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OVERVIEW OF THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES FACED WHEN USING CONSUMER MOBILE BIOSENSORS WITHIN TELEMEDICAL APPLICATIONS

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Over the last years, the use of consumer sensor devices in research and medical care has become increasingly popular. Due to their high acceptance and availability, these devices provide an unprecedented opportunity to collect objective biomedical and behavioral data at no cost continuously for an extended period of time. They are thus ideally suited for telemedicine applications and research under real-life conditions. However, the use of consumer devices also poses several technical challenges. These include the availability of raw sensor data for 3rd-party developers, accessing different types of software interfaces, the reliability and usability of the hardware interface between sensor and mobile device, quality of sensor data and battery-life. Furthermore, a number of data privacy and medical certification issues arise from the difference between producer-intended and actual use of the sensor devices, various quality criteria are introduced based upon which a use case specific catalog of requirements may be written. As an example, we consider the three common use cases of fitness, health and medical applications.

Biography

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