

CONTRIBUTION TO HOMECARE SYSTEMS FOR OLDER ADULTS THROUGH ITV

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1 Motivation

In Mexico, many seniors are alone for most of the day or live in public nursing homes. Aging is related to the accumulation (during the lifetime elapsed) of genetic faults in cells and organs; in some cases, augmented by additional factors, such as: diet, lifestyle and diseases [1]. It is considered, that for elders, is necessary to provide simple interaction with computer systems [2]. They often left outside technological tools because these were not designed to support the natural changes that older adults face due to ageing [3], and elderly people typically show rejection of new technologies at home, either because the lack of support to their natural disabilities or the lack of perceived utility [4]. This thesis propose to explore a medium well known by seniors such as the television set (TV). TV is a standard device with an extensive home penetration and impacts in practically all scopes from the point of view of the information, entertainment and education [5, 6].

2 Objectives

Design, development and evaluation of a home care platform for older adults using interactive television technologies in order to improve their technology adoption.

Specific objectives

- Understanding older adults needs.
- Requirements specification.
- Identify appropriate technologies for the development of interactive television applications.
- Field evaluation of the platform.

5 Results & discussion

Based on surveys with 500 older adults and the analysis of the context the requirements were identified. Implementation of a prototype as an Android TV application.



A heuristic evaluation study performed through expert review to an early prototype to make sure that the requirements identified after the contextual study were included in a user-friendly manner to older adults. Heuristics were an efficient method for finding problems with the system and allowed significant improvements in the interaction with the software.

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After addressing and resolving the findings of the heuristic evaluation, an improved platform was built (iTVCare). An assessment of technology adoption and user experience of the system was performed through a pilot test with a group of 50 seniors in the State of Colima in Mexico.

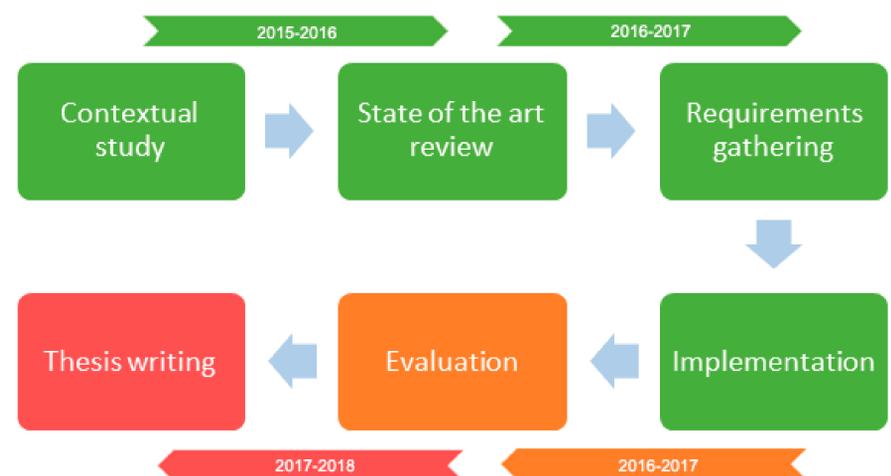
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The findings confirmed that older adults showed a strong intention of use towards a television-based platform to provide wellbeing.

3 Research plan

- Contextual study:
 - Identify people that will use the platform and gathering real data on the user context.
- State of the art review:
 - Comprehensive literature review in care systems, technological platforms and ageing.
- Requirements gathering:
 - Identify all the requirements needed to be successful with the product.
- Implementation:
 - Build a prototype of the iTV platform.
- Evaluation of usability and technology adoption of the proposed iTV platform by older adults.
- Results dissemination through publications in journals.

4 Next year planning



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