Computing Across the Disciplines: Using Cell Phones in Experiments



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Apology



Source: Gartner, Strategy Analytics, Company Estimates, IDC, Business Insider Intelligence Estimates

A High School Student



Cell Phone Saturation

- 31 percent of teens between 14 and 17 years old have a smart phone.
- Usage has tripled every two years.
- Uses
 - 26% use them to make phone calls
 - 63% prefer texting over calls, face to face, social networking and IMs.
 - 6% prefer email

Authentic trend

Global Internet Device Sales



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My SmartPhone Use













My Smartphone Use





Apollo 11 Guidance Computer



How we teach/taught



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Continuum of Inquiry

A Rubric to Characterize Inquiry in the Undergraduate Laboratory (Bruck et al., 2008)

	Level 0:	Level ¹ /2:	Level 1:	Level 2:	Level 3:
	Confirmation	Structured	Guided	Open	Authentic
Characteristic		inquiry	inquiry	inquiry	inquiry
Problem/Question	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not provided
Theory/Background	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not provided
Procedure/Design	Provided	Provided	Provided	Not provided	Not provided
Results analysis	Provided	Provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
Results communication	Provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
Conclusions	Provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided

More authentic inquiry?



PREPARING AMERICA'S STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE & CAREER

- 1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems
- 2. Developing and Using Models
- 3. Planning and Carrying out Investigations
- 4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- 5. Using Mathematics, Information and Computer Technology, and Computational Thinking
- 6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
- 7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence
- 8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

Pedagogy Matters

Meta-analysis of 61 studies (orthogonal to previous meta-analyses)



Can we do better?



Context and Computation!





Computer Primer



Input devices (sensors) galore! Ax. Ay. Az 3-axis Strapdown Accelerometer Inertial Navigation System (SINS) $\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z$ or Pedometer 3-mais based PDR Gyroscope NI SE PINE 3-axis M_x, M_y, M_z Magnetometer P_z Loosely Pressure Coupled sensor Extended Kalman Filter (FKF) AGRS. QGRS GPS λ. φ. Receiver Heading

What sensors do you have? Android iPhone App App AndroSensor Sensor Monitor Android Sensor Box Hardware Tools

3-axis Accelerometer

• Measures the linear acceleration of the phone.

Android	iPhone	
Accelerometer Values	Accelerometer Values	
Accelerometer Monitor	SPARKvue (PASCO)	
Accelerometer Record (Resultant)	AccelMeter (Resultant)	
Vibrations (FFT)	iSeismo	
Accupedo Pedometer	Pedometer	

3-axis Gyroscope

 Measures the rotational velocity of the phone.



Magnetic Field Sensor

Android	iPhone	
Max Magnetic Field Detector	Magnetic Data	
Metal Detector	Compass Data	
Smart Protractor	Multi Protractor	
Max Protractor		

Sound Meter



Android	iPhone
Sound Meter	
FrequenSee (Spectrum Analyzer)	
Sound Form (Sig Generator)	

Barometer

• Measures atmospheric pressure

Android	iPhone
SyPressure	N 0 02
Barometer.WSK	
Atmosphere Logger	





Integrated Sensor Apps

Android	iPhone	
PhysicsGizmo	TouchOSC	
MINDdroid	Lego Mindstorms	
SensorTrack	Signal Scope	
Movement Tracker	Motion Data	
DomoticHome	Sensor Log	
Tool Box	Sensor Data	

Proximity and Light Sensors

- Most proximity sensors max out at 2 inches
- Light sensor apps seem to be unreliable
 - Photography light sensor apps get high ratings
 - Check against known good sensors before using them

Needed App Doesn't Exist?



- Develop apps in a drag and drop application
- Deploys to phone through USB or QR code
- Free Web Application (small local install)

App Inventor



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Ubiquitous computer use







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What Next????

- Try one change.....
- Allow your student to do your research.
- Join a sharing group.
- Talk to your colleagues







