# Vorlesung Advanced Topics in HCI (Mensch-Maschine-Interaktion 2)

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## Chapter 3: Mobile HCI

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- Input & Output Devices
- Input & Output Techniques
- Guidelines
- System Architectures for Mobile UIs
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# Dynabook Vision





- Handheld,
- wireless connectivity,
- multimedia capabilities
- support for programming

# Mobile Computing / mobile UIs 1972 Xerox Dynabook

- Alan Kay's group at Xerox PARC
- First description of "mobile computing" with a focus on the UI?
- a portable interactive personal computer, as accessible as a book
- a computer for children (learning aid)
- Big problem: software that facilitates dynamic interactions between the computer and its user



http://www.honco.net/os/kay.html
The Dynabook Revisited - A Conversation with Alan Kay

# Mobile User Interfaces

- "Beyond the laptop..."
- Devices are used while the user is mobile.
  - · Handhelds & PDAs
  - · Phones
  - · Wearable Computer
  - Tablet Computers
  - · Car Infotainment system

# Apple Newton Commercial Handheld Computer

- Recognition Architecture
  - Recognizes handwriting--printed, cursive, or a mixture of the two--with the assistance of a 93,000word, built-in word list
  - Lets you add up to 1,000 words
  - Includes four pop-up keyboards: typewriter, numeric, phone, and time/date
  - Recognizes graphics and symmetrical objects
- 320 by 240 pixels Display
- Sold from 1993

http://www.oldschool.net/newton/papers/index130.html

# Itsy **Pocket Computer**



- Research platform
- Gesture and speech interaction
- tilt-to-scroll and Rock 'n' Scroll to include the use of gestures to issue commands.
- http://research.compaq.com/wrl/projects/itsy/itsy.html
- http://research.compaq.com/wrl/projects/itsy/movies.html

# Input to Mobile Devices What to input?

- Commands
- Text
- Drawings/sketches
- Images
- Audio
- Movies

# Input to Mobile Devices How to input?

- Keyboards
  - Full-size
  - Miniature
  - Chord-keyboard
  - · On-screen
- Stylus
- Point and click
  - Handwriting recognition

- hard buttons / wheels
  - · Scroll wheels
  - · Joypad-style navigation
- Capture
  - Camera
  - · microphone
- Future devices
  - · Tilt scrolling
  - · Virtual workspaces

Input Technologies for Mobile Devices

 Soft Keyboards Screen Keyboards



# Input Technologies for Mobile Devices

- Virtual Keyboards
- Projection Keyboards





# Input Technologies for Mobile Devices

- Chord Keyboard
- One-handed Keyboards
- Example Twiddler
  - · Combines keyboard and Mouse
  - keypad designed for "chord" keying This means you press one or more keys at a time. Each key combination generates a unique character or command.
  - · 12 finger keys and 6 thumb keys, the twiddler can emulate the 101 keys on the standard keyboard





# Yoyo Input Device designed for artic environments





rigure s. The Yo-Yo user interface. Smart Clothing for the Arctic Environment by J. Rantanen et al. in proceedings of the int. Symposium on Wearable Computing 2000 (ISWC2000)

# Output What to present?

- Text
- Non-speech Audio
- Music
- Speech
- Images
- Video
- Tactile feedback (e.g. vibra alarm)

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#### Screens

- Resolution
- Color/Monochrome
- Touch sensitive
- Size

# Head-up Displays



- Images in from of the eye
- Appears free floating
- See through
- http://www.microopticalcorp.com

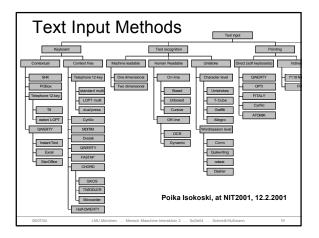
# Haptic feedback Application in Pedestrian guidance

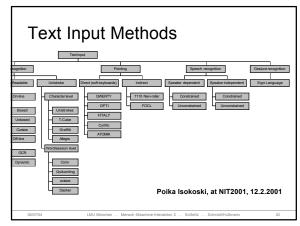




Fig. 1. (a) GentleGeide control with and write devices the GentleGeide wore by a participant

GentleGuide: An exploration of haptic output for indoors pedestrian guidance S.Bosman, B. Groenendaal, J.W.Findlater, T.Visser, M.de Graaf & P.Markopoulos. Mobile HCI 2003. Udine

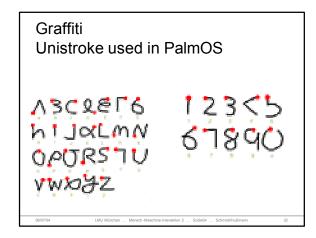




#### Unistroke

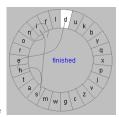
- Explored in the PARCTab Experiement
- Each letter is written in a single stroke
- Lifting the pen indicates a new letter
- Solves the separation problem
- http://sandbox.parc.com/parctab/csl9501/paper.html

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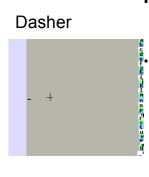


# Cirrin - (the CIRculaR INput device)

- A word-level unistroke keyboard is a soft keyboard allowing a user to go from any key to any other key without lifting the pen or entering unwanted keys
- Jennifer Mankoff and Gregory D. Abowd.
   Cirrin: A word-level unistroke keyboard for pen input.
   In Proceedings of UIST '98.
   Technical note. pp.213-214



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- Dasher is a data entry interface incorporating language modelling and driven by continuous twodimensional gestures.
- "Tests have shown that, after an hour of practice, novice users reach a writing speed of about 20 words per minute while taking dictation. Experienced users achieve writing speeds of about 34 words per minute, compared with typical ten-finger keyboard typing of 40-60 words per minute."
- http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac. uk/djw30/dasher/

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# Mobile Phone Text Input

- multi-tap
  - A key has more than one letter assigned
  - Pressing the key once gives the first, twice the second, and so on
  - After a period of time or when changing to another button the letter is selected



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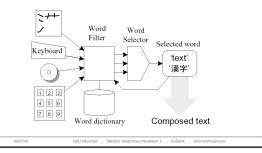
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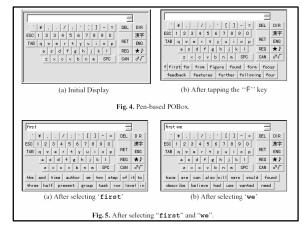
- Example T9
- Input is compared to a dictionary
- Input is matched to existing
- If non-ambiguous a single word is offered
- If multiple words are possible the one with the highest probability is offered and a mechanism to select the others
- Very fast input mechanism for words in the dictionary
- Slow for words that are not in the dictionary

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# **Predictive Input**

 Example: POBox - An Efficient Text Input Method for Handheld and Ubiquitous Computers. Toshiyuki Masui. HUC99 http://www.csl.sony.co.jp/person/masui/papers/HUC99/HUC99.ndf





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- Unistroke <a href="http://sandbox.parc.com/parctab/csl9501/paper.html">http://sandbox.parc.com/parctab/csl9501/paper.html</a>
- Quikwriting <a href="http://mrl.nyu.edu/projects/quikwriting/">http://mrl.nyu.edu/projects/quikwriting/</a>
- Dasher <a href="http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/djw30/dasher/">http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/djw30/dasher/</a>
- POBox An Efficient Text Input Method for Handheld and Ubiquitous Computers. Toshiyuki Masui. HUC99 http://www.csl.sony.co.jp/person/masui/papers/HUC99/HUC99.pdf

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# Introduction to Java Programming on Mobile Phones

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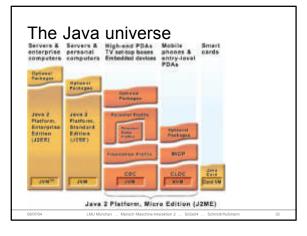
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# Developing of Applications for mobile Devices

- Devices: Basic Phone, Extended Phone, Smartphone, PDA, Notebook
- Operating Systems (Mobile Phone, Smartphone)
  - Platform specific: Symbian OS (C++, OPL),
     Palm OS (C++),
     Pocket PC,
     Vendor-specific
  - Platform independent: J2ME (Java 2 Platform, Micro Edition)
    - Supported by Motorola, Nokia, Panasonic, Samsung, Sharp, Siemens, Sony Ericsson, Toshiba, etc.

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#### J2ME: Basics

- J2ME: Java 2 Platform, Micro Edition
  - · "Java for small devices"
- Stack
  - · Configuration + profile + optional APIs
- Configuration: specific kind of device
  - Specifies a Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
  - Subset of J2SE (Standard Edition)
  - Additional APIs

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#### J2ME: Basics

- Profile: more specific than configuration
  - · based on a configuration
  - · adds APIs for user interface, persistent storage, etc.
- Optional APIs: additional functionality
- Stack for Nokia 6600:
  - · Configuration: CLDC 1.0
  - · Profile: MIDP 2.0
  - Optional APIs: Nokia UI API, Wireless Messaging API (JSR-120), Mobile Media API (JSR-135), Bluetooth API (JSR-82 no OBEX)

The J2ME universe Smaller Lander Car Internet Set-Top Mobile PDAs Navigation Pagers Phones Appliances Boxes Systems Personal Profile MIDP PDAP (Mobile (Personal Personal Basis Profile Digital Assistant Information Device Profile) Profile) Foundation Profile CLDC (Connected Device (Connected, Limited Device Configuration) Configuration) J2ME (Java 2, Micro Edition)

#### J2ME: CDC

- Connected Device Configuration
- For set-top boxes, car navigation systems and high end PDAs
- Minimum of 515KB ROM and 256KB RAM
- Full Java Virtual Machine
- Basis for Personal Profile stack (next generation of Personal Java)
- Personal Java is similar to JDK 1.1.8

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J2ME: CLDC

- Connected, Limited Device Configuration
- For small devices (e.g. mobile phone, pager, PDA) with small screen size, limited memory, slow network connection
- For devices with 160 to 512KB (statement is out of date) of memory for Java Platform
- JVM: KVM ("Kilobyte Virtual Machine")
  - Limitations (no floating point data types)

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#### J2ME: MIDP

- Mobile Information Device Profile
- Device (such as mobile phones and pagers) characteristics:
  - > 128KB of non-volatile memory
  - > 32KB of volatile memory (runtime heap)
  - · 8KB for persistent data
  - Screen: > 94\*54 pixel
- Advantages: WORA (Write Once, Run Anywhere), Security (Sandbox KVM)

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J2ME: APIs in CLDC 1.0 + MIDP 2.0

#### **MIDP 2.0**

javax.microedition.lcdui javax.microedition.lcdui.game javax.microedition.media javax.microedition.media.control javax.microedition.midlet javax.microedition.rms

#### CLDC 1.0

java.lang java.io java.util java.microedition.io

APIs are restricted when compared with J2SE

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# J2ME: Compatibility

MIDP Jav a Applications	Device-Specific Java Applications	
MIDP	Device-Specific APIs	Native Applications (compiled from C, C++, or other languages)
CLDC		
	Device Operating System	n

#### **MIDlet**

- MIDP applications are called MIDlets
- Every MIDlet is instance of javax.microedition.midlet.MIDlet
  - · No argument constructor
  - · Implements lifecycle methods
- Conceptually similar to Applets
  - · Can be downloaded
  - · Executed in host environment

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# MIDlet (MIDP Application): Life Cycle constructor destroyApp() Active destroyApp()

# MIDlet (MIDP Application): Life Cycle

- Application Manager: controls the installation and execution of MIDlets
- Start of a MIDlet: constructor + startApp (done by Application Manager)
- MIDlet
  - place itself in Paused state (notifyPaused())
  - destroy itself (notifyDestroyed())

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## MIDlet (MIDP Application): Life Cycle

- Application Manager
  - pauseApp() and destroyApp() could be triggered by Application Manager
- · 'active' Paused state
  - resumeRequest() MIDlet wants to become Active
- Methods for every state transition

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## MIDlet Build Cycle (1/2)

- (1) Edit source code
- (2) Compile (like compiling normal java)
- (3) Preverify
  - Bytecode verification (makes sure it behaves well + won't do nasty things) is split into two steps
  - lightweight second verification on the mobile device (standard verification too memory intensive)
  - special class format (adds 5% to normal class file size)
  - · Security problem
  - · Normally not visible for the programmer

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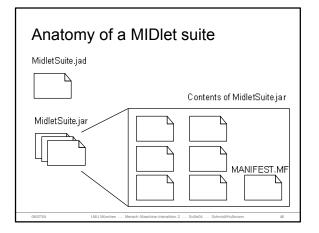
# MIDlet Build Cycle (2/2)

#### (4) (Application) Package, MIDlet Suite

- MIDlets + Classes + Ressources + Manifest Information => Java Archive (JAR)
- Manifest: describes content of archive (versions of CLDC and MIDP, name, version, vendor)
- Application Descriptor (\*.jad)
  - same information like manifest (+ MIDlet-Jar-Size, MIDlet-Jar-URL), but a external file
  - used for installation

#### (5) Test or Deploy

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#### Tool Support / Development Kits

- Sun's MIDP reference Implementation (do not use it!)
- Sun J2ME Wireless Toolkit
- IDF
  - · Borland JBuilder MobileSet
  - · IBM WebSphere Studio Device Developer
  - Metrowerks Code Warrior Wireless Studio
  - · Sun ONE Studio, Mobile Edition
  - · Future: Eclipse (Nokia)

#### MIDP: User Interface

- Goal: Write Once, Run Anywhere
- Anywhere?
- · different screen sizes
  - resolution of screen
  - · color or grayscale screen
- different input capabilities (numeric keypad, alphabetical keyboards, soft keys, touch screens, etc.)

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#### User Interface: Methodology

- Abstraction (→ Preferred Method)
  - specifying a user interface abstract terms
  - (Not:) "Display the word 'Next' on the screen above the soft button."
  - Rather: "Give me a Next command somewhere in this interface"
- Discovery (→ Games)
  - Application learns about the device + tailors the user interface programmatically
  - Screen size → Scaling

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User Interface: View from the Top
 User-interface classes javax.microedition.lcdui
 Device display represent by Display (getDisplay())
 Display: easel

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 Displayable: canvas on easel

Canvas: Discovery

Screen: Abstraction

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# User Interface: View from the Top

- Changes the contents of the display: passing Displayable instances to Display's setCurrent()
- Typical Sequence
  - · Show a Displayable
  - Wait for input
  - · Decide what Displayable should next
  - · Repeat

public class Commander extends MIDlet {
 public void startApp() {
 Displayable d = newTextBox("TextBox", "Commander", 20, TextField.ANY);
 Command c = new Command("Exit", Command.EXIT, 0);
 d.addCommand(c);
 d.setCommandListener(new CommandListener() {
 public void commandAction(Command c, Displayable s) {
 notifyDestroyed();
 }
 });
 Display.getDisplay(this).setCurrent(d);
 public void pauseApp() {}
 public void destroyApp(boolean unconditional) {}

User Interface: Simple Example

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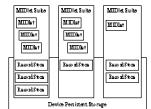
#### MIDP: Persistent Storage

- Goal: Write Once, Run Anywhere
- Anywhere?
  - · Device with Flash ROM
  - · Battery-backed RAM
  - · Small Hard Disk
- → Abstraction is needed
- Record stores (small databases)
- Min. 8KByte (Nokia 6600: 'the only limitation is the amount of free memory')

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## Persistent Storage: Records

- Record store
  - · contains records (pieces of data)
  - · instance of javax.microedition.rms.RecordStore
- Every MIDlet in a MIDlet Suite can access every Record Store
- Since MIDP 2.0: Access across
   Suite boarders
   possible !!!



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J2ME datasheet
 http://java.sun.com/j2me/j2me-ds.pdf

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#### Set books

 What's in MIDP 2.0: A Guide for Java Developers

http://www.forum.nokia.com/ndsCookieBuilder?fileParamID=3632

focus on section 3-3.23, without 3.3 (page 15-17)

MIDP 2.0: An Introduction

http://www.forum.nokia.com/ndsCookieBuilder?fileParamID=3231

- without section 3-7, focus on section 2 (page 4-19)
- Understanding the Record Management System <a href="http://developers.sun.com/techtopics/mobility/midp/articles/databaserms/">http://developers.sun.com/techtopics/mobility/midp/articles/databaserms/</a>
  - Record store discovery; Creating + Opening + closing records stores, Adding + reading + updating records, Delete records + record stores

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# Perspective: Exercise

- Tutorial 12/07/04, Room A 506, Amalienstraße 17
  - · Tools (Edit, Compile, Preverify, Package, Deploy)
  - · Storage / User Interface
- Task
  - · build a vocable trainer
- Advised exercise 19/07/04
- Infrastructure: Room A 208, 4 PCs, installed developing environment, tutorial examples

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