Current and Future Research Activities

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Our Department

- Department of Computer Science and Applied Cognitive Science (Unique mix of computer science & psychology)
- 14 chairs: HCI, CSCW, cognitive & social psychology, robotics, computer graphics, system engineering,...
- Degree programs:
 - Applied Cognitive and Media Science (B.Sc. / M.Sc.)
 - Applied Computer Science (B.Sc. / M.Sc.)

Areas of Research

(with a focus on entertainment computing...)

Innovative User Interfaces

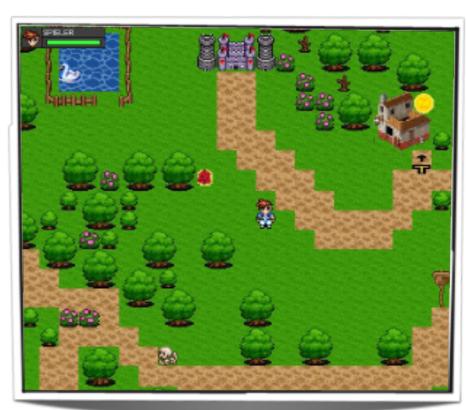
- Augmented-Reality Games with tangible user interfaces
- Head- and finger-tracking with the Wii Remote technology
- Development of game prototypes based on the different tracking-methods
- 3D projection in combination with Wii gesture-controls
- Multi-Touch interaction for games

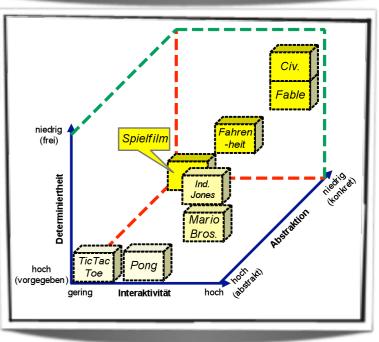




Interactive Digital Storytelling

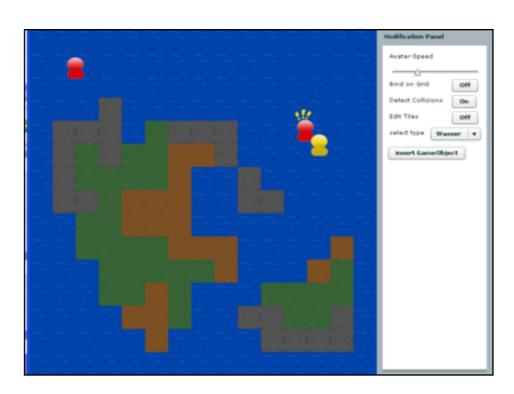
- Game "Grimmix" based upon different storytelling technologies and methods
- Probabilistic bayesian networks and rulebased prolog control the story development
- Player has a lot of choices and his actions influence his future interactions with all characters

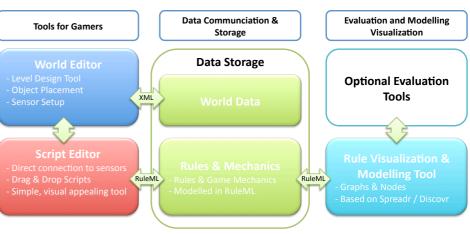




User-Generated Content & End-User Development

- User-Generated Content, User Innovation & Participation
- Models of gratification (incentives)
- User-generated game mechanics, support of game design beginners
- Game prototyping framework with semantic ruleset visualization





Serious & Health Games





- Development of a health game prototype for kids with diabetes
- Collaboration with health care professionals, psychologists, medical scientists
- Game aims at improving the self-management of kids

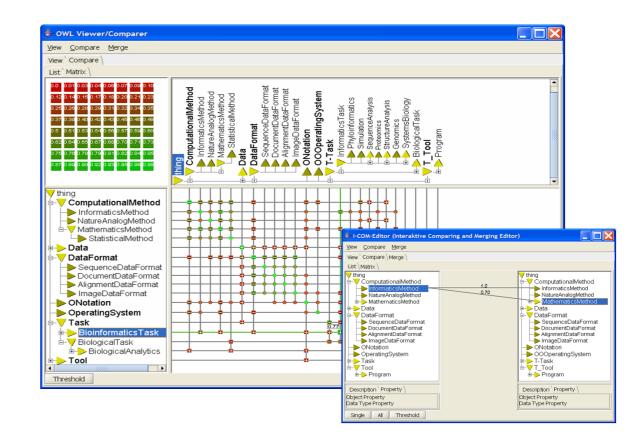
Context-Adaptive Web Applications

- Model-based development and generation of web applications (Project WISE)
- Context models for adaptive systems (Project CONTICI)
- Ontology-based adaption and recommender technologies
- Adaptive generation of user interfaces for web services



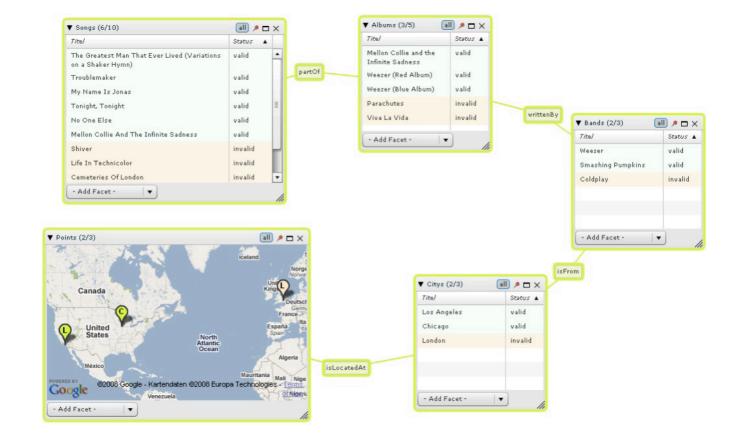
Knowledge and Ontology Engineering

- Collaborative generation of ontologies (Project ONTOVERSE)
- Development of interactive visual methods and technologies for the analysis and the merging of ontologies (Project ONTOVERSE)
- Ontologies for requirements engineering in evolutionary systems (Project SOFTWIKI)



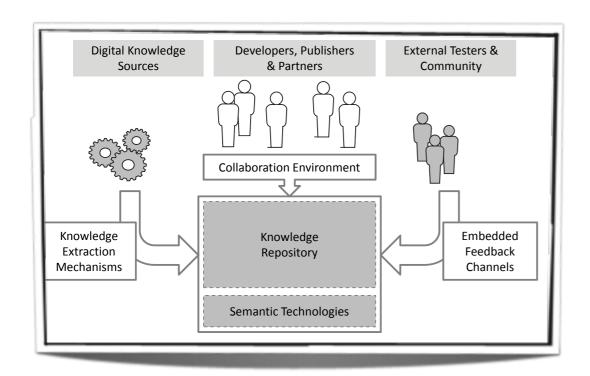
Smart Interactive Visualizations

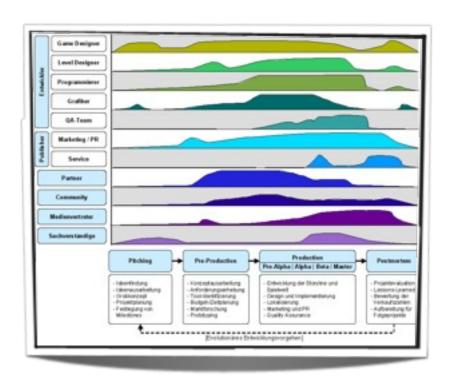
- Intuitive exploration and editing of huge information structures (e.g. ontologies)
- Visualization of graphs and tree structures
- Tools for content engineering



Knowledge Management

- Supporting agile development processes in the game development and other creative industries
- Minimal-invasive methods for knowledge management support
- Requirements engineering: Tools and methods







Further Activities

- Game Technology Competence Center NRW,
 Winner of the contest of the Land of North-Rhine
 Westfalia, EU Ziel-2 (Create.NRW)
- Game Development Initiative Ruhr (GDI.Ruhr):
 Cooperation with the Wirtschaftsförderung
 Mülheim, Games Factory Ruhr & Games Comission
 Ruhr
- Cooperation with Psychology chairs at UDE and LMU Munich in the area of Health Games
- Cooperation with Fraunhofer IMS, partners from France & Austria in the area of Health Games for elderly people (Ambient Assisted Living, AAL Europe)





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