

# **Informed Consent for Participating in Game Behavior Study**

**Study Name:** Game Behavior Study

**Researchers:**

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**Purpose of this Research:** The research aims to understand game play strategies and behaviors.

**What You Will Be Asked to Do in this Research:**

1. Accept participation in the study by clicking on the button below.
2. Go the provided website to answer several surveys that aim to assess your personality and collect basis demographic information. This will take approximately 40 minutes.
3. Run the game through the provided website. Follow the instructions and play the game, which will last approximately 30 minutes.
4. Your actions in the game will be logged so we can make use of them to understand your problem solving strategies.
5. After your game session, you will be asked to read a debriefing document about the game and the study.

**Risks and Discomforts:** We don't expect there to be any risks or discomforts. All materials including video data of the interaction and interview data will be kept confidential. Note that if you are a student at Northeastern, your performance in the course will not be affected by your participation in this research study and the instructor is not involved in the research.

**Benefits of the Research and Benefits to You:** There will not be any direct benefit to you. However, you will have the opportunity to play a new game. You may learn more about the use of such technologies. You may also have an impact on the design and development of future games.

**Compensation.** You will be compensated for your time with a gift certificate in the amount  $\$0.5 + (\text{virtually gained points} * \$1)$ .

**Withdrawal from the Study:** You can withdraw your participation in the study at any time, for any reason, if you decide. Should you stop participating, or refuse to answer particular questions, this will not affect your relationship with the researchers, Northeastern University, or any other group associated with this project. In the event you withdraw from the study, all data associated with your session will be immediately destroyed wherever possible.

**Confidentiality:** All information you supply during the research will be confidential, your name or any personal information will not appear in any report or publication of the research. Interviews and video recording of your play will be collected by trained

and professional research personnel from Northeastern University, and all data will be safely stored on a secure server, hosted by our research group. The research data will only be used by research staff to understand and develop behavior models.

Please note that your answers (excluding your identification information) to the interview questions will be kept by a secured server hosted by the research team located in the USA and as such is subject to U.S. laws. These interview data do not include any personal identifiers or any information that may be used to identify you.

**Questions about the Research:** If you have questions about the research in general or about your role in the study, please feel free to contact Dr. Magy Seif El-Nasr by e-mail ([magy@neu.edu](mailto:magy@neu.edu)). This research project has been reviewed and approved by NEU’s IRB. If you have any questions about your rights in this research, you may contact Nan C. Regina, Director, Human Subject Research Protection, 490 Renaissance Park, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115. Tel: 617.373.4588, Email: [irb@neu.edu](mailto:irb@neu.edu). You may call anonymously if you wish.

**I agree to take part in this research**

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**Signature of person agreeing to take part**

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**Date**

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**Printed name of person above**

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**Signature of person who explained the study to the participant above and obtained consent**

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**Date**

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**Printed name of person above**

- For research purposes only, I consent to:*
- ☐ Answering Survey questions
  - ☐ Behavior recording