

PaperChains: Dynamic Sketch+Voice Annotations. Pearson, et al. CSCW. 2015.

What are the core research questions addressed by the work?

- How to enable access to further types of media and information in resource-constrained communities?

What motivates the work?

- Limited access to high-powered devices, laptops, but access to low-end camera phones in resource constrained communities
- Limited mobile data connection access, but potential access to voice-based interactive voice response (IVR) systems
 - Supposedly an accessible, audio-only version of the internet
- Observed and reported difficulties in locating information within IVR (interactive voice response) services

How does the work understand the usage, capabilities, and limitations of paper?

- Printed media is entirely visual and provides a good interface for navigating through information, but presents clear barriers with regards to textual literacy
- Voice (via IVR) enables ready access to information, has a lower literacy barrier, but is incredibly difficult to navigate and find desired information
- There are therefore clear opportunities to connect voice and printed media spaces
- Paper is physical, accessible, flexible

What is the target application domain of the work?

- Enabling information access in resource-constrained communities
- Collaborative storytelling

What are some proposed extensions to paper proposed by the work?

- Affords rich experiences with physical objects, linking users' photos directly to audio content from a telephone-based service
 - Allow direct interaction with photographs of physical objects to receive audio-based captioning on demand
 - Provide the service via a standard phone line, ensuring that it can be used where mobile internet is costly or unavailable
 - Independent of media it interacts with
- Allow iterable creation of audio-visual content
 - Enable collaborative storytelling through binding between physical media objects and audio

How are the proposed extensions implemented?

- Two component implementation
 - Local client: Mobile phone application used to take a photo of an object, allowing panning, zooming, and selection, and help the user interact with the voice service
 - Remote voice service: Standard IVR system, where DTMF tones over the phone line control the resultant audio interaction
- Client design
 - Use of QR codes printed on media to detect the positioning of the interactive object within the photo taken by the user

- When the user touches the picture they have taken, the coordinate of the current touch point is sent as six DTMF tones to the remote service

What findings have been obtained from either the implementation process or an evaluation of the proposed system?

- Studies demonstrated strong appreciation and desire for the prototype design
- Design potentially beneficial in areas where literacy and data connection access are low
 - Also has benefits for more developed contexts: Where data-costs are higher than usual, internet-based backend where data connectivity is cheap, interactive greeting cards