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User suggestions based on engagement

Abstract

Systems and processes for operating a digital assistant are provided. An example method includes, at an electronic device having one or more processors and memory, receiving a biometric signature of a user, determining, based on the biometric signature, a wellness level associated with the user, in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, providing a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment, and after a predetermined time, causing a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device to begin engaging with the first electronic device.

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Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS (1) This application is a U.S. National Stage Patent Application of PCT Application No. PCT/US2022/024491, entitled “USER SUGGESTIONS BASED ON ENGAGEMENT.” filed on Apr. 12, 2022, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 63/174,199, entitled “USER SUGGESTIONS BASED ON ENGAGEMENT,” filed Apr. 13, 2021. The contents of each of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

FIELD

(1) This relates generally to digital assistants and, more specifically, to monitoring user engagement and providing suggestions based on user engagement with a digital assistant.

BACKGROUND

(2) Intelligent automated assistants (or digital assistants) can provide a beneficial interface between human users and electronic devices. Such assistants can allow users to interact with devices or systems using natural language in spoken and/or text forms. For example, a user can provide a speech input containing a user request to a digital assistant operating on an electronic device. The digital assistant can interpret the user's intent from the speech input and operationalize the user's intent into tasks. The tasks can then be performed by executing one or more services of the electronic device, and a relevant output responsive to the user request can be returned to the user.

(3) In some cases, users may interact with digital assistants within virtual and augmented reality settings in such a comprehensive manner that the user may neglect to monitor their own wellness and thus cannot determine when they should take a break from interacting with the digital assistant and/or electronic device. Accordingly, efficient ways for the digital assistant to monitor the user's wellness level and prompt the user to take a break may be desirable. It may further be desired for the digital assistant to provide a reminder of the user to end the break and engage with the digital assistant again to increase the user's productivity and level of engagement.

SUMMARY

(4) Example methods are disclosed herein. An example method includes, at an electronic device having one or more processors and memory, receiving a biometric signature of a user, determining, based on the biometric signature, a wellness level associated with the user, in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, providing a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment, and after a predetermined time, causing a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device to begin engaging with the first electronic device.

(5) Example non-transitory computer-readable media are disclosed herein. An example non-transitory computer-readable storage medium stores one or more programs. The one or more programs include instruction for receiving a biometric signature of a user, determining, based on the biometric signature, a wellness level associated with the user, in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, providing a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment, and after a predetermined time, causing a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device to begin engaging with the first electronic device.

(6) Example electronic devices are disclosed herein. An example electronic device comprises one or more processors; a memory; and one or more programs, where the one or more programs are stored in the memory and configured to be executed by the one or more processors, the one or more programs including instructions for receiving a biometric signature of a user, determining, based on the biometric signature, a wellness level associated with the user, in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, providing a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment, and after a predetermined time, causing a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device to begin engaging with the first electronic device.

(7) An example electronic device comprises means for receiving a biometric signature of a user, means for determining, based on the biometric signature, a wellness level associated with the user, in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, means for providing a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment, and means for after a predetermined time, causing a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device to begin engaging with the first electronic device.

(8) Determining, based on the biometric signature, a wellness level associated with the user allows a digital assistant to monitor whether a user is efficiently interacting with the digital assistant and any chosen tasks being completed by the digital assistant. Accordingly, the digital assistant may determine whether a user would benefit from a break in engagement with the digital assistant and therefore more efficiently use their time. This in turn increases the efficiency of the digital assistant and any electronic device running the digital assistant as less time is wasted by the user repeating tasks they are not engaged with. This allows the digital assistant to provide tasks when the user is engaged rather than repeatedly performing a task over and over when a user is distracted, reducing

the power consumption of the digital assistant and improving the battery life of the electronic device.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES

- (1) FIGS. 1A-1B depict exemplary systems for use in various computer-generated reality technologies, including virtual reality and mixed reality.
- (2) FIG. 2 depicts an exemplary system for monitoring a user wellness level and providing user suggestions, according to various examples.
- (3) FIG. 3 depicts an exemplary output of the system for monitoring the user wellness level.
- (4) FIG. 4 depicts an exemplary output of the system for monitoring the user wellness level.
- (5) FIG. 5 depicts an exemplary output of the system for monitoring the user wellness level.
- (6) FIG. 6 depicts an exemplary flow diagram illustrating a method for monitoring a user wellness level and providing user suggestions, according to various examples.

DESCRIPTION

(7) People may sense or interact with a physical environment or world without using an electronic device. Physical features, such as a physical object or surface, may be included within a physical environment. For instance, a physical environment may correspond to a physical city having physical buildings, roads, and vehicles. People may directly sense or interact with a physical environment through various means, such as smell, sight, taste, hearing, and touch. This can be in contrast to an extended reality (XR) environment that may refer to a partially or wholly simulated environment that people may sense or interact with using an electronic device. The XR environment may include virtual reality (VR) content, mixed reality (MR) content, augmented reality (AR) content, or the like. Using an XR system, a portion of a person's physical motions, or representations thereof, may be tracked and, in response, properties of virtual objects in the XR environment may be changed in a way that complies with at least one law of nature. For example, the XR system may detect a user's head movement and adjust auditory and graphical content presented to the user in a way that simulates how sounds and views would change in a physical environment. In other examples, the XR system may detect movement of an electronic device (e.g., a laptop, tablet, mobile phone, or the like) presenting the XR environment. Accordingly, the XR system may adjust auditory and graphical content presented to the user in a way that simulates how sounds and views would change in a physical environment. In some instances, other inputs, such as a representation of physical motion (e.g., a voice command), may cause the XR system to adjust properties of graphical content.

(8) Numerous types of electronic systems may allow a user to sense or interact with an XR environment. A non-exhaustive list of examples includes lenses having integrated display capability to be placed on a user's eyes (e.g., contact lenses), heads-up displays (HUDs), projection-based systems, head mountable systems, windows or windshields having integrated display technology, headphones/earphones, input systems with or without haptic feedback (e.g., handheld or wearable controllers), smartphones, tablets, desktop/laptop computers, and speaker arrays. Head mountable systems may include an opaque display and one or more speakers. Other head mountable systems may be configured to receive an opaque external display, such as that of a smartphone. Head mountable systems may capture images/video of the physical environment using one or more image sensors or capture audio of the physical environment using one or more microphones. Instead of an opaque display, some head mountable systems may include a transparent or translucent display. Transparent or translucent displays may direct light representative of images to a user's eyes through a medium, such as a hologram medium, optical waveguide, an optical combiner, optical reflector, other similar technologies, or combinations

thereof. Various display technologies, such as liquid crystal on silicon, LEDs, uLEDs, OLEDs, laser scanning light source, digital light projection, or combinations thereof, may be used. In some examples, the transparent or translucent display may be selectively controlled to become opaque. Projection-based systems may utilize retinal projection technology that projects images onto a user's retina or may project virtual content into the physical environment, such as onto a physical surface or as a hologram.

(9) FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B depict exemplary system **100** for use in various extended reality technologies.

(10) As shown in FIG. 1A, system **100** includes device **100a**. Device **100a** includes RF circuitry(ies) **104**, processor(s) **102**, memory(ies) **106**, image sensor(s) **108**, touch-sensitive surface(s) **122**, speaker(s) **118**, location sensor(s) **116**, microphone(s) **112**, orientation sensor(s) **110**, and display(s) **120**. These components optionally communicate using communication bus(es) **150** of device **100a**.

(11) In some examples, a base station device (e.g., a computing device, such as a remote server, mobile device, or laptop) implements some components of system **100** and a second device (e.g., a head-mounted device) implements other components of system **100**. In some examples, device **100a** is implemented in a base station device or in a second device.

(12) As shown in FIG. 1B, in some examples, system **100** includes two or more devices in communication, e.g., via a wired connection or a wireless connection. First device **100b** (e.g., a base station device) includes memory(ies) **106**, RF circuitry(ies) **104**, and processor(s) **102**. Such components optionally communicate using communication bus(es) **150** of device **100b**. Second device **100c** (e.g., a head-mounted device) includes components such as RF circuitry(ies) **104**, processor(s) **102**, memory(ies) **106**, image sensor(s) **108**, touch-sensitive surface(s) **122**, speaker(s) **118**, location sensor(s) **116**, microphone(s) **112**, orientation sensor(s) **110**, and display(s) **120**. These components optionally communicate using communication bus(es) **150** of device **100c**.

(13) System **100** includes RF circuitry(ies) **104**. RF circuitry(ies) **104** optionally include circuitry for communicating with networks (e.g., the Internet, a wireless network (e.g., such as cellular networks and wireless local area networks (LANs)), and/or intranets) and/or electronic devices. RF circuitry(ies) **104** optionally includes circuitry for communicating using near-field communication and/or short-range communication (e.g., Bluetooth®).

(14) System **100** includes processor(s) **102** and memory(ies) **106**. Processor(s) **102** include one or more graphics processors, one or more general processors, and/or one or more digital signal processors. In some examples, memory(ies) **106** are one or more non-transitory computer-readable storage mediums (e.g., random access memory, flash memory) storing computer-readable instructions configured to be executed by processor(s) **102** to perform the techniques described below.

(15) System **100** includes image sensor(s) **108**. Image sensors(s) **108** optionally include one or more infrared (IR) sensor(s), e.g., a passive IR sensor or an active IR sensor, to detect infrared light from the physical environment. For example, an active IR sensor includes an IR emitter (e.g., an IR dot emitter) for emitting infrared light into the physical environment. Image sensor(s) **108** also optionally include one or more visible light image sensors, such as complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) sensors and/or charged coupled device (CCD) sensors capable of obtaining images of physical elements from the physical environment. Image sensor(s) **108** also optionally include one or more event camera(s) configured to capture movement of physical elements in the physical environment. Image sensor(s) **108** also optionally include one or more depth sensor(s) capable of detecting the distance of physical elements from system **100**. In some examples, system **100** uses IR sensors, CCD sensors, event cameras, and depth sensors together to detect the physical environment around system **100**. In some examples, image sensor(s) **108** include first and second image sensors. The first and second image sensors are optionally capable of capturing images of physical elements in the physical environment from two respective different perspectives. In some

examples, system **100** uses image sensor(s) **108** to detect the position and orientation of system **100** and/or display(s) **120** in the physical environment. For example, system **100** uses image sensor(s) **108** to track the position and orientation of display(s) **120** relative to one or more fixed elements in the physical environment. In some examples, image sensor(s) **108** are capable of receiving user inputs, such as hand gestures.

(16) In some examples, system **100** includes touch-sensitive surface(s) **122** for receiving user inputs, such as tapping or swiping inputs. In some examples, touch-sensitive surface(s) **122** and display(s) **120** are combined into touch-sensitive display(s).

(17) In some examples, system **100** includes microphone(s) **112**. System **100** uses microphone(s) **112** to detect sound from the user's physical environment or from the user. In some examples, microphone(s) **112** includes a microphone array (e.g., including a plurality of microphones) that optionally operate together, e.g., to locate the spatial source of sound from the physical environment or to identify ambient noise.

(18) System **100** includes orientation sensor(s) **110** for detecting orientation and/or movement of system **100** and/or display(s) **120**. For example, system **100** uses orientation sensor(s) **110** to track changes in the position and/or orientation of system **100** and/or display(s) **120**, such as relative to physical elements in the physical environment. Orientation sensor(s) **110** optionally include gyroscope(s) and/or accelerometer(s).

(19) System **100** includes display(s) **120**. Display(s) **120** may operate with a transparent or semi-transparent displays (and optionally with one or more imaging sensors). Display(s) **120** may include an opaque display. Display(s) **120** may allow a person to view a physical environment directly through the display, and may also allow addition of virtual content to the person's field of view, e.g., by superimposing virtual content over the physical environment. Display(s) **120** may implement display technologies such as a digital light projector, a laser scanning light source, LEDs, OLEDs, liquid crystal on silicon, or combinations thereof. Display(s) **120** can include substrates through which light is transmitted, e.g., optical reflectors and combiners, light waveguides, holographic substrates, or combinations thereof. As a particular example, the transparent or semi-transparent display may selectively transition between a transparent or semi-transparent state and an opaque state. Further example implementations of display(s) **120** include display-capable lenses, tablets, smartphones, desktop computers, laptop computers, heads up displays, display-capable automotive windshields, or display-capable windows. In some examples, system **100** is a projection-based system. For example, system **100** projects virtual objects onto a physical environment (e.g., projects a holograph onto a physical environment or projects imagery onto a physical surface). As another example, system **100** uses retinal projection to project images onto a person's eyes (e.g., retina). In some examples, system **100** can be configured to interface with an external display (e.g., a smartphone display).

(20) FIG. 2 depicts exemplary system **200** for monitoring a user wellness level and providing user suggestions, according to various examples. In some examples, as illustrated in FIG. 2, system **200** includes digital assistant **202**, VR device **204**, wearable electronic device **206**, and output devices **208**. In some examples, these components of system **200** may optionally be combined as discussed further below. In some examples, digital assistant **202** is implemented on one or more of the devices included in system **200**, such as VR device **204**, wearable electronic device **206**, and/or output devices **208**. In some examples, digital assistant **202** is implemented across other devices (e.g., a server) in addition to the devices depicted in system **200**. In some examples, some of the modules and functions of the digital assistant are divided into a server portion and a client portion, where the client portion resides on one or more user devices (e.g., electronic device **100**, VR device **204**, wearable electronic device **206**, and output devices **208**) and communicates with the server portion through one or more networks.

(21) It should be noted that system **200** is only one example of such a system, and that system **200** can have more or fewer devices than shown, can combine two or more devices, or can have a

different configuration or arrangement of the devices. Digital assistant **202** is implemented in hardware, software instructions for execution by one or more processors, firmware, including one or more signal processing and/or application specific integrated circuits, or a combination thereof. In some examples, digital assistant **202** connects to one or more components and/or sensors of VR device **204**, wearable electronic device **206**, and output devices **208** as discussed further below.

(22) System **200** uses the various devices depicted, including VR device **204**, wearable electronic device **206**, and output devices **208** to monitor the wellness level of users of system **200** to determine whether the user should take a break and thus whether system **200** should provide the user with an output to stop engaging with system **200**. Additionally, system **200** may use the various devices to provide other outputs or reminders to the user, including prompts to re-engage with system **200** (or a specific device of system **200**) when certain criteria is met (e.g., after the user has taken a break, when the user has an event scheduled, or when the user will be productive).

(23) While the user is engaged with VR device **204**, system **200** and in particular VR device **204** of system **200** receives biometric signature **201** of the user. Biometric signature **201** includes one or more biometric signals that can represent a wellness level of the user including the pulse of the user, the blood pressure of the user, an attention level of the user, an eye pattern of the user, a facial pattern (e.g., facial expressions) of the user, a voice pattern of the user, an electroencephalogram (EEG) of the user, or a temperature of the user. Biometric signature **201** is received by one or more sensors of VR device **204** including one or more cameras, a thermometer, a heart rate sensor, one or more microphones, one or more electrodes etc.

(24) For example, while the user is wearing VR device **204** (e.g., a VR headset), a camera of VR device **204** that is pointed in the direction of the user face may monitor the user's eyes to determine an eye pattern of the user. As another example, while the user is wearing VR device **204**, earpieces or a strap that is used to hold VR device **204** may include a heart rate sensor and/or a thermometer that may measure the user's pulse or temperature respectively.

(25) In some examples, biometric signature **201** includes multiple biometric signatures received by multiple different sensors of VR device **204**. For example, biometric signature **201** may include the eye pattern of the user determined by an interior camera of VR device **204**, the temperature of the user determined by a thermometer of VR device **204**, a voice pattern of the user received by a microphone of VR device **204**, and the pulse of the user received by a heart rate sensor of VR device **204**.

(26) In some examples, biometric signature **201** is received by one or more sensors of wearable device **206** or output devices **208** and is provided to VR device **204** or another electronic device (e.g., a server) for further processing by digital assistant **202**. For example, when wearable device **206** is a smart watch, wearable device **206** may measure the pulse of the user with a heart rate monitor included in the smart watch and provide the pulse of the user to VR device **204** as biometric signature **201**.

(27) After receiving biometric signature **201**, VR device **204** provides biometric signature **201** to digital assistant **202** which determines wellness level **203** associated with the user based on biometric signature **201**. Digital assistant **202** can be implemented on VR device **204** and thus use the various components of VR device **204** (e.g., memory, processors, etc.) to determine wellness level **203**. In some examples, digital assistant **202** is implemented on a server as well as VR device **204** and thus uses the components of VR device **204** and the server (e.g., memory, processors, etc.) to determine wellness level **203**.

(28) In some examples, wellness level **203** includes a score determined based on biometric signature **201**. Thus, digital assistant **202** may assign a numerical value to each of the biometric signatures received as part of biometric signature **201** and average them to determine an overall wellness level of the user. For example, when biometric signature **201** includes a pulse of the user and an eye pattern of the user, digital assistant **202** may assign a numerical value to the pulse of the user based on whether it is considered to be a normal level, a high level, etc. and also assign a

numerical value to the eye pattern of the user based on whether the user's eye pattern is erratic. Thus, if the user's pulse is over 100 (e.g., 110, 115, 125, 145, etc.) a lower numerical value may be assigned to the user's pulse indicating that the user is likely not well. Similarly, if the user's eye pattern is very erratic (e.g., looking at many different objects and directions) a lower numerical value may be assigned to the user's eye pattern also indicating that the user is likely not well. Averaging these two numbers would thus result in a low value for wellness level **203**, indicating that the user has a low overall wellness level.

(29) In contrast, if the user's pulse is below 100 (e.g., 80, 85, 90, etc.) a higher numerical value may be assigned to the user's pulse indicating that the user is likely well. Similarly, if the user's eye pattern is not very erratic (e.g., focusing on a single object, document, etc.) a higher numerical value may be assigned to the user's eye pattern indicating that the user is likely well. Averaging these two numbers would thus result in a high value for wellness level **203**, indicating that the user has a high overall wellness level.

(30) In some examples, wellness level **203** is based on one or more interactions between the user and VR device **204**. Interactions between the user and VR device **204** include opening new tasks or windows, looking away from a primary task, adjusting a setting of VR device **204**, etc. Interactions such as those described above can indicate that the user is losing focus and may have been engaged with VR device **204** for longer than generally desired, resulting in a lower wellness level.

Accordingly, digital assistant **202** may determine a relatively low wellness level **203** (or adjust wellness level **203** to be lower) when the user has interacted with VR device **204** in this manner.

(31) In some examples, wellness level **203** is based on contextual data associated with the user. Exemplary contextual data associated with user includes an amount of time the user has been engaged with VR device **204**, one or more scheduled events associated with the user, a user profile associated with the user, or other information associated with the user that digital assistant **202** has access to. Accordingly, when determining wellness level **203** digital assistant **202** may consider this contextual data to calculate or adjust the score.

(32) For example, contextual data associated with the user may indicate that the user has been engaged with VR device **204** for several hours and that the user has a virtual meeting scheduled an hour from the current time. Digital assistant **202** may then determine or adjust wellness level **203** to be lower to indicate that the user should take a break, even if biometric signal **201** indicates that the user is generally well.

(33) In some examples, wellness level **203** is based on contextual data associated with VR device **204**. Contextual data associated with VR device **204** may indicate a location of the VR device **204** (e.g., GPS coordinates), whether VR device **204** is connected to a network (e.g., WiFi network), whether VR device **204** is connected to one or more other devices (e.g., headphones), and/or a current time, date, and/or weekday. If the VR device **204** is connected to a network or device, the contextual data may further indicate a name and/or type of the network or device, respectively. Accordingly, when determining wellness level **203** digital assistant **202** may consider this contextual data to calculate or adjust the score.

(34) For example, contextual data associated with VR device **204** may indicate that the current location of VR device **204** is a public park and that VR device **204** is not connected to a WiFi network. Accordingly, digital assistant **202** may determine that the user is in a good location to take a break and thus determine (or adjust) wellness level **203** to be lower to indicate that the user should take a break, even if biometric signal **201** indicates that the user is generally well.

(35) Contextual data associated with VR device **204** may further include a number of applications open, the types of applications that are open, or specific objects/data provided by the open applications. Accordingly, digital assistant **202** may further determine or adjust wellness level **203** based on this application data. For example, contextual data associated with VR device **204** may indicate that the user has ten different applications open and that all of the applications are sharing different, unrelated objects or data. Based on this, digital assistant **202** may determine (or adjust)

wellness level **203** to be lower to indicate the user should take a break because the contextual data indicates that the user may be overwhelmed, even if this is not reflected in biometric signal **201**.
(36) Contextual data associated with VR device **204** may further include whether one or more other devices of system **200** (e.g., wearable device **206** and output devices **208**) is present at the current location of VR device **204** or is actively connected to VR device **204**. For example, contextual data associated with VR device **204** may indicate that one or more output devices **208** (e.g., a smart speaker) is present at the current location of VR device **204**. Accordingly, digital assistant **202** may determine that it is a good time for the user to take a break because the user may be reminded to re-engage later with output device **208**, as described further below. Thus, digital assistant **202** may adjust wellness level **203** to be lower to encourage the user to take a break from engaging with VR device **204**.

(37) Wellness level **203** is also based on whether a virtual environment is currently being provided by VR device **204**. For example, if VR device **204** is currently providing a virtual environment, digital assistant **202** may weight some factors such as how long the user has been interacting with VR device **204** more heavily. In particular, currently providing a virtual environment combined with a long use time may indicate that the user has not taken a break recently and thus digital assistant **202** may adjust wellness level **203** accordingly.

(38) In some examples, wellness level **203** is based on contextual data associated with other devices of system **200** such as wearable device **206** and output devices **208**. Contextual data associated with wearable device **206** and output devices **208** is similar to contextual data associated with VR device **204** and may indicate a location of the electronic device (e.g., GPS coordinates), whether the electronic device is connected to a network (e.g., WiFi network), whether the electronic device is connected to one or more other devices (e.g., headphones), and the presence of one or more other devices of system **204**. Thus, as discussed above, digital assistant **202** may recognize that because the user is near other devices of system **200** the user is more likely to respond to a reminder from one of those devices and it is a good time for the user to take a break.

(39) After determining wellness level **203**, digital assistant **202** determines whether wellness level **203** is below a predetermined threshold. The predetermined threshold is a threshold that indicates whether the user is currently well or not well. For example, the threshold may be any number that can indicate the boundary between the user being well or not well based on wellness level **203**. Accordingly, the predetermined threshold may be any real number such as 50, 60, 75, 95, 100, etc.

(40) It will be understood that while a determination that wellness level **203** is below a predetermined threshold is described herein, system **200** and digital assistant **202** could also determine whether wellness level **203** is above a predetermined threshold or at a predetermined threshold and perform further actions as described below based on this determination. Thus, system **200** is not constrained to only determinations that wellness level **203** is below the predetermined threshold and may include flexible determinations depending on when the user would like to be notified or if someone other than the user, such as a medical professional, would like to be notified based on a particular wellness level. Moreover, system **200** may include custom notifications for specific wellness levels or specific biometric signatures that the user or a medical professional may find helpful or interesting.

(41) In some examples, the predetermined threshold is determined based on one or more default threshold values. For example, default values may be provided by a panel of doctors or other experts that indicate when a user is generally healthy or well and thus does not need to take a break from engaging with VR device **204**. Thus, these values provided (determined) by the experts can be applied to system **200** as the predetermined threshold to show when the user is well or unwell.

(42) In some examples, the predetermined threshold is determined based on one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with the user. In some examples, the one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with the user are determined based on previous interactions between the user and VR device **204**. For example, as the user interacts with VR device **204**, digital

assistant **202** may record biometric signature **201**. This may occur for many different instances of interaction between the user and VR device **204** so that digital assistant **202** determines a biometric signature for the user when they are well rested and thus at an appropriate baseline.

(43) In some examples, the one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with user are determined based on a setup process of VR device **204** and/or digital assistant **202**. For example, when the user first uses VR device **204**, digital assistant **202** may prompt the user through a setup process in which digital assistant **202** asks the user to provide various biometric signatures such as pulse, temperature, voice signature, etc. These biometric signatures may then be stored as baseline biometric signatures and used to determine the predetermined threshold or be modified over time as discussed above.

(44) In some examples, the one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with user are stored in a user profile associated with the user that can be accessed by digital assistant **202**. For example, as discussed above, when the user provides baseline biometric signatures while setting up VR device **204** the baseline biometric signatures may be stored in a user profile associated with the user. The user profile may then be updated with new biometric signatures over time to provide a more accurate baseline biometric signature. In some examples the user profile may exist prior to setting up VR device **204** and the baseline biometric data may be added to the prior existing user profile. In some examples, the user profile may be created when the baseline biometric data is determined (e.g., during set up of VR device **204**).

(45) When digital assistant **202** determines that wellness level **203** is below the predetermined threshold, digital assistant **202** provides an output (e.g., a first output) to the user to stop engaging with VR device **204**. In some examples, the output to stop engaging with VR device **204** includes a visual prompt within a provided virtual environment, as shown in FIG. 3. Accordingly, digital assistant **202** can provide prompt **302** including “This is a great time for a break!” within virtual environment **300** that includes various virtual objects including virtual objects **304** and **306**. In this way, the user's interaction with VR device **204** is interrupted by the prompt.

(46) In some examples, VR device **204** may detect an input dismissing prompt **302** such as a virtual swipe of prompt **302** or an audio input of “I'll take a break in a little while.” In response to detecting the input dismissing prompt **302**, digital assistant **202** may dismiss prompt **302** and restore virtual environment **300** so that the user may continue interacting with VR device **204**. In some examples, after dismissing prompt **302**, digital assistant **202** may forgo providing the prompt for a predetermined time (e.g., 10, 15, 30, or 45 minutes) and then provide the prompt again. In some examples, after dismissing prompt **302**, digital assistant **202** may forgo providing the prompt until wellness level **203** is again determined to be below the predetermined threshold.

(47) In some examples, the output to stop engaging with VR device **204** includes haptic feedback. For example, VR device **204** may provide an output to the user to stop engaging with VR device **204** with a vibration in addition to or instead of providing prompt **302** discussed above. In some examples, the haptic feedback is provided with a second device of system **200** such as wearable device **204**. For example, when wearable device **204** is a smart watch, digital assistant **202** may cause wearable device **204** to provide the haptic feedback rather than or in addition to the prompt provided by VR device **204**.

(48) In some examples, the output to stop engaging with VR device **204** (e.g., the first output) is determined based on one or more user settings. For example, the user may indicate that they prefer to be prompted via an audio output rather than a visual indicator as shown in FIG. 3. Accordingly, when digital assistant **202** determines that an output should be provided to the user, digital assistant **202** will provide the output as an audio output. In some examples, the one or more user settings are stored in the user profile associated with the user. For example, the information indicating that the user prefers audio outputs may be stored in the user profile associated with the user along with other data such as the baseline biometric signatures discussed above. In some examples the output to stop engaging with VR device **204** is a default type, such as providing the visual prompt within

the virtual environment.

(49) After providing the output to stop engaging with VR device **204**, digital assistant **202** waits a predetermined time and then causes a second output to be provided to the user with another electronic device of system **200** (e.g., wearable device **206** or output devices **208**). Accordingly, the second output is a prompt for the user to again engage with VR device **204** and the virtual environment provided by VR device **204**.

(50) In some examples, the predetermined time is based on one or more user settings. For example, the user may specify that they want their breaks to last a specific amount of time such as 10, 20, 30, 45, or 60 minutes. Accordingly, the user may change the length of the break and thus the predetermined time so that the second output is delivered when the user prefers. In some examples, the predetermined time is default amount of time, such as 15 minutes.

(51) In some examples, the predetermined time is based on contextual data associated with the user and/or devices of system **200**. As discussed above contextual data associated with the user includes an amount of time the user has been engaged with VR device **204**, one or more scheduled events associated with the user, a user profile associated with the user, or other information associated with the user that digital assistant **202** has access to. Further, contextual data associated with the devices of system **200** includes whether the devices are connected to a network, the time of day, the date, the location of the device etc. Thus, digital assistant **202** may determine or adjust the predetermined time based on one or more of the contextual data discussed above.

(52) For example, contextual data associated with the user may indicate that the user has a meeting in an hour at the user's office while contextual data associated with VR device **204** may indicate that VR device **204** is connected to a home network associated with the user. Accordingly, digital assistant **202** may determine that the user is located at home and needs to be at their office in an hour. Accordingly, digital assistant **202** may set the predetermined time as a length of time required for the user to get to the user's office in time for the meeting, such as 30 minutes. Thus, digital assistant **202** may provide the second output to the user after 30 minutes so that the user re-engages with VR device **204** at that time and is reminded of their upcoming meeting.

(53) In some examples, the second output includes haptic feedback. For example, digital assistant **202** may provide haptic feedback at wearable device **206** to prompt the user to re-engage with VR device **204**. In some examples, the second output includes an audio output, as shown in FIG. 4. For example, digital assistant **202** can provide audio prompt **402** "You look rested, let's get back to it!" to the user with one of output devices **208** such as smart speaker **404**.

(54) In some examples, the second output includes a visual prompt on one of output devices **208**, as shown in FIG. 5. For example, digital assistant **202** can provide visual prompt **502** "You look rested, let's get back to it!" to the user on screen **504** of device **500** (e.g., a smart phone or tablet).

(55) It will be understood that system **200** may provide any combination of the outputs discussed above to prompt the user to stop engaging with VR device **204** and then re-engage with VR device **204**. Thus, system **200** may provide both haptic feedback and a visual prompt, a visual prompt and an audio prompt, an audio prompt and haptic feedback, or any other combination of the outputs to either prompt the user to stop engaging with VR device **204** or to prompt the user to re-engage with VR device **204**.

(56) When digital assistant **202** determines that wellness level **203** is above the predetermined threshold, digital assistant **202** forgoes providing any outputs and continues to provide the virtual environment with VR device **204**. In this way the user may continue to use VR device **204** and digital assistant **202** as they would like until the user's wellness level is below the predetermined threshold.

(57) FIG. 6 is a flow diagram illustrating a method for monitoring a user wellness level and providing user suggestions, according to various examples. Method **600** is performed at a device (e.g., device **100**, **204**, **206**, **208**) with one or more input devices (e.g., a touchscreen, a mic, a camera), and a wireless communication radio (e.g., a Bluetooth connection, WiFi connection, a

mobile broadband connection such as a 4G LTE connection). In some embodiments, the electronic device includes a plurality of cameras. In some examples, the device includes one or more biometric sensors which, optionally, include a camera, such as an infrared camera, a thermographic camera, or a combination thereof. Some operations in method **600** are, optionally, combined, the orders of some operations are, optionally, changed, and some operations are, optionally, omitted.

(58) At step **602**, a biometric signature (e.g., biometric signature **201**) is received from a user. In some examples, the biometric signature includes the pulse of the user, the blood pressure of the user, an attention level of the user, an eye pattern of the user, a facial pattern (e.g., facial expression) of the user, a voice pattern of the user, an EEG of the user, or a temperature of the user.

(59) At step **604**, a wellness level (e.g., wellness level **203**) associated with the user is determined based on the biometric signature (e.g., biometric signature **201**). In some examples, the wellness level includes a score based on the biometric signature received from one or more sensors of the first electronic device (e.g., electronic device **100**, VR device **204**, wearable device **206**, output devices **208**). In some examples, the score is based on one or more interactions between the user and the first electronic device.

(60) In some examples, the wellness level (e.g., wellness level **203**) associated with the user is based on contextual data associated with the user. In some examples, the contextual data associated with the user includes an amount of time the user has been engaged with the first electronic device (e.g., electronic device **100**, VR device **204**, wearable device **206**, output devices **208**). In some examples, the contextual data associated with the user includes one or more scheduled events associated with the user.

(61) In some examples, the wellness level (e.g., wellness level **203**) associated with the user is based on contextual data associated with the electronic device (e.g., electronic device **100**, VR device **204**, wearable device **206**, output devices **208**). In some examples, the contextual data associated with the first electronic device includes one or more applications open on the first electronic device. In some examples, the contextual data associated with the first electronic device includes a location of the first electronic device. In some examples, the wellness level associated with the user is based on whether a virtual environment (e.g., virtual environment **300**) is being provided by the first electronic device.

(62) At step **606**, in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, a first output (e.g., prompt **302**, **402**, **502**) to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device (e.g., electronic device **100**, VR device **204**, wearable device **206**, output devices **208**) is provided. In some examples, the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment (e.g., virtual environment **300**). In some examples, the predetermined threshold is determined based on one or more baseline biometric signatures (e.g., biometric signature **201**) associated with the user. In some examples, the one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with the user are determined based on previous interaction between the user and the first electronic device.

(63) In some examples, the predetermined threshold is determined based on default threshold values. In some examples, the first output (e.g., prompt **302**, **402**, **502**) includes a visual prompt within the virtual environment (e.g., virtual environment **300**). In some examples, the first output includes haptic feedback. In some examples, the first output is determined based on one or more user settings.

(64) At step **608**, a second output (e.g., prompt **302**, **402**, **502**) is provided to the user with a second electronic device (e.g., electronic device **100**, VR device **204**, wearable device **206**, output devices **208**) to begin engaging with the first electronic device (e.g., electronic device **100**, VR device **204**, wearable device **206**, output devices **208**) after a predetermined time. In some examples, the predetermined time is based on one or more user settings. In some examples, the predetermined time is based on one or more default settings. In some examples, the second electronic device is a wearable electronic device. In some examples, the first electronic device and the second electronic

device are both associated with a user profile for the user. In some examples, the second output is an audio prompt.

(65) As described above, one aspect of the present technology is the gathering and use of data available from various sources to improve the delivery to users of content that may be of interest to them. The present disclosure contemplates that in some instances, this gathered data may include personal information data that uniquely identifies or can be used to contact or locate a specific person. Such personal information data can include demographic data, location-based data, telephone numbers, email addresses, twitter IDs, home addresses, data or records relating to a user's health or level of fitness (e.g., vital signs measurements, medication information, exercise information), date of birth, or any other identifying or personal information.

(66) The present disclosure recognizes that the use of such personal information data, in the present technology, can be used to the benefit of users. For example, the personal information data can be used to deliver targeted content that is of greater interest to the user. Accordingly, use of such personal information data enables users to calculated control of the delivered content. Further, other uses for personal information data that benefit the user are also contemplated by the present disclosure. For instance, health and fitness data may be used to provide insights into a user's general wellness, or may be used as positive feedback to individuals using technology to pursue wellness goals.

(67) The present disclosure contemplates that the entities responsible for the collection, analysis, disclosure, transfer, storage, or other use of such personal information data will comply with well-established privacy policies and/or privacy practices. In particular, such entities should implement and consistently use privacy policies and practices that are generally recognized as meeting or exceeding industry or governmental requirements for maintaining personal information data private and secure. Such policies should be easily accessible by users, and should be updated as the collection and/or use of data changes. Personal information from users should be collected for legitimate and reasonable uses of the entity and not shared or sold outside of those legitimate uses. Further, such collection/sharing should occur after receiving the informed consent of the users. Additionally, such entities should consider taking any needed steps for safeguarding and securing access to such personal information data and ensuring that others with access to the personal information data adhere to their privacy policies and procedures. Further, such entities can subject themselves to evaluation by third parties to certify their adherence to widely accepted privacy policies and practices. In addition, policies and practices should be adapted for the particular types of personal information data being collected and/or accessed and adapted to applicable laws and standards, including jurisdiction-specific considerations. For instance, in the US, collection of or access to certain health data may be governed by federal and/or state laws, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); whereas health data in other countries may be subject to other regulations and policies and should be handled accordingly. Hence different privacy practices should be maintained for different personal data types in each country.

(68) Despite the foregoing, the present disclosure also contemplates examples in which users selectively block the use of, or access to, personal information data. That is, the present disclosure contemplates that hardware and/or software elements can be provided to prevent or block access to such personal information data. For example, in the case of information delivery services, the present technology can be configured to allow users to select to “opt in” or “opt out” of participation in the collection of personal information data during registration for services or anytime thereafter. In another example, users can select not to provide user information for deliver services. In yet another example, users can select to limit the length of time user information is maintained. In addition to providing “opt in” and “opt out” options, the present disclosure contemplates providing notifications relating to the access or use of personal information. For instance, a user may be notified upon downloading an app that their personal information data will be accessed and then reminded again just before personal information data is accessed by the app.

(69) Moreover, it is the intent of the present disclosure that personal information data should be managed and handled in a way to minimize risks of unintentional or unauthorized access or use. Risk can be minimized by limiting the collection of data and deleting data once it is no longer needed. In addition, and when applicable, including in certain health related applications, data de-identification can be used to protect a user's privacy. De-identification may be facilitated, when appropriate, by removing specific identifiers (e.g., date of birth, etc.), controlling the amount or specificity of data stored (e.g., collecting location data a city level rather than at an address level), controlling how data is stored (e.g., aggregating data across users), and/or other methods.

(70) Therefore, although the present disclosure broadly covers use of personal information data to implement one or more various disclosed examples, the present disclosure also contemplates that the various examples can also be implemented without the need for accessing such personal information data. That is, the various examples of the present technology are not rendered inoperable due to the lack of all or a portion of such personal information data. For example, content can be selected and delivered to users by inferring preferences based on non-personal information data or a bare minimum amount of personal information, such as the content being requested by the device associated with a user, other non-personal information available to the content delivery services, or publicly available information.

Claims

1. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium storing one or more programs configured to be executed by one or more processors of a first electronic device, the one or more programs including instructions for: receiving a biometric signature of a user while the user is engaging with the first electronic device via one or more sensors associated with the first electronic device; determining, based on the biometric signature and contextual data associated with the user, a wellness level associated with the user; in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, providing a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment; and after a predetermined time, causing a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device, wherein the second output is related to re-engaging with the first electronic device.
2. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the biometric signature includes an attention level of the user.
3. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the wellness level includes a score based on the biometric signature received from the one or more sensors of the first electronic device.
4. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the score is based on one or more interactions between the user and the first electronic device.
5. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the contextual data associated with the user includes an amount of time the user has been engaged with the first electronic device.
6. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the contextual data associated with the user includes one or more scheduled events associated with the user.
7. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the wellness level associated with the user is based on the contextual data associated with the first electronic device.
8. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the contextual data associated with the first electronic device includes one or more applications open on the first electronic device.
9. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the contextual data associated with the first electronic device includes a location of the first electronic device.

10. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the wellness level associated with the user is based on whether the virtual environment is being provided by the first electronic device.
11. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the predetermined threshold is determined based on one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with the user.
12. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with the user are determined based on previous interaction between the user and the first electronic device.
13. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the predetermined threshold is determined based on default threshold values.
14. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the first output includes a visual prompt within the virtual environment.
15. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the first output includes haptic feedback.
16. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the first output is determined based on one or more user settings.
17. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the predetermined time is based on one or more user settings.
18. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the predetermined time is based on one or more default settings.
19. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the second electronic device is a wearable electronic device.
20. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the first electronic device and the second electronic device are both associated with a user profile for the user.
21. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the second output is an audio prompt.
22. A first electronic device comprising: one or more processors; a memory; and one or more programs, wherein the one or more programs are stored in the memory and configured to be executed by the one or more processors, the one or more programs including instructions for: receiving a biometric signature of a user while the user is engaging with the first electronic device via one or more sensors associated with the first electronic device; determining, based on the biometric signature and contextual data associated with the user, a wellness level associated with the user; in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, providing a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment; and after a predetermined time, causing a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device, wherein the second output is related to re-engaging with the first electronic device.
23. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the biometric signature includes an attention level of the user.
24. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the wellness level includes a score based on the biometric signature received from the one or more sensors of the first electronic device.
25. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the contextual data associated with the user includes an amount of time the user has been engaged with the first electronic device.
26. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the contextual data associated with the user includes one or more scheduled events associated with the user.
27. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the wellness level associated with the user is based on the contextual data associated with the first electronic device and wherein the contextual data associated with the first electronic device includes one or more applications open on the first

electronic device and/or a location of the first electronic device.

28. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the wellness level associated with the user is based on whether the virtual environment is being provided by the first electronic device.

29. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the predetermined threshold is determined based on one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with the user.

30. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the predetermined threshold is determined based on default threshold values.

31. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the first output includes a visual prompt within the virtual environment and/or a haptic feedback and wherein the first output is determined based on one or more user settings.

32. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the predetermined time is based on one or more user settings and/or one or more default settings.

33. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the second electronic device is a wearable electronic device.

34. The first electronic device of claim 22, wherein the first electronic device and the second electronic device are both associated with a user profile for the user.

35. A method, comprising: at a first electronic device with one or more processors and memory: receiving, by the first electronic device, a biometric signature of a user while the user is engaging with the first electronic device via one or more sensors associated with the first electronic device; determining, by the first electronic device and based on the biometric signature and contextual data associated with the user, a wellness level associated with the user; in accordance with a determination that the wellness level associated with the user is below a predetermined threshold, providing, by the first electronic device, a first output to the user to stop engaging with the first electronic device, wherein the first electronic device is capable of producing a virtual environment; and after a predetermined time, causing, by the first electronic device, a second output to be provided to the user with a second electronic device, wherein the second output is related to re-engaging with the first electronic device.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the biometric signature includes an attention level of the user.

37. The method of claim 35, wherein the wellness level includes a score based on the biometric signature received from the one or more sensors of the first electronic device.

38. The method of claim 35, wherein the contextual data associated with the user includes an amount of time the user has been engaged with the first electronic device.

39. The method of claim 35, wherein the contextual data associated with the user includes one or more scheduled events associated with the user.

40. The method of claim 35, wherein the wellness level associated with the user is based on the contextual data associated with the first electronic device and wherein the contextual data associated with the first electronic device includes one or more applications open on the first electronic device and/or a location of the first electronic device.

41. The method of claim 35, wherein the wellness level associated with the user is based on whether the virtual environment is being provided by the first electronic device.

42. The method of claim 35, wherein the predetermined threshold is determined based on one or more baseline biometric signatures associated with the user.

43. The method of claim 35, wherein the predetermined threshold is determined based on default threshold values.

44. The method of claim 35, wherein the first output includes a visual prompt within the virtual environment and/or a haptic feedback and wherein the first output is determined based on one or more user settings.

45. The method of claim 35, wherein the predetermined time is based on one or more user settings and/or one or more default settings.

46. The method of claim 35, wherein the second electronic device is a wearable electronic device.

47. The method of claim 35, wherein the first electronic device and the second electronic device are both associated with a user profile for the user.
