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Developing a Technological Bridge to the "Right Moment"

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I'm currently a PhD student, advised by Professor Teresa Romão, interested in Persuasive Systems, Human-Computer Interaction, Mobile and Web Application Development.

Objectives

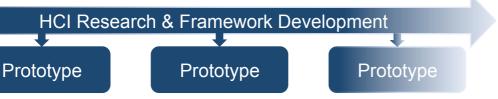
The field of **Persuasive Technology** aims to convey messages in **persuasive ways**, in order to influence the receiver's behaviours and beliefs.

A very interesting aspect of persuasion is **time**; indeed, research strongly suggests that the **moment** the messages are presented to the receiver is of **fundamental importance**, as it has the potential to **maximize or nullify the persuasive effects** of the communication.

The **objective of our research** is to propose a **novel framework** - a technological bridge, across multiple platforms, that will allow for the development of reliable, real-life event reactive software.

Methodology

Starting with a **literature review** on the state-of-the-art of **persuasive** and **event reactive systems**, the framework will be developed in parallel with the production of several end-user application prototypes - these will serve to **validate it** while **providing testing grounds** for other **opportune**, **HCI-related hypotheses**.



Expected Results

We expect that, by using our proposed framework, persuasive system developers will be able to focus their efforts more on overall system design and less on the development of event detection algorithms or dealing with platform-specific details and idiosyncrasies.

Moreover, we also anticipate our research to yield **positive contributions to the field of HCI**, since we will be dealing with complex and still open challenges, like **the representation of time and space**, from both developer (framework) and end user (prototypes) perspectives.

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