

Framework for promoting social interaction and physical activity in elderly people using gamification and fuzzy logic strategy

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Introduction

Population over **65 years** in the **United States** is projected to increase from **18% to 26% by 2050.**

Elderly people spend **more time** at their **home** than any other family members.





https://www.centreforbrainhealth.ca/news/2018/06/21 /new-paper-offers-smart-guidelines-developing-techtools-older-adults

Thermostats are used in 85% of residential buildings in the United States. Some of them use mobile phones for monitoring the house.

The technology adoption in houses and mobile phone are increasing. Thus, new products and applications are appearing and making life enjoyable.

e-Health applications for the elderly are related to improving their quality of life by promoting routine exercises.

Nevertheless, elderly people failed in adopting those new technologies due to usability problems or lack of technological skills causing social isolation.



Introduction

- The acceptation of a product relies on personality traits.
- Gamification within a device may increase enjoyment in elderly users and solve usability problems.
- Gamification with fuzzy logic has been proved to be useful in the decision making process, such as profiling the type of user for the personnel selection process.
- Nevertheless, to the best of our knowledge, applying a gamification strategy based on fuzzy logic and the type of personality to develop a tailored product has not been studied previously.

Objective



Propose a strategy that promotes regular physical activities and social interaction by considering the elderly's personality traits, the use of gamification techniques in mobile interfaces and the connected thermostat, to teach, engage, and motivate them to have a healthier lifestyle

Current Solution

ENABLE project

Safety and assistive technologies for monitoring and controlling bath, temperature and gas stove.

Silver Promenade Video game that simulated real-life activities.





https://www.consolvo.org/ubifit

2017





2012

http://gamification-research.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/04/12-Gerling.pdf

Proposed Solution

Develop a framework that considers the type of personality using a gamification strategy based on fuzzy logic to propose a tailored Human Machine Interface.

Methodology

Collection of data from books, journals and proceedings publications:

- The collected data was gathered from surveys, interviews and meta-analysis
- Gamification elements in e-Health applications for the elderly.
- Types of Gamification frameworks.
- Personalities for elderly people regarding their attitude, engagement, and knowledge about using the Internet for health purposes.
- The evaluation and metrics used in those publications to validate the HMI.



Framework





Knowledge base phase





Analyzes the types of personalities, as well as the effects of the application, and the gamification elements used in e-Health applications for elderly.







Fuzzy logic phase



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- In 1965, L. Zadeh proposed a fuzzy set theory that models uncertainty based on linguistic variables related to human reasoning. It does not require a mathematical model of the real system to develop the set, but the experts' knowledge to propose the system.
- This step analyzes the three effects of the game to propose the gamification elements that best fit the user type. The fuzzy system helps the designer propose a tailored interface.

Knowledge

Measures the completed routine exercises and the acquired expertise they share with friends.

Input elements









Attitude

Measures if the user is having an attitude change toward exercising

Input elements



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Through progress bar the elderly can track advances. Output variables: Intrinsic and Extrinsic Gamifed elements Progress bar Output variable membership functions Very low Elderly users share with peers their improvements and 0.8 Med Social Sharing Ξ High dig 0.6the benefits they are achieving. Very high e 0.4 Feedback The elderly can give their friends feedback on how they 50 20 40 70 complete the exercises or activities and vice versa. Range Badges The badges and points earned reflect that the elderly Points **Output variables: Personality traits** users are performing the exercise. Output variable membership functions Neuroticism Agreeableness Personality trait 0.8 Openness Ξ ₽ 0.6· Conscientiousness Extraversion 0.4-

Output elements

Engagement

Monitors the time the elderly uses the application.

Input elements





Output elements

Through challenges achieved and time dedicated.

Through video calls duration or feedbacks done to elderly Friends and viceversa.

By monitoring the ascense to the top.

The more rewards is recieving the more engaged the user is













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The HMI is proposed so the end user interacts with the application.

Through the social connector and activity recognition, user engagement, attitude and knowledge, the product and interface can be measured and evaluated.

This phase provides continuous feedback to the user and the knowledge base to determine whether the user is engaged or if adjustments are required.



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Evaluate phase

Results



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Conclusion

App for the elderly (timeline)





Knowing the characteristics and personalities of elderly people could allow product designers to provide a tailored device and improve their quality life.

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The HMI has the following stages:

- 1. Get input values.
- 2. Profile the end user.
- 3. Select gamification features

Conclusion

App for the elderly (timeline)





This proposal may facilitate the adoption of connected devices in elderly people by providing them with an interface according to their personality characteristics.

Further work

- Nov-Dec in México: Evaluate the usability of the Interface.
 - At the National Institute of Geriatrics
 - Survey
 - Mock-ups app
 - Next year at Berkeley: Evaluate the usability of the Interface.
- Dec: Gather databases information to know the most downloaded application
 - Characteristics of the game elements.
 - Which fitness applications are the most downloaded
 - Age, genre, location
 - Considerations in e-Health applications
- Feb '20: Update the framework.
 - Validate the elderly people profile
 - Get an accurate gamified HMI for elderly people.

Thank you

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