

SmartHEALTH: 5th International Workshop on Smart Healthcare and Wellness Applications

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ABSTRACT

Research in the area of smart healthcare systems has reached a point where significant improvements are only possible if academics and practitioners from various disciplines collaborate in order to develop new strategies for conceptualizing, designing, and implementing new applications. The underlying strategies must be harmonized and balanced in two ways: first, within the technological areas, and second, regarding the integration of technologies into the medical, cognitive, and social context. This also includes the way technology acts within the life courses of individuals and societies, and the balance of the benefits that technology brings against perceived or actual medical, social as well as ethical drawbacks. Therefore, this workshop aims to bring together researchers and industry practitioners from different fields to share their research positions and practical experiences and discuss new ideas, innovative approaches and challenging research questions, which have the potential to motivate future research activities within the field of smart healthcare systems.

Author Keywords

Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Centered Design, Ambient Intelligence, Health Care, Smart Services, Ambient Assisted Living, E-Health.

INTRODUCTION

Within the last five to ten years a variety of new healthcare concepts for supporting and assisting users in technology-enhanced environments emerged (see, e.g., Jähn, 2003 or Tan, 2005 for an overview over state-of-the-art applications). These so-called smart healthcare applications open up new possibilities for supporting diagnosis and therapy, by bridging temporal and spatial gaps between patients and physicians. Personal mobile devices enable autonomous and unobtrusive collection of clinical data and support the continuous transmission of physiological information between patients and remote

healthcare providers (Leonhardt, 2005). For patients with chronic diseases, like, e.g., chronic heart failures or diabetes, mobile e-health systems help to minimize hospital stays and in doing so enable an independent life in a domestic environment. Nevertheless, the complexity of e-health systems raises fundamental questions of behaviour, communication and technology acceptance. For example, users of future e-health systems will be increasingly characterized by diversity. Relying only on highly experienced and technology-prone user groups, which might have been typical users in the last decades, is not sufficient anymore (Czaja and Sharit, 1998; Ellis and Allaire, 1999). Rather, elderly users, users with a completely different upbringing and domain knowledge, and ill or handicapped people will have to use the systems. As previous research focussed mainly on information and communication technologies (Arning and Ziefle, 2007; Ziefle, 2008), there is a major need to understand in which way physical, emotional and cognitive abilities, caused by individual learning histories and health states, may impact the usage and acceptance of e-health technologies (Mellenhorst et al., 2007). Today, research activities in the e-health sector are dominated by professionals from engineering, natural sciences, informatics and medical sciences, who mainly concentrate on aspects of technical feasibility and medical treatment. But in order to fully exploit the potential of e-health applications, not only aspects of technical feasibility, but also acceptance and usability issues of e-health applications have to be carefully considered. In order to meet the needs of future user groups, an integrative and multidisciplinary approach is required, which combines engineering and medical knowledge with theoretical and methodological contributions of the humanities.

WORKSHOP

The proposed workshop will be based on workshops held at previous OzCHI conferences in Melbourne (2009 and 2012), Brisbane (2010), Canberra (2011). For more information please see: <http://www.humtec.rwth-aachen.de/smarthealth2013>.

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Workshop Goal

The workshop aims to bring together researchers from different disciplines to discuss the interrelation of medical, environmental, technical, communicative, psychological and social factors and their consequences for the design, use and acceptance of smart healthcare systems.

Workshop Topics

Recommended topics for position papers include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Methodology

- Usability of Healthcare Information Systems
- Usability of Mobile Computing in Healthcare
- User Experience Design
- Universal (or Disability) Access
- Empirical Methods (Qualitative and Quantitative)
- User and Cognitive Models
- Participatory Design
- Model-Based Design of E-Health Systems
- Tools for Design, Modelling, and Evaluation

2. Concepts and Applications

- Novel E-Health Concepts
- Software Infrastructures and Architectures for Implementing E-Health Applications
- Tools and Design Techniques for E-Health Systems
- Interaction Design
- Multidisciplinary or Interdisciplinary Design
- Trade-off between Technical, Medical, and User Requirements
- Aesthetic vs. Functional Design Aspects
- Emotional and Hedonic Design

3. Human-Computer Interaction

- Human Aspects of Future and Emerging Healthcare Technologies
- Human-Computer Interaction in Healthcare
- User-Centered or Human-Centered Design
- Emotion and Affective User Interface
- Adaptive and Tangible User Interfaces for E-Health Systems
- Universal (or Disability) Access

4. Social and Ethical Aspects

- Accessibility and Usability
- User Diversity
- Ethical and Normative Requirements
- Gender Specific Healthcare Design
- Economical, Legal, and Environmental Constraints
- Technology Acceptance and Performance
- Social and Societal Implications of E-Health Applications
- Legal Issues in E-Health Applications
- Privacy, Security, and Trust in E-Health Applications
- Cultural Aspects of E-Health Systems

5. Technology and Systems

- Technologies and Devices for Smart Healthcare Systems
- Medical Devices and Sensors Infrastructures
- Wireless Communication and Sensor Networks
- Collaborative and Distributed Healthcare Systems
- Handheld Devices and Mobile Computing in E-Health Systems
- Ubiquitous and Pervasive Computing in Healthcare
- Ambient Assisted Living Environments

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to the design of medical technologies. Here, the identification of users' specific needs as well as affective barriers towards new technologies is essential in this sensitive field. In addition to teaching and directing research in HumTec, Prof. Ziefle leads various projects funded by industrial and public authorities, dealing with the interaction and communication of humans with technology.



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