

**Multimodal Interaction**  
**Multimodality**  
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**Introduction**

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This chapter is about Multimodality. You will learn that multimodality is relevant in human-human interaction and human-machine interaction and you will learn basic definitions, terms and concepts.

After having worked through the material of this online chapter, you will understand that humans interact multimodally, and that this is also at the basis of multimodal human-computer interaction. Allowing for multimodality facilitate interactions not only between humans but also between humans and machines.

There are different definitions of multimodality. In this course we focus on user input and output modalities, and not necessarily on perceptual modalities. Acting multimodally consists of explicit like commands and implicit like self-disclosure communicative signals.