Module title			Abbreviation
Real-Time Interactive Systems			06-HCI=ST-152-m01
Module coordinator		**Module offered by**	
holder of the Chair of Computer Science IX		Institute of Computer Science	
ECTS	**Method of grading**	**Only after succ. compl. of module(s)**	
5	numerical grade	--	
Duration	**Module level**	**Other prerequisites**	
1 semester	graduate	--	

Contents

This course provides an introduction into the requirements, concepts, and engineering art of highly interactive human-computer systems. Such systems are typically found in perceptual computing, Virtual, Augmented, Mixed Reality, computer games, and cyber-physical systems. Lately, these systems are often termed Real-Time Interactive Systems (RIS) due to their common aspects.
The course covers theoretical models derived from the requirements of the application area as well as common hands-on and novel solutions necessary to tackle and fulfill these requirements. The first part of the course will concentrate on the conceptual principles characterizing real-time interactive systems. Questions answered are: What are the main requirements? How do we handle multiple modalities? How do we define the timeliness of RIS? Why is it important? What do we have to do to assure timeliness? The second part will introduce a conceptual model of the mission-critical aspects of time, latencies, processes, and events necessary to describe a system's behavior. The third part introduces the application state, it's requirements of distribution and coherence, and the consequences these requirements have on decoupling and software quality aspects in general. The last part introduces some potential solutions to data redundancy, distribution, synchronization, and interoperability. Along the way, typical and prominent state-of-the-art approaches to reoccurring engineering tasks are discussed. This includes pipeline systems, scene graphs, application graphs (aka field routing), event systems, entity and component models, and others. Novel concepts like actor models and ontologies will be covered as alternative solutions. The theoretical and conceptual discussions will be put into a practical context of today's commercial and research systems, e.g., X3D, instant reality, Unity3d, Unreal Engine 4, and Simulator X.

Intended learning outcomes

After the course, the students will have a solid understanding of the boundary conditions defined by both, the physiological and psychological characteristics of the human users as well as by the architectures and technological characteristics of today's computer systems. Participants will gain a solid understanding about what they can expect from today's technological solutions. They will be able to choose the appropriate approach and tools to solve a given engineering task in this application area and they will have a well-founded basis enabling them to develop alternative approaches for future real-time interactive systems.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 60 to 120 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English
creditable for bonus

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Workload

150 h

Teaching cycle
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)
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Module appears in
First state examination for the teaching degree Gymnasium Computer Science (2015) Master's teaching degree Gymnasium MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016) Supplementary course MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016)