Identification of Existing or Alternative Solutions

Audible + Chooseco

Audible, the leading platform for audio-books partnered in 2019 with Chooseco – a publisher whose main product is the Choose Your Own Adventure series. Later Amazon (Audible) started creating their own experiences, which they distribute as "Alexa Skills" (e.g. https://www.amazon.com/Paizo-Alexa-Games-Starfinder/dp/B082SZRSRJ?sa-no-redirect=1)

Main features

Choose your own adventure style audio-book which utilizes Amazon's Alexa (voice commands) as the medium for players' control and decisions.

Advantages

- Uses a well established platform for standard audio-books
- voice control

Disadvantages

- Few books have been turned into audio-books
- Requires Amazon's Alexa

Hoopla Digital, Amazon, Apple iBooks, Audible, Google Play, et al.

Dungeons & Dragons' Endless Quest series is an example of an interactive book being turned into an audio-book without changing presentation. The interactive audio-books are adapted as they are printed, where the listener has to flip to (move to) specific pages or chapters. The books are available on all major platforms.

Some interactive books have been turned into "hands off" audio-books, where the listener doesn't have the ability to make decisions. E.g. Neil Patrick Harris' Choose Your Own Autobiography.

Main features

Interactive audio-books done in a familiar way to users of audio-books.

Advantages

- Available to users on apps they already own

Disadvantages

- Interactivity is done with chapters, which is cumbersome to the user, as it requires manual skipping around the audio-book.

Our Product

In our application, the interactivity will be presented to the user in a visual, easy to grasp way. The path the user took through the book will be available to the user through the same interface they use to make decisions, allowing them to recollect past choices and/or go back in time to change them.