Table 1. A non-exhaustive list of theories relating to human-computer interactions

Theory	Definition
Anthropomorphism theory	The anthropomorphism theory describes the tendency to imbue
(1.1	real or imagined behavior of nonhuman agents with humanlike
(Adam et al. 2021; Van	characteristics, motivations, intentions or emotions.
Pinxteren et al. 2020) Affordance theory (or theory	The affordance theory suggests that the perception of the
of affordance)	environment can lead to specific courses of action. Affordances
or unoraunee)	or clues in the environment indicate possibilities for action, that
(Rutschi and Dibbern 2020;	would not require sensory processing.
Stoeckli et al. 2020)	. , , ,
Assemblage theory	The assemblage theory asserts that, within a body, the
	relationships of component parts are not stable and fixed; rather,
(Jiménez-Barreto et al. 2021)	they can be displaced and replaced within and among other
	bodies, thus approaching systems through relations of
Behavioral reasoning theory	exteriority. The behavioral reasoning theory suggests that reasons serve as
Benavioral reasoning theory	important linkages between the individuals' beliefs, global
(Lalicic and Weismayer	motives (e.g., attitudes, subjective norms, and perceived
2021)	control), intentions, and behaviors.
Cognitive fit theory	The cognitive fit theory proposes that the connection between
	the task and the information presentation format can have an
(Chen et al. 2021)	effect on the individual users' task performance.
Commitment-consistency	The commitment-consistency theory suggests that individuals
theory	strive to be consistent in their words and actions.
(Adam et al. 2021)	
Communication	The communication accommodation theory seeks to explain and
accommodation theory	predict why, when, and how people adjust communicative
	behavior during social interactions. This theory seeks to clarify
(Zhang et al. 2021)	which consequences may result from those adjustments.
Contingency theory	The contingency theory suggests that performance is a
(Laura and Wan 2020)	consequence of the fit between several factors including the
(Leung and Wen 2020)	structure, people, technology, strategy, and culture. This theory claims that there is no best way to do things. The optimal
	course of action is contingent (dependent) upon internal and
	external situations.
Diffusion of	The diffusion of innovations theory seeks to explain how, why,
innovations theory	and at what rate new ideas and technology spread. The diffusion
	occurs when users communicate about innovations with other
(Kushwaha et al. 2021;	individuals.
Mostafa and Kasamani 2021)	
Expectancy theory (or	The expectancy theory (or expectancy theory of motivation)
Expectancy theory of motivation)	proposes that an individual will behave or act in a certain way because they are motivated to opt for specific behaviors
motivation)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
,	(over others) as they can predict the result of their chosen behavior.
(Chopra 2019) Expectation violation theory	(over others) as they can predict the result of their chosen
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Flow model for the computer-mediated environment (Kushwaha et al. 2021)	The flow model for the computer-mediated environment suggests that the fitness of task (i.e., the difference between challenges and skills), perceived control, and cognitive spontaneity ("playfulness") are the antecedents of flow. Flow itself is measured through the constructs of enjoyment and concentration. The consequences of the flow model focus on the
Functionalist theory (of emotion)	process, increased learning, and increased creativity. The functionalist theory suggests that emotional experiences and expressions are influenced by personal characteristics (including biological factors, learning history),
(Crolic et al. 2021) Human computer interaction theory / Human machine communication theory	the emotion-eliciting event, and social contexts. The human–computer interaction theory focuses on the interfaces between individuals (users) and computers.
(Lewis et al. 2019; Wilkinson et al. 2021)	
Information systems success model	The information systems success model seeks to identify, describe, and explain the relationships among six of the most critical dimensions of success along which information systems
(Kushwaha et al. 2021)	are commonly evaluated, including information quality, system quality, service quality, usage intentions, user satisfaction and net system benefits.
Politeness theory	The politeness theory is a theory that appeared within the framework relating to the pragmatic approach in linguistics.
(Dippold et al. 2020)	According to this theory, interlocutors would create the right environment, and adopt appropriate strategies that facilitate effective communications.
Self-determination theory	The self-determination theory suggests that people are motivated to grow and change by three innate and universal
(Jiménez-Barreto et al. 2021)	psychological needs. This theory posits that individuals are able to become self-determined when their needs for competence, connection, and autonomy are fulfilled.
Situational theory of problem solving (Cheng and Jiang 2020)	The situational theory of problem-solving attempts to explain why and how individuals communicate during problematic situations.
Situational theory of publics	The situational theory of the publics is used to clarify why and to what extent individuals engage (in an active manner) or stay
(Cheng and Jiang 2020) Social cognitive theory	passive during information acquisition-related behaviors. The social cognitive theory suggests that the individual's
(Chong et al. 2021)	knowledge can be enhanced by observing others within the context of social interactions, experiences, and from outside media influences.
Social presence theory	The social presence theory suggests that the "sense of being with one another" is influenced by digital interfaces in human-
(Grimes et al. 2020; Leung and Wen 2020; McLean et al. 2020)	computer interactions.
Social response theory	The social response theory clarifies that social cues may arouse the users' responses to information technology. It suggests that
(Adam et al. 2021)	individuals are inclined to treat computers as social actors

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	(rather than as media), even though they are well aware that
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Structural role theory	The structural role theory suggests that subjects (like bots)
	behave in specified, structured ways to achieve certain goals
(Seering et al. 2018)	within a space.
Technology acceptance	The technology acceptance model posits that the individuals'
model	perceptions about the ease of use as well as their perceptions
	about the usefulness of technologies would determine their
(Kasilingam 2020; Mostafa	acceptance or rejection.
and Kasamani 2021)	
Theory of conversation	The conversation theory is a cybernetic and dialectic framework
	that describes the motivation that drives humans to both
(Moriuchi et al. 2021)	maintain their current resources and to search for new
	resources.
Theory of planned behavior	The theory of planned behavior is a psychological theory that
	links beliefs to behavior. This theory maintains that three core
(Brachten et al. 2021;	components, namely, attitude, subjective norms, and perceived
Ciechanowski et al. 2019)	behavioral control, will predict the individuals' behavioral
	intentions.
Theory of reasoned action	The theory of reasoned action suggests that the individuals'
-	intention to perform certain behaviors is a function of their
(Huang and Kao 2021)	attitudes toward the behavior and of their subjective norms (this
,	theory anticipated the theory of planned behavior).
Trust commitment theory	The trust-commitment theory suggests that trust and
·	commitment, are important factors for a successful relationship.
(Kushwaha et al. 2021)	
Unified theory of acceptance	The unified theory of acceptance and use of technology is an
and use of technology	extension of the technology acceptance model. It suggests that
	the individuals' performance expectancy (i.e. synonymous with
(Mostafa and Kasamani 2021)	perceived usefulness), effort expectancy (i.e. similar to
	perceived ease of use), social influences (i.e. related to
	subjective norms) and facilitating conditions would have a
	significant effect on their intentions to use technology.
Uses and gratifications theory	The uses and gratifications theory is utilized to explore why and
Z ,	how people use specific media to satisfy their needs for
(Cheng and Jiang 2020; Rese	entertainment.
2020).	