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Teo 2 (Emotional Teo)

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Abstract

Robotic companions have been proved effective to promote social skills. It is thought that this capability is enhanced when the robot exhibits some "emotional" behavior.

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Introduction

The goal is to re-engineer and extend the existing version of Teo 2 with a Cognitive Module (enabling emotional sensing, expression features, adaptive Human-Robot Spatial Behavior and adaptive polite/intimate Behavior) and possibly evaluating the results against Teo 1.

The document is structured in this way:

• Chapter 1: it describes some possible scenarios

Chapter 1

First chapter

1.1 Games

1.2 Interactions

1.2.1 User Meeting

1.2.1.1 Previous State

Idle.

1.2.1.2 Input

The therapist turns the robot in front of the user and selects «User Meeting» mode.

1.2.1.3 Goal

To start a comunication with Teo.

1.2.1.4 Activities

Teo says «Hi!» and smiles (yellow leds). If the user responds, Teo says «Let's have fun! Are you ready?»

1.2.1.5 Superability Manual Mappings

Area: Socialization

Teo:

- shows different emotional states based on the context
- greets verbally on demand
- responds verbally to greetings

1.2.1.6 HW required

Microphone, speaker, led matrix, external pc.

1.2.1.7 SW required

Voice recognizer, speech formulation system

1.2.2 User Smiling

1.2.2.1 Previous State

Teo is in idle state and it is in front of the user.

1.2.2.2 Input

The user smiles.

1.2.2.3 Goal

To keep face contact with Teo.

1.2.2.4 Activities

Teo smiles (yellow leds).

1.2.2.5 Superability Manual Mappings

Area: Socialization

Teo:

• shows different emotional states based on the context

1.2.2.6 HW required

Led matrix, external pc, internal camera.

1.2.2.7 SW required

Face recognizer.

1.2.3 User Leaving

1.2.3.1 Previous State

Teo is in idle state and it is in front of the user.

1.2.3.2 Input

The user goes far away.

1.2.3.3 Goal

To reconnect the connection between Teo and the user.

1.2.3.4 Activities

The teacher selects one of the following:

- Teo says «Goodbye!» and smiles (yellow leds)
- Teo says «Where are you going?» and becomes sad (purple leds)

1.2.3.5 Superability Manual Mappings

Area: Socialization

Teo:

• shows different emotional states based on the context

1.2.3.6 HW required

Speaker, led matrix, external pc, sonar sensor.

1.2.3.7 SW required

Speech formulation system

Conclusions

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Appendix A

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