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Subject: Call for volunteers for web-based music labeling game

In an effort to collect some subjective ground-truth data about the words people associate with musical sounds, we have put together a web-based 'game' that involves labeling music clips with words that other users would agree with. The descriptions collected from this site will be useful for evaluation of automatic music description and information retrieval tasks; if the experiment is successful, we hope to make the data, along with our analysis, available to the music-ir community.

Participation is completely voluntary and you can make as many or as few judgments as you choose -- every data point is valuable. The only personal information we'll associate with your descriptions is the username you select.

To comply with our institutional human subjects policy, participation in this experiment is limited to fully-functional adults. Even though teenagers are probably the most knowledgeable community when it comes to describing the intricacies of the sub-sub-genre of the week, we have to ask that no-one under the age of 18 participate!

Thanks for your help, and look forward to the exciting results.

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