DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is for you to provide some basic background information about yourself and your experience in reading textual information. Please complete the following demographics questionnaire.

<u>Demographic Information</u>

1. Gender: _____ Female _____ Male

2. Age:

___ 18-21   ___ 22-25   ___ 26-30   ___31-40   ___41 and over

3. Degree program: ___ Bachelors   ___ Master's   ___ PhD

4. Major and minor (if any): _____

5. In your everyday life, is there any chance that you stand up/walk around for more than 30-

40 minutes? __ Yes   __ No   (If Yes,) What do you do? _____

<u>Background Experience</u>

6. How many hours do you spend reading textual information (e.g., textbook, slides, journal

articles, Master's theses or doctoral dissertations, conference proceedings, etc.) per week in

average?

___ 0-2 hours   ___ 3-4 hours   ___ 5-6 hours   ___7 or more hours

7. Please number items below in the order of your familiarity.

(   ) Web pages   (   ) Master's theses or doctoral dissertations

(   ) power point slides   (   ) conference proceedings, journal articles

(   ) books including textbooks

8. Please specify your preference of the medium below to read textual information in Likert-

scale from 1: rarely use it to 5: always use it.

Paper copies   1: rarely --- 2: sometimes --- 3: neutral --- 4: often --- 5: always

Reason: _____

Computer screen   1: rarely --- 2: sometimes --- 3: neutral --- 4: often --- 5: always

Reason: _____

Other: _____ 1: rarely --- 2: sometimes --- 3: neutral --- 4: often --- 5: always

Reason: _____

9. How many hours do you spend on reading on a computer screen per week in average?

___ 0-2 hours ___ 2-4 hours ___ 4-6 hours ___ 6-8 hours ___ 8 or more hours

10. Have you used any large displays (e.g., Gigapixel, multiple monitors, etc.)? Why did you

use it? Was it helpful for your task? Were there any limitations/disadvantages of it?

_____

_____

11. Have you read any Master's theses or doctoral dissertations?   ___ Yes   ___ No

12. If 'Yes' in 11, what was the medium to display it?   __ Paper   __ Computer screen

13. If you answered 'Yes' in 11, what was the reason for reading it (check all that apply)?

___ To find specific information (e.g., parameter value, codes, algorithms, etc.)

___ To find methodologies   ___ To read literature reviews

___ To understand overall topic(s)   ___ To see references

___ Other reasons: _____

_____

14. If you answered 'No' in 11, what was the reason?

___ Theses or dissertations are too long to read.

___ I prefer reading conference proceedings by the same author with the same topic.

___ I do not need to read theses or dissertations for my study/work.

___ Other reasons: _____

_____