

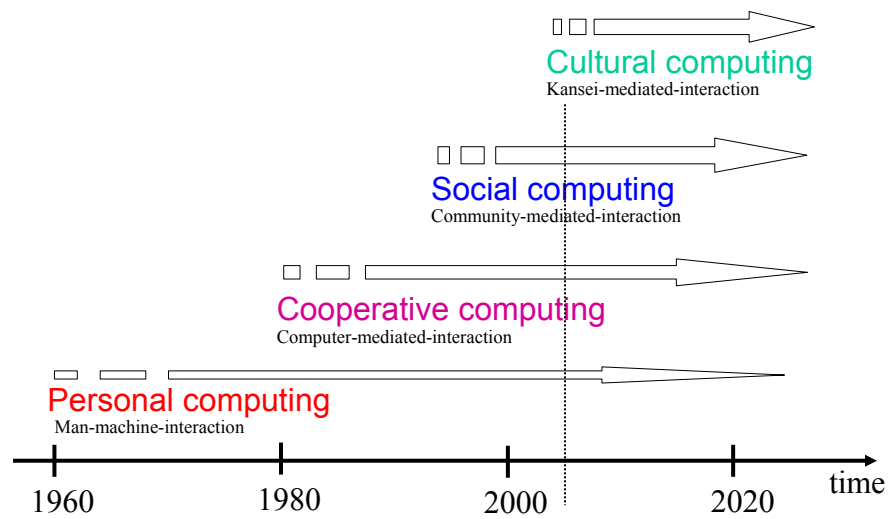
Cultural Computing: the ALICE project

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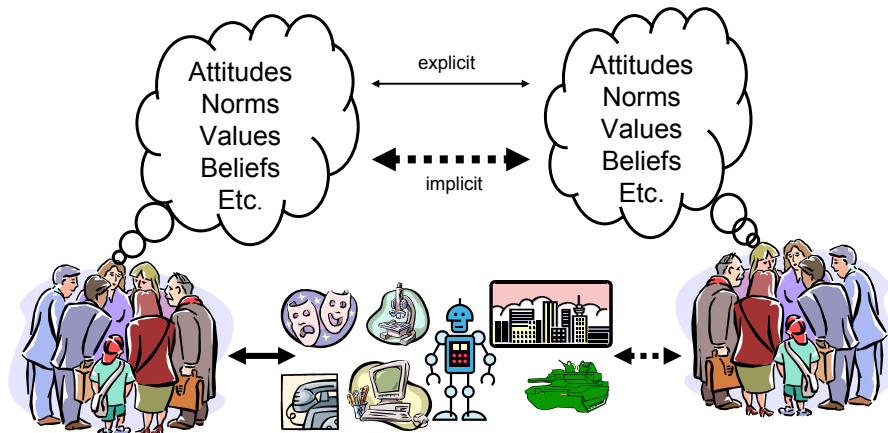
What is Culture?

Culture is the **integration pattern** of human behavior that includes

- attitudes,
- norms,
- values,
- beliefs,
- actions,
- communications and
- institutions of a race, ethnic, religious and/or social group.

The word culture comes from the Latin root *colere* (to inhabit, to cultivate, or to honor). In general, it refers to human *activity*; different definitions of culture reflect different theories for understanding, or criteria for valuing, human activity. Anthropologists use the term to refer to the universal human capacity to classify experiences, and to encode and communicate them symbolically. They regard this capacity as a defining feature of the genus Homo.

Cultural Computing: Kansei mediation



[Nakatsu R., Rauterberg M., Salem B. (2005). Forms and theories of communication: from multimedia to Kansei mediation. *Multimedia Systems*]

Culture: the East

Lao Tse
TAO TE KING
道德經

Lao-Tse
c.604 - c.521 BC

Siddhartha Gautama
563 - c.480 BC

Buda
Enlightenment

Zen
禅

Bodhidharma
470-543 AC

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ZENetic computer (2003)



ZENetic Computer

コンピュータによる山水精神
デジタルストーリー

平成16年 5月13日(木)
18:30~20:00

平成16年 5月28日(金)
18:30~20:00



Naoko Tosa



松岡正剛
Seigo Matsuoka



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Culture: the West



René Descartes
1596-1650

res cogitans - mind

res extensa - body, matter, etc



Immanuel Kant
1724-1804

synthetic
a priori knowledge:

- time
- space

both *pure forms of intuition*
and *pure intuitions*.

Culture in the East and West

Cross-cultural psychologist's juxtapose
Eastern *holistic* and Western *analytic* reasoning.

Eastern reasoning embraces contradictions among objects in a
yin–yang field of constant change.

Western reasoning tends to focus on objects and categories,
and is driven by *formal logic*.

[see Kaiping Peng, Daniel Ames and Eric Knowles (2001) 'Culture and human inference: perspectives from
three traditions', *Handbook of Cross-cultural Psychology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.]

What would be a Western equivalence to ZENetic Computer?

Possible Answer:

- an interactive experience based on the story of **Alice in Wonderland**



Charles Lutwidge Dodgson
1832-1898



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Stage-1: Down the Rabbit Hole



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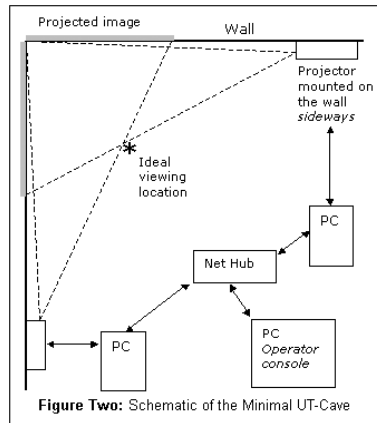
Flow stair lift



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Stage-2: Drink me – Eat me



CaveUT

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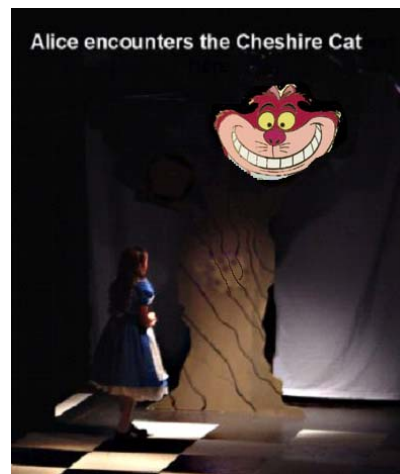
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Stage-3: The Cheshire Cat



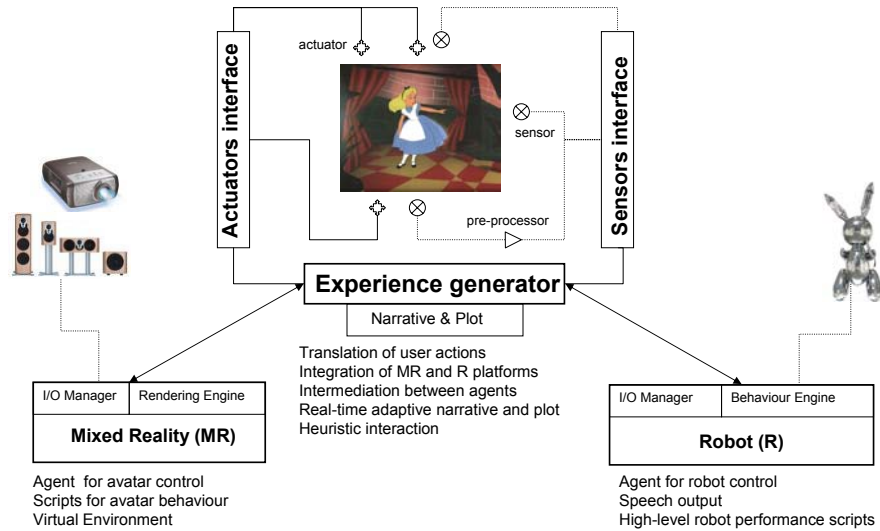
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Architecture



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Schedule:

Month 1-2:

Scenario writing and technical layout for stage-1, stage-2 and stage-3.

Month 3-4:

Setup stage-1 and development of prototype

Month 5-6:

Setup stage-2 and development of prototype

Month 7-8:

Setup stage-3 and development of prototype

Month 9-10:

Fine tuning and testing

Month 11-12:

User studies and writing report.

Expected Results:

- A research platform for cultural computing
- A prototype for interactive experiences
- Design guidelines:
 - Kansei mediated interaction
 - Robot behavior scripting

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