Accessibility Capstone

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What We'll Do Today

- Introductions
- Goals of Accessibility Capstone
- Disabilities
- MobileAccessibility Project
- Other Mobile Projects
- Ideas for Projects (Discussion)

Instructors and Mentors

- Richard Ladner
- Shiri Azenkot (TA)
- Possible Mentors
 - Shani Jayant
 - Josh Scotland
 - Shaun Kane
 - Bruce Visser
 - Maria Kelley

Introductions

- Jung, Eui Min
- Kang, Siwei
- Kim, Joy Oakyung
- Kuo, Gary Chiajui
- Lam, Michael Quang Thai
- Lindsey, Levi Scott
- Liu, Jinghao
- Luo, Jonathan Pin
- Medlock, Bradley William
- Prasain, Sanjana
- Raastad, Christopher David
- Ricaurte, Jonathon Preston
- Sun, Shurui
- Sweeney-Easter, Patrick David
- Tung, Katherine Chuen
- Wilbur, Alison Hain
- Zhu, Angela Wanxu-Huang

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Goals of Capstone

- Design, build, and test accessibility applications on the Android platform.
- Present results.
 - Code in the open source MobileAccessibility repository or other repository
 - Short paper
 - Poster and presentation

Design Process

- Work will be done in teams.
- Each team has a mentor.
- Weekly review sessions
- Project Proposal preliminary design
- Prototype implementation
- Test with users
- Project Revision final design based on input from users
- Final Project Presentation
 - Paper
 - Presentation Demo
 - Poster session open to the public

Criteria for Projects

- Doable in one quarter
- Accessibility
 - Target group can use it
- Usability
 - Easy to learn
 - Easy to use
- Impact
 - Makes a difference
- Novelty
 - Not totally obvious

Pre-Capstone Seminar

- Today, 11/12 Introduction to Capstone
- Next Friday, 11/19– Introduction to Android
- Following Monday, 11/22 Android programming
- Following Friday, 12/3 Projects for Winter Break
- All sessions at 4:00 in room to be determined.

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Basic Data

- 650 million people world-wide are disabled
- 16% of US population to ages 15 to 64 is disabled.
- 10% of the workforce is disabled
- 5% of the STEM workforce is disabled
- 1% of PhDs in STEM are disabled

Demographics US Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2002

Disabilities

- Vision
 - Blind
 - Low-Vision
 - Color Blind
- Hearing
 - Deaf
 - Hard of Hearing
- Speech
 - Ability to speak
 - Stuttering

- Mobility
 - Ability to walk
 - Ability to use hands/arms
- Cognition
 - Dyslexia
 - Short-term memory loss
 - Dementia
- Multiple
 - Deaf-blindness

Models of Disability

Medical Model

- Disabled people are patients who need treatment and/or cure.

Education Model

- Disabled youth need special education.

Rehabilitation Model

 Disabled people need assistive technology and training for employment and everyday life.

Legal Model

 Disabled people are citizens who have rights and responsibilities like other citizens. Access to public buildings, voting, television, telephone, and education are some of those rights.

Social Model

 Disabled people are part of the diversity of life, not necessarily in need of treatment and cure. They do need access when possible.

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Platform

- Sensors
 - Video camera
 - Microphone
 - GPS
 - Compass
 - Accelerometer
- Human input
 - Keyboard
 - Touch screen
 - Speech
- Output
 - Speech
 - Audio
 - Visual
 - Vibration







MobileAccessibility

Bridge to the world for blind, low-vision and deaf-blind people



http://mobileaccessibility.cs.washington.edu

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Capstone Projects From 2010

http://www.cs.washington.edu/education/courses/cse481h/10wi/





http://ideal-group.org/sj131264/

Project Possibility



http://projectpossibility.org/index.php

K-NFB Reader Mobile

- Optical Character Recognition
- Focalization
- GPS
- Cell Phone



Bar Code Reader



SCAN GOSPEECH (MODEL SC100) i.d. Mate II

Braille Notetakers





BrailleNote



Braille Sense

Braillenote with GPS



DeafBlind Communicator



MorseSMS for Deaf-Blind

- The program "reads" out incoming SMS in morse code for blind/deaf-blind people by vibrating
- Sending of SMS by typing in the letters in morse code (Dit/Dah)



Variety of Access Goals

- Everyday living in the home
- Transportation / mobility
- Education
- Communication
- Games

More Ideas

Blind Ideas

- LocalEyes*
 - Finding shops near your location
- Linkup*
 - Finding people near your location
- MobileOCR*
 - Reading documents
- V-Braille Games*
 - Vibrating games to learn Braille
- Appliance Reader
 - Reading digital displays
- Business Card Reader
 - Reading business card
- Walk sign identifier
 - Cross the street safely at an intersection

Blind Ideas

• WalkingWand

- Using vibration to navigate and walk

Low-Vision Ideas

Low-vision Camera Interface

- Taking good pictures - many options

Deaf-Blind Ideas

- GoBraille
 - Making public transit information accessible
- Deaf-blind compass
- Deaf-blind level
- Tethering Android to Refreshable Braille Display

Deaf Ideas

- Signal identification
 - Baby cry, door bell, oven bell, door knocker

Speech Ideas

 AAC – Augmentative and Alternative Communication system

Cognitive Ideas

• EZTasker

– Doing tasks you may not remember

Emotional Idea

• Mood tracker

- Record moods in real time.