

Introduction Speech/Dialog

Thank you all for coming to our research. Today you will be helping our research team investigate effects of key characteristics on your video game performance as assessed by our survey.

In addition, you are also one of the first participants to conduct research that is solely online. At the end of the experiment, if you have time, we would greatly appreciate your feedback on the design and methodology of the experiment.

When instructed to do so, you will enter one of the open rooms and sit down. At your computer terminal you should have the following: headphones; scratch paper; and pen. If you do not have these and/or require additional assistance with accessibility, please let me know. Also, please adjust the headsets comfortably and do not adjust any volume settings; if you cannot hear or the volume is too loud, please let me know – I can adjust it for you.

Lastly, you should also be logged on to the research website. There should be an introductory screen that has a start button on the very bottom. If everything is set up correctly, you may begin immediately.

While you are conducting the research today you may see an opportunity or know how to navigate out of the research website – please do not navigate away – only use the button or buttons loaded on the bottom of each section to navigate from the page.

Please read each page carefully as it has very specific instructions that will guide you through the rest of the research.

The video game, a free online game, has a commercial in the beginning, please do not press anything or try to subvert to the commercial – the game will load shortly.

When you play the video game, please only play it three times total – there are no practice attempts or redo's – the scratch paper provided will help you record the score and the times of each of your trials – it is important that you do this correctly because this will make up the bulk of our research – so, please be honest and accurate.

When you complete the game three times, you will be directed to the survey – please fill out the survey as completely as possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

At the end of the research you will have an option to complete another VERY brief survey (we know your time is valuable) that gives us feedback on our efforts to put the research online. Please take the time to tell us what you think. If you wish to forgo the feedback survey (after the initial survey), then you can be debriefed and you may leave.

If at any time you become uncomfortable, disoriented, and/or suffer from other issue please let me know immediately and we can pause, stop, and/or end the experiment.

Please, for now, hold your questions till you read the instructions on the website. You may now pick and enter a room of your choice – they all have the same equipment and no one room provides any different experience than another.

Thank you.