

PROXIMAP: A Proximity Based Data Visualisation Metaphor (Project Number: RO-516)

I, Michael Battle, am doing research towards a MIT (Honours) at Bond University under the supervision of Dr Michael Rees, a Professor in the School of Information Technology.

I have devised a new way for people to organise information on a computer. Titled, "Proximap", the metaphor helps users visually organise data and endeavours to be more efficient and intuitive than existing data management tools.

The aim of the research is to investigate Proximap and how users of differing levels of computer expertise respond to it. I hope to further my understanding in the area and to ultimately establish Proximap as a recognised data visualisation technique.

I am seeking adults (older than 18 years) from both technical and non-technical backgrounds to take part in the study. Don't worry if you're not very computer literate!

You'll be asked to undertake a number of tutorial-like tasks and you will be guided by a video help system. The tasks will ask the participant to use and comment on a software application that uses the Proximap concept.

The test is completely anonymous and no data will be collected that identifies you in any way. Furthermore, no findings will be published that identify any individual. Submission is optional and you can complete as many or as few of the tasks as he or she wishes.

If you agree to participate you may withdraw your consent at any time. This is achieved by not completing the tasks. Withdrawing from the study will not disadvantage you in any way.

You will receive a beverage voucher as a token of my thanks. The process is estimated to take approximately 30 minutes.

For further information, to register to participate or if you would like to be informed of the aggregate research findings, please visit **www.proximap.net** or contact:

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