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Parameterization of In-car Dialog Systems

Spoken Language Dialog Systems engage users into voice dialogs in order to negotiate the details of tasks they are supposed to perform. In doing so, the voiced output of such systems exhibits certain characteristics with respect to the tone (male/female voice, modulation of pitch, etc.) choice of words, degree of detail in the answer, degree of repetition of previously uttered phrases and so on. This invention allows these characteristics to be made adjustable and thus to design such systems in a way that is consistent with the design of the environment (e.g., a car) they are embedded into.

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