Using Cultural Probes to Explore Mediated Intimacy

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Abstract

Intimacy is a crucial element of domestic life that has received insufficient attention from Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) researchers despite their rapidly growing interest in the design of interactive technologies for domestic use. Intimate acts differ from other a develop interactive technologies to support these acts. This paper presents the first phase of a two-part study exploring the potential of interactive technologies to support intimate relationships. We contribute to this uncharted domain of HCI research a literature revi methods for its investigation. We conclude with preliminary results and suggestive design ideas for interactive technologies intended to support intimacy.

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