Julius-Maximilians-UNIVERSITÄT WÜRZBURG

Module title	Abbreviation
Multimodal Interfaces	10-HCI-MMI-212-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

Multimodal interactions make use of different modalities to interact with computers or machines. The field includes both analysis and synthesis of multimodal utterances. This course focuses on analysis, i.e., processing input from, for example, speech, gestures, touch, gaze direction, or even biosensors. The goal here is to determine the intent of the interactor from multiple channels and signals in order to perform desired (inter-) actions. In this course, students will learn about examples of multimodal interfaces, their advantages, the underlying terminology and theoretical background. In addition, students will learn the steps necessary for processing both unimodal and multimodal input. As core content, building on this, the fusion of multimodal signals is taught using the example of synergistic speech-gesture interfaces as well as its integration into an interactive real-time system. This includes on the one hand typical aspects of multimodal dependencies, e.g. temporal and semantic entanglements, and on the other hand prominent approaches to perform multimodal fusion on decision level. In the accompanying exercise, the theoretical contents are deepened by a practical examination of the development of a synergistic speech-gesture interface for a virtual environment.

Intended learning outcomes

After participating in the module courses, students are able to recognize basic application scenarios for multimodal interfaces. They remember subject-specific approaches and can apply them to adequate problems. They can summarize, compare and explain different approaches. They can apply available tools to typically occurring tasks and know their advantages and disadvantages.

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

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Module taught in: German and/or English

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

a) written examination (approx. 90 minutes) or
b) presentation of project results (approx. 30 minutes) or
c) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 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

Master's degree (1 major) Human-Computer-Interaction (2021)
Master's degree (1 major) Artificial Intelligence & Extended Reality (2024)
Master's degree (1 major) Artificial Intelligence (2024)