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INTELLIGENT USER INTERACTION DRIVEN BY PSYCHOLOGY

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The recent advances in computer vision and machine learning coupled with cheaper hardware and abundant computational power has led to a surge in user interfaces that support new modes of interaction such as gestures and speech. Research in these new technologies was originally motivated by removing our dependency on traditional mouse and keyboard-based interaction. However, this effort resulted in mere substitution of us humans in for the hardware without significant changes in the interaction paradigms. In other words, rather than throwing away the mouse and the keyboard altogether, we simply “turned people into mice.” Now, there are renewed attempts to build natural and easy to use interfaces by combining machine learning and computer vision technologies with a deeper understanding of human psychology, usability, and human computer interaction. These efforts collectively define the field of intelligent user interfaces. In this talk, I will present case studies on intelligent user interfaces with a specific emphasis on how psychology can be a guide in building smart systems.

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