

Software Architecture For a Brain/Cloud Interface Web Application

The Internet of Humans



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Abstract

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Nomenclature

Acronyms / Abbreviations

B/CI Brain/Cloud Interface

Chapter 1

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Introduction

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1.1 First paragraph

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Goal: Show why your topic is important and attract the reader to your paper. Start with a broad statement and then make it more specific. - Understanding X is one of the primary objectives of... - Decades of research have focussed on the question... - The theory that... is central to... - It is widely assumed that... - There has been a long-standing interest in... - There is general consensus that X is a serious problem...

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1.2 Middle Paragraph

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Goal: Give an overview of the relevant scientific literature. What is known? Which questions remain open? Are there conflicts in the literature? - Several studies have shown that... - While some studies suggested that X (References) other studies pointed in the opposite direction (References) - The findings of some studies suggested that X (References). In contrast, other studies have shown that Y (References) - Two theories have been proposed to explain this phenomenon. According to theory X... - Three lines of research are relevant to this question. First,... - Devin et al. (2003) were one of the first who found evidence that... - Overall, it has remained unclear whether... - Taken together, it remains an open question whether...

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1.3 Last Paragraph(s)

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Goal 1: State your research question - The goal of the present article is to... - The research question of the present article is... Goal 2: State your hypotheses/ predictions - We hypothesize that... - We predict that... - Two hypotheses are conceivable... - Our primary hypothesis is that... - Drawing on theory X, we hypothesize that... Goal 3: Give a rough outline of your research - We tested whether patients with a diagnosed major depression would report less depressive feelings after treatment X compared to a placebo treatment.

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1 - To test this hypothesis, we - To answer this question, we ... - For this purpose, we
2 conducted three studies. First,... Second,... Third,... - To shed more light on this, we used
3 a combination of computer simulations and empirical studies. First, we used computer sim-
4 ulations to determine what behaviour would arise if theory 3 X is true and what behaviour
5 would arise if theory Y was true. Next, we tested these two predictions in three empirical
6 studies. - The present article consists of three sections. In section 1, ... In section 2,... In
7 section 3

8 **1.4 Goals**

9 o Does your introduction go from broad (topic) to specific (your research)? o Did you make
10 clear why your topic is important? o Did you describe just enough research so that readers
11 can understand how your research is the next logical step? o Did you make clear how your
12 research is novel? o Did you make clear what is speculation, and what are established facts?
13 o Did you add citations for everything you present as facts? o Did you use common scientific
14 jargon? o Did you explain the jargon you use?

Chapter 2

Methodologies

2.1 Participants

Forty-three patients of the psychiatric clinic with diagnosed major depression (12 male, Mage = 36.35, SDage = 7.92) participated in this study for monetary compensation (10 USD).

2.2 Design

- The study used a between-subject design (treatment group, control group) with the depression score on the XXX depression scale as dependent variable. - The study used a within-subject design (pre-treatment measurement, post-treatment measurement) with the depression score on the XXX depression scale as dependent variable. - The study used a mixed design with the between-subject factor group (treatment, control) and the within-subject factor time (pre-treatment, post-treatment). The depression score on the XXX depression scale served as the dependent variable.

2.3 Materials

- Three types of materials were used. First,... Second,... Third,...

2.4 Procedure

- Before the experiment started, participants were randomly assigned to two groups: the X group and the Y group. - The experiment consistent of two phases. In the first phase,.... In the second phase,.... - The order of these two phases was counterbalanced - First, participants had to... next... subsequently... finally... - Simultaneously... - After participants finished X, they... (Martins et al., 2019)

1 **2.5 Data Analysis**

- 2 - First, they were randomly assigned to treatment and placebo group - Both groups: 60
3 minutes intervention - Treatment group: first,... next,... - Placebo group: first, ...next,... -
4 Finally, they filled out the depression questionnaire

5 **2.6 Goals**

- 6 o Did you describe everything that is needed to replicate your research? o Did you cite the
7 sources of your methods or paradigms?

Chapter 3

Results

3.1 Steps Before The Analysis

- Before we analysed the data, we removed all reaction times that were larger than 2000 ms (2% of all observations) based on the assumption that such reaction times are unlikely to reflect spontaneous responses. - The data of two participants were excluded from the analyses because they did not complete the whole study. - Functional images were re-aligned, unwarped, corrected for slice timing, and spatially smoothed using an 8 mm smoothing kernel.

3.2 Main Results

- First, we investigated whether X (research question) - We used an Independent samples t test with groups as independent variable and the depression score as dependent variable - The results showed that the difference between the groups/ conditions was significant - The results showed a significant correlation between... - The results showed a significant interaction between... - Specifically, the average depressions score was lower in the treatment group ($M=3.45$, $SD = 2.18$) compared to the placebo group ($M=4.83$, $SD = 2.02$).

3.3 Figures And Tables

Add figures to make important results easier to interpret or to provide more information. Use tables to add extensive amounts of information that would be hard to read in text-form.

3.4 Goals

o Did you describe everything that is needed to replicate your results? o Did you describe all pre-processing steps before the main analyses? o Did you mention to which research question each analysis belongs? o Did you avoid interpreting your results? o Did you add

CHAPTER 3. RESULTS

- 1 figures for making your key results easy to understand (or are they very simple)? o Did you
- 2 add tables for extensive amounts of (numerical) information?

Chapter 4

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Discussion

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4.1 Summary

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- Research question: Does the REFOCUS treatment work? - Study: treatment group and placebo group with self-reported depression measured afterwards - Findings: Depression was lower after the REFOCUS treatment compared to placebo

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4.2 Interpretation

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- Explanation 1: REFOCUS treatment reduced depression - Explanation 2: placebo treatment increased depression - However, explanation 2 is unlikely because the same placebo was used in studies A, B, C and there it didn't increase depression

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4.3 Integration

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- Previous research focused on the question of how unprocessed traumas could cause depression - We are the first who tested the "focus" explanation of depression

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4.4 Implications

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- It is widely believed that depression is caused by unprocessed traumas - Our findings offer a novel perspective: depression is caused by information processing style - Hence, new approach, new line of research to understand depression, new types of treatment

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4.5 Limitations

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- We had no measure of depression prior to the treatment - Reason: asking people to score their depression twice can lead to problems (references) - Consequence: we don't know

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1 whether depression decreased in treatment group (explanation 1) or increased in placebo
2 group (explanation 2) - However, as mentioned before, it is unlikely that depression increased
3 - Sample size was relatively low - Reason: it's hard to find enough people with a major
4 depression - However, our results were significant despite the low sample size. This speaks
5 to the effectiveness of the treatment

6 **4.6 Conclusion**

7 - We investigated whether depression can be treated by training a positive focus - Our findings
8 confirm this - Novel perspective on depression - More research needed, more treatments
9 that follow this approach should be developed

10 **4.7 Goals**

11 o Does your discussion go from specific (interpretation) to broad (implications)? o Did you
12 draw conclusions with reservations? ("A possible interpretation is...") o If you expressed a
13 preference for one explanation over another, did provide clear support for this preference? o
14 Did you describe how your research connects to previous research? o Did you make clear
15 what your research adds to existing research? o Did you describe how your research advance
16 our understanding or how they may inspire future applications? o Did you clearly admit
17 limitations before qualifying them? o Did you remind the reader of the value/implications
18 of your research at the end? o Did you include some pointers for future research? (optional)

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Appendix B

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