Suwen Zhu

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EDUCATION

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

August 2013 - December 2019 (expected)

PhD Candidate, Computer Science, GPA: 3.74/4.0

Develop intelligent interactive techniques and systems for touch surfaces. Advisor: Prof. Xiaojun Bi

Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China

September 2009 - July 2013

B.Eng., Computer Science, GPA: 95/100 (Rank 1/32), Honor Graduate of Beijing

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant January 2014 - Present

Human-Computer Interaction Lab, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

- Applied natural language processing (NLP) techniques to develop multi-modal text entry systems.
- Designed and developed a gesture-based text entry system on Android remote displays and AR.
- Developed a machine learning based framework to improve command input accuracy and optimize UI layout.
- Developed tools to enable customizable, module-level security enforcement for Android applications.
- Implemented accessible interaction systems for seniors and people with visual/motor impairments.
- Conducted perceptual studies on redirected VR walking system which leverages saccadic suppression.

Software Engineering Intern

May 2016 - September 2016

Google, Android UX/Research with Xiaojun Bi and Shumin Zhai, Mountain View, CA

- Developed an invisible touchscreen keyboard prototype on the Android platform.
- Conducted empirical studies to understand users' touch typing behaviors on smartphones.

SKILLS

Programming skills: Java, Python, C++, SQL, PostgreSQL, R, C#, XML, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Matlab Systems and tools: Linux, Android, Git, Unity Engine, GCP, Gradle, LATEX

PUBLICATIONS

- [7] **Suwen Zhu**, Jingjie Zheng, Shumin Zhai, Xiaojun Bi. i'sFree: Eyes-Free Gesture Typing via a Touch-Enabled Remote Control. 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '19).
- [6] **Suwen Zhu**, Tianyao Luo, Xiaojun Bi, and Shumin Zhai. Typing on an Invisible Keyboard. 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '18).
- [5] Qi Sun, Anjul Patney, Li-Yi Wei, Omer Shapira, Jingwan Lu, Paul Asente, **Suwen Zhu**, Morgan Mcguire, David Luebke, and Arie Kaufman. Towards Virtual Reality Infinite Walking. SIGGRAPH 2018.
- [4] Ryan Qin*, Suwen Zhu, Yu-Hao Lin, Yu-Jung Ko, and Xiaojun Bi. Optimal-T9: An Optimized T9-like Keyboard for Small Touchscreen Devices. 2018 ACM International Conference on Interactive Surfaces and Spaces (ISS '18). (* Ryan Qin is a high-school student supervised by Suwen Zhu.) Best Paper Honorable Mention
- [3] Jian Xu, **Suwen Zhu**, Aruna Balasubramanian, Xiaojun Bi, and Roy Shilkrot. Ultra-Low-Power Mode for Screenless Mobile Interaction. In Proceedings of the 31st Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '18).
- [2] Yu-Hao Lin, **Suwen Zhu**, Yu-Jung Ko, Wenzhe Cui, and Xiaojun Bi. Why Is Gesture Typing Promising for Older Adults?: Comparing Gesture and Tap Typing Behavior of Older with Young Adults. In Proceedings of the 20th International ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility (ASSETS '18).
- [1] Suwen Zhu, Long Lu, and Kapil Singh. CASE: Comprehensive Application Security Enforcement on COTS Mobile Devices. In Proceedings of the 14th Annual International Conference on Mobile Systems, Applications, and Services (MobiSys '16).