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Protocol title: **Qualitative user research for a digital humanities website.**

**Investigators**

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|  | **Name** | **Role** | **Department** |
|  | Hawes, Greta | Supervisor | School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics, CASS Research School of Humanities and the Arts, ANU |
|  | Lu, Yaya | Primary investigator | Research School of Computer Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, ANU |
|  | Swift, Benjamin | Supervisor | Research School of Computer Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, ANU |
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I**nvestigators Detailed**

**Name:** Hawes, Greta  **Role:** Supervisor

**Expertise:** Scholar of Greek Myth at the ANU, produced the MANTO database that the interface is based on.

**Name:** Lu, Yaya  **Role:** Primary investigator

**Expertise:** The primary researcher on this project, and created the interface that will be used in the user evaluation. Took HCI COMP3900 about user studies and conducted user studies as UX lead for her techlauncher project in 2017. Did user research for a conference paper she wrote in 2013.

**Name:** Swift, Benjamin  **Role:** Supervisor

**Expertise:** Is a researcher in the HCI field in RSCS. Has conducted user research before, and has supervised a lot of honours students who have.

**External Investigators**

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|  | **Name** | **Role** | **Institution** |
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**Departments**

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|  | **Primary** | **Department** | **Faculty** |
|  | No | Research School of Computer Science | College of Engineering and Computer Science |
|  | Yes | School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics | CASS Research School of Humanities and the Arts |
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**Project Questions Detailed**

**Description of Project**

**Describe the research project in terms easily understood by a lay reader, using simple and non-technical language.** Developing a website that generates the different family trees in Greek mythology, but also shows the complex relationship types that some of the families have.

**Location of Data Collection**

**Australia** Yes

**Overseas** No

**Provide country / area where data collection will be conducted** ACT, 2601

**Aims of the Project**

**List the hypothesis and objectives of your research project.** To generate an intuitive website that is useful for research. Whether it be scholars or researchers in Greek mythology needing easy access to greek mythology data, or the interested general population wanting to learn more about Greek mythology. The overall aim is to address the lack of adaptable genealogy algorithms out there, and also emphasize the uniqueness of these relationships to reduce modern-day stigma of unorthodox relationships.

**Methodology**

**In language appropriate for a lay reader, explain why the methodological approach minimises the risk to participants. (For surveys, include justification of the sample size).** The survey is expected to have at least 30 participants. The aim is to ask some tutorial groups in the ANU Sem 1 2020 CLAS1003 The Myths of Greece and Rome course to fill out this survey. This will be conducted remotely and it is unknown how many students will enrol in this course, so 30 people is an estimate. The number is dependent on overall course size and how many students are willing to participate. This survey will be conducted online so the primary investigator will not be present at the site, meaning they will not be able to influence the results in person.

Interviews will be conducted with ~3 scholars. At least one will be conducted in-person and on-campus, and at least one will be conducted through video-conferencing. As scholars are harder to come by and are also one of the primary user groups, an interview format will be used since it allows more discussion.

**Provide the survey method, a list of the questions to be asked or an indicative sample of questions. These should give a good sense of the most intrusive/sensitive areas of questioning.** See the information sheet attached.

**What mechanisms do the researchers intend to implement to monitor the conduct and progress of the research project? For example:**

**How often will the researcher be in touch with the supervisor?**

**Is data collection going as expected? If not, what will the researcher do?**

**Is the recruitment process effective?**

**How will the researcher monitor participants willingness to continue participation in the research project, particularly when the research is ongoing?** Supervisor and primary investigator will meet up once a fortnight to discuss the project. Recruitment will depend on the CLAS1003 enrolments in Sem 1 2020.

If the data collection does not go as expected, the investigator will plan to find other willing participants. If not, and only a small proportion of the intended participants are willing to participate, then only this data will be used (which will not be an issue given the nature of this project).

**Participants**

**Provide details in relation to the potential participant pool, including:**

**target participant group;**

**identification of potential participants;**

**initial contact method, and**

**recruitment method.** Target participant group - scholars of Greek mythology from around the globe

Second target participant group - ANU students currently studying / are interested in Greek mythology

**Proposed number of participants** 30

**Provide details as to why these participants have been chosen?** See above

**Cultural and Social Considerations/Sensitivities**

**What cultural and/or social considerations/sensitivities are relevant to the participants in this research project?**

**Incentives**

**Will participants be paid or any incentives offered? If so, provide justification and details.** No

**Benefits**

**What are the anticipated benefits of the research?** See the attached information sheet

**To whom will the benefits flow?** See the attached information sheet

**Informed Consent**

**Indicate how informed consent will be obtained from participants. At least one of the following boxes MUST be ticked 'Yes'.**

**In writing** Yes

**Return of survey or questionnaire** Yes

**Orally** Yes

**Other** No

**If Oral Consent or Other, provide details.** See the attached Oral Consent form, as well as the list of indicative questions attached.

**Confidentiality**

**Describe the procedures that will be adopted to ensure confidentiality during the collection phase and in the publication of results.** See the attached information sheet

**Data Storage Procedures**

**Provide an overview of the data storage procedures for the research. Include security measures and duration of storage.** See the attached information sheet

**Feedback**

**Provide details of how the results of the research will be reported / disseminated, including the appropriate provision of results to participants. If appropriate, provide details of any planned debriefing of participants.** See the attached information sheet

**Supporting Documentation**

**Have you uploaded all relevant supporting documentation, such as Participant Information Sheet and/or consent form, to the documents tab?**

Yes

**Has this work been approved by another Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)?** No

**If yes, please give the name of the approving HREC. You will also need to include a copy of the approval letter in your application and also upload an electronic copy to the Documents tab.**

**Funding**

**Is this research supported by external funding?** No

**Provide the name/s of the external sources of funding. Please include grant number/s if available.**

**Is the research conducted under the terms of a contract of consultancy agreement between the ANU and the funding source?** No

**Describe all the contractual rights of the funding source that relate to the ethical consideration of the research.**

**High Risk One Summary**

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|  | **Question** | **Answer** |
|  | Is this a clinical trial? | No |
|  | Does this research involve the intentional recruitment or issues involving Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander Peoples? | No |
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**Expedited Questions Summary**

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|  | **Question** | **Answer** |
|  | Third Party Identification | No |
|  | Children or Young People | No |
|  | Dependent or Unequal Relationship | No |
|  | Membership of a Group, or Related Issues | No |
|  | Physical Harm | No |
|  | Psychological Harm (includes Devaluation of Personal Worth) | No |
|  | Social Harm | No |
|  | Economic Harm | No |
|  | Legal Harm | No |
|  | Covert Observation | No |
|  | Deception | No |
|  | Sensitive Personal Information | No |
|  | Overseas Research | No |
|  | Secondary Data | No |
|  | Collection, use or disclosure of personal information WITHOUT the consent of the participant | No |
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**Clinical Trials**

**Criteria for Inclusion** Anyone interested in Greek mythology

**Criteria for Exclusion** None

**Has a risk assessment been undertaken by the proposer?** No

**If yes, give details of the assessment process** NA

**Give details of sponsor's insurance** NA

**Could this work cause damage to the university's reputation** No

**If yes, please give details** NA

**Does your Clinical Trial involve a drug or device?** No

**The trial must be registered with the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry, has this been done?** No

**If yes, state the name of the Registry** NA

**If yes, state the Registration number** NA

**If no, state the reasons why trial registration has not been undertaken** Low-risk project, a brief runthrough has already been conducted with one of the supervisors (Dr. Greta Hawes) and the intended survey participants (ANU students) will be enrolling in CLAS1003 in Semester 1 2020.

**If your clinical trial involves a DRUG OR DEVICE, you will need to provide a copy of your protocol (with attachments) to the Insurance Office. Please contact the Insurance Office on extension 58734 or insurance.office@anu.edu.au for further information.** No

**Supporting Documentation**

**Please ensure electronic copies of the supporting documentation have been uploaded into the documents tab of your protocol**

**These may include (please circle the relevant answer):**

**List of indicative questions Y/N**

**Copy of questionnaire / survey Y/N**

**Invitation or introductory letter/s Y/N**

**Publicity material (posters etc.) Y/N**

**Information sheet Y/N**

**Consent form Y/N**

**External approval documentation Y/N**

**Research visa (if applicable) Y/N**

**Other (specify below) Y/N**

**For other, please specify:**

**SIGNATURES AND UNDERTAKINGS**

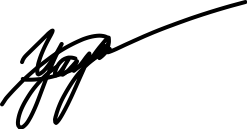
**PROPOSER OF THE RESEARCH**

**I certify that all the persons listed in this protocol have been fully briefed on appropriate procedures and in particular that they have read and are familiar with the national guidelines issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council (the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007).**

**I certify that the above is as accurate a description of my research proposal as possible and that the research will be conducted in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007. I also agree to adhere to the conditions of approval stipulated by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) and will cooperate with HREC monitoring requirements. I agree to notify the Committee in writing immediately of any significant departures from this protocol and will not continue the research if ethical approval is withdrawn and will comply with any special conditions required by the HREC.**



**Signed:................................................. Date:...................**



**ANU SUPERVISOR**

**I certify that I shall provide appropriate supervision to the student to ensure that the project is undertaken in accordance with the undertakings above:**

**Signed:................................................. Date:...................**

**AS FROM MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2013 THE SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF ANU DEPARTMENT/GROUP/CENTRE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.**