Pilot Usability Study  
Consent to Participate in Research

Purpose
Team BigBrother is seeking to apply the Anoto digital pen technology in examination. In order to develop a useful and user-friendly interface, the team needs to conduct a real-world test of the design at its later stage. The subject's interaction with the design will be examined in this study.

Invitation to Participate
The person whom this consent is written for is invited to participate in the study because s/he is part of the target users that the team's interface is aimed for.

Procedure
- Three people will be present during the study to monitor it. The study will be held in a place that is convenient for the subject. The subject in study may be given a questionnaire to answer at the beginning of the session. The subject will then be shown a short demonstration of how the procedure will go. The person in test will be presented with the project. That is, s/he will be required to interact with a paper or computer interface. The procedure will end with a series of questions from the testers about the subject’s experience with the design.

- Again, the purpose of this study is to test the interface and not the subject in testing. In order to attain the desired results of the study, the user will be asked to take a sample test. The subject is also expected to make comments on the design overall.

- The procedure is estimated not to take more than an hour.

Risks/Discomforts
The interface on which the subject will be interacting with is in paper or computer form. Therefore, there is a minor risk of acquiring paper cuts or carpal tunnel syndrome to the subject. There is also a small risk that there will be a huge storm and water will leak into the building, thus exposing the user to electrocution. One member, Jon, also dislikes showering on a regular basis. This may expose the user to potential diseases like the plague. The testers will make sure to observe measures in order to minimize this risk.

Benefits
The testers will have a chance to help shape the next-generation in test taking technology.

Alternatives
The development of the interface resulting from the study provides a useful benefit for the subject in testing as well as the group of users that the subject belongs to.
Confidentiality
The team is mainly interested on the results of the procedure. The subject is assured that he/she will not have not worry about having his personal data disclosed to any third parties. When presenting the results of this study to the third parties, the team will anonymize the subject's data. The team will take all possible measures to protect the identity of the subject in study.

Discontinuing Study Participation
If a subject, for any reason, decided to withdraw his/her participation to the study at any time, s/he will be allowed to do so.

Compensation/Payment of Subjects
The team will not be gaining profits in any way as a result of this study. Therefore, there will not be any compensation that will be offered to the subject. However, Jon will try to accommodate any needs that testers have while taking the test.

Questions
If the subject has further inquiries regarding this consent form, please send an email to any of the following:

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Voluntary Nature of Research Participation
Participation in this study is strictly voluntary. The subject is free to refuse participation in any part of the study anytime.

Consent/Signature
The subject will be given a copy of this consent form. By signing below, the subject verifies that s/he reads and understands the information presented in this consent form and that she agrees to participate in the study.

Name (please print): ____________________

Signature: _________________________________               Date: ______________________