

Recruitment Email

Subject: Research participants needed: Play a new game today!

This is a request for volunteers to participate in a fun Masters research study.

THE RESEARCH:

As part of my Computer Science degree work at the University of Hawaii, I have developed a new menu-driven user interface for text-based adventure games. This is a classic computer game genre dating back to the late 1970s. Would a different user interface make these old games more accessible to modern audiences, or would it destroy the essence of the genre?

I need some live players to help me find out!

THE GAMES:

* "Captain Fate"

How is a superhero going to save the city from peril if he can't first find a place to change his clothes?

* "The Queen's Heart"

Through the long years, a lone goblin knight tends to his slumbering queen... until a little human girl falls down a well and into his world.

THE STUDY:

Anyone can play! You can participate online from any computer.

You'll answer a short survey about your gaming and computing background, and then play through the two text-based games, answering a short survey after each game session. Each of the text-based games will have a different user interface. The full study should take less than 60 minutes to complete.

To get started, click this link:
<http://demo.zach.tomaszewski.name>

The study will only run until 20 Dec, so act now!

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

There are so many good reasons for you to participate:

- * HELP a hungry grad student finally graduate.
- * EXPERIENCE something new: Two new games!
- * DISCOVER something old: Text-based adventure games and interactive fiction have a 30+ years history and are still being produced by a small but active community. Have you ever played one?
- * SUPPORT local research in Hawai'i: What goes around, comes around.
- * RELAX and play a game, because you could probably use a break right now anyway.

Yes, you can have all of this and MORE! Click the link above.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or want to report any problems, you can contact me at: ztomasze@hawaii.edu

Feel free to forward this email to others you think might be interested. Thank you for your time!

--Zach Tomaszewski
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