CONSENT TO ACT AS A RESEARCH SUBJECT

Professors Edwin Hutchins, James Hollan, and David Kirsh are conducting a research study to find out more about how people use notes and other marks to organize their activities. You have been asked to take part because your everyday activities include note taking. There will be approximately 50 participants in this study.

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to permit the researchers to observe your activities. Your behavior may be recorded on video or audiotape by the researchers. The researchers may take written notes as needed. You understand that you can instruct the observers to cease observation at any time, in which case no subsequent actions performed by you will be considered in the study. You may request that the taping be stopped at any time and/or that the tape be erased.

There will be no direct benefit to you from these procedures. However, the results of this study may help in the design of digital annotation tools in the future.

You may call the UCSD Research Protections Program at (858) 455-5050 to inquire about your rights as a research subject or to report research related problems.

The researcher has explained this study to you and answered your questions. If you have other questions or research-related problems, you may reach Professor Hutchins at (858) 534-1134, or send him email at ehutchins@ucsd.edu.

Participation in research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without penalty. In any use of the video or audiotapes, your name will not be identified.

You have received a copy of this consent document to keep.

You agree to participate.

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Signature Date

General Observation Consent Form