Barrett Honors Thesis

iLieDown: Improved Display Orientation for Handheld Devices Using Convolutional Neural Networks

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Part I: The Problem



A user lies down...



Correct vs Incorrect Rotation. The user lies down and the screen rotates incorrectly in (a), but correctly in (b).

91% of users experience incorrect autorotation [1].

Current Solution

Manual Orientation Lock





Physical switch

Software switch



27% of users are unaware of rotation lock [1].

Part II: Our Solution: iLieDown





The user's face will always show the correct orientation

- 1. Capture images
- 2. Analyze
- 3. Orient
- 4. Constantly repeat?

iLieDown



CPU utilization during CNN* analysis at 30FPS



*CNN with 23,090 parameters

iLieDown

Efficient solution





Max CPU usage to analyze 8 images of 7.5% and 2.2% on iPhone 6 and XS respectively

Part III: Experiments



Feasibility Test

Does it work?

- 20 users were tested in different environments and lighting conditions with an iPhone 6
- Users were unaware of the application and given a reading task to simulate real-world device use
- Various backgrounds and lighting conditions

61% Success Rate

• 6x improvement over previous solution [1]



Privacy Survey

Camera access required

• If iLieDown was a feature integrated into the OS, it would take pictures every time the device was rotated.

100% Would use it

• 2 users said only if the company was reputable

50% (10 users) were okay with anonymous collection of images

Noticeable Lag Test

 Users were given native orientation and iLieDown and asked to determine if one was faster than the other

iPhone XS 3 iPhone 6 Compared a likeDown is Faster A Native is Faster

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70% Reported Same Speed

iLieDown Demonstration



- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qw4E42ZwFK4

Thank you

https://rptallman.github.io/portfolio/

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