In this doctoral dissertation, we mainly describe a context-aware and personalized learning model that is built on a learning log system called SCROLL. This study is done in the background of the prevalence of smartphones, which are equipped with several kinds of sensors. Therefore, how to make use of the sensors to support language learning and how to facilitate the mobile-based note-taking in language learning become the objects of this study.

By doing the literature review on context-aware learning and personalized learning, we find that most researchers focus on how to offering the learners with the learning materials that are related to the context. But few of them employ learning context in other ways, such as taking the learning contexts as retrieval cues to help learners recall what they have learned. What’s more, the value of the context history is not being investigated enough as well. Therefore, the model we proposed mainly contributes to these two problems. In this study, in order to take the advantages of learning context, the model can offer location-based reminder quizzes, recommend other learners’ learning logs based on location and prompt learners to study according to his learning habits. In addition, because one objective of SCROLL is to facilitate learners to easily record and recall what they have learned, so in order to help them recall efficiently, the system design of SCROLL is on the basis of several theories and studies on human memory, like the environmental context effects, picture superiority effect, and testing effect and so on.

To evaluate this study, three experiments were conducted to find answers to the following hypothetical questions.

1) Does SCROLL contribute to more effective language learning than the paper and PC (personal computer) based learning method?

2) Does the context-aware and personalized learning model we proposed serve the learner well?

Through the experiments, we got two conclusions. Firstly, about SCROLL, we find that most of learners prefer to use this kind of tool for eff
icient learning, because it not only can save learners' learning contents but also help them to recall them. Besides, the usability of our system satisfied most of the learners in the experiment III. However, we find that there are still some limitations of SCROLL. One limitation is caused by the hardware, such as the low speed of the 3G, the insufficient battery and the barrier of using smartphones. Another one is caused by the software, which restricts the format of the learning log. But with the evolution of the mobile technology and the prevalence of smartphones, these limitations will be improved in the future.

Secondly, the context-aware and personalized model really facilities learners' learning. On one hand, as other researchers found, learners benefit from the recommendation of the learning materials related to the learner's contexts. On the other hand, utilizing the learning context as retrieval cues for learners to recall is also proved to be efficient. And the learning habits acquired by analyzing the context histories are also proved as a meaningful way to accommodate learners. However, the low response rate on the contextual recommendation needs to be improved and the inconvenience causing by the recommendation is also a challenge for us.

As for our future work, there are mainly three issues for us to explore. The first one is that in order to catch learners' learning contexts more accurately, more kinds of context elements and learning habits should be taken into account, such as learners' schedule. The second one is to provide learners with more control on both the recommendation actions and the predictions of the system. For example, learners can decide the alarm type of the recommendation. The third one is that we need to increase the attraction of other learners' learning logs and make the learner to participate in learning from others.
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