Soundiverse Auditory Training Software

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The Story Behind Soundiverse – Captain Dangles

- An intergalactic spaceship is transporting hundreds of **egg pairs** to a new planet.
- The transporter crashes when landing on the new planet, and while the eggs survive in their protective casings, the pairs are separated.
- They are scattered around the planet in different environments.
- The Captain of the spaceship, **Captain Dangles**, an 8-legged critter with a merry disposition, must reunite the pairs so when they hatch they can populate the new planet.
- It is impossible to match them by sight, but Captain Dangles can use the unique Sound Sign of each egg.
- Using a small satellite vehicle Captain Dangles combs the planet searching for the eggs.
- Once gathered a mini-conveyor belt presents the eggs in groups of three.
- The player helps Captain Dangles to select the **odd egg** (with the different sound sign) which is then removed by Captain Dangles.
- The matched pair progresses along the conveyor belt to the vehicle to be taken to the Eggarium or "**Hatchery**" for hatching.



The Story Behind Soundiverse – The Mosquitos

- On the new planet one of the few dangers are swarms of nasty **mosquitos**.
- Of course, Captain Dangles is well equipped to capture the mosquitos.
- The Player is rewarded for their work matching the eggs by helping Captain Dangles create an intricate **web** to capture as many mosquitos as possible.
- Web building time is limited. It's a race against the clock to build the best web.
- Extra time can be gained for web building as a reward for good listening.
- The mosquitos captured in the web provide **energy for the eggs** enabling them to hatch.
- BUT the mosquitos that *avoid* the web can harm the unhatched eggs, some will not survive.
- The eggs will only survive in the **Hatchery** if energy is provided daily.
- Over time the eggs hatch and the Soundiverse creatures are returned to the **Meadow**, where the Player see the different creatures at play.





Accessing the Listening Game - Soundiverse Icon



 Select the Soundiverse icon on the device home screen to access the training game.

Login Screen



- Input individual six-character ID number/referral code (e.g. AABBCC) and associated email.
- 2. Select **Start Training** to access the **Home Screen**.
- 3. <u>Only the registered player</u> <u>can play the Soundiverse</u> <u>training game per profile</u>.
- 4. If any other person plays the training game it will impact the Player's results, progress and rewards.

Create Profile Screen



- 1. Input an email to associate with the account/profile.
- 2. Input a nickname for the player
- 3. Select Create Profile

Profile Creation



- 1. A reference code will be generated for the profile and shown on screen.
- 2. Select **OK** to continue to the **Home Screen**

Profile Activation



- Any user who creates a new profile will have access to a 2-game trial period
- 2. If the user has a coupon code or wishes to activate via In-App-Purchase, select Activate (details explained later)
- 3. Otherwise, select **Start Trial** to begin

Home Screen – Reference Code



- 1. The player's **Reference Code** appears in the top right-hand corner of the **Home Screen** (shown here as SSDEMO).
- 2. Select Hamburger icon to access Menu sidebar.

Home Screen: Goals



- 1. Goals are displayed at the start of each training session.
- This week's streak shows how many days of training have been completed in any one week (maximum 5). Play 10 games per week (2 games per day, 5 days per week).
- Reach the GOAL! displays the total number of complete games played since the start of training. Play 100 games over 10 weeks.
- 4. Select **OK** to access the **Home Screen**.

Home Screen – Sidebar Menu



- Select View Results to access Soundiverse Profile login screen (Profile and Results explained later).
- 2. Select **Play/Replay Tutorial** to learn how to help Captain Dangles build his spider's web.
- 3. His web is used to catch mosquitos in the bonus reward **Catch Game** and **Collecting Game**.
- 4. The tutorial can be repeated at any time.
- 5. Select X to exit the Menu and return to the home screen.
- 6. Select **Try Demo** for parents/guardians to experience the training without affecting results.

Training Game – Demonstration



- 1. <u>Only the registered player can play the</u> <u>Soundiverse training game</u>.
- 2. If any other person plays the training game it will impact the Player's results, progress and rewards.
- 3. The demo can be repeated at any time.
- 4. Select **Exit** to exit and return to the home screen.

Profile Activation continued



- Once users complete the trial period, a pop up will show the different options they can use to activate the licence. This UI can be accessed via the Home Screen Menu by selecting Activate Licence
- 2. If users wish to purchase the licence, select **Purchase** and the OS specific IAP UI will appear.
- 3. If users have a coupon code, select Use Coupon and enter the coupon code.
- Once a valid licence has been activated, the users profile has unlimited access/use of the app.

Multiple Profiles

Who is using the device? Other Instructions Add New account

- 1. Soundiverse allows multiple profiles on one device.
- 2. Each time the app starts up users will need to select which profile to load.
- 3. Select Add New to add more using the Log In or Create New Profile screen
- 4. Users can return to this screen from the Home Screen Menu by selecting Log Out
- 5. If there are multiple profiles on the device, the nickname will additionally be shown above the reference code



Reward Games - Tutorial



- The Tutorial instructs the player on how to play the two bonus reward games (Catch Game and Collecting Game).
- 2. Select the **Green Arrow** button to start the tutorial.
- 3. Videos appear to demonstrate how to move the spider around a maze and build a web.
- 4. A **pointer** (either a hand or an arrow) will appear to show the player how to move the spider into the correct position to navigate around the maze.
- 5. The player can then practice navigating the maze and web building.
- 6. Select the **Green Arrow** button to stop the instruction videos.

Reward Games – Tutorial (Multiple Webs)



- 1. To move around the maze the player drags the spider backwards and release their finger.
- 2. If there are multiple webs ahead, the player can **drag and hold the spider** for about one second.
- 3. A green circle, then a circle of stars appear, which allows the player to jump through *multiple* webs at once.
- 4. If the player does not hold until the stars appear, the spider will land on the web.
- 5. If there are no webs the player does not have to wait for the **circle of stars** to appear before releasing the spider.

Exiting a screen (other than the Home Screen)



FOR PARENTS ONLY

- 1. To exit a screen (other than the Home Screen), tap the top right hand corner of the screen three times.
- 2. The Menu button will appear.
- 3. Select the Menu button and enter the three numbers on the screen to return to the Home Screen.

Home Screen – Accessing the Training Game



- 1. Select the **Play** button to access the **Training Game**.
- 2. The **Training Game** screen will appear and the listening game will commence immediately.
- 3. The player must be wearing headphones (Sennheiser HD400S recommended).



Home Screen – Quick Guide

The aim of the training program is to listen to the **three sounds** in noise and **identify which sound is different**. Tap the egg with the different sound. You can tap the egg with the question mark to replay the sounds. Good listening will be rewarded!

- 1. Ensure headphones are connected and properly positioned over the ears. Set the device volume to 5 clicks down from the maximum while using the app.
- Complete the reward activity Tutorial watch the videos and copy the actions.
 If additional training is required select Replay Tutorial from the Menu.
- 3. Select PLAY complete the first listening activity to set the volume.
- 4. In each daily training session the aim is to complete 2 Games.
 1 Game = 2 blocks of 15 presentations.
 After each block of presentations you complete a reward activity to collect eggs. The eggs hatch into fun critters for your collection.

Note: In the FREE trial period you have access to 2 Games (4 x 15 presentations)

 The first time Play is selected a quick guide will be shown.

2. This can be accessed anytime from the Home Screen Menu

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Setting the Starting Volume of the Game



- 1. A short calibration procedure is carried out to make sure that the player can hear the game at a comfortable, and consistent, level every time the game is played.
- 2. Calibration occurs the first time the game is played, or
 - At the start of every week.
 - If the user changes devices.
- 3. The **Calibration Screen** appears automatically after the player selects the **Play** button on the **Home Screen**.
- 4. Set the iPad or android tablet volume level to five clicks down from maximum volume before starting the calibration task.
- 5. The calibration task is similar to the training game except (a) there is no background noise and, (b) a maximum of 15 trials are presented.

Change of Volume Control Warning



- If the iPad/android tablet volume control has been adjusted between training sessions, a Warning Message will appear.
- 2. The warning message will advise the user to adjust the volume of the device up or down until the iPad/android tablet volume control is in the same position as it was when the calibration procedure was carried out (e.g., five clicks down).
- 3. The software then automatically applies the additional adjustment to the volume that was needed to reach the Player's listening threshold set during that week's calibration task.

Listening Game - Help Captain Dangles match the egg pairs!



- The listening game will start automatically when the player selects the Play button on the Home Screen, or completes the calibration task.
- 2. When the game starts the player will hear some **background noise**.
- 3. Three eggs will then appear on a conveyor belt.
- 4. Each egg shakes and gives off it's **sound sign**.
- 5. Two of the eggs have the **same** sound sign (e.g., ba gu).
- 6. But *one* of the eggs has a **different** sound sign (e.g., di na).

Listening Game – Sound Signs and Background Noise



- The sound signs that the eggs make always sound like they are coming from directly in front of the player.
- 2. But the background noise sounds like it is coming from **both sides** of the player at the same time.
- 3. Concentrate on listening to the sound signs coming from the front and *ignore* the noise coming from either side.
- 4. At first, it will probably be pretty easy to hear the sound signs, because there isn't a lot of noise in Captain Dangles' laboratory.
- 5. But this is a listening game, and it's going to get harder to hear the sound signs as more eggs come onto the conveyor belt.

Listening Game – Correct Response



- 1. Select the egg that has the <u>different</u> sound sign.
- 2. For example, select Egg 2 if:
 - Egg 1 says *bu ga*
 - o Egg 2 says da ni
 - Egg 3 says *bu ga*
- 3. Captain Dangles then knows that Egg 1 and Egg 3 are a match!

Listening Game – Correct Response (Continued)



- Matching eggs will turn the same (e.g., brown) colour
- 2. The other egg will turn a different colour (e.g., **purple**).
- 3. Captain Dangles will then swoop down and carry the odd egg back to be matched later.
- 4. The matched egg pair carry on along the conveyor belt to the **Hatchery**.

Listening Game – "Not Sure" Response



- 1. If the player *thinks* that they know the odd egg, they should have a guess. It is often correct.
- 2. However, if the player cannot hear the sound signs at all, they can select the **question mark**.
- 3. The same sound signs will be **repeated** for the player to have another go.
- 4. If the question mark is selected **twice in a row**, all the eggs go back up the conveyor belt and a new set of eggs with different sound signs appear.

Listening Game – Incorrect Response



1. If the player selects the incorrect egg all the eggs go back on the conveyor belt to be matched later.

Listening Game – Listening Trials and Games



- Every set of eggs that appears on the conveyor belt is called a listening trial.
- 2. There are **30 trials** in each game, divided into **two blocks of 15 trials**.
- 3. The counter is the top left hand corner of the screen shows how may trials in a block have been played.
- 4. Play:
 - o Two games per day
 - o Five days per week
 - For **ten** weeks (100 games).

Catch Game – Between 15-Trial Blocks



- 1. Players have a break at the end of the each block of 15 trials to play the **Catch Game**.
- 2. Catch Game is short, **non-training game** that takes about one minute to complete.
- 3. The Player builds a spider's web to catch mosquitoes under a time limit.
- 4. The mosquitoes destroy the eggs accumulated by the Captain Dangles in the Listening Game.
- 5. The player catches mosquitoes to protect the eggs.

Catch Game – Rewards Tally



- 1. A screen is displayed at the end of each **Catch Game** showing how many eggs the player received and saved by playing the **Catch Game**.
- 2. Select **Continue** to progress to the next block of 15 listening trials.

Second Game Timer – Bonus Collecting Game



- When the player has completed the first game (30 trials) they return to the Home Screen.
- If the player commences the second game of the day before a 15 minute timer runs out they are able to play a bonus reward game Collecting Game.
- 3. The timer is displayed on the **Home Screen**.
- 4. Select the **Play** button to start the second game.

Collecting Game



- 1. The **Collecting Game** starts automatically after the second game played in any one day.
- 2. Select the Green Arrow button to start.
- 3. Drag the spider backwards and release to navigate around the maze.
- 4. The goal is to jump on as many of the creatures in the maze as possible before time runs out.
- 5. The timer at the top of screen will count down the time remaining.
- 6. The counter at the top right hand corner of the screen will display the number of collectables that have been collected.
- 7. When the game is finished select **Continue** to return to the **Home Screen** and view **Goals**.

Home Screen - Reward Tallies (Magic)



1. The Magic icon displays a tally of the number of mosquitoes collected in the Bonus Games and the Matching Game.

Home Screen - Reward Tallies (Collection)



- The Collection icon displays the number of unique Soundiverse Creatures that the player has hatched versus the total number of available Soundiverse Creatures (20).
- 2. Select the **Collection** icon to view your Soundiverse in the **Meadow** environment where the Soundiverse Creatures live.

Meadow Screen



- 1. The **Meadow** is the environment where the hatched Soundiverse Creatures live.
- 2. Click on the Soundiverse Creature to see them jump.
- 3. Use the cursor to move around the **Meadow**.
- 4. Select the **Back Arrow** icon to return to the **Home Screen**.
- 5. Select the **Card** icon to see the Soundiverse Creature cards.

Home Screen - Hatchery



- 1. The **Hatchery** is where players can view and hatch the eggs that they earn as rewards.
- 2. The eggs hatch into Soundiverse creatures.
- 3. Select the **Hatchery** icon to enter the **Hatchery**.

Home Screen - Hatchery



- 1. After the first 2 games are played, players will have eggs ready to hatch.
- 2. The first time a player has eggs ready to hatch the UI will guide them towards the Hatchery

Hatchery Screen



- 1. Each egg in the **Hatchery** has a bar that fills up with every trial block that the player completes. There are 2 trial blocks in every game.
- 2. When an egg is ready to hatch into a Soundiverse creature it shakes and the bar under the egg turns yellow.
- 3. There are currently <u>20 different</u> <u>Soundiverse creatures</u> that can be hatched.
- 4. The total number of eggs is shown in the box at the bottom of the screen.
- 5. Tap on any egg to see **Possible Hatches**.
- 6. Select the **Back Arrow** icon return to the **Home Screen**.

Hatchery Screen - Possible Hatch Sidebar



- Tap on any egg to show a sidebar showing Possible Hatches.
- 2. These are the Soundiverse creatures that your egg may hatch into.
- 3. Tap the screen to return to the **Hatchery**.

Hatchery Screen – Card Icon



- 1. Select the **Card** icon to enter the **Card Screen**.
- 2. The **Card Screen** is where the player is able to view their Soundiverse creature cards.
- 3. Each hatch of a Soundiverse creature earns *one* card of that Soundiverse creature.
- 4. If however, the player happens to hatch a "shiny" version of that Soundiverse creature by chance they will receive *four* cards instead.

Cards Screen



- 1. The **Cards** area displays the Soundiverse creatures that the player has hatched depicted on **playing cards**.
- 2. There are 20 different Soundiverse creatures that can be hatched and displayed on the cards.
- 3. These cards are used in the bonus reward **Match Game**.
- 4. Select the **Back** icon to return to the **Home Screen**.

Cards Screen – Match Game Icon



- 1. Select the Match Game icon to play the Match Game.
- 2. The player can only access the **Match Game** when they have accumulated *at least* <u>4 pairs</u> of cards.
- 3. In this example, the player only has 1 *pair* of cards (Shrub Cat).
- 4. They need 3 more pairs to play the **Match Game**.
- 5. When the player has at least 4 pairs of cards the Match Game icon will become available.

Home Screen – Access to the Matchery



- 1. The Matchery icon on the Home Screen displays the number of card <u>pairs</u> available to play the Match Game.
- 2. This area of the game is only accessible once the player acquires enough Soundiverse Creature card <u>pairs</u> accrued to play the game.
- 3. The player needs to have accrued 4 *pairs* of Soundiverse Creature cards (i.e., 8 cards).
- 4. Select the Matchery icon to play the Match Game.

Match Game - Rules



- 1. The **Match Game** is a mini reward game to give players a chance of acquiring more **Magic** by correctly matching Soundiverse card pairs.
- 2. There are 8 cards (4 pairs) in each game for the player to match.
- 3. Tap 2 cards sequentially to reveal pictures.
- 4. Three wrong attempts to match pictures are allowed before the game ends (see Match Game Spiders).
- 5. For each correctly paired card, the player will gain **Magic**.
- 6. The cards used for this mini-game will disappear from the player's tally/inventory as shown in the **Card Screen**.

Match Game – Purple Spiders



- The purple spiders in the left hand side of the Match Game screen are "chances" or "lives" the player has in the game.
- 2. If the player matches an incorrect pair, the amount of spiders decreases by one.
- 3. If the player reach zero (no spiders), the game ends and all remaining cards on the field of play will turn over to reveal where the pairs are.
- 4. The player is then returned to the **Home Screen**.

Accessing Progress Reports – Profile Log in Screen

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- Select Hamburger icon on the Home Screen to access Sidebar Menu.
- Select View Results to access Soundiverse Profile Login Screen.
- 3. Enter Reference Code and Email address.
- 4. Select **Submit** to access the **Progress Report** screen.

Progress Reports – Understanding the Progress Graph



- The player's **progress over time** on the Soundiverse training game is plotted their Profile graph.
- The vertical axis shows noise-to-signal-ratio (NSR) in decibels (dB).
- **NSR** is how loud the target is (i.e., the sound signals that the eggs produce) compared with how loud the background noise is.
- The **Game NSR** is the average of the NSRs for each of the listening trials in any one game (excluding practice).
- The Game NSR is also referred to as the player's **speech reception threshold** (SRT).

Progress Reports – Improvement Over Time



- Each **dot** on the plot represents the listener's score for one **game** (averaged over the 30 listening trials).
- The **game** number (e.g., 1 to 100) is plotted on the horizontal axis.
- It is expected that, over time, the player will learn to identify the sound signs at higher and higher levels of background noise.
- Incomplete games (less than 30 trials played) are not plotted on the graph of Progress over Time.
- Incomplete games do not count towards the 100 games required to complete training. They are recorded as a running total in the player's Soundiverse Profile.

Progress Reports – Progress Graph Calculations



- The Average Starting NSR in dB is the average NSR from the first 10 games (or the number of games if less than 10 played).
- The **Running Average** is the average NSR in dB from the last 5 games played.
- Improvement (dB) is calculated as the last value of the Running Average minus the Average Starting NSR.
- Improvement (dB) gives a snapshot of how much more background noise the player is able to have in the environment and still be able to identify the sound signals since the start of training.