

## **CONSENT FORM**

You are about to participate in a research study regarding user interfaces for text-based computer games. If you choose to continue, you will be asked to:

1. Complete a short background survey.
2. Play a text-based game named *Captain Fate*
3. Complete a 1-page response survey about your experience of the game
4. Play a text-based game named *Queen's Heart* that uses a different user interface
5. Complete the same response survey again, plus a few comparison questions.

The complete study should take you about 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

Your participation is anonymous, and you are free to quit at any time.

Details:

### **RESEARCH:**

This research project is being conducted as a component of a master's thesis. The purpose of the project is to investigate the effects of different user interfaces (including input controls and output presentation style) on the experience of playing a text-based interactive fiction game.

### **PARTICIPATION:**

Your participation should take approximately 70 minutes. Your participation will consist of:

- filling out a form on background information about yourself (10 minutes)
- playing a short, text-based computer game (20 minutes)
- filling out a form regarding your experience of the game (5 minutes)
- playing a different text-based computer game (with a different user interface) (25 minutes)
- filling out a form regarding your second experience of the game (5 minutes)
- filling out a form comparing the two experiences (5 minutes)

Participation in this research project is completely voluntary. You are free to withdraw your participation at any time during the duration of the project with no penalty or loss of benefit to which you would otherwise be entitled.

### **RISKS:**

The investigator believes that, beyond the risks associated with normal computer use, there is little or no risk to participating in this research project.

### **BENEFITS:**

Participating in this research may be of no direct benefit to you. It is believed, however, that the results from this project will help improve the design of interactive fiction systems.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:**

Your name will not be collected. You may optionally provide an email address to learn about the final results of the study. Your participation in the project will be confidential to the extent allowed by law. Agencies with research oversight, such as the UH Committee on Human Studies, have the authority to review research records. Any identifying record of your participation will be destroyed at the end of the project.

**QUESTIONS:**

If you have any questions regarding this research project, you can contact the investigator:

Zach Tomaszewski  
ztomasze@hawaii.edu / (808) 923-5372.  
<http://zach.tomaszewski.name/argax/>

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you can contact the UH Human Studies Program:

uhirb@hawaii.edu  
<http://hawaii.edu/irb/>

Please print this form for your records.

**I have read and understand the above information, and I agree to participate in this research project.**

Yes

**How did you hear about this study?**

- An email list. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- A personal email.
- Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this your first time participating in this study or playing the two games?**

- Yes, this is my first time.
- No, I have played one of the games or participated in this study in the past.