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Participant Information Sheet

Title: Development and compensation of self-regulation in online learning environments.

You are invited to take part in a research study on the evaluation of development and compensation of self-regulation in online learning environments. Please read this form carefully and feel free to ask any questions you may have before agreeing to take part in the study.

This study is conducted by Eduard Pogorskiy as part of his doctoral research project 'Development and compensation of self-regulation in online learning environments' at Durham University.

This research project is supervised by Jens Beckmann (j.beckmann@durham.ac.uk) at the School of Education at Durham University.

The purpose of this study is to gain a better understanding of how the opportunities provided by online learning can be more effectively utilised by online learners.

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to install the extension 'do-useful' to your Chrome browser, create an account on the website www.douseful.com and login to your account. During registration, you will be asked to provide a forename and your email address, to create your password, to read and declare your agreement to the terms and conditions of using the website www.douseful.com and the extension to the Chrome browser 'do-useful', its privacy policy, the participant information sheet and the declaration of informed consent.

If you login to the website or install the extension to your Chrome browser, we will then collect certain information that is necessary in order to provide you with feedback. This content will be determined by you, but may include: the list of domains that you visit, e.g. facebook.com, Instagram.com, mit.edu (without detailing the full URL of the pages), the date of your visit and time spent on those domains. All of your data will be assigned to automatically generated unidentifiable usernames such as '04ab7c4c-852f-4cad-9781-5a384734r191' or '9a7d5e23-771b-4ea3-94d0-7e9e45191d79' which will be used for data analysis and research purposes later in the study.

The information you submit to the website may be stored and used for academic and non-commercial purposes, and may also be disclosed to third parties, for example (but not limited to) other research institutions. Any disclosure will be in a strictly anonymous format to ensure that the information can never be used to identify you or any other individual user.

You are free to decide whether or not to participate. If you choose to participate, you are free to withdraw by sending an enquiry to Eduard Pogorskiy via email using the address eduard.pogorskiy@durham.ac.uk at any time without any negative consequences to you.

All responses given and data collected will be kept confidential. The records of this study will be kept secure and private. All files containing any information provided will be password protected. In any future published research reports, there will be no identifiable information included. There will be no way to connect your name to your responses at any time during or after the study in any report or publication resulting from this research.

If you have any questions, requests or concerns regarding this research, please contact Eduard Pogorskiy via email at eduard.pogorskiy@durham.ac.uk.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the School of Education Ethics Sub-Committee at Durham University (date of approval: 06/12/2017).