

# Interacting with the Ubiquitous Computer

## Towards Embedding Interaction

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# Questions

- **What is “Ubicomp” Interaction?**

Extending Standard HCI

Implicit Interaction

- **What about Embedding Information?**

Solve the Problem with the Context

Put Prototyping in Place

- **What Design Guidelines can be given?**

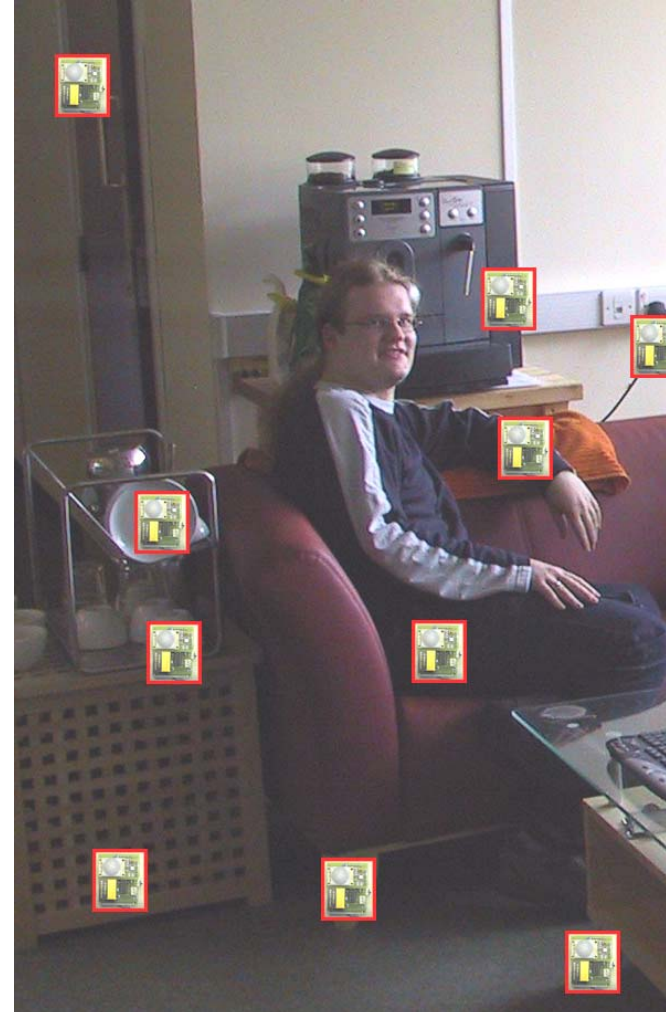
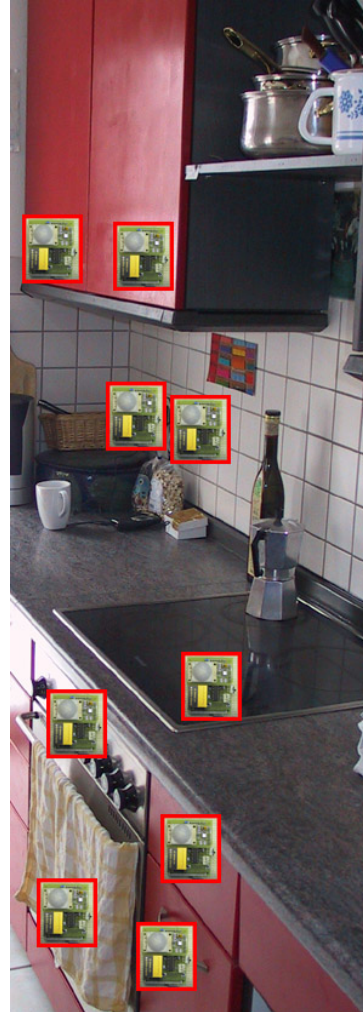
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# Interactive Environment





# Future Interactive Environment

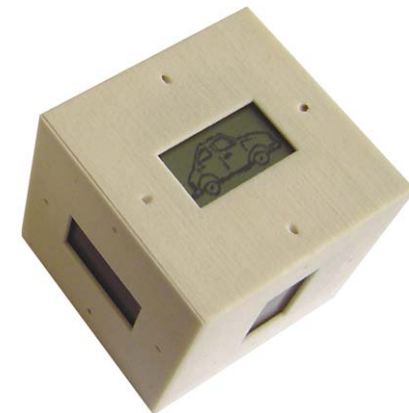
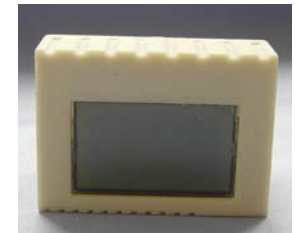


# Future Interactive Environment



# Design Space for Interactive Systems

		<i>mode of interaction</i>	
		explicit	implicit
<i>modality</i>	command line		
	GUI & direct manipulation		
	Gestures & Speech		
	tangible and physical UIs		

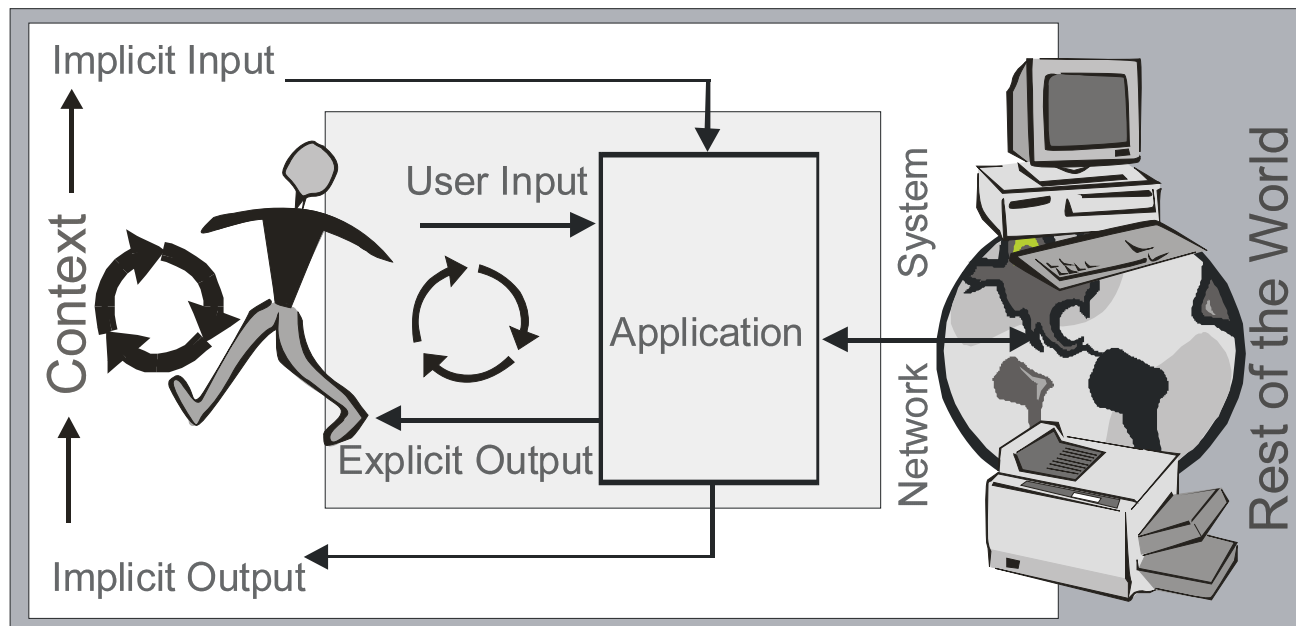




# Implicit Interaction

## Implicit Human Computer Interaction:

The interaction of a human with the environment and with artefacts which is aimed to **accomplish a goal**. Within this process the system acquires **implicit input** from the user and may present **implicit output** to the user.



# Implicit Interaction

## Implicit Input:

**Actions and behaviour of humans**, done **to achieve a goal** and are not primarily regarded as interaction with a computer, but captured, recognized and interpreted by a computer system as input.

## Implicit Output:

Output of a computer that is **not directly related to an explicit input** and which is **seamlessly integrated** with the environment and the task of the user.



# Implicit and Explicit Interaction

## Sensor Controlled Automated Door

Implicit Use:  
**go through the door**



Explicit use:  
**hold the door open**

Explicit use requires an understanding of the conceptual model of the user interface!

# Basic Questions on Information

## Where is information created?

- How to acquire and understand it?
- How to represent and store it?
- How to distribute and use it?

## Where is information used?

- How to display information?
- What to present?
- Where and when to show information?

# Embedding Information Prototyping

## Short Term Temperature or Sun Intensity Forecast / Schedule of the Day

- Shelf / Drawer / Cupboard Display
- Wardrobe Display
- Key Display

## Probability of Rain

- Umbrella Stand Display
- Key Table Display



# Open Questions

## User studies will show ...

- where and how people want information to be embedded
- how well informed people are using embedded information
- how people rate the added value of such a system
- how people perceive embedded information compared to pushed information



# Design Guidelines Found

## **It is vital to embed information ...**

- where and when it is useful
  - use displays where people make decisions / choices
- in a most unobtrusive way
  - use ambient media / calm technology
- such that no interaction is required
  - use dedicated displays tailored for specific tasks

# Summary

- Description of the Anticipated Mode of Human Computer Interaction
- Motivation of the large Extension of the Design Space by Implicit Interaction
- Detailed Treatment of Implicit Output using an Over-provision of in-place Embedded Information Displays
- Presentation of Prototypes Serving to Confirm Results
- Proposal of a Set of Design Issues and Guidelines

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### Thank You for Your Attention!

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