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Work Completed

All that has been completed appears in this dissertation.

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²A normal footnote without the complication of being in a table.

Special Difficulties

Learning how to incorporate encapulated postscript into a LaTeX document on both Ubuntu Linux and OS X.

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Introduction

This dissertation describes the implementation and evaluation of an activity classifier using accelerometer data captured simutaneously from a smartphone and a smartwatch.

The classifier using data from both sources outperforms a classifier using only smartphone data, and the classifier that uses only smartphone data outperforms a classifier using only smartwatch data.

1.1 Motivation

Wearable devices are set to become the next big technology trend. Wrist-worn wearables, including smartwatches, formed the majority of the 21m wearable devices sold year. Analysts predict the Apple Watch will sell between 20m and 40m in its first nine months [2].

One of the primary appeals of wearables is their ability to sense. Like smart-phones before them, smartwatches will enhance the ability to collect data about people. This data is important to consumers, who purchase specialised wearables to measure activity, sleep patterns and caloric intake. The data's research potential is also laudable — Apple's ResearchKit will allow medical researchers to access data about their patients with greater ease than ever before [1].

Accurate activity classification therefore has many academic and commercial applications. To be marketable, activity classification solutions must use current consumer devices. This dissertation details the implementation of accelerometer data collection using current consumer devices (an Android smartphone and An-

droid Wear smartwatch), classifies a user's activities and compares this classification accuracy to using only smartphone data and using only smartwatch data.

1.2 Challenges

1.3 Related Work

Preparation

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Implementation

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3.1 Tables

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¹A footnote

Evaluation

4.1 Printing and binding

Use a "duplex" laser printer that can print on both sides to print two copies of your dissertation. Then bind them, for example using the comb binder in the Computer Laboratory Library.

Conclusion

I hope that this rough guide to writing a dissertation is \LaTeX has been helpful and saved you time.

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