Call Me by My Name: Exploring Roles of Sci-Fi Voice Agents

What we found some interesting

01.Projecting User Intention Using Pet-name

02. Building Trust by Giving VCAs a Name / a Role

03. Reducing User's Load of Cognition by Multiple Roles

04. Playing a Negative Role is Necessary

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Current VCAs & Challenge:

- Current VCAs present single role/attitude, which cannot behave appropiately in different situation.
- It is challenging to explore future potentials based on current technology and scenarios.

Opportunity

- "They need to be socialized." (Norman, 2007)
- Sci-fi is a rich resource to inspire HCI on designing emerging tech. (Shedroff & Noessel, 2012)

Research Question

How to collect sci-fi movies for designing VCAs in the following decade? What kinds of social roles can be defined from sci-fi movies?

Method

Community Online Sourcing: Collecting a Movie List from Sci-fi Fans

	1st Crowd Sourcing	2nd Crowd Sourcing	3rd Crowd Sourcing
Aim Request	find suffficient movies (<60 yrs) x human like	find suffficient movies (<60 yrs) x human like	eliminate ambiguous types x human like x creature like x auto mobile
Result	72 movies (total)	81 movies (total)	50 movies (total)

By the fourth iteration of the study, all creature/human like VCAs were eliminated. The study aimed to retain a set of VCAs, that would seem realistic and feasible to the users of present day.

Movie Workshop: Hunting for Sci-fi VCAs

4th Crowd Sourcing	
eliminate ambiguous types	
x human like	
x creature like	
x auto mobile	
x alien like	
31 movies (total)	





03.Interpretation

04. Focus Group

Uhat voice expression can be designed for a each role?

position (autonomy)



