Contextually recommending expert help and demonstrations to improve creativity



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People are creative with powerful software



Non-professionals seek creative outlets too...



...but are thwarted by complex software

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Hutchins, Hollan, & Norman 1985

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3 main challenges with creative software

Many options

Lack of vocabulary

Multiple steps

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Download the Sample Images

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2 Open the Samples Images in Photoshop

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My dissertation introduces systems that address the...

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...by:

curating expert help and demonstrations

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Thesis Statement

• Curating expert help and demonstrations

• and presenting them in context

enables people to produce better work.



My focus: Creative work

Published Papers

2020 ACM CHI	Temporal Segmentation of Creative Live Streams.				
	C. Ailie Fraser, Joy Kim, Valentina Shin, Joel Brandt, Mira Dontcheva				

- **2019 ACM C&C** Sharing the Studio: How Creative Livestreaming can Inspire, Educate, and Engage. C. Ailie Fraser, Joy O. Kim, Alison Thornsberry, Scott Klemmer, Mira Dontcheva
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- **2016 ACM DIS** DiscoverySpace: Suggesting Actions in Complex Software. C. Ailie Fraser, Mira Dontcheva, Holger Winnemöller, Sheryl Ehrlich, Scott Klemmer
- **2016 ACM CHI** Framing Feedback: Choosing Review Environment Features that Support High Quality Peer Assessment. Catherine M. Hicks, Vineet Pandey, C. Ailie Fraser, Scott Klemmer

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Contextual solutions & operations help accomplish tasks faster

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RePlay: Contextually Presenting Learning Videos Across Applications

Ailie Fraser, Tricia Ngoon, Mira Dontcheva, Scott Klemmer Proceedings of CHI 2019 - Honourable Mention



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Responsive Layout Grids Adobe XD Tutorial Adobe XD



...artboard selected by clicking on the text you can see you have the **grid** options over here previously the only ...

Learn How to Create Responsive Guides in Adobe Experience Adobe XD



Complex activities often comprise multiple applications



Canva





Photoshop



Powerpoint
Applications are walled gardens









Research Questions

• How might we provide contextual assistance across multiple applications?

• Does contextual assistance help people find what they need more quickly?

RePlay: an application-independent approach



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// get video info from id
$video_id = $matches[0];
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parse_str($video_info, $video_info_array);
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if (isset($video_info_array['caption_tracks'])) {
    $tracks = explode(',', $video_info_array['caption_tracks']);
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// print info for each track (including url to track content)
foreach ($tracks as $track) {
    parse_str($track, $output);
    print_r($output);
}
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Obtaining captions for YouTube videos

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Does contextual assistance help people find what they need more quickly?

- Does RePlay make searching and browsing faster than online video search?
- Does RePlay change how people browse and navigate videos?

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Between-subjects study

Web (n = 12)



RePlay (n = 12)



Responsive Layout Grids Adobe XD Tutorial



Task: make changes to a design

Adobe XD



People with contextual assistance spent 40% less time searching



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Timeline markers help to find specific moments



People could browse multiple videos simultaneously

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How might we improve contextual help search?

• People often preferred exploration over search

"I felt like I could find it if I searched for it [in the interface], which I did. I was able to figure it out." – P8

• People perceived search as more time-consuming

"I knew I didn't have time. I wanted to complete the task so I just hacked it." – P11

• People searched for actions more than tools

"how to crop image"

"how do i record a video"

"round corners"

ReMap: Multimodal Help-Seeking

Ailie Fraser, Julia Markel, James Basa, Mira Dontcheva, Scott Klemmer *UIST 2019 Demo* "search how to crop this into a circle" RePlay
Searching for canva how to crop image into a circle

 how to crop image into a circle

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Include in search: 🗹 Canva

HOW TO CROP PHOTOS INTO CIRCLES - Crop Picture Into Apps mentioned: Canva



...you wish to edit its settings click on the **image** and click on filter up top to add a filter to it or on **crop** to change ...

How to Resize and Crop Images for Web Using Canva Apps mentioned: Canva



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When people help each other, they use language, gestures, and context





Language and gesture work well together



[Bolt SIGGRAPH '80]

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Multimodal input for creative work can help maintain flow state





[Kim CHI '19, Sedivy C&C '99]

Research Questions

- How might we bring the benefits of multimodal interaction to help-seeking?
- Does multimodal interaction help people stay focused on their task?
- Does multimodal interaction lower the barrier to searching?

ReMap: Multimodal help-seeking



1. Use speech to initiate and dictate a search

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How do people use multimodal search for a real task?



Main findings

- Participants used multimodal interaction for multitasking
- Some preferred manual video navigation, others preferred speech
- Deictic resolution mostly used for canvas elements

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Preferred manual:

"I don't really know what [the timeline markers] are until i scroll over them" – P11

Preferred speech:

"If I hear the info I want and I'm kind of following along I can pause it, take the instructions, apply it, and then ... continue watching ... without having to stop the fluidity of work." – P8

Deictic resolution mostly used for canvas elements

- 22% of spoken queries included a deictic reference (24/111)
- 23/24 deictic references were canvas elements
 - Only 25% were successfully resolved (6/24) due to missing accessibility labels
 - 10/18 unsuccessful references asked for help with a chart
 - Accessibility common for widgets; more rare for the "insides"
- → Computer vision could help address accessibility API limitations e.g. [Dixon CHI '10]
- \rightarrow Mobile accessibility is better
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Livestreaming: Real-time broadcasting



<u>twitch.tv/ninja</u>





<u>facebook.com/HamiltonMusical/videos/1315061111854096</u>



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Creative live streams are an untapped source of expert knowledge

Large volume

Show creative knowledge

Too long to browse

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Research Questions

- What are creative live streams?
- Why do people live stream and why do others watch?
- What challenges do live stream viewers face?
- How might we better leverage the expert knowledge in these videos?

Formative Work

Content analysis of a sample of creative livestreams on Twitch



Semi-structured interviews with 8 streamers



3 online surveys with 165 viewers over 1.5 years



Main findings

• 4 main types of creative livestreams: Teaching, Making, Socializing, Performing

- Community & engagement are important to streamers and viewers
- Streamers face a tension between working and engaging with viewers



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Community & engagement are important to streamers and viewers

• Streamers face a tension between working and engaging with viewers

• People want to view archived livestreams, but they are hard to navigate



6,317 views

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Tool event log

$\overset{\sim}{\sim}_{\sim}$ 1. Extract short clips



Based on [Lafreniere et al. 2014]

2. Crop clips to thumbnail size



3. Rank clips for presentation

- Time in original video
- Amount of visual change
- User context

Initial user feedback

- Useful to see how other artists use tools
- One preferred tooltips, other preferred ambient side panel
- Clips provided an entry point to the full videos

How might we improve contextual inspiration?

• Are tools the right granularity for segmenting?

Extract moments based on what the streamer is saying

• Summarize live streams in a short clip

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DiscoverySpace



CritiqueKit

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Reusable actions and examples help novices build confidence & produce better work



DiscoverySpace Ailie Fraser, Mira Dontcheva, Holger Winnemöller, Sheryl Ehrlich, Scott Klemmer *DIS 2016*



CritiqueKit

Tricia Ngoon, Ailie Fraser, Ariel Weingarten, Mira Dontcheva, Scott Klemmer *CHI 2018 - Honourable Mention*

Thesis Statement

• Curating expert help and demonstrations

• and presenting them in context

enables people to produce better work.

Future Directions

• Integrating resources more closely into the creative process

• Improving navigation and browsing of video resources

Integrating resources more closely into the creative process

Engage the user in a conversational dialogue

"What aspect of the graph do you want to edit? (data, axis labels, colour, size, type of graph)"



"The axis labels"

"I want to edit this"



"Here is a video about editing the axis labels on a graph"

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- Link results more closely to the software



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- Engage the user in a conversational dialogue
- Link results more closely to the software
- Allow users to issue commands directly



Improving navigation and browsing of video resources



For You: Get Inspired



<u>Watch it online</u>



Watch it onlin



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Improving navigation and browsing of video resources



Ailie Fraser, Joy Kim, Valentina Shin, Joel Brandt, Mira Dontcheva *To appear at CHI 2020*

Contributions

 Algorithms that curate and rank four different types of expert resource (tutorial videos, live stream videos, action macros, and written feedback)

• Interfaces that present curated expert help and demonstrations in-situ

 Evaluations that demonstrate the efficacy of contextually presenting expert resources



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Research Engineer







Final thoughts

• Lowering the barrier to get started is a key step toward enabling creativity

- Expert help and demonstrations are powerful tools for learning, execution, and inspiration
- Bringing expert resources into the user's context makes them more useful



Thanks!

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