

**Curtin University of Technology**  
**Department of Computing**

**Evaluation of the Smiley Messenger**  
**Information Sheet**

**Research Aim**

The Smiley Messenger system is designed as a tool for composing and viewing animated messages between users. This research will evaluate the effectiveness of the Smiley Messenger in creating believable affective content. This questionnaire will collect information on:

1. Evaluation of the user interface of the system
2. The effectiveness of using the Smiley Messenger as a message delivery tool

**Requirement**

Participation in the evaluation is purely voluntary, you do not have to take part in this research and you are free to withdraw from it at anytime. If you would like to participate, the whole evaluation process will take no more than 30 minutes. Thank you for participating. You have to be **18 years or older** to participate in this research.

**Privacy**

The data collected from this evaluation will be anonymous and confidential. All data collected will be stored in the Department of Computing for 5 years as required by Curtin's ethics requirement. The collected will only be accessible by the primary investigator and the primary investigator's supervisor.

## Notes

1. There is no risk involved in this evaluation process
2. Please try to answer all the questions
3. This is an evaluation of the system and not the participants (you) of this evaluation

## Definitions

**Appealing** - attractive or interesting (<http://dictionary.cambridge.org>)

**Affect** - have an effect upon; for example. "*Will the new rules affect me?*"  
(<http://wordnet.princeton.edu/perl/webwn>)

**Engage** - to interest someone in something and keep them thinking about it.  
(<http://dictionary.cambridge.org>)

**Believable** - If something is believable, it seems possible, real or true.  
(<http://dictionary.cambridge.org>)

## Investigator contact details

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the investigator or the investigator's supervisor.

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