UTILIZING COLLABORATIVE FILTERING TO RECOMMEND OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSITIVE AFFECT IN DAILY LIFE

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MENTAL HEALTHCARE GAMIFICATION

READY SET GOAL

The ReadySetGoal mobile application was created to support the activity of goal setting to be used in cognitive behavioural therapy.

Game Elements

Risk Taking  Progression
Purpose: Reduce Problematic behaviours, Wandering

Reminiscence Therapy: People with talk and reflect back on their past experiences using artefacts such as photos, items and videos.
RESEARCH AIMS

• Develop intelligent algorithms that could be integrated into existing therapies to provide content that are relevant to the personal context of each user

• Investigate how stakeholder acceptance would be effected when recommender systems are integrated with different aspects of the therapy

• Provide empirical evidence regarding the effectiveness of such systems through user experiments
THREE GOOD THINGS APP (EBO)

**Purpose:** Increase Positive affect, Resilience, Reduce chance for depression

**Three-good-things activity:** keep a record of three things which went well for them each day which they were happy about, reflect upon those activities to experience more appreciation

**Target:** Stressful Occupations (Police, Care-workers)
USE APP TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH LOW SELF-ESTEEM AND DEPRESSION

Problem with current application: Hard for people in depression and with low self esteem to find opportunities for enjoyment by themselves

Target: Incorporate An intelligent System to Recommend Opportunities for Positive Affect in daily life
**SYSTEM DESIGN**

- During the day, users take a photo of satisfying life moments.
- After the end of each day, users write a textual description of those moments to reflect back on them.
- When users start to struggle to find happy moments, the recommendation system would suggest potential opportunities.
- Playful or social mechanisms would be employed to encourage users to look for these opportunities.
RECOMMEND OPPORTUNITIES

• Exploring the use of collaborative filtering

• User-Item matrix formed from “User” - ”Positive Affect Keywords”

• Keywords extracted from textual descriptions of recorded instances in diary and used to fill the matrix

• Data from the HappyDB was used to initialize the matrix to help avoid cold-start problem

• Calculate a score for each potential keyword for each user
FIND NEARBY OPPORTUNITIES

1. Open Street Map Tags
2. Geo-tagged tweets Keywords
3. Top 50 Scored Positive Affect Keywords

Averaged Word2Vec vector

Pearson Correlation

- List of Opportunities
- Playful Treasure hunt activity
- Help a friend
QUESTIONS?
Social Anxiety Treatment Game

- **Purpose:** Treat Social Anxiety for game addicts
- **Exposure Training:** Let patients experience and get used to social situations
CONTEXTUALLY AWARE SOCIAL ANXIETY TREATMENT GAME

Recommend tasks which match social anxiety characteristics and contexts of users using open data

- **Dish talk**
  Order a meal at a food stall or restaurant.

- **What the sock**
  Walk through your town while wearing two different colored socks.

- **Trick or treat**
  Bake a pie or cookies for your family.

Rank tasks based on the social anxiety profile and physical location of users
REMINISCENCE THERAPY FOR DEMENTIA

Develop a context aware filtering algorithm to automatically extract information (text and pictures etc.) from social media images and use them in Reminiscence therapy.