

Note-on-Watch: Live Scribing from Board-works to Class-notes

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Developing a live system for scribing classroom board-works to a digital form using commercial-off-the-shelf devices (smartphones & smartwatch)

Motivation

⊘ Need of *online mode* of teaching due to pandemic situation

Challenges

irrespective of the camera and hand position

teaching environment using manual course

⊘ Carrying an additional writing device

like stylus, scanner pen to the instructors

⊘ *Lack* of modern teaching infrastructures to the instructors

material transfer

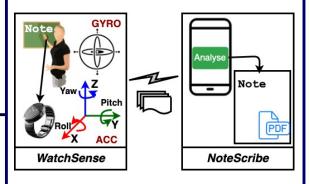
State-of-the-art

- **⊘** *IMU* sensor embedded smartphones[1] and wearables[2] for capturing handwritten text by erasing the need of additional devices
- **⊘** *WatchPen*[2], a smartwatch mounted on a passive capacitive stylus for sensing the usage context

Limitations

- *⊙ Multiple camera*-based live recording incurs huge transfer cost
- *⊙* Writing using **smartphone** is **not user**friendly
- ⊘ Attaching smartwatch with pen creates distraction to the instructors for continuous writing

System Design



- **⊘** WatchSense Data Collection Component: logs raw IMU data from smartwatch and transfers to the connected smartphone
- **⊘** *NoteScribe Data Processing* Component: generates the scribes by extracting the relevant data from the received preprocessed-data

System Implementation



WatchSense application

- **⊘** inertial sense listener: senses locomotive data
- **⊘** local storage manager: stores sensed data to local storage
- O upload manager: uploads stored data to smartphone



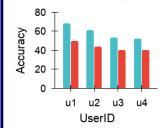
NoteScribe application

- network & storage manager: capture data from smartwatch and store locally
- (a) data analysis manager:

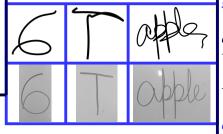
processes the collected data through the python tool

Exp. Setup

- ⊗ No. of users: 4
- Writing language script: English (26 upper case alphabet, 26 lower case alphabet, 10 numerics, and a few words)
- Accuracy in %
- All Validators Recognised



Results



- as upper case ('Z', 'C', 'S')
- ⊙ ('l', 't', 'p') may not be legible but readable within word
- 68.28%

Conclusion

- Develop light-weight smartwatch & smartphone-based system - Note-on-Watch
- *⊙* Collect and share the sensory preprocesseddata during writing on board wearing a wristworn smartwatch
- ⊘ Generate a live impression of the boardworks from IMU sensor stream on smartphone
- ⊗ Show promising results over the English alphanumerics as well as words

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