Usability survey

This is a **brief** survey (300 words as a guide) which the critical friends will complete in order to help us evaluate the leapin.it app.

There are 3 parts to the survey: interface comparison, general interface evaluation, concept evaluation.

Information you will need:
Two different interfaces are available below (more will be explained below):
Standard: http://leapin.it/?standard
Honeycomb: http://leapin.it/?honeycomb

Use them on you desktop computer. You could try them on your mobile, but it's currently only been tested on android.

You will be provided with accounts.

The blog documents the design decisions: http://blog.soton.ac.uk/orion/

Notes:
- the test user is already resident of some rooms, and has made a few posts
- It is possible to add photos and text, but not videos
- To create a room, just enter a random code on the scan screen (orange button).
- Profile pages, avatars and friendships are not yet working
- There's a bug where, if you are logged in and refresh, you must start typing in the login box to be logged back in
- After some actions (adding post, leaving room), the page needs to be refreshed

Interface comparison

Two interfaces have been created for displaying posts. The first - "standard" - is a linear list of posts ordered by time, similar to the facebook newsfeed. The second - "Honeycomb" - is a hexagonal grid of posts, which will position posts based on relevance and time.

We need a critique and comparison of the two interfaces (links above). In particular, think about the following:
- the effectiveness of both interfaces at displaying…
  - an overview of recent activity
  - an overview of a room
  - an overview of the individual post (i.e. does it tell you enough about the post itself)

- is it self-explanatory?
  - we may wish to include a "walkthrough" when a user first logs in - suggestions on what should go here would be great
- merits of each interface
- any problems you foresee with either interface, suggestions

General interface evaluation

Use the honeycomb interface. Ignoring the style in which posts are displayed (Honeycomb or standard), comment on the following
- how easy the interface is to use
- it's appropriateness as a mobile app
- the visual appeal (does it look good, is it appropriately designed)
- is it self-explanatory? suggestions for the walkthrough?

Concept evaluation

Use the honeycomb interface. This is less about the app interface itself, and more about the idea of leapin.it. Comment on the following:
- is this a tool you would use? how would you use it? does the app facilitate that?
- pro's / con's of using barcodes/qr-codes?
- any other comments