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Human Computer Interaction

Introduction

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Course Design Criteria



- Facilitate a lively discussion about the discipline of HCI with particular focus on NIMEs.
- Explore individually and in group the fundamental concepts behind HCI applied to the work produced during the physical computing workshop.
- Promote the language used in research (e.g. oral presentations and paper writing).
- Contextualize the seminar lectures to the broader context of HCI and interactive systems for music performance at a theoretical level (e.g. readings).

What are the Lectures About?



- A 4-lecture series about the theory and practice in the field of human-computer interaction applied to music technology.
- First two sessions: Broader perspective of HCI (trends and research methods).
- Last two sessions: Focus on the NIME community (practices, instrument design).
- Readings are expected before coming to class and the class will be used to discuss the topics in a paced manner.
- These discussions should be helpful for the final assignment: write a short paper about the system that you have developed in the physical computing workshop.

Outline



- 1st day: Trends in HCI.
- 2nd day: Evaluation in HCI.
- 3rd day: NIMEs (focusing on practice).
- 4th day: NIMEs (focusing on instrument design).

General Learning Outcomes



- Develop critical thinking skills applied to HCI and NIME research.
- Explore how to do research and write about a self-built prototype of an interactive system for music performance.
- Discover new trends in the HCI and NIME disciplines.
- Discuss a diversity range of practices in the HCI and NIME disciplines.

Grading



- 40% Individual work vs 40% Group work
You need to send individual and group summaries (before and after class respectively) of the suggested readings and participate in the discussions in class to get a positive grade. The final assignment will be writing a paper with individual and group parts.
- 40% Daily work vs 40% Final assignment work
You will be expected to participate both in the daily assignments and in the final assignment to have a positive grade.
- 20% Participatory assistance
An overall participatory attitude and regular assistance can improve the grade.

Previous Knowledge / Preparation



- Every day you should check the suggested reading(s) that will be discussed at the beginning of the class.

Recommended General Readings



- The book *Interaction Design: Beyond Human-Computer Interaction* by Jenny Preece, Yvonne Rogers and Helen Sharp [1].
- The book *Good Vibrations: Eine Geschichte der elektronischen Musikinstrumente / A History of Electronic Musical Instruments* [2]
- The book *Push Turn Move* by Kim Bjørn [3]

References



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