

The following questionnaire was used for the user study presented in the following publication:

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1 English Questionnaire

1.1 Background Information

1. How old are you?

Age: years old.

2. What's your gender?

☐ male ☐ female

3. What's your expertise in using computers? I know how to ...

- ☐ Beginner: ... switch it on and open the browser
- ☐ Basic: ... use most of the programmes installed on my PC and handle files
- ☐ Advanced: ... add new hardware and install new software
- ☐ Expert: ... program new software and how the computer hardware works

4. How much do you know about robotics?

- ☐ Not that much: I read/heard about robots but don't know that much about robotics
- ☐ Hobby roboticist: I build/program small robots in my freetime
- ☐ A lot: I studied robotics, computer science or similar engineering course

5. Did you already use a TeachPad to program a robot?

- ☐ No, I don't even know what a TeachPad is.
- ☐ I know what a TeachPad is, but never programmed a robot with it.
- ☐ Yes, I already programmed a robot with a TeachPad

1.2 Expectations

6. **Think about a simple pick and place task, where the robot has to pick up an object from a palette and place it on the table with a specific orientation. What's your estimate in minutes on how long it would take to teach a robot these steps (using current systems used in production)?**

minutes

For each of the following parameters order the input modalities in descending order according to which input modality you would prefer the most. (Most preferred on top, least preferred on bottom)

7. **Parameter: Select an object**

⚡ Touch Input
⚡ Pen Input
⚡ Point by hand
⚡ Speech

8. **Parameter: Set a location where to place an object**

⚡ Touch Input
⚡ Pen Input
⚡ Point by hand
⚡ Speech

9. **Parameter: Set assembly constraints between two objects**

⚡ Pen Input
⚡ Speech

10. **Parameter: Select a point on the object**

⚡ Touch Input
⚡ Pen Input
⚡ Point by hand
⚡ Speech

11. Parameter: Select an edge on the object

- ✦ Touch Input
- ✦ Pen Input
- ✦ Point by hand
- ✦ Speech

1.3 Experience

12. Order the input modalities based on your experienced cognitive load (which modality required the most concentration, where did you have to think the most). Top = high cognitive load, bottom = less cognitive load

- ✦ Touch Input
- ✦ Pen Input
- ✦ Point by hand
- ✦ Speech

Now order the input modalities again. This time use your experience from previous tasks and order them according to which you preferred the most. (Most preferred on top, least preferred on bottom)

13. Parameter: Select an object

- ✦ Touch Input
- ✦ Pen Input
- ✦ Point by hand
- ✦ Speech

14. Parameter: Set a location where to place an object

- ✦ Touch Input
- ✦ Pen Input
- ✦ Point by hand
- ✦ Speech

15. Parameter: Set assembly constraints between two objects

- ⚡ Pen Input
- ⚡ Speech

16. Parameter: Select a point on the object

- ⚡ Touch Input
- ⚡ Pen Input
- ⚡ Point by hand
- ⚡ Speech

17. Parameter: Select an edge on the object

- ⚡ Touch Input
- ⚡ Pen Input
- ⚡ Point by hand
- ⚡ Speech

1.4 Opinion

18. What are your expectations on the following statements?

	a lot easier than expected		as expected		much more compli- cated than I thought
using the input modalities for programming a robot was	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Touch input was	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speech input was	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gesture input was	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Input by pen was	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, using this system to program a robot was	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. How much do you think is the time saving (in percentage) of using the input modalities compared to using a TeachPad? (Only shown if user knows what a TeachPad, see Question 5)

A value of 25% means that using these input modalities requires 75 seconds, when using the TeachPad required 100 seconds.

% time saving.

20. What do you think about the following statements?

	strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree
It's fun to program a robot using multimodality (different types of input)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The system should not allow to select a modality. It should pre-select the most suited one for each task.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using the System is natural	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speech input is accurate enough for loud industrial environments.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel more secure if there are less modalities to choose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's intuitive to use speech input	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's intuitive to use pen input	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's intuitive to use touch input	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's intuitive to use gesture input (point by hand)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's intuitive to use keyboard & mouse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was difficult to understand how to use the different modalities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, I am satisfied with the ease of completing the tasks in the scenarios	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, I am satisfied with the amount of time it took to complete the tasks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. Now imagine you are a factory worker and programming industrial robots is your daily job. Answer the following questions:

	strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree
Using the system in my job would enable me to accomplish tasks more quickly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using the system would improve my job performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using the system in my job would increase my productivity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using the system would slow me down and decrease the efficiency of my job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using the system would make it easier to do my job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would find the system useful in my job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning to operate the system would be easy for me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My interaction with the system would be clear and understandable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using the system would make my job more complicated	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It would be easy for me to become skillful at using the system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would find the system difficult to use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>