

Ambient intelligence assignment - 1

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1 Introduction

This paper is based on four brief stories, taken from "Scenarios for ambient intelligence in 2010", and it underlines which technologies form the stories exist and which ones don't.

1.1 The four stories

Table of data to see the results as a glance:

| | What we have now Links/pictures | What we don't have now But may have in the close future |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Maria | Car that opens at approach and starts with button Priority for car in city center Adjust lights with voice Communication threshold for incoming calls and messages Cardio monitor and video wall | P-Comm technology En casa technology Room that adopts your personality Possibility to command bath Possibility to "Localise your presentation" |
| Dimitros | "being in communication with mankind" D-me learns about the person Contact people from everywhere in the world | D-me answers calls acting as a person D-me takes decisions that affect other people Displayphones to get calls |
| Carmen | Contact people to drive to places Food delivery and smart delivery boxes Guidance system for traffic Ads on your favourite items on sale Sensor for bikes E-fridge for missing ingredients in recipe | Car biosensor for smoke Shop on the fridge Check the status of your purchases everywhere Automatic payment of car and entering city center High pressure belt above city City engine control sys reduces velocities |
| Annette and Solomon | Technology and mentor "work together" Conversation with ambient Ambient suggests interaction between people | Ambient accesses agendas for scheduling Ambient asks how you feel with study, gives suggestions Enhanced interactive simulation and projection facilities |

Below are shown a few explanations of the data written in the table.

1.1.1 Maria

The virtual assistant AI technology Alexa from Amazon allows to dim or switch on and off lights as in the story. Here are some of the varieties of commands that can do so, for example:

Turn lights on or off: "Alexa, turn on the lights" or "Alexa, turn off the living room lights."

Dim the lights: "Alexa, dim the lights to 50 percent."

Change the color of the lights: "Alexa, make the living room lights red" or "Alexa, turn the lights to soft white."

However, a room that adopts your personality doesn't exist, but some technologies go in this direction. For example there's an app, Sleep Cycle, whose alarm clock wakes you up while you're in light sleep to improve the quality of your sleep https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.northcube.sleepcycle&hl=en_US.

1.1.2 Dimitros

Being in communication with mankind is possible through social networks. Moreover, some of the apps we use, such as Facebook or Amazon, learn about our preferences to send us specific advertisements.

However it is still not possible that a technology such as D-Me could have so many responsibilities

such as taking decisions in your place. Nowadays it would be very difficult to implement such a technology, due to the Laws of the countries.

1.1.3 Carmen

Blabla car allows drivers to share car trips with other people, and Uber specifically allows a parallel system of taxis.

Additionally, food delivery has been part of our lives for years as well as Amazon lockers and Amazon counters: <https://www.amazon.it/b?ie=UTF8&node=16679461031>

However, we don't have the possibility to shop on the fridge screen yet, but it will probably happen soon, since smart fridges already exist and have multiple functionalities such as cameras, recipes saved on screen, possibility to put some music on.

1.1.4 Annette and Solomon

Teachers for the driving licence course use people's personal scoring on the app to keep track of their errors and suggest them what to study more depending on their knowledge gaps. It is of course different from a mentor interacting with an A.I., but it is an example of a simpler technology with the same goal.

However, even though many apps may have access to personal calendars, they can just add events, but can't yet check the other events in order to schedule appointments.