#### Digital and Traditional Methods for Addressing Everyday Cognitive Failures: **A Focus on Name and Face Recall**

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#### Overview



#### Motivation

"His name is on the tip of my tongue!"

Cognitive failure occurrence Effective psychological methods Forgetting one's name can cause personal embarrassment and inconvenience L

#### Background

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Memory augmentation systems

Overview of Chan's taxonomy

Case study:

Forgetting names and faces

The Link method

MEMORY AUGMENTATION SYSTEMS	Case Study	Psychology Methods	Implementation Methods
Behavior Change	Goal achievement	<ul> <li>Intention implementation</li> <li>Guided Imagery</li> <li>Mental Simulations</li> <li>Imagery training</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Voice</li> <li>Text</li> <li>Image-and-text</li> </ul>
Learning	Languages	<ul><li>Loci method (palace)</li><li>Link method</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Text</li> <li>Image-and-text</li> <li>3D visualizations</li> </ul>
Failing Memories	Everyday memory lapses	<ul> <li>Link method</li> <li>Peg method</li> <li>Reminders</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Voice</li> <li>Text (to-do lists)</li> <li>Computer Vision</li> </ul>
Selective Recall	Recalling unwanted or traumatic memories		
Advertising			
Social Acceptance			

Chan's taxonomy of relevant memory augmentation systems (dotted line = research gaps)



Training

#### Assistance

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Failing to recall names and faces = semantic memory lapse

EVERYDAY MEMORY LAPSES	<b>Case studies</b>	Training system type	Tools
Prospective memory	<b>Forgetting tasks</b>	<ul> <li>Process based</li> <li>Strategy based (new)</li> </ul>	Smartphone apps
Retrospective memory (Semantic memory)	Subjective memory complaints– older adults	<ul> <li>Process based</li> </ul>	Smartphone app ("SMART")
	Forgetting facts	<ul> <li>Strategy based (mnemonics, spaced repetition)</li> </ul>	AR: VMPeg, NeverMind Smartphone: Anki, Quizbot
	Forgetting names and faces	?	?

Clinch on Forgetting Names and Faces Most frequent semantic failure

Problematic memory failure

Develop a technology tool (easy!)

#### Lorayne: The Link Method (face-name mnemonics)



#### Miss Van Nuys

"Be sure you see the picture!"

### Gap in Literature

There are no digital strategy-based training systems that would train users to apply mnemonics strategies to recall names and faces.

## Proposed Study Design

#### **Research Questions**

1. Does using a digital implementation of the Link method improve users' ability to remember names and faces more effectively than traditional voice-based system?

2. Which system, the digital implementation of the Link method or the traditional voice-based training system, yields higher user satisfaction?

## Proposed Study Design

#### **Between-subject**

Traditional voice-based

training



Training with a digital tool

**Dependent variables:** Human performance, System usability

Memory strategy: Link Method

RQ	METRICES	MEASURMENTINSTRUMENT	
1	Number of names recalled	Implemented counter	
	Time in seconds	Implemented timer	
	Confidence in memory	Cognitive Failures Questionnaire (CFQ)	
	Imagery ability	Ease of imagination scale by Ellen and Bone (1991)	
2	Mental effort	NASA-TLX Questionnaire	
	System Usability	System Usability Scale (SUS)	
	User Experience	User Experience Questionnaire (UEQ)	

# Proposed Prototype Design

**Desktop applications** 



# Condition 1 Training

This is Ayberk. Ayberk's name sounds like iceberg, the lettuce.



Link method

# Condition 1 Training

all have This is Ayberk. Ayberk's name sounds like iceberg, the lettuce.

"III" Find an outstanding feature on Ayberk's face and try to associate it with iceberg.

**The funnier the** association, the better!





Link method

## Condition 2 Training

This is Ayberk. Ayberk's name sounds like iceberg, the lettuce.



Link method Voice instructions Visualizations

# Condition 2 Training

This is Ayberk. Ayberk's name sounds like iceberg, the lettuce.

 Ayberk's moustaches seem pretty outstanding.
 You can spot them right away when you see him.

"Can you see those iceberg moustaches?



Link method Voice instructions Visualizations



#### Post-test

This is Smolenski. Can you create an association with his name? **Imagine it!**  Condition 1 & 2

#### Post-test (1 week)

#### Can you **recall** this **person's** name?





#### Future Work



# Thank you!



