Servitization of on-campus mobility A sharing system for electric skateboards

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Introduction and motivation



Aim:

Offering a special car-model in their carpool

Problem:

- Integrating the module for booking into the car
- Development process has just started

Include services and interfaces to services into product planning Orientation to customer acceptance even in early planning phases



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Objectives and focus of this work

- In previous work: models and methods for PSS design support were created
 - Decision-making process for PSS planning, Model of customer acceptance, Service catalogue



BUT: Those methods haven't been evaluated yet

Objective: Evaluation by application in a student project

• Focused companies and products: Providers of complex technical products, mainly SMEs, for both B2B and B2C markets







Decision-making process for PSS planning

Schmidt et al. (2015a), Schmidt et al. (2015c)



Model of customer acceptance



Aspects are caused in products' attributes and customer behavior

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Hierarchy of Service Catalogue

Schmidt et al. (2015d)



- Service Classification Scheme to support PSS designers in identifying service offers
- Objectives of evaluation: Applicability, Usability, Benefit for PSS development







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Setting of student project



Development of an innovative mobility solution for university campuses



Initial Technical Requirements were given (e.g. electric drive, more than two wheels)



Team: Three master students and one PhD student from mechanical engineering; no experience in service engineering



After six months: a rough prototype



PSS, Customer Acceptance, User Experience, Agile processes



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Procedure adapted to student project



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Application: business model canvas

Osterwalder et al. (2010)



→ Station-based e-board sharing system



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Application: model of customer acceptance

- User surveys focusing on requirements (just ideas from the model):
 - Need for on-campus mobility
 - Low willingness to pay
 - Easy to use and to book

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Installation of charging system and battery						-	-		
Mounting of the charging system to the pedelec		-				-	•		
Protection against humidity and moisture			-	-					•
Cooling of the charging system							•		
Connection between charging system and socket					-	-			
Anti-theft protection								-	-



- Model of Customer Acceptance
- Detailed analysis of the customer acceptance was skipped
 - PSS concept too abstract
 - Product and services not known at this stage

Product/services must be roughly known to investigate customer acceptance

> Model of customer acceptance might support in identifying customer require.





Application: service catalogue



 Identification of relevant services for e-board sharing system, based on business model canvas

- Product-oriented services
 - Supporting the user in understanding the eboard (practical advice, manuals, description)
- Maintenance services
 - Enabling a continuous usage of the e-board (availability, repair, maintenance, remote inspections...)



Service Structure E-Board

- The catalogue supported PSS designers
- Some services were misunderstood (possible cause: different market)





PSS structure of e-board sharing system (excerpt)



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Prototypes of two iterations

1. Iteration











Implications from iterations

System	1. Iteration	2. Iteration			
Body of e-board					
Control units for throttle and break	Control for throttle and break Break	Control for throttle Control for break Break			
Interface User – Booking station	Basic booking station	Locking mechanismNFC-readerMicrocontroller			



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Impression of second prototype





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Conclusion



Decision-Making Process

- Suitable measure for engineers and unexperienced designers
- Very abstract, extendable by business model canvas
- Process only not sufficient: further methodical support required



Model of Customer Acceptance

- Just used as a basic for identifying customer requirements
- More useful if the product/service is better known
- Other case studies for evaluation



- Better differentiation between B2B and B2C services necessary
- Services should be better described to prevent misunderstanding
- Support in selecting suitable services might help designers



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