

6. Conclusion

Literature review shows that the promises of ubiquitous computing to enable user mobility across heterogenous devices and systems is yet to be fully realized. At the most, findings show that, advances to facilitate user mobility within a single home or within a particular IoT system have been made with greater success. To this end, various mechanisms such as ontological modelling, probabilistic models, learning models as well as architectural frameworks amongst others have been introduced mainly to achieve context-awareness needs. However, literature review also shows that, there still exists a research gap around issues of user-behavior inference across heterogenous devices and systems to better facilitate context-awareness during system composition and user adaptivity in the smart homes domain. Based on literature review, it was evident that the major computational challenge behind this setback is deep-rooted in the over-reliance on location data in determining context by existing solutions. We conclude that research efforts to overcome this challenge should be devoted urgently, exploiting the capabilities of deep learning algorithms and data analytics even further.

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