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In this issue, we highlight three papers from ACM MobiSys 2016. “FlashBack:

Immersive Virtual Reality on Mobile Devices via Rendering Memoization,” by Kevin Boos, David Chu and Eduardo Cuervo, describes a system that offers a full-quality VR experience on weak mobile devices. FlashBack lowers the energy and processing demands to display VR content by rendering images from a pre-generated cache of possible frames that a player might see.

In “Practical Human Sensing in the Light,” Tiaxing Li, Qiang Liu and Xia Zhou present a new unobtrusive sensing approach for behavioral monitoring that uses LED panels on the ceiling and photodiodes on the floor to determine human gestures from light blockage patterns.

Lastly, in “uLink: User-Defined Deep Links in Mobile Apps,” Tanzirul Azim, Oriana Riva and Suman Nath describe a method for creating mobile app deep links, which enable users to navigate to specific views within a mobile app. uLink automatically creates deep links to stateful views by observing how views are assembled during user interaction by intercepting messages sent to the page launcher method. uLink also supports links to views generated by user interaction events within a page using a limited form of record and replay.

The rest of the issue consists of four more columns:

The (Almost) Unpublishable Results column features an article by Reza Rawassizadeh and David Kotz that addresses the challenge of finding sensor-based datasets to evaluate ubicomp

and mobile computing research. This paper provides an overview of available sensor-based public datasets and their characteristics.

In the Experimental Methods column, Khai Truong discusses how to improve the likelihood of success when conducting a user study by running a pilot study – a small-scale version of an actual study – to help identify, remove, and avoid any potential problems early on.

In the Education column, Katia Jaffrès-Runser, Sami Rollins, Tracy Camp, and Wendi Heinzelman reflect on the success of Networking Networking Women (N²Women) on the occasion of the organization's 10-year anniversary. N²Women is a community for researchers with the main goal of fostering connections among women in computer networking and related research fields. N²Women allows

women to connect with other women with common research interests, who face the same career hurdles, and who share common career objectives. The article describes the wide range of programs and events run by N²Women, and encourages readers to get involved in the organization.

Finally, in the Mobile Platforms column, Luca Mottola and Kamin Whitehouse reflect on their years of experience conducting research with drones. Their article provides an overview of the burgeoning drone software and hardware ecosystem and addresses mobile computing challenges made available by drones, such as reliability, energy management, mobile communication, and programmability.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and I welcome your thoughts about GetMobile in general, and this issue in particular.

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Editorial Board Changes

Jacob Sorber is stepping down from the editorial board. As a founding co-editor of the (Almost) Unpublishable Results column, Jacob played an important role in shaping the direction of GetMobile, and I thank him for the many high-quality columns that he helped shepherd.

It is my pleasure to welcome Aruna Balasubramanian as the new co-editor of the (Almost) Unpublishable Results column. Aruna is an Assistant Professor at Stony Brook University. She received her Ph.D from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where her dissertation won the UMass outstanding dissertation award and was the Sigcomm dissertation award runner-up. She works in the area of networked systems. Her current work consists of two threads: (1) significantly improving mobile Web performance and (2) improving the usability and privacy of mobile systems. She is the recipient of a Ubicomp best paper award, a Computing Innovation Fellowship, a Microsoft Graduate Research Fellowship, a Google research award, and the Applied Networking Research Prize. She is passionate about improving the diversity in Computer Science and runs a Girls Who Code Club, founded the WPhD group for Women PhD students at Stony Brook, and is an active member of the N²Women group.



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