Background Questionnaire

1. General Information

Sex: [✓] male   [ ] female

Age: 22

Occupation: Student

2. Sight Impairment

1. Do you use a sight aid when working on the computer?

   [✓] none   [ ] glasses   [ ] contact lenses   [ ] other _____

2. Do you have any form of colour blindness?

   [✓] no   [ ] yes, _____

3. Education

1. Highest Educational Level Attained:

   [ ] vocational training   [✓] secondary school   [ ] university degree   [ ] doctorate

2. If you are studying or have studied, please describe your main area of study:

   Software engineering

4. Personal Computer Use

1. Which kind of personal computer do you use most?

   [ ] None   [✓] Microsoft Windows   [ ] Apple Macintosh   [✓] Unix   [ ] other _____

2. How long have you been using a personal computer?

   10 years

3. How many hours per week do you use a personal computer?

_36_ *hours*

5. Tablet Use

1. Which kind of tablet do you use most?

   [x] *None*   [ ] *Android*   [ ] *Apple (iOS)*   [ ] *other* _____

2. How long have you been using a tablet?

   _0_ *years*

3. How many hours per week do you use a tablet?

   _0_ *hours*

6. Web Use

1. How many hours per week do you use the World Wide Web?

   _20_ *hours*

2. Which kind of device do you use most often to surf the web?

   [x] *desktop computer*   [ ] *laptop*   [ ] *tablet*
   [ ] *smartphone*   [ ] *other* _____

3. What kind of internet connection do you normally use?

   [ ] *xDSL*   [ ] *cable modem*   [ ] *fibre optic*
   [x] *3G mobile internet*   [ ] *LTE mobile internet*   [ ] *other* _____

4. Which web browser do you normally use?

   [ ] *Chrome*   [x] *Firefox*   [ ] *Safari*
   [ ] *Microsoft IE (Edge)*   [ ] *Opera*   [ ] *other* _____

5. Do you have experience as a web site administrator?

   If yes: _____ *years*

7. Domain-Specific Questions

1. Have you used a file manager to browse folders and documents on a computer?

   [x] *Windows Explorer*   [ ] *Mac Finder*   [ ] *other* _____

2. Have you seen or explored the Tree of Life (tree of biological species)?

[X] yes   [ ] no

3. Have you browsed product hierarchies online?

[X] Amazon   [X] Ebay   [ ] Geizhals   [ ] other _____

4. Have you seen or used a Hyperbolic Tree Browser?

[ ] yes   [X] no

8. Experience with Usability Tests

1. Have you participated in a usability study before?

[ ] as a test user   [X] as part of the test team

If yes, what kind of study was it?

[X] Thinking Aloud   [ ] Formal Experiment   [ ] other _____