Technologies to Reduce the Access Barrier in Human Computer Interaction Erasmus Intensive Programme

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Initial task description shortly

Create an application to help people to send emergency emails to their friends and relatives by using gestures.

Application must be easy to use in complicated condictions.

Initial idea of the group shortly

Application allows to translate pictograms into words and vice versa and to send them by messaging systems.

The sender can type a text, and receiver would see pictograms.

By using this technology people can extend their connections and obtain additional communication possibilities.

Focus group

People who are not able to walk
People who have problems of movements (tremor)
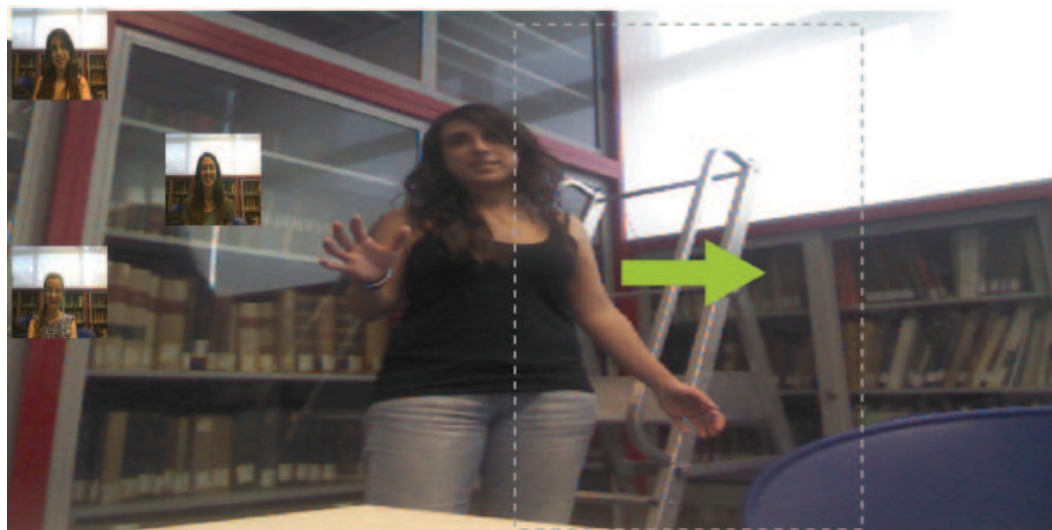
Purpose and motivation

To improve the quality of life
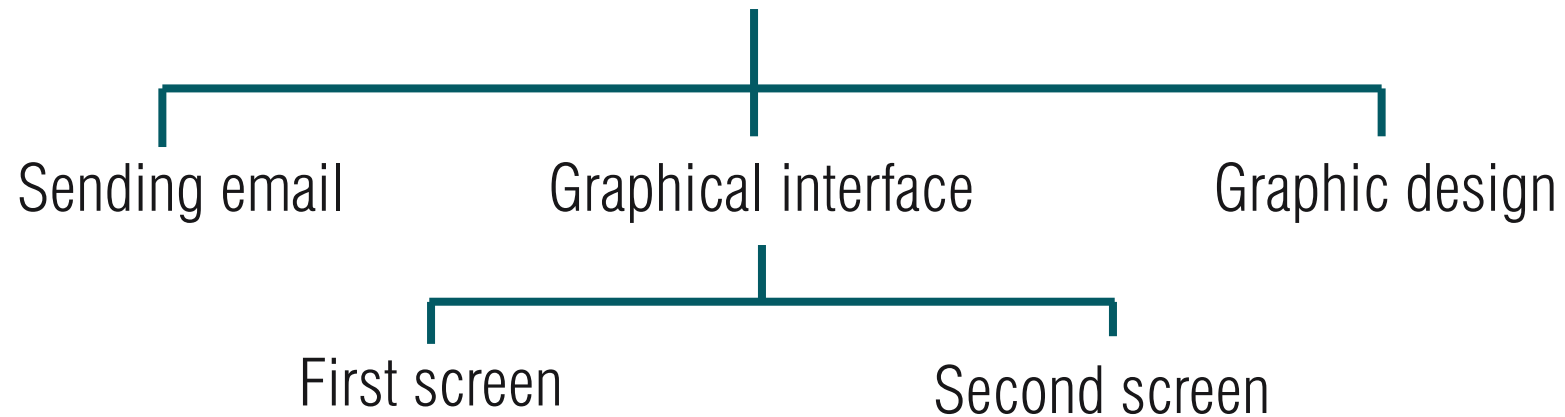To help people to ask for help in case of emergency

Functionalities, Technologies and architechture applied

Sending emails via GMail by using gestures

Kinect, C#, WPF, internet

SUBTASK IDENTIFIED

- Sending email
- Graphical interface
  - First screen
  - Second screen
- Graphic design

DIFFICULTIES

How to implement the active areas?
Connecting to Gmail Server and sending emails
To control multiple objects on screen by using hand guestures

WHAT WAS LEARNED?

Using Kinect
Working in an international group
C#
Share and explain ideas
Understanding possible difficulties depending on various types of
disabilities or handicaps

What was left not done?

Translate words into pictograms

Ideas of how to proceed and extend the project

Create Settings page to modify email addresses and images of relatives
Allow people to introduce their own pictograms
Allow to send messages with custom content
Send emails, text messages, IM messages
Use both hands to control the application

Where we succeed and why

Send email
Select between differente people
Hold successfull communication within a team
To accomplish the task in efficient way

Where we failed and why

Adjust the speed of the pointer

Implement all features we would like to have in our application