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Abstract
Several decades after the development of World Wide Web, the penetration of internet availability causes the number of people using the internet to increase, as well as the number of people using instant messaging related software. Friends also utilize internet to stay in touch instead of using letters or telephone. When using instant messenger, people usually use mere text messages to communicate. However, text messages are insufficient in conveying one’s emotions, therefore, may be misleading in the interpretation of other people’s thoughts. Thus, in order to solve this problem, this paper provides a system that can convey feelings and emotions in addition to simple text messages.
In this thesis, the emoticons of the most popular instant messengers in Taiwan are collected and organized, and further produced into a graphical interface that includes a digital figure that can be personalized and serves as a mood indication. This digital figure is fused into instant messenger platform, which allows the figure to act accordingly with the entered text script, changing facial expressions and motions when necessary to improve the ability in conveying feelings, and making online communication more entertaining. In addition, the advantage and disadvantage of this system and its influence on instant messengers will be discussed as well.
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