement:

- **Voluntary Participation & Withdrawal:** Your participation in this project is voluntary and you may, without negative consequences, decline to take part or withdraw from the research without providing an explanation at any time until the work is prepared for publication. Within the research, you may also decline to answer any question. If you withdraw, the data you have provided prior to withdrawal will be destroyed and not used. If you would still like some parts of your survey to be used, you can choose to opt-in.
- **What does participation in the research entail?** You are invited to participate in an online survey about the website. You will first be asked to explore the interface yourself, and then you will be given some guided exploration tasks. You will then be asked a series of post-exploration questions about your experience with the platform.
- **Location and Duration:** The survey is expected to last about an hour, and its remote nature means it can be completed anywhere that is convenient for you. You will only be required to conduct this survey once.
- **Risks:** The research carries little risk, however it does discuss unorthodox relationship types, and this may cause some distress or discomfort. If you feel uncomfortable, you can withdraw from the study at any time without negative consequences. Individual participant results will remain confidential unless there is explicit consent given –see below in “Confidentiality”.
- **Benefits:** For participants, you will assist in the development of an interface containing extensive Greek Mythology resources, that aims to assist you and other scholars and research students with easy access to Greek Mythology data. I also hope that this project improves the perception of complex relationships, whether in Greek Mythology, in other cultures, in modern society, or in data visualisation techniques.

### Confidentiality:

- **Confidentiality:** By clicking “Submit” at the end of the survey, you are consenting to have your answers recorded and considered for the final publication. You can choose not to answer a question by typing “-” in the corresponding answer box. Your level of identification will be based on your responses on the first page of the survey. Full confidentiality, however, may not be guaranteed (i.e. student and scholar status may be referenced) so please avoid providing any sensitive or defamatory information.

### Privacy Notice:

In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP\\_010007](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_010007) and it contains information about how a person can:

- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.

### Data Storage:

- **Where:** The survey is hosted in Google Forms, so upon completion of the survey the data will be uploaded to my personal Google Drive. To ensure data security, I will then manually move the data onto the ANU server, and replace the original Google Drive data with a de-identified version of the results. All files will be password-protected and encrypted.
- **How long:** All research data will be retained and securely stored for at least five years following publications arising from the research.
- **Handling of Data following the required storage period:** Upon expiration of the storage period, the data will be de-identified and archived, to allow use in future iterations of this interface.

### Queries and Concerns:

- **Contact Details for More Information:** For further requests for information or queries regarding the study, please contact the following:

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### Ethics Committee Clearance:

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2019/758). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:

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