



Role of Human-Computer Interaction

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Abstract: *Human-Computer Interaction is the way in which humans interact with technologies, business, managerial, organizations. This article describes the existence and importance of human computer interaction and future research. It is believed that Human Computer Interaction is the subject of a strong research stream in Management Information System, and will continue to be strong in the future. The topics will include the psychology of human-computer interaction, psychologically-based design methods and tools, user interface media and tools, and introduction to user interface architecture.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

Usage of computers had always created the question of interface. The methods by which humans are using to interact with computers has travelled a long way. The journey has been continued till date and designing of new technologies and systems seems to be increasing number each day and the study in this area has been growing very rapidly in the last few decades.

The growth in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) not only provided quality of interaction, it has also experienced different branches in its history. Apart from designing common interfaces, the different research branches have different focus on the concepts of multimodal rather than unimodal, intelligent adaptive interfaces rather than command ones, and specifically active rather than passive interfaces. The idea of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) was created automatically with the demanding growth of computer. The enormous growth of computing has made effective human-computer interaction essential. It is important for the enormous number of computer users whose schedules will not allow to increase training and experience that was once necessary to gain advantage of computing. Increased attention to usability is driven by competitive pressures for high productivity and to reduce costs of training.

2. HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION: OVERVIEW

2.1 OVERVIEW OF HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION(HCI)

The advancement made over last few years in Human-Computer Interaction have almost made it impossible to realize between fiction and real. The push in research and the constant twists in marketing cause the new technology to become available to everyone. However, not all existing technologies are accessible or affordable by public.

2.2 DESIGNING FOR HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION(HCI)

Designing of Human-Computer Interaction model is more convoluted than in many other fields of engineering. It is essentially interdisciplinary, drawing on and influencing diverse areas such as computer graphics, software engineering, human factors and psychology[15]. The task for developers is to make complex system appear simple and sensible itself difficult and complex task.

Human-Computer Interaction design should consider many aspects of human behaviors [1]. The degree of difficulty in involvement of a human in interaction with machines is sometime hidden compared to the simplicity of the interaction method. Development of usable structures attracts on technology from consumer interface media, software program architecture, process and data modelling, standards, and tools for modeling, building and testing user interfaces.

2.3 THE COMPUTER SCIENCE OF HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION(HCI)

As a progress in HCI is making user interfaces easier to learn and use, they are becoming more difficult to build. The command line interface were difficult to use but easy to program. Modern direct manipulation and virtual environment interfaces are easier to understand and use, but harder to program, largely because they have more execution paths.

The area of Computer Science in Human-Computer Interaction study and develops the abstractions, techniques, languages, and tools to address this problem [2].

An important concept in user interface software is to differentiate the design of an interactive system into distinct levels [3]. Another distinctive conception is that the user interface management system (UIMS), that provides a separate software component that perform all interactions with the users, distinct from the application program that performs the underlying task [4]. It is corresponding to a database management system that it separates a function used by many applications and moves it to a shared subsystem. This approach divides the problem of programming the user interface from each individual application and permits some of the effort of designing tools for human-computer interaction to be amortized over many applications and shared by them.

Since user testing is an important part of good interface design, the techniques for rapidly prototyping and modifying user interfaces are needed. For this purpose, one requires methods for specifying user interfaces that are exact, so that the interface designer can describe and study a variety of possible user interfaces and automatic production of prototypes for user testing.

In a graphical direct manipulation fashion of user interface, a set of objects is presented on a screen, and the user has a collection of manipulations that can be performed on them. This means that the user has no commands to remember beyond the standard set of manipulations, few changes and a reminder of the available objects and their states shown continuously on the display. Examples are spreadsheets, the Xerox Star desktop and its descendants such as the Apple Macintosh and many video games.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 UNIMODAL HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION(HCI) SYSTEMS

As explained an interface mainly relies on number of input and outputs which are communication channels that enable users to interact with computer through this interface. Each one has independent single channels is called as modality [19]. Any system that depends on only one modality is known as unimodal. Based on the nature of different modality, they can be further divided into three categories:

Audio-Based

Visual-Based

Sensor-Based

Audio-Based HCI

The audio-based interaction between a computer and a human is another essential section of Human-Computer Interaction system. This area deals with information gathered by different audio mediums. While the behavior of audio medium may not be as variable as visual signals but the information gathered from audio signals can be more helpful and, in some cases, unique providers of information. Researches in this section can be divided to the following parts:

1. Speech Recognition
2. Speaker Recognition
3. Auditory Emotion Analysis
4. Human-Made Noise/Sign Detections
5. Musical Interaction

Generally, speech [14] and speaker recognition [17] have been the main focus of research. Recent attempts to integrate human emotions in human computer interaction initiated the analysis of emotions in audio signals. Apart from tone and pitch of speech, human auditory signs such as sigh has helped emotion analysis for designing more intelligent Human-Computer Interaction system [18].

3.1.1 Visual-Based HCI

The visual-based human computer interaction is probably the most broad area in Human-Computer Interaction system research. Considering the extent of application and variety of open problems and approaches, researchers tried to handle different aspects of human responses which can be identified as a visual signs. Some of the research in this section are as follow:

Facial Expression Analysis

2. Body Movement Tracking

3. Gesture Recognition

4. Gaze Detection

Gaze detection is generally an indirect variety of interaction between user and machine that is generally used for higher understanding of user's attention, focus in sensitive situation. The exception is eye tracking systems for helping disabilities in which eye tracking plays a main role e.g., pointer movement, blinking for clicking

[11][16]. For example, lip reading or lip movement tracking is known to be used as an influential aid for speech recognition error correction [7].

3.1.3 Sensor-Based HCI

Sensor-Based Human-Computer Interaction is combination of different applications. The common part of these is that at least one physical sensor is used between user and machine to provide the interaction. These sensors as mentioned as follows:

1. Pen-Based Interaction
2. Mouse and Keyboard
3. Motion Tracking Sensor and Digitizer
4. Taste/Smell Sensor
5. Haptic Sensor
6. Pressure Sensor

Pen-Based interaction are used in mobile devices and are related to pen gesture [20] and handwriting identification. Motion tracking sensors revolutionized movie, animation, art, and video-game industry. They are in the form of clothes which can be used and made computers much more able to interact with reality and human able to create their world virtually. Figure 1 depicts this sort of device. Haptic and pressure sensors are utilized in robotics and virtual reality [21]. The humanoid robots include tons of haptic sensors that make the robots sensitive and aware to touch [22]. These kinds of sensors are utilized in medical field [23].



Fig. 1. Wearable motion capture material for creation of video games (Taken from Operation Sport)

3.2 APPLICATION

3.2.1 EMOTION RECOGNITION MULTIMODAL SYSTEMS

Now computers are more essential than machines that perceive and interpret all clues. A natural human-computer interaction cannot be based on stated commands. Computers will be programmed to detect the various behavioral signals. This is completely a unique piece of the puzzle that one has to put together to guess accurately one's intentions and future behavior.

People can make predictions about one's emotional state by observing one's face, body, and voice. Studies say that if one had access to only one of the modalities, the face modality would give the best predictions. However, this accuracy can be improved by 35% when human judges are given access to both face and body modalities together [9]. This suggests affect recognition, which focused on facial expressions, can greatly advantage from multimodal fusion techniques.

Some of the few works which made an attempt to integrate more than one modality for recognition is [9] in which facial features and body posture features are combined to produce an indicator of one's frustration. Another work that integrated face and body modalities is [9] in which the authors confirmed that, similar to humans, machines

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classification of emotion is higher whilst primary based totally upon face and body information, in preference to both modality alone. The [24] authors tried to fuse facial and vocal information for powerful recognition. Once remaining consistent with human judges, machine classification of emotion as neutral, sad, angry, or happy was most accurate when the facial and vocal data is combined.

They recorded specifically four emotions i.e., sadness, anger, happiness, and neutral state. The detailed facial motions were captured with simultaneous speech recordings. Deducted experiments showed that the performance of the facial recognition-based system overcame the one based on aural information only.

Results show that the emotion recognition system based on aural information only give an overall performance of 70.9 percent, compared to an overall performance of 85 percent for a recognition system based on facial expressions. This is an fact that the cheek areas give important information for emotion classification.

1. CONCLUSION

Human-Computer Interaction is an essential part of systems design. Quality of system depends on how it is represented to users and their experience. The new direction of research has replaced common methods of interaction with intelligent, adaptive, multimodal and natural methods. The Intelligence is trying to embed the technology into the environment so to make it more natural and invisible at the same time. Virtual reality is also an advancing field of Human-Computer Interaction which can be the common interface of the future. This paper attempted to give an overview on these issues and provide a survey of existing research through a extensive reference list.

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