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Dear Fellow Student,

User-Study

As a research student at the University of Cambridge, I am conducting a user study in Rhode Island, (my home state) to evaluate the effectiveness of an accessible electronic classroom note-recording system. The system captures visual material presented in a lecture environment for later review by students to aid the study process.

I would be grateful if you would be willing to participate in this user study which will take place on Saturday, January 6th and Saturday, January 13th. On January 6th, participants will attend two lectures at the University of RI campus in Providence from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. The following week, on January 13th, participants will return to the classroom for a review session which will commence at 3:00 pm. For one lecture, you will use your regular form notes to study from. For the other lecture, you will use the computer based electronic note-recording system. At 5:00 pm, a written examination will be used to evaluate how well the note-taking system in question was able to aid in your studying.

The time required will be approximately 6 hours, including your travel time. For your participation, you will be paid \$100. Refreshments will be provided. One lucky participant will receive a free overnight stay, including meals, at the International Inn in Hyannis Cape Cod. All those who pass the examination will be included in the drawing.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in my user study. If you would like to be considered as a participant please fill out the questionnaire at <http://www.gfhughes.com/userstudy/> Alternatively you may fill out the attached questionnaire and mail it to: Gregory Hughes, RE: User Study, 35 Glen Drive, Warwick RI, 02889.

Yours sincerely,

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User Study Questionnaire and Application

Please return to: Gregory Hughes, RE: User Study, 35 Glen Dr., Warwick RI, 02889

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Gender _____

_____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Telephone _____

What is your highest level of education?

- High school graduate
- Attended community college classes
- Graduated from community college with an Associates Degree
- Attended regular college classes
- Graduated from regular college with a Bachelor's Degree
- Attended post-graduate classes
- Graduated with a Masters Degree
- Graduated with a Doctorates Degree

Are you registered with you college or university as having a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

Would you describe yourself as having a disability?

- Yes
- No

If yes, in what category would you classify your disability? (may check more than 1)

- legally blind (vision 20/200-20/400)
- visually impaired (vision 20/60-20/100)
- totally deaf
- physically impaired hampering writing ability
- other
- totally blind
- hard of hearing
- earning disabled
- attention deficit disorder

Which of the following accommodations do you utilize on a regular basis when taking a college class:

- notes from a university-appointed note taker
- notes borrowed from a friend
- sign language interpreter
- professor's notes
- CART

What were your average grades:

- mostly As
- mostly Bs
- mostly Cs
- mostly Ds
- I did not pass most courses

What would best describe your study experience at college:

- extremely difficult
- difficult
- okay
- somewhat easy
- very easy

Approximately how long would you study for an important test?

- 15-30 minutes
- 30-60 minutes
- 1 hours
- 2 hours
- 3 hours
- 4 hours
- 5 hours
- Over 5 hours

Will you be available from 3:00pm until 5:00pm on Saturday, January 6th and from 3:00pm until 6:00pm on Saturday January 13th?

- Yes
- No