

PERSEUD

Persuasive computing, usability, software development, HMI/SCADA

CHALLENGE

By means of the extensive analysis of user interfaces, the goal was to use PERSEUD to provide research material for persuasive integration of usability know-how in development environments in order to research, prototypically implement and to evaluate. It thus solved a problem that is rarely even considered in the current development practice of usability. One reason is the lack of tools – persuasive tools as they are to be designed and researched in this study. The zenon Editor should therefore be enhanced so that it automatically offers good usability to the HMI/SCA-DA project, especially for those designers who do not have usability know-how. The research project has progressed in two big steps: firstly, a large-scale analysis of user interfaces for uncovering usability know-how gaps. Secondly, based on the usability problems, persuasive concepts for integration of usability know-how were prototypically implemented and evaluated with end-users in a study.

RESULT

The result of PERSEUD is the gained knowledge of knowing when which persuasive strategies need to be applied in software development to achieve a better usability of the produced user interfaces. A result example of this are the available screen templates in zenon for easier use by the engineers. The main result is an action catalog – in the form of design patterns – the knowledge gained from these studies will be summarized in a clear and practical manner. As a result the design patterns should allow the zenon Editor HMI/SCADA to gain direct implementation.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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TYPE OF PROJECT

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STARTING POINT

Starting point for the development of a persuasive test environment (HMI/SCADA prototype) for the comparative studies was a rated list of persuasion strategies. On the basis of comparative studies, the persuasion strategies were documented in the final report, which allow a demonstrable improvement of the developed user interface with the zenon Editor. Ing. Punzenberger COPA-DATA GmbH ReinhardM@copadata.com www.copadata.com