

# Data Protectors, Benefit Maximizers, or Facts Enthusiasts: Identifying User Profiles for Life-Logging Technologies

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## Abstract

Sedentary behavior and lack of exercise pose a threat to both individual health and the viability of health-care systems and societies. Portable fitness trackers as prominent persuasive technologies are seen as a way to increase the level of physical activity. Yet, despite their technical capabilities, their affordability, and their advantages in regard to increased physical activity, they are neither used across the population, nor for long periods of time. To understand if and how product design influences acceptance and projected use, we evaluated users' preferences of using wearables, using a conjoint analysis approach with 412 participants of a wide age spectrum. Besides different relative importances of product properties (*privacy design*, *perceived utility*, *accuracy*, *motivational design* are rated from most to least important), three user segments with distinct technical requirements were identified (*data protectors*, *benefit maximizers*, *facts enthusiasts*). The three segments differ not only in product preference but also regarding other user factors. We presume that a broader and more sustainable use of wearables can be achieved when tailoring information and communication strategies alongside with the requirements of these user segments.

*Keywords:* Life-Logging, Privacy, User Diversity, Consumer Health Information Technology, Technology Acceptance, User Modeling, Conjoint Analysis

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## 1. Introduction

Digitalization and automation have changed the working life of today's societies tremendously. The majority of Western work nowadays includes the use of electronic devices, and, more often than not, that of computers. Therefore, eight or more hours a day are spent sitting in front of a monitor or hunched over a touchscreen. Not only does this have a negative impact on posture, but studies have shown that prolonged sedentary behavior plays a major

factor in health issues such as decreased mobility, weight-gain or even obesity, and other cardiovascular impairments, see, e.g., [1, 2, 3].

According to Knight, physical activity is declining in North America and Europe, relates to several diseases, such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and coronary or cerebrovascular diseases, and therefore has a negative impact on life expectancy and – in the long run – the viability of health-care systems [4]. Yet, Mendes et al. show that regular

21 medium-intense exercises have a positive effect on  
22 health [5]; especially for children, older adults, and  
23 people dealing with overweight or obesity. And al-  
24 though intensity, frequency, and duration of the  
25 exercises might be optimized to achieve the high-  
26 est health benefits, some physical activity is always  
27 considered as better than none. Other benefits of  
28 regular physical activities include the mitigation of  
29 migraines [6], the reduction of symptoms of depres-  
30 sion [7], as well as increased executive functioning  
31 and working memory performance for young chil-  
32 dren, young adults, as well as older adults.

33 Consequently, the World Health Organization  
34 (WHO) suggests for adults to engage in at least 150  
35 minutes of moderately intense physical activity per  
36 week, [8]. Some studies suggest this can be roughly  
37 translated into a goal of 10,000 steps per day [e.g.,  
38 9, 10, 11].

39 As these issues are largely known, the impor-  
40 tance of a healthy lifestyle, including a minimum  
41 of physical activity and also a balanced and nu-  
42 tritional diet, have increased [12, 13]. Resources  
43 to help achieve and maintain a healthy body and  
44 by extension a healthy mind include no longer just  
45 books and videos. With the ubiquity of mobile  
46 devices and computers, electronic resources have  
47 been added. These incorporate digitized copies of  
48 the previously mentioned resources but also new(er)  
49 materials such as websites and applications (apps)  
50 to instigate or at least keep track of one’s daily ac-  
51 tivities and caloric intake.

52 An easy way to maintain one’s weight or ad-  
53 here to health-recommendations is to keep track of  
54 one’s life, e.g., [14]. The so-called life-logging or  
55 quantified-self-movement is based on the assump-

56 tion that you can only change or improve behav-  
57 ioral patterns if you know what they are. To do so,  
58 you have to keep track of whatever area in your life  
59 you want to either change or maintain.

60 Specialized devices such as pedometers, heart-  
61 rate monitors, or GPS tracking devices can offer  
62 support. With the ongoing digitalization the elec-  
63 tronic market now also includes small devices that  
64 can record a multitude of data about one’s daily  
65 life. This include pulse, steps, climbed stairs, GPS  
66 routes traveled throughout the day, active minutes,  
67 type of sportive activity participated in, and so on  
68 (cf. [15]).

69 Despite the evident benefits of using life-logging  
70 technologies to increase one’s level of physical fit-  
71 ness, these technologies are either rarely used or  
72 usage declines quickly [16]. Several studies have  
73 addressed the reasons for this by means of tech-  
74 nology acceptance studies, e.g., [17, 18, 19]. How-  
75 ever, these models usually build on the evaluation  
76 of a single product and do not take multiple poten-  
77 tial product configurations, individual user require-  
78 ments, and the respective trade-offs into account.

79 The conjoint method is a well-suited approach for  
80 systematically examining these trade-offs in user re-  
81 quirements [20, 21, 22]. To the best of our knowl-  
82 edge, conjoint analyses have been rarely used for  
83 the study of wearable devices and their acceptance  
84 or use. Consequently, this study empirically in-  
85 vestigates individual trade-offs regarding aspects of  
86 life-logging devices (privacy design, utility, motiva-  
87 tional design, accuracy) and identify distinct target  
88 groups.

## 2. Related Work

A multitude of individual and system factors influence the acceptance as well as short- and long-term use of life-logging technologies. In a first step, the concept of technology acceptance is described, followed by the report of single factors that influence the acceptance.

### 2.1. Technology Acceptance: Approach and Models

Technology acceptance research aims at predicting individual and system factors that explain the adoption and long-term use of technology [23, 24, 25, 26]. Apart from the technical aspects of those tracking devices, namely accuracy, available sensors, etc., another large part of research is devoted to the users' perspective when interacting with these so-called consumer health information technologies (CHITs).

The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT2) and its extensions, for example, show the impact that *performance expectancy*, *effort expectancy*, *hedonic motivation*, *habit*, the *price-value* trade-off, but also *social influence* as well as *facilitating conditions* such as knowledge or compatibility to existing devices have on the intention to use a technology (cf. [25]). Those factors still influence the intended and actual use of technologies, including health technologies. Wearables, even though mostly labeled life-style technologies, measure myriads of personal information, movement profiles, and vital parameters, and as a result, they enter into personal areas that are perceived as very sensitive. Therefore, other very important factors need to be taken into consideration as well

when trying to understand user acceptance of these devices. While many technology acceptance models exist, usually developed for other applications or contexts, the majority can be adapted to CHITs as well. Acceptance of these technologies is shaped by properties of the technical design, as well as individual perceptions.

### 2.2. Factors Influencing the Short- and Long-Term Use of Life-Logging Technologies

*Perceived usefulness:* If a consumer does not perceive any gain from its use, chances are the technology will not be accepted, i.e., adopted and used. This might either prevent the use from the get-go or it might lead to the cessation of use after a (short) period of use. The most obvious use of an activity tracker would be that of maintaining sufficient or increasing insufficient physical activity. As Bice et al. [27] could show, the use of activity trackers does in deed have the potential to increase physical activity, and thereby reduce the volume of negative repercussions of overweight, obesity, or sedentary behavior.

*Perceived privacy:* While e-commerce and social networks are well-studied areas in terms of privacy research, e.g., [28, 29, 30], the application in the area of fitness trackers has been lagging behind. Nevertheless, privacy concerns when dealing with mobile health apps has come into the focus for research. Despite the physical, or perhaps even medical, benefits life-logging offer, the multitude of different types of data one can track, can also prove to be a barrier to engaging with activity trackers or life-logging technologies: The type of data recorded by CHITs might be seen as a potential breach of

156 privacy, as many users or potential users view med- 191  
157 ical or biometric data as highly sensitive, see, for 192  
158 example, [31, 32]. In the context of fitness track- 193  
159 ers, Lidynia et al. [33] have found that, while there 194  
160 is a general interest in the data provided by those 195  
161 devices, their use is prevented by the perceived sen- 196  
162 sitivity of the data and the unknown access by third 197  
163 parties. While the perceived sensitivity might be in- 198  
164 fluenced by the general privacy disposition or need 199  
165 for privacy of a person, [e.g., 34], the willingness 200  
166 to use life-logging apps and thus use online services 201  
167 for their data might be influenced by the so-called 202  
168 privacy concern, [e.g., 35]. 203

169 *Need for privacy:* As life-logging is about the 204  
170 mass collection of data, there is — as with all tech- 205  
171 nologies in which online data is disclosed — the 206  
172 question of data protection and the privacy needs 207  
173 of users. The construct *Need for Privacy* is inde- 208  
174 pendent of the concrete object and describes how 209  
175 willingly someone is to generally talk about him- 210  
176 /herself and lets other people invade his/her pri- 211  
177 vacy [36]. According to [37, p.470], this is the case: 212  
178 “an individual’s propensity to protect their personal 213  
179 space and minimize the disclosure of personal infor- 214  
180 mation”. This, in turn, could be summed up in 215  
181 typologies to introduce the main characteristics of 216  
182 potential users in different contexts: Schomakers 217  
183 et al. [38], for example, could identify three types 218  
184 of internet users – the guardians, cynics, and prag- 219  
185 matists – differentiated by “their attitudes and be- 220  
186 haviors regarding online privacy” (p.156). 221

187 *Accuracy:* Accuracy of consumer-based physical 222  
188 activity monitors is an important part of users’ will- 223  
189 ingness to employ an activity tracker. A device that 224  
190 does not work accurately will be discarded after a 225

while. Therefore, many studies exist that compare  
the accuracy of different commercially available fit-  
ness trackers. For a systematic review of existing  
studies, see, for example, [39]. In most studies, dis-  
tinctions are made based on (1) the location of the  
tracker, that is, if it is worn on the wrist, clipped  
to the belt, on chest level, or even on the ankle;  
(2) on the different available brands or models that  
have been tested – not only against each other but  
also against clinical grade meters – and (3) based  
on different activities, from running on a treadmill,  
to outside, and also if the measured activity was of  
high or low intensity.

*Competition and reinforcement:* Fitness apps  
and, in extension, wearables can motivate or en-  
courage their users to more activity in different  
ways [40]. Some apps offer narratives or encour-  
aging texts if goals have been reached or are about  
to be reached. They all have in common that they  
utilize elements of gamification which means the in-  
tegration of game elements such as scores or rules  
to non-game environments or contexts [41]. Ac-  
ceptance research across different technologies and  
products has shown that not only system properties  
but also individual differences – such as age, gender,  
and technical self-efficacy – shape usage, evaluation,  
and also overall acceptance of products [24, 26, 25].

*Age and gender:* When investigating whether per-  
sonality traits have an influence on the evaluation  
and use of life-logging devices, age must also be  
considered. Many studies have shown that age in-  
fluences technology usage, e.g., [42], as the ability  
to interact with technologies decreases with age. In  
addition, older people feel that the ease of use and  
performance are lower when compared to younger

226 users [43]. Usually, younger persons and men ex- 261  
227 press a higher self-efficacy in interacting with tech- 262  
228 nology ([44, 42, 45]). It is also known that gen- 263  
229 der differences in the use of technologies need to be 264  
230 taken into consideration, which applies to all age 265  
231 groups. Women and men differ in self-efficacy in in- 266  
232 teracting with computers and women usually show 267  
233 more anxiety towards computers[46][45][47]. Stud- 268  
234 ies on the established technology acceptance models 269  
235 have also shown that there are gender differences in 270  
236 the intention to use the technology and in its use: 271  
237 While the perceived usefulness is more likely to mo- 272  
238 tivate men to intention to use a technology, women  
239 are more likely to be motivated by ease of use [48]. 273

240 *Self-efficacy and motivation:* Self-efficacy in in- 274  
241 teracting with technology also plays an important 275  
242 role as it has been shown in many studies that this 276  
243 influences perceived usefulness of a product (here 277  
244 a life-logging device), the efficiency, effectiveness, 278  
245 and user satisfaction as well as learning outcomes 279  
246 [49, 50, 42, 51, 46]. 280

247 While the Motivation for Physical Activity 281  
248 (MPAM) scale included both intrinsic and extrin- 282  
249 sic motivation factors, and it could be shown that 283  
250 intrinsic motivation factors are more important for 284  
251 long-term adherence to exercise schedules or pro- 285  
252 grams [52], the motivation for physical activities 286  
253 was surveyed to understand if the use of so-called  
254 fitness trackers could be explained or facilitated by 287  
255 a generally higher willingness to engage in physical  
256 activities. 288

257 *Summarizing:* A multitude of individual and sys- 289  
258 tem factors influence the acceptance as well as 290  
259 short- and long-term use of life-logging technolo- 291  
260 gies. Mostly, all these influencing factors have been 292

examined in isolation. In reality, however, users  
might decide to use or not use life-logging technolo-  
gies by evaluating combinations of factors given in  
the usage situation. In line with the approach of  
[53], who examined users preferences in wearables  
by conjoint analysis in the medical context, our  
study seeks to find out how personal and motiva-  
tional factors to use life-logging technologies are  
weighted, whether this weighting is similar across  
all potential users of life-logging technologies, and  
if individual weightings are influenced by personal-  
ity factors and user diversity.

### 2.3. Research Questions

To understand the interplay of different factors  
for the acceptance of life-logging technologies, we  
addressed the following exploratory research ques-  
tions:

1. How are product properties of life-logging de-  
vices weighted and are some product properties  
perceived as more important than others?
2. Do the weightings yield a single best product or  
do users prefer several products with distinct  
product characteristics?
3. Do effects of user diversity (previous experi-  
ence, personality, demographic variables) im-  
pact the preference judgments?

## 3. Method

We designed a survey to explore which aspects  
are most important for potential life-logging users.  
In this section, we first outline the concept of the  
conjoint analysis (CA) applied in this study. Next,  
we present the attributes and levels of the conjoint

293 analysis as well as the selection of independent and  
294 dependent variables. Finally, we describe the data  
295 acquisition, the applied statistical procedures, and  
296 the sample of our study.

### 297 *3.1. Conjoint Analysis*

298 Conjoint Analysis is a quantitative empirical re-  
299 search method developed by Luce and Tukey in the  
300 1960s in which consumer choices or preferences for  
301 complex products can be studied by decomposing  
302 the influence of individual product features [20]. In  
303 contrast to conventional survey approaches, partic-  
304 ipants evaluate configurations of a product that are  
305 combined from different attributes (e.g., color of a  
306 product and size of the packaging) with different at-  
307 tribute levels (e.g., blue and red, large and small).  
308 This enables the decomposition, analysis, and simu-  
309 lation of choices or purchasing decisions and enables  
310 the weighting of product characteristics, the analy-  
311 sis of trade-offs between different product charac-  
312 teristics, and the segmentation of users into groups  
313 with different preferences.

314 CA informs which attribute influences the deci-  
315 sion of the participants the most (relative impor-  
316 tance), which attribute levels are rated lower or  
317 higher (part-worth utilities), and whether an at-  
318 tribute level contributes positively or negatively to  
319 the decision [21, 54]. These preference ratings can  
320 then be interpreted as indicators for acceptance of  
321 a technology [22]. In a first step, part-worth utili-  
322 ties for the separate attribute levels are calculated  
323 using Hierarchical-Bayes (HB)-estimation. These  
324 part-worth utilities indicate how attractive the lev-  
325 els are in comparison to the other levels of the same  
326 attribute (cf. [55]). In the HB-estimation, the per-

327 sonal part-worth utilities are combined with the av-  
328 erage of the overall sample to get part-worth utili-  
329 ties. The advantage of this process is that the calcu-  
330 lated utilities are reliable even either the sample is  
331 small or the participants get few decision sets (as  
332 in this survey). The importances for the single at-  
tributes are also calculated through the part-worth  
utilities. A high importance indicates that the in-  
fluence of the attribute for the selection of a device  
is strong. To calculate the relative importance, the  
range of the part-worth utilities of one attribute is  
divided by the total range of the part-worth utilities  
of all attributes.

In this survey, we use a Choice-Based-Conjoint  
Analysis (CBC). It mimics decision processes for  
or against complex products in which multiple at-  
tributes influence the decision [56]. In a CBC,  
participants repeatedly select one of several prod-  
uct concepts that are composed from multiple at-  
tributes and multiple attribute levels. Based on  
these decisions, a model for the selection probabili-  
ties is calculated using multinominal logit or probit  
models [56].

### 350 *3.2. Identification of Usage Motives of Life-Logging*

351 Subsequent to a literature review, interviews  
352 with life-logging users and non-users were carried  
353 out in order to identify important aspects that can  
354 influence the evaluation of life-logging devices. Per-  
355 sons answered to an advertisement in the local news-  
356 paper, in which we looked for both persons using  
357 life-logging technologies as well as those who are not  
358 using life-logging technologies. Participants were  
359 not gratified for their efforts but volunteered to take  
360 part in the interview study. Interviews were run

361 during June and July of 2017. In the beginning 396  
362 of the interview session, a definition of life-logging 397  
363 was given as to create a common understanding of 398  
364 the topic of the interview. Also, two examples (wa- 399  
365 ter drinking behavior and step counter) were ex- 400  
366 plained. Afterwards, users' motivation to use life- 401  
367 logging apps were thematized. Overall, the inter- 402  
368 views were run individually and lasted between 30 403  
369 and 50 minutes, depending on individual answering 404  
370 styles and engagement with the topic. 405

371 In the user group of life-logging devices, nine per- 406  
372 sons (six women, three men) reported to use life- 407  
373 logging technologies quite regularly for a period be- 408  
374 tween seven months and five years. Also, seven per- 409  
375 sons had not used life-logging technologies so far 410  
376 (non-user group, five women, two men). All partici- 411  
377 pants were asked for the key motivations and their 412  
378 reasons for (not) using life-logging technologies. In 413  
379 order not to restrict persons in their natural report- 414  
380 ing motivation, interviews were kept quite open, 415  
381 still a semi-standardized interview guideline was 416  
382 used. The interviews were audio-recorded. From 417  
383 the verbal recordings, we identified eight motiva- 418  
384 tional factors that were characterized as motiva- 419  
385 tions to use life-logging in the short term usage as 420  
386 well as for longer periods of time by the interview- 421  
387 ees within the user group. Also, six inhibitory fac- 422  
388 tors have been identified that were reported as dis- 423  
389 couraging the use of life-logging devices (non-user 424  
390 group) (see Table 1). Accuracy of the measurement, 425  
391 perceived utility, and motivational design were the 426  
392 key motivators, but also the reasons for not using 427  
393 the devices. In addition, we also integrated privacy 428  
394 design, as the interviewees saw privacy as one of 429  
395 the most important inhibiting factors (mentioned

by both, users and non-users). In Table 1, the mentioned reasons for and against using life-logging technologies are listed. The reasons in bold represented the most often mentioned factors that were selected for the subsequent conjoint study.

A closer look into the reasons for and against the usage of life-logging technologies shows that some of the reasons were referred to as pro- and, at the same time, as contra using motives. For example, usefulness turned out to be an argument which was mentioned as a pro-using motive, and, likewise, as a contra-using motive. The same applies for accuracy and the motivation which were seen as positive and negative. Similar findings have been revealed by [57], which explored the usage motives of information and communication technologies in different usage contexts (working vs. medical context). Authors introduced the term "janus-faced" categories" (p. 49), that deliver a relevant dimension for acceptance, but the relative weight of the dimension can fall either in the contra and the pro-using motive category. Apparently, human evaluations towards the overall utility of technologies as well as the final intention to use a technology are not guided by simple clear-cut decisions "yes" or "no". Rather, they reflect individual or situational combinations of the factors and usage contexts that need a closer look.

### 3.3. Attributes and Their Levels

On the base of the interviews, we selected the four most important attributes for the subsequent conjoint study. Each of the attributes was operationalized by means of different levels that will be introduced in the following section:

*Perceived Utility:* For the first attribute, the par-

motivating factors	inhibitory factors
1 <b>perceived usefulness</b>	<b>perceived uselessness</b>
2 <b>high accuracy</b>	<b>lack of accuracy</b>
3 <b>motivational design (positive feedback)</b>	<b>discouragement (negative feedback)</b>
4 many functions/ individualization	<b>loss of privacy</b>
5 low user effort	high user effort
6 support	surveillance and heteronomy
7 perceived fun	
8 low commitment	

Table 1: Motivation and inhibition factors identified in the 16 interviews. Factors printed in **bold** are selected as key motives for the subsequent conjoint analysis.

430 participants should imagine that they usually walk 452  
431 2,500 steps a day (level 1). In this scenario, the 453  
432 utility relates to the increase of daily steps due 454  
433 to the device: Users could either double (level 2), 455  
434 triple (level 3), or quadruple (level 4) their daily 456  
435 steps by using the device. We opted for an initial 457  
436 value of 2,500 steps because the current movement 458  
437 behavior should be perceived as poor so that the 459  
438 participants find it desirable to increase their daily 460  
439 number of steps. In addition, we wanted to divide 461  
440 the *perceived utility* attribute as well as the *accu-* 462  
441 *racy* attribute into four levels with equal gradations. 463  
442 Another reason for the increase of 2,500 steps was 464  
443 that some studies show that the increase of 2,000 465  
444 to 3,000 steps contributes to a significant improve- 466  
445 ment of health [58, 59]. 467

446 To better visualize the above described effect, the 468  
447 participants were shown images indicating the (in- 469  
448 creased) number of steps per day. In order to ensure 470  
449 the comparability and to make statements about 471  
450 the importance of one level in comparison to an- 472  
451 other level, the levels varied by 2,500 steps, respec- 473

tively. The participants were informed about the  
fact that 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day or 30 minutes  
of movement are recommended [10, 11, 60].

*Privacy Design:* This attribute consists of two  
dimensions: For one, there is the question where the  
data is stored and, for another, the question who  
can see the data or to whom it is available. The two  
dimensions were combined in the individual levels,  
so that the data is either stored in the device or  
in a cloud and is simultaneous visible for the user  
himself, a sports group, a fitness community, or in  
social networks.

*Accuracy of the Device:* The accuracy indicates  
how exact the device measures the outcome. It is  
100% (level 1) if the results are absolutely precisely  
stated. The gradations to the next levels are similar  
to the perceived utility. The device can indicate the  
results with a deviation of 5, 10, or 20% percent  
which makes it 95% (level 2), 90% (level 3) and 80%  
(level 4) precise. For a better comprehensibility, we  
gave the participants the following example: “If you  
walked for example 1,000 steps and the accuracy of

474 the device was 80%, the device would show results 509  
475 between 800 and 1,200 steps.” 510

476 *Motivational Design:* Different forms of competi- 511  
477 tion were used to operationalize the motivational as- 512  
478 pect of the device. Similar to the *privacy*-attribute, 513  
479 this last one contains two dimensions as well: The 514  
480 first dimension relates to whom the user competes 515  
481 with, which can be either himself, i.e., *me*, or *compe-* 516  
482 *tition with others*. The second dimension describes 517  
483 how the results are illustrated: As feedback, the po- 518  
484 tential users get either a fictitious trophy; or a com- 519  
485 parison with themselves, i.e., their previous achieve- 520  
486 ments/performances; or a comparison with others 521  
487 in form of a leaderboard. 522

488 Figure 1 shows the attributes, their levels, and 522  
489 their visual representation used in the study. 523

490 We reduced the number of decision tasks to 9 per 524  
491 participant, as a full-factorial design would require 525  
492 256 decision tasks ( $4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$ ) and asking 8 to 15 526  
493 decision tasks are recommended [61]. Consequently, 527  
494 the participants did not evaluate all possible designs 528  
495 and it is unlikely that multiple participants evalu- 529  
496 ated the same choice set. Still, the random distri- 530  
497 bution of the selection sets enables the results to 531  
498 be as good as the results of the full orthogonal de- 532  
499 sign, despite the smaller number of selection tasks. 533  
500 In order to ensure the efficiency of the survey, the 534  
501 test design was previously tested in the Sawtooth 535  
502 software [62]. This calculated efficiency value in- 536  
503 dicates whether the design is as good as the fully 537  
504 orthogonal design. In this survey, 412 participants 538  
505 achieved values of almost 1 for all attribute values. 539  
506 This means that the test affirmed a median design 540  
507 of 99% and thus the results are of 99% comparable 541  
508 to an orthogonal test design. The design’s standard 542

error was below the limit of 0.05. The standard er-  
ror indicates how accurate the main effects are and  
the smaller the standard error, the better. Based on  
studies already carried out, it is recommended that  
the standard error for the levels of each individual  
attribute should be less than 0.05. The standard  
error should be less than 0.05 for the levels of each  
attribute [63].

### 3.4. Structure of the Questionnaire

The survey consisted of three main sections and  
Figure 1 illustrates its structure.

The first section considered user characteristics  
and questioned demographics such as age, gender,  
and current life-logging usage (if yes, in which form  
and how often). In addition, we assessed several  
personality states and traits that we expect to in-  
fluence the preferences for life-logging devices and  
the acceptance of life-logging in general:

*Self-Efficacy in Interacting with Technology*  
(*SET*): The subject’s self-efficacy in interacting  
with technology was measured on a 4-item scale by  
Beier [64] with a good internal reliability ( $\alpha = .876$ ).  
*SET* relates to how successful people interact with  
technology and if they are open to new technologies  
for both medical [65] and non-medical contexts [42].  
The items used can be found in Table A.5.

*Motives for Physical Activity (MPAM)*: We used  
a scale by Ryan et al. [52] to measure the sub-  
jects’ general motivation for physical activity. Our  
reduced scale consists of 15 items and has a good  
to excellent internal consistency ( $\alpha = .889$ ). The  
items used to answer the question “Why do you do  
sports?” can be found in Table A.6.

*Need for Privacy (NfP)*: Next, to find out to what

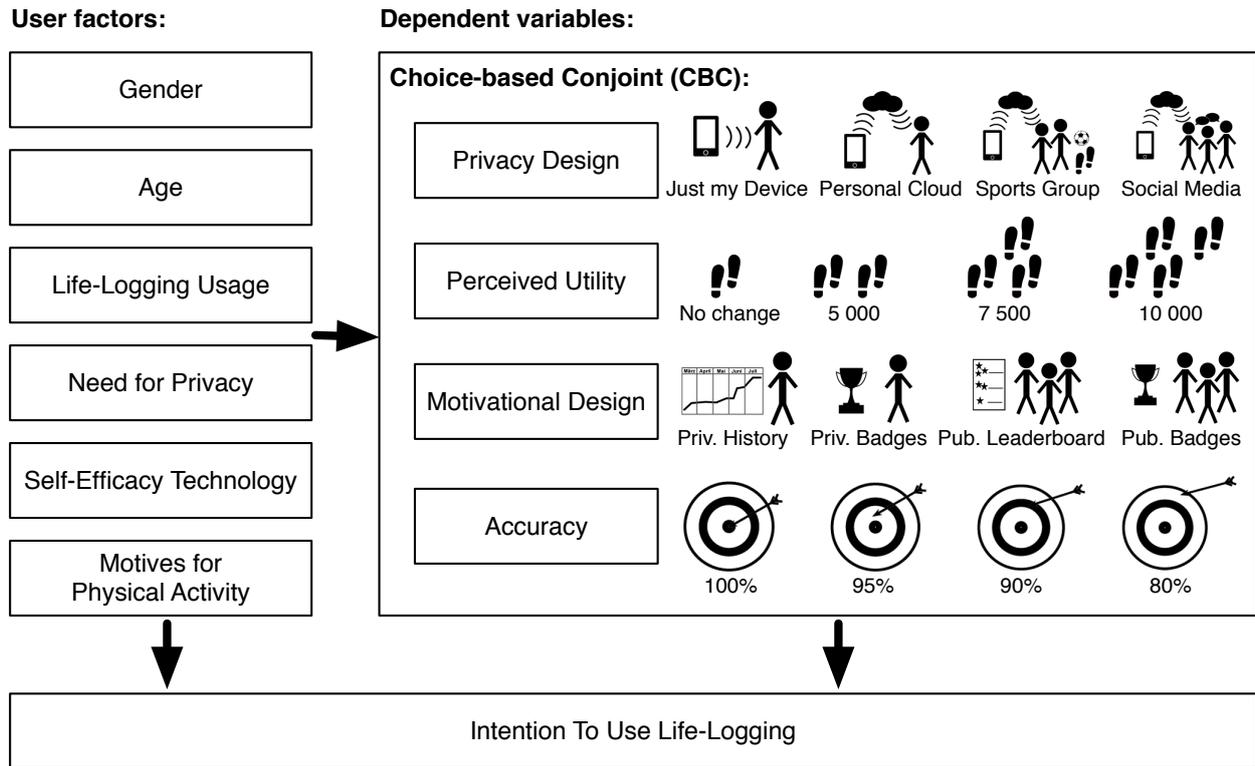


Figure 1: Research design with investigated user factors, attributes and levels of the conjoint analysis, and intention to use life-logging as dependent variable.

543 degree privacy as a personality trait influences in- 558  
 544 tention to use life-logging, we measured the sub- 559  
 545 jects' general attitude towards information disclo- 560  
 546 sure with three items ( $\alpha = .701$ ) on the *Need for* 561  
 547 *Privacy* or *Disposition to Privacy* scale. The items 562  
 548 used can be found in Table A.7.

549 The second section introduced the CBC and cap- 563  
 550 tured the participants preferences for different con- 564  
 551 figurations of life-logging devices. 565

552 For the instruction, we informed the participants 567  
 553 that life-logging devices can have different func- 568  
 554 tions and features and that we would like to know which 569  
 555 features are particularly important to them. 570

556 We then informed them that in the following part 571  
 557 of the survey different fictitious devices with differ- 572

ent device configurations will be displayed and se-  
 lected by them. At the beginning of each selection  
 task, the test persons were asked: "Which of these  
 devices would you most likely use?"

562 The four attributes (*privacy design*, *perceived*  
 563 *utility*, *motivational design*, *accuracy*) and their lev-  
 564 els were introduced and presented textually and  
 565 visually (see Figure 1). In each of the nine ran-  
 566 dom choice tasks (consisting of products with all  
 567 attributes and levels), the participants were asked  
 568 to select their preferred product configuration. As  
 569 a scenario that framed the decision task the partic-  
 570 ipants should imagine that they usually walk 2,500  
 571 steps a day (see Section 3.3) and that they want to  
 572 improve their daily step rate with the support of a

573 fitness-watch, which was described shortly.

574 In the last section, we surveyed the participants' 607  
575 *intention to use life-logging* as dependent variable. 608  
576 This construct refers to Davis' Technology Accep- 609  
577 tance Model that uses the intention to use a tech- 610  
578 nology as predictor to the later actual use [66]. We 611  
579 measured this using two variables (see Table A.8). 612

580 Before distributing the survey, we checked ev- 613  
581 erything – introduction, questionnaires, decision 614  
582 tasks (including the visualizations), and closing re- 615  
583 marks – for legibility, comprehensibility, and clear- 616  
584 ness. Therefore, we previously sent the survey to 617  
585 several participants and incorporated the feedback 618  
586 from these pre-tests.

### 587 3.5. Data Acquisition and Analysis

588 Participants for the web-based questionnaire 623  
589 were acquired in the social environment via email 624  
590 and technology-mediated social networks (to at- 625  
591 tract a wide variety of potential users) as well as 626  
592 in specialist forums on the topics of life-logging de- 627  
593 vices, jogging and nutrition (to attract users with a 628  
594 specified usage motivation). Data were collected in 629  
595 October-November 2017.

596 All items besides the conjoint decision tasks were 631  
597 captured on six-point Likert scales. The results 632  
598 were analyzed with parametric and non-parametric 633  
599 methods, such as bivariate correlations (Pearson's  $r$  634  
600 or Spearman's  $\rho$ ) and uni- and multivariate anal- 635  
601 yses of variance ((M)ANOVA). The level of signifi- 636  
602 cance is set to  $\alpha = .05$ . If the assumption of spheric- 637  
603 ity is not met, Greenhouse-Geisser-corrected values 638  
604 are used, but uncorrected  $dfs$  are reported for bet- 639  
605 ter legibility. We used Levene's test to check for

606 homogeneity of variance (homoscedasticity) as pre-  
607 requisites for the (M)ANOVAs.

For the analysis of the decision tasks, we used  
609 Sawtooth Software using Hierarchical-Bayes (HB)  
610 estimation to first calculate the relative impor-  
611 tances and the part-worth utilities of the attributes.  
612 Next, we used a latent-class-analysis (LCA) to iden-  
613 tify user segments with similar decision behavior (cf.  
614 [67]). With latent-class-analyses, groups or types  
615 that are similar in some traits can be identified by  
616 some criteria. The participants are classified by  
617 specific variables so that homogeneous subgroups  
618 (latent classes) with persons with similar charac-  
619 teristics arise. For the classification, observed re-  
620 sponse patterns of the participants for various cate-  
621 gorical (nominal or ordinal) questionnaire items are  
622 consulted (for example symptom present yes/no).  
623 Thereby item-connections can be revealed and ex-  
624 plained through subpopulations or latent classes,  
625 which were unknown before ([68]). In the analysis  
626 underlying this work the attributes privacy, utility,  
627 accuracy and competition served for the classifica-  
628 tion.

629 Arithmetic means ( $M$ ) are reported with the 95%-  
630 confidence intervals (denoted by [*lower, upper*]).  
631 The error bars in the diagrams show the 95% confi-  
632 dence interval.

### 633 3.6. Description of the Sample

634 Of the 412 participants, 214 (51.9%) were female  
635 and 198 (48.1%) male. The mean *age* was 36.1 ( $SD$   
636 =  $\pm 12,2$  years) with a range from 17 to 78 years  
637 of age. This ratio indicates a heterogeneous sample  
638 with no correlation between age and *gender* ( $r =$   
639  $.061, p = .213 > .05$ ).

640 In our sample, *age* and *motives for physical ac-* 672  
641 *tivities* correlate ( $r = -.175, p < .001$ ) negatively, 673  
642 as do *age* and *self-efficacy in interacting with tech-* 674  
643 *nology* ( $r = -.099, p = .044 < .05$ ). *Gender* and 675  
644 *technical self-efficacy* correlate ( $r = .312, p < .001$ ) 676  
645 positively, as do *gender* and *motives for physical* 677  
646 *activities* ( $r = .163, p < .001$ ). Men reported a 678  
647 significantly higher *self-efficacy in interacting with* 679  
648 *technology* ( $82.3 \pm 17.6\%$ ) and *higher motives for* 680  
649 *physical activities* than women ( $69.3 \pm 21.6\%$ ). We 681  
650 did not find any correlations for need for privacy 682  
651 ( $p > .05$ ). Table 2 gives an overview of the user 683  
652 factors' correlations.

653 225 (54.5%) participants of our study were users 684  
654 of life-logging technologies and 187 (45.4%) were 685  
655 non-users. Of the 225 users, 169 (41.0%) use smart- 686  
656 phone apps for life-logging, 118 (28.6%) have an 687  
657 extra device, such as wristband, for life-logging, 32 688  
658 (7.7%) use a fitness portal, and 18 (4.4%) record 689  
659 their behavior in a diary. In this article we only 690  
660 consider users of apps, portals or wearables as life- 691  
661 logging users and ignore the life-logging forms that 692  
662 are not electronically mediated.

## 663 4. Results

664 First, the relative importances and the part- 687  
665 worth utilities of the attributes for the overall sam- 688  
666 ple are reported. Next, a comparison of the pref- 689  
667 erence ratings of users and non-users of life-logging 690  
668 technologies is undertaken. In a third step, we use 691  
669 latent-class-analysis to segment user groups accord- 692  
670 ing to their demographic variables, personality fac- 693  
671 tors and preference ratings.

### 4.1. Evaluations of Life-Logging Devices

We first show the preferences for a device (see section 3.4) and thereby outline what promotes the acceptance of a device or complicates it. There is one best combination of the four attributes, but we also illustrate which combinations are attractive if the best choice is not available and how important the individual attributes are for the participants.

As Figure 2 shows *privacy* with a relative importance of 42% affected the selection of a device clearly the most. There is a huge gap between the importances of *privacy* and the other three attributes, which are closer together.

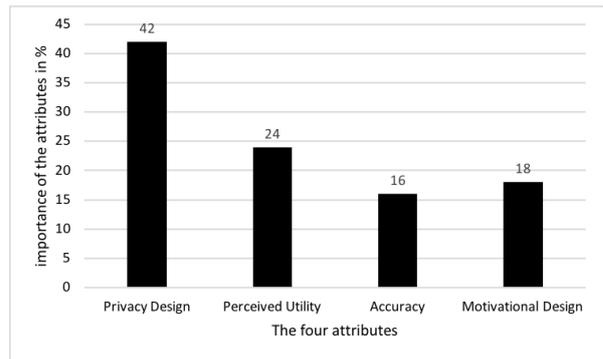


Figure 2: Relative importance of the four attributes for the whole sample.

685 For the interpretation of the part-worth utilities, 686  
687 it is important to consider that the values within 688  
689 one attribute are scaled to zero. Hence they show 690  
691 preferences inside of an attribute, but they do not 692  
693 enable comparisons between the attributes. More- 694  
694 over, a high part-worth utility demonstrates that 695  
696 one attribute level is the most attractive of the el- 697  
698 igible alternatives, but it does not show that the 699  
699 respondents rate it *good* on an absolute scale. Like- 700  
701 wise, negative part-worth utilities do not indicate

Dimension	Descriptives	2	3	4	5
1 Gender	214 female, 198 male			.312**	.152**
2 Age (range from 17–78 years)	M=36.1 SD=12.2	—		-.099*	-.175**
3 Need for Privacy	M=4.30 [4.20, 4.40]		—		
4 Self-Efficacy Technology	M=4.78 [4.68, 4.88]			—	
5 Motives for Physical Activity	M=4.30 [4.23, 4.38]				—

Table 2: Characteristics of the sample (Gender dummy coded as female=1, male=2). Numbers in square brackets indicate the upper and lower limit of the 95%-CI.

absolute refusal but only a worse evaluation rela-  
tive to the attribute levels with positive values.

The part-worth utilities are highest for the high-  
est *utility* (i.e., 10,000 steps per day) and the high-  
est *accuracy* (i.e., 100% accuracy) (see Figure 3).

Considering *privacy*, the participants prefer the de-  
vice, on which *only themselves* can see the data and  
for the *motivational design* they favor the *historic*  
*comparison with themselves*.

Now, the differences between the individual part-  
worth utilities of one attribute are focused. There-  
fore the high distances between the levels show the  
high importance of *privacy*, whereas the distances  
of the other attributes are smaller. The two high-  
est differences are within of the attribute *privacy*:  
149.91 between *device, me* and *cloud, social me-*  
*dia* as well as 130.13 between *cloud, me* and *cloud,*  
*social media*. There is one unwanted option of *util-*  
*ity* and one of *accuracy*, as the differences between  
80% precise to the next higher level 90% precise  
with 29.92 and the difference between *no change*  
and 5,000 steps with 56.46 are clear. In contrast,  
it seems to be less important for the respondents  
if the device is 90% precise, 95% precise or 100%  
precise and if they walk 5,000, 7,500 oder 10,000

more steps through life-logging. There is one fa-  
vored level for the attribute *motivational design*,  
namely the *historical comparison*. The other levels  
have rather similar values, which means that the  
participants rate them similarly negatively.

#### 4.2. Preferences of Users vs. Non-Users

A first insight into subgroups of the sample and  
a deeper understanding into the motives to use  
life-logging technologies regards the comparison be-  
tween persons which already use life-logging tech-  
nologies and those which do not. It was thus deter-  
mined whether users and non-users attach different  
importances to the attributes, thus have different  
needs regarding *privacy*, *accuracy*, *perceived utility*,  
and *motivational design*.

To answer this question, we used independent  
sample t-tests (n = 225 users, n = 187 non-users).  
The analysis revealed (see table 3) that both groups  
did not differ significantly for *perceived utility* and  
*motivational design*, but only for *privacy design* and  
*accuracy* (see Figure 4). Outcomes in significance  
testings are given in Table 3. Obviously, the us-  
age of life-logging technologies modulates the vul-  
nerability of privacy concerns (users are less con-

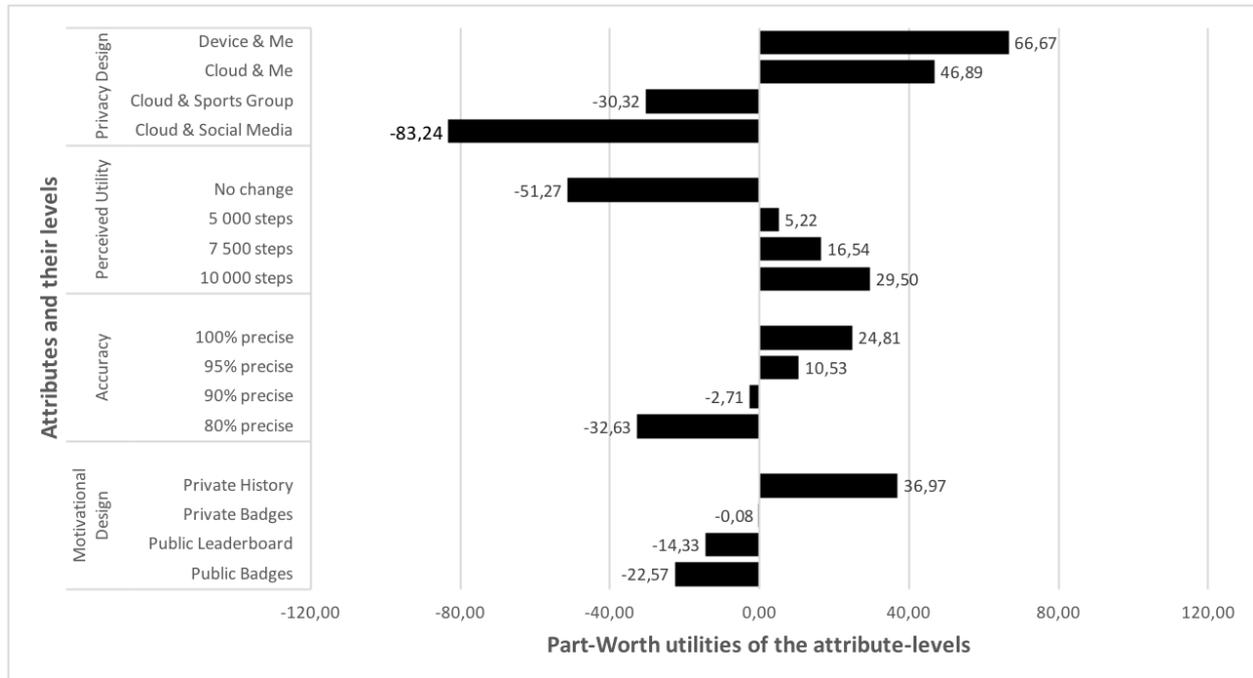


Figure 3: The part-worth utilities of the attribute-levels for the whole sample.

cerned about potential privacy issues in comparison  
to non-users) and the perceived importance of accu-  
racy (non-users rate accuracy of measurements as  
less important in comparison to non-users). How-  
ever, from the importance ratings no differences  
between usage motivation and perceptions of the  
usefulness of life-logging technologies can be found.  
Possibly, the simple dichotomization between “us-  
age” and “non-usage” is veiling potential user pro-  
files within the preference ratings. In a next step,  
we use a latent-class-analysis to identify more pro-  
nounced user segments that rely on more individual  
and personal user characteristics.

#### 4.3. User Segments of Life-Logging Technologies

Based on the results of the CBC-analysis a ty-  
pology of the respondents was created. The divi-  
sion was conducted with a latent-class-analysis and

the four factors of the fictitious choice of a device  
*privacy design*, *perceived utility*, *accuracy* and *moti-  
vational design*. With the cluster-analysis the user  
segments of potential target groups of life-logging  
could be identified.

The cluster-analysis computed five different clus-  
tering and the 3-group solution turned out best  
based on the *Consistent Akaike Information Cri-  
terion (CAIC)* [69] of 5887.17. The significance of  
each attribute could be shown and all respondents  
can be categorized with 90% accuracy in only one of  
the three groups, which we have arbitrarily named  
from each other for clarity reasons.

For the biggest group, the *data protectors*, *pri-  
vacy* is especially important, which reflects the to-  
tal sample for which *privacy* is also most important.  
For one group (*benefit maximizers*), the *utility* is  
especially important, which reflects the total sam-

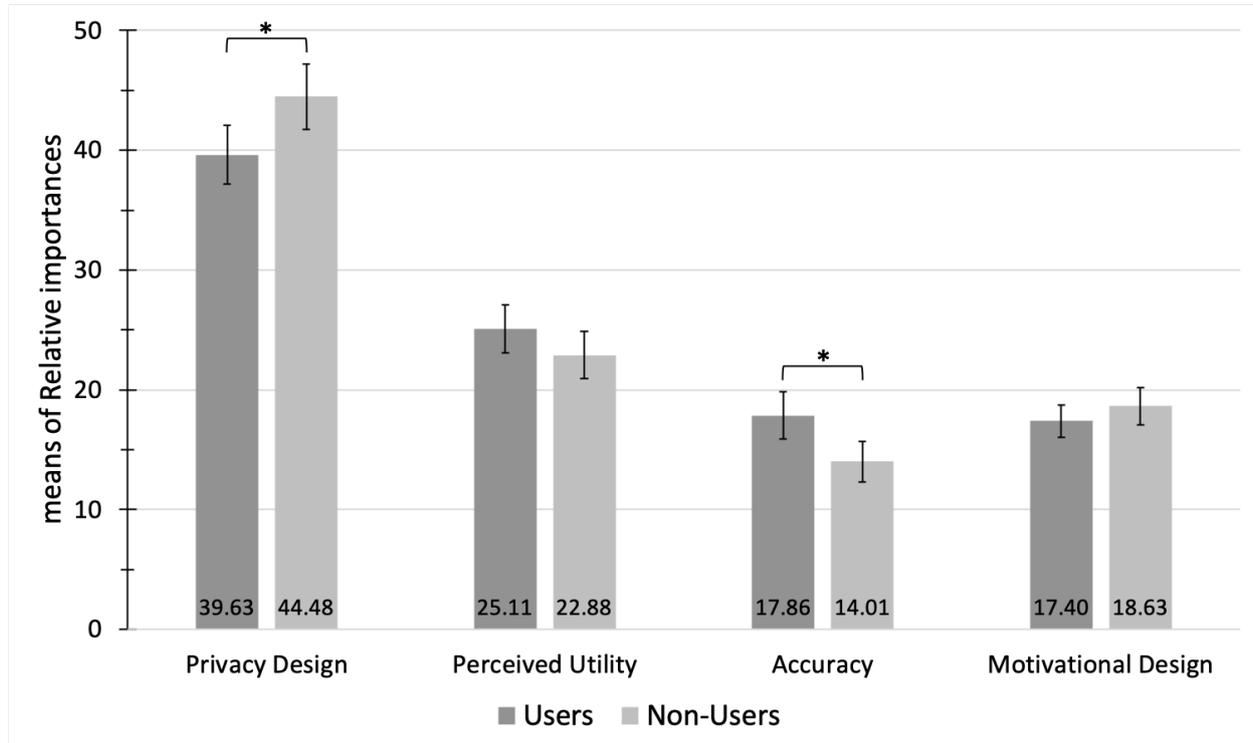


Figure 4: Importance of the four attributes for Users and Non-users. Error bars indicate the 95%-CI.

Attribute	Levene's Test	T-Test
Privacy Design	$F(410, 394.162) = 1.44$	$p = .231$ $t(410, 394.162) = -4.85$ $p = .009$
Perceived Utility	$F(410, 407.810) = 10.68$	$p = .001$ $t(410, 407.810) = 2.23$ $p = .123$
Accuracy	$F(410, 409.236) = 4.99$	$p = .026$ $t(410, 409.236) = 3.85$ $p = .004$
Motivational Design	$F(410, 389.958) = 1.01$	$p = .316$ $t(410, 389.958) = -1.24$ $p = .234$

Table 3: T-tests for differences between users and non-users of Life-Logging for the four attributes

779 ple too, where *utility* is the second most important. 788  
 780 The third group (*facts enthusiasts*) evaluates espe- 789  
 781 cially the *motivational design* and the *accuracy* as 790  
 782 important. This reflects the total sample as well,  
 783 because their the distances between these two at-  
 784 tributes are lower than between the others.

785 We created a target-model for the *usage* of life- 794  
 786 logging using the three groups described before. 795  
 787 Thereby we can analyze which factors are motivat- 796

ing and inhibiting for each group. Following we de-  
 scribe the individual groups and their motivational  
 and inhibiting factors.

#### 4.3.1. The “Data Protectors”

791 For the *data protectors* (48%, 98 users), *privacy*  
 792 is particularly important when using life-logging  
 793 technologies. The relative importance of *privacy*  
 reaches 62% (see Figure 5), while the other at-  
 tributes, which only show relative importances up

797 to 15%, are less important with a great space *Pri-* 831  
798 *vac*y is not only very important for the *data protec-* 832  
799 *tors*, but more important than for the whole sample 833  
800 (r.i. = 42%). 834

801 We conducted a Welch’s *t*-test for unequal vari-  
802 ances (Levene’s test:  $F(2, 409) = 34.53, p < .001$ ) 835  
803 with the clusters as independent and the relative 836  
804 importance of *privacy* as dependent variable and 837  
805 found that at least two of the three groups differ 838  
806 significantly. We applied the Games-Howell test as 839  
807 post-hoc test and the results showed that *privacy* 840  
808 is significantly more important for the *data protec-* 841  
809 *tors* than for the *benefit maximizers* (34.85, 95%-CI 842  
810 [32.96, 36.74],  $p < .001$ ) and for the *facts enthusi-* 843  
811 *asts* (32.97, 95%-CI [30.57, 35.38],  $p < .001$ ). 844

#### 812 4.3.2. The “Benefit Maximizers”

813 For the *benefit maximizer* (23%, 59 users), there 847  
814 is one aspect which is especially important: the 848  
815 *utility* (see Figure 5) of using life-logging (r.i. = 849  
816 51%). Compared to the whole sample, the *ben-* 850  
817 *efit maximizers* rate *utility* considerably more im- 851  
818 portant (51% vs. 24%) and *accuracy* a little more 852  
819 important (20% vs. 16%) but *motivational design* 853  
820 (8% vs. 18%) and *privacy* (22% vs. 42%) clearly 854  
821 less important. 855

822 Because of unequal variances (Levene’s test: 856  
823  $F(2, 409) = 149.67, p < .001$ ), we calculated a 857  
824 Welch’s T-test with the user segments as indepen- 858  
825 dent variable and the relative importance of *util-* 859  
826 *ity* as dependent variable. According to this, at 860  
827 least two groups differ significantly in the rela- 861  
828 tive importance of *utility* ( $F(2, 157.41) = 946.60,$  862  
829  $p < .001; \eta^2 = 0.69$ ). In accordance with the Games- 863  
830 Howell test, *utility* is significantly more important 864

to the *benefit maximizers* than the *data protectors*  
( $M = 30.68, 95\%-CI [29.01, 32.36], p < .001$ ) and  
the *facts enthusiasts* ( $M = 22.78, 95\%-CI [19.47,$   
26.08],  $p < .001$ ).

#### 835 4.3.3. The “Facts Enthusiasts”

836 Considering the *facts enthusiasts* (29%, 68 users),  
837 the relative importances of the four attributes are  
838 closer together compared to the other groups (see  
839 Figure 5). They rate *motivational design* the most  
840 important and more important than the total sam-  
841 ple (r.i. = 37% vs. 18%). Also, the *accuracy* is  
842 important for them and more important than for  
843 the other groups (8%, 20%) and for the average  
844 (16%). In contrast *utility* (15% vs. 24%) and *pri-*  
845 *vac*y (21% vs. 62%) are less important for the *facts*  
846 *enthusiasts* than for the whole sample.

847 A calculated Welch-test with the clusters as in-  
848 dependent variable showed that *motivational de-*  
849 *sign* (Levene’s test:  $F(2, 409) = 70.14, p < .001;$   
850  $F(2, 409) = 70.14, p < .001; \eta^2 = .36$ ) and *ac-*  
851 *curacy* (Levene’s test:  $F(2, 409) = 137.18, p <$   
852  $.001; F(2, 409) = 137.18; \eta^2 = .21$ ) are statisti-  
853 cally proven more important for at least one of  
854 the two other groups. In accordance with the  
855 Games-Howell tests *motivational design* is signif-  
856 icantly more important for the *facts enthusiasts*  
857 than for the *data protectors* ( $M = 11.06, 95\%-CI$   
858 [8.18, 13.93],  $p < .001$ ) and for the *benefit maximiz-*  
859 *ers* ( $M = 16.73, 95\%-CI [13.90, 19.56], p < .001$ ).  
860 Likewise *accuracy* is significantly more important  
861 for them than for the *data protectors* ( $M = 14.00,$   
862 95%-CI [9.44, 18.57],  $p < .001$ ) and for the *ben-*  
863 *efit maximizers* ( $M = 4.17, 95\%-CI [-.48, 8.81],$   
864  $p = .041 < .05$ ).

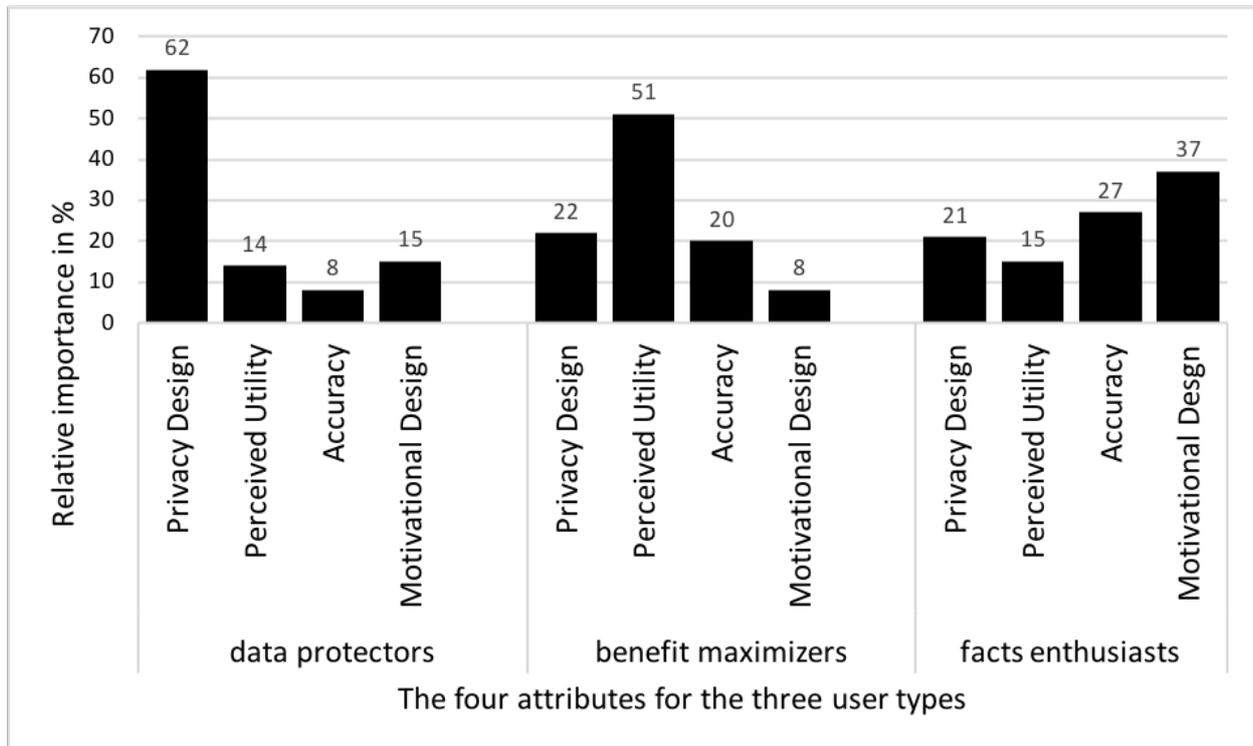


Figure 5: Relative importances of the four attributes for the total sample and for the three user types

#### 4.3.4. User Segments and Personality Traits

So far we described the three user segments and their preferences with respect to the settings of life-logging devices. Following we illustrate if they differ in their user characteristics as well.

As Figure 6 and Table 4 show, the three target groups can be characterized by different personality traits: Unsurprisingly, the *data protectors* expressed the highest *Need for Privacy* whereas the *benefit maximizers* showed the lowest. In contrast, the *benefit maximizers* have the highest *self-efficacy in interacting with technology* and the strongest *motives for physical activity* while the *facts enthusiasts* have the lowest *SET* and the *data protectors* the lowest *MPAM*. On average, *benefit maximizers* are the youngest and *facts enthusiasts* are the oldest.

A MANOVA with the clusters as independent and the user characteristics as dependent variables found an overall significant difference between the three user segments (Wilk's  $\lambda = 0.450$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta^2 = .33$ ). Specifically, the clusters differ in regard to *age* ( $p < .05$ ), *SET* ( $p < .05$ ) and *MPAM* ( $p < .05$ ) as well as a effect with middle effective power on *Need for Privacy* ( $p < .05$ ).

#### 4.3.5. User Segments and Intention to Use Life-Logging

Besides the question if members of the three target groups differ in their personality it is also interesting if the group sizes differ, if the intention to use life-Logging is higher for one group than for the others or if one uses it more frequently.

In the group of the data protectors are least users

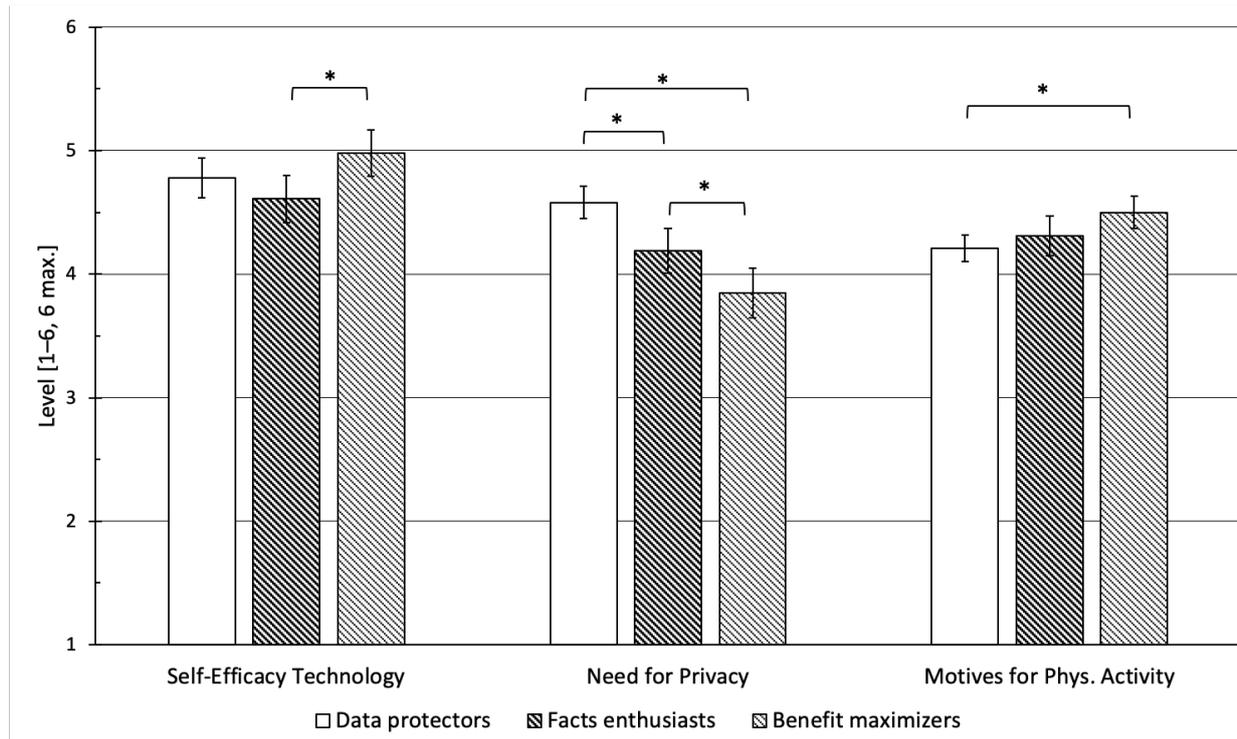


Figure 6: User characteristics by user segment / for data protectors, benefit maximizers, and facts enthusiasts. Error bars indicate the 95%-CI. . Square brackets denote significant differences between user segments.

897 of life-logging technologies (50%) followed by the 913 *data protectors* and less frequently than the *ben-*  
898 facts enthusiasts (57%) and the *benefit maximizers* 914 *efit maximizers* ( $M = 4.26$ , 95%-CI [3.95, 4.58]).  
899 with the most users (62%). However, the slightly 915 Their *intention to use* is between the others, too  
900 larger share of life-logging users among the group of 916 ( $M = 4.06$ , 95%-CI [3.80, 4.33]). We computed  
901 *benefit maximizers* is not a systematic effect, as user 917 an ANOVA with the groups as independent vari-  
902 segment membership and life-logging *usage* is not 918 ables and found that the *benefit maximizers* have  
903 connected ( $\chi^2(2) = 4.24$ ,  $p = .120 > .05$ ,  $\phi = .120$ ). 919 a significantly higher *intention to use* life-Logging  
904 *Data protectors* use life-logging less than the 920 ( $F(2, 397) = 13.42$ ,  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .06$ ; Levene's test:  
905 other user segments ( $M = 4.16$ , 95%-CI [3.86, 921  $F(2, 397) = .90$ ,  $p = .41$ ) than the *data protectors*  
906 4.46]) and their *intention to use* life-logging is lower 922 ( $M = 0.88$ , 95%-CI [0.50, 1.27],  $p < .001$ ) and the  
907 ( $M = 3.70$ , 95%-CI [3.51, 3.90]). In contrast the 923 *facts enthusiasts* ( $M = 0.52$ , 95%-CI [0.09, 0.096],  
908 *benefit maximizers* use life-logging most frequently 924  $p = .018 < .05$ ).  
909 ( $M = 4.42$ , 95%-CI [4.05, 4.79]) and their *intention*  
910 *to use* it is higher ( $M = 4.59$  (95%-CI [4.33, 4.84]))  
911 in comparison to the other groups. The *facts en-*  
912 *thusiasts* use life-logging more frequently than the

Dimension	Data Protectors	Benefit Maximizers	Facts Enthusiasts	p
Cluster Size	197 (48%)	95 (23%)	120 (29%)	
Gender	f=107, m=90	f=47, m=48	f=60, m=60	p=.653
Usage	50%	62%	57%	p=.121
Age	36.3 [34.6, 38.0]	32.9 [30.8, 35.1]	38.2 [35.9, 40.5]	p <sup>B,C</sup> =.003<.05
Need for Privacy	4.58 [4.46, 4.71]	3.85 [3.65, 4.05]	4.19 [4.02, 4.37]	p <sup>D</sup> <.001
Self-Efficacy Technology	4.78 [4.63, 4.94]	4.98 [4.80, 5.17]	4.61 [4.42, 4.80]	p <sup>C</sup> =.031<.05
Motives for Phys. Activity	4.21 [4.10, 4.32]	4.50 [4.37, 4.63]	4.31 [4.14, 4.47]	p <sup>B</sup> =.003<.05

Table 4: Characteristics of the three identified user segments (Significant differences between Data Protectors and Facts Enthusiasts (<sup>A</sup>); between Data Protectors and Benefit Maximizers (<sup>B</sup>); between Facts Enthusiasts and Benefit Maximizers (<sup>C</sup>); between all groups (<sup>D</sup>). Numbers in square brackets indicate the upper and lower limit of the 95%-CI.

## 5. Discussion

The present study investigated if (potential) users of life-logging rate privacy, motivational design, accuracy and utility differently or that it is of varying importance to them. The study also showed that different personality factors such as technical self-efficacy, need for privacy, and motives for physical activity influence users' preference for specifically designed devices.

In general, taking the analysis of the whole sample of typical users and non-users of life-logging technologies as basis, it was found that privacy design is considered as the most important criterion for the majority of participants, followed by the perceived utility of the wearable, and its measurement accuracy. The criterion perceived as least important was the motivational design of the respective life-logging device (app, wearable). The weighting of the levels within each of the attributes was in line with expectations: The participants had a clear preference for higher accuracy and systems that have a measurable utility, e.g., that facilitate the

increase of physical activity. In terms of privacy design, users prefer that only they should have access to their data. However, there is no clear preference if the data may only remain on the device or if it can also be backed up in a cloud. Sharing own data in a fitness community was rather rejected, and still more disliked was the sharing of data to the whole circle of friends or to the public was unquestionably/clearly rejected.

In order to specifically tailor information and/or communication concepts for the usage of life-logging technologies for users, physiotherapists or even medical personnel it is helpful to understand why groups of persons decline or, conversely, are motivated to use life-logging technologies and under which circumstances.

A first step to segment users was the comparison of the users' group vs. the non-users of life-logging technologies. Beyond the finding that persons which already use life-logging devices have a lower threshold of privacy concerns and a higher need of accurate and detailed measurements, the

969 differentiation between users and non users fell 1004  
970 short in explaining different motivations and fac- 1005  
971 tors that contribute to perceptions of a high utility 1006  
972 of life-logging devices. 1007

973 A subsequent latent class analysis however re- 1008  
974 vealed three distinct life-logging personalities or seg- 1009  
975 ments in regard to the perceived priorities: The 1010  
976 *benefit maximizers* have their focus on the actual 1011  
977 measurable benefits of the technology and, in our 1012  
978 case, in increase in their daily step count. In con- 1013  
979 trast, the other evaluation criteria were evaluated 1014  
980 as less important. For *data protectors* the privacy 1015  
981 design is the dominating factor of a product and all 1016  
982 other aspects, including its utility, are perceived as 1017  
983 much less important. The *facts enthusiasts* evaluate 1018  
984 the device’s accuracy and its motivational design as 1019  
985 slightly more important, but this group also had the 1020  
986 lowest relative differences between the products’ at- 1021  
987 tributes. 1022

988 The groups identified in our study relate well 1023  
989 with the individual privacy-utility trade-off in the 1024  
990 use of connected technology already identified in 1025  
991 many other studies [70, 71, 72, 73]. Some users are 1026  
992 not willing to reveal their data at all, not even to 1027  
993 create a benefit. In mirror image, there are some 1028  
994 users who attach more value to the utility and are 1029  
995 willing to disclose their data because of it. In addi- 1030  
996 tion, there were also some people in our study for 1031  
997 whom the said trade-off is not decisive, but who 1032  
998 attach more importance to get more accurate data 1033  
999 and an accurate device. 1034

1000 Within each of the identified segments the order 1035  
1001 of the attributes was comparable. It is no surprise 1036  
1002 that our participants prefer device configurations 1037  
1003 with high accuracy and neglect low accuracy con- 1038

figurations. Likewise, higher utility in form of in-  
creased step count is preferred over no utility.

In regard to the attributes *privacy design* and *mo-  
tivational design* the coherent order across the three  
user segments is more puzzling: Most users pre-  
ferred product configurations were the life-logging  
data is not shared to others; neither to the pub-  
lic, nor to friends, nor to peers in a fitness commu-  
nity. Likewise, the single preferred option in regard  
to the motivational design was a private history of  
ones progress, whereas other variants, such as pri-  
vate or public badges, or a public leader-board, were  
not preferred. This finding stands in a striking con-  
trast to the design of many contemporary wearables  
or apps for life-logging. These often build on so-  
phisticated persuasive design with gamification and  
reinforcement though competition and comparison  
with peers.

Our data suggests that privacy is important for  
most users, but that the different user segments  
attribute different weights to data protection and  
privacy policy. Accordingly, the importance of the  
other attributes fades into the background.

The motivational design of the wearable was eval-  
uated as important only for the facts enthusiasts,  
whereas data protectors evaluated it as less and  
benefit maximizers even as least important. We  
were surprised that most people rejected the idea  
of getting motivated through elements of gamifica-  
tion and social support through communities, es-  
pecially, as most contemporary wearables build on  
these. Here, it is unclear whether the soft push  
caused by these systems was not conceivable or as-  
sessable by the participants of our study or if a  
system without these concepts might fill a gap in

1039 the market.  
1040 The identified three different user segments are  
1041 not only linked to different prioritizations regarding  
1042 the design of the wearable, but also to the surveyed  
1043 individual user factors.

1044 The segment of the data protectors (as identi-  
1045 fied by the latent class analysis) also reported the  
1046 highest *Need for Privacy*. This finding might not  
1047 appear as particularly exciting, still it suggests a  
1048 high validity of our conjoint-based methodology, as  
1049 the clustering/segmentation from within the con-  
1050 joint is in-line with the constructs measured out-  
1051 side the conjoint study. Surprisingly, this group  
1052 also reported significantly lower *Motives for Physi-*  
1053 *cal Activities* than both other groups. However, we  
1054 speculate that this finding is more likely an experi-  
1055 mental artifact than an actual effect: The group of  
1056 data protectors has a slightly higher share of women  
1057 and on average women reported lower *Motives for*  
1058 *Physical Activities* (see Table 2). Nevertheless, fur-  
1059 ther studies should investigate if and why there is  
1060 a systematic relationship between *Need for Privacy*  
1061 and the *Motives for Physical Activities*.

1062 Within the conjoint study, the benefit maximiz-  
1063 ers had the highest preference for the utility of the  
1064 device. From the perspective of the user factors,  
1065 they reported the highest *Motives for Physical Ac-*  
1066 *tivities*, the highest *self-efficacy in interacting with*  
1067 *technology*, as well as the lowest *Need for Privacy*  
1068 This segments apparently not only traded utility (in  
1069 form of increased step count) against privacy in the  
1070 closely defined decision task of the conjoint, but also  
1071 reported lower levels of *Need for Privacy* and higher  
1072 *Motives for Physical Activity* beforehand. Conse-  
1073 quently, this segment might be best addressed by

1074 highlighting that life-logging technologies can sup-  
1075 port the fulfillment of their desire towards physical  
1076 activities and that they can facilitate the increase  
1077 of daily step count and higher fitness levels.

The facts enthusiasts, who attributed the high-  
1078 est importance to the accuracy of the device and  
1079 its motivational design in form of a private history,  
1080 reported the lowest self-efficacy in interaction with  
1081 technology (sig. lower than the benefit maximiz-  
1082 ers' *self-efficacy in interaction with technology*) and  
1083 their *Need for Privacy* scores lay between the data  
1084 protectors and the benefit maximizers. While this  
1085 user type is neither focused on the security of their  
1086 data nor in an increased utility in regard to higher  
1087 physical activity, they seem to want to precisely  
1088 keep track of their current and past activities. This  
1089 user segment should be addressed by highlighting  
1090 the accuracy of the measurements and by offering  
1091 easy and enjoyable ways to systematically explore  
1092 their past walks, runs, and exercises and to compare  
1093 them with current ones.

Despite the strong and evident effect of the user  
1094 segments on the prioritization of the attributes, the  
1095 influence of the user factors assessed in this study  
1096 on the identified segments is limited. Merely the  
1097 factor *Need for Privacy* stands out and should be  
1098 considered both in future research as well as in the  
1099 development of wearable technologies.

As the current use of life-logging technologies is  
1100 not linked to membership to one of the three user  
1101 segments, this means that all three different priori-  
1102 ties should be addressed as belonging to one group  
1103 does not exclude interest in and benefit from life-  
1104 logging. In turn, stakeholders should offer different  
1105 options or packages, be it the available options of

1109 data disclosure or even marketing strategies, as to 1142  
1110 include all possible life-logging users. This could 1143  
1111 increase the amount of people who could give their 1144  
1112 life a more healthy and active spin. 1145

## 1113 6. Conclusion

1114 This work shows that people have different de- 1148  
1115 mands in regard to the design of life-logging wear-  
1116 ables and apps and that three different user seg- 1149  
1117 ments can be defined based in these differences: 1150  
1118 The *data protectors*, the *facts enthusiasts*, and the 1151  
1119 *benefit maximizers*. 1152

1120 Each user segment individually weighs the trade- 1153  
1121 offs between privacy, utility and facts and assigns 1154  
1122 different priorities to the investigated functions of 1155  
1123 the life-logging system. The data protectors assign 1156  
1124 highest priority to the privacy policy and data pro- 1157  
1125 tection, fact enthusiast are especially interested in 1158  
1126 the measurable benefit of the system, and benefit 1159  
1127 maximizers focus on accuracy and the motivational 1160  
1128 design. 1161

1129 These user segments now make it possible on the 1162  
1130 one hand to develop tailor-made products and on 1163  
1131 the other hand to specifically address (potential) 1164  
1132 users. Data protectors will be particularly inter- 1165  
1133 ested in products that are particularly secure in 1166  
1134 terms of data protection and where this security 1167  
1135 is particularly emphasized in marketing. On the 1168  
1136 other hand, benefit maximizers are most interested 1169  
1137 in the utility of the system. They can likely be per- 1170  
1138 suaded to use life-logging systems by highlighting 1171  
1139 the projected increase in daily step count, increase 1172  
1140 physical activity, or better overall well-being. On 1173  
1141 the third hand, facts enthusiasts are most interested 1174

in the accuracy and the motivational design of the  
system. For them, the focus of the product design  
and marketing should be set on the accuracy of the  
system and how the users' measured behavior is pre-  
sented, for example, by providing comparisons with  
ones historical behavior.

## 7. Limitations and Future Work

Of cause, this study is not without limitations.

Firstly, we used an online questionnaire with sce-  
narios to study people's preferences in regard to  
life-logging wearables. Two methodological difficul-  
ties have to be taken into account here: On the  
one hand, the participants have to create a mental  
image of fictitious products to evaluate them. On  
the other hand, people's preferences might change,  
if they are able to experience a tangible life-logging  
wearable or if they can use them for a longer pe-  
riod of time. Regarding the latter, studies in the  
technology acceptance domain indicate that there  
is a degree of stability of the preferences across  
time (e.g., [48, 26]). Thus, relevant prerequisites  
and requirements for later use of a technology can  
be predicted in advance. Regarding the former, we  
ensured a valid design by selecting the attributes  
and levels of the study based on current research,  
discussions with domain experts, and preceding in-  
terviews and focus groups with users and non-users  
of life-logging technologies. In addition, the whole  
survey was pre-tested and iteratively improved, to  
ensure that the participants had a clear understand-  
ing of the presented scenario, as well as of the prod-  
ucts' attributes and levels. This approach reduces  
the difficulty of the decision tasks and increases the

1175 quality of the results. 1210  
1176 Secondly, the sample of our study is not focused 1211  
1177 on a specific target population that might have spe- 1212  
1178 cific wants and needs. Consequently, the present 1213  
1179 findings model the perceptions and requirements of 1214  
1180 a broad sample of more or less healthy persons that 1215  
1181 are aiming at keeping up a healthy lifestyle by using 1216  
1182 life-logging technologies or simply because they are 1217  
1183 facts enthusiasts. However, life-logging could also 1218  
1184 be relevant for the medical context and people with 1219  
1185 health limitations. Here, future work will have to 1220  
1186 precisely narrow down the perspective and explore 1221  
1187 which usage and non-usage motives might apply for 1222  
1188 more vulnerable users and (chronically) ill patients 1223  
1189 towards the acceptance of life-logging technologies. 1224  
1190 As coping strategies, the attitudes towards frailness, 1225  
1191 and aging might also play a role, the analysis should 1226  
1192 again follow a multi-step empirical procedure which 1227  
1193 entails both, qualitative and quantitative procedure 1228  
1194 to capture the further perspectives. 1229

1195 In addition, the focus on the different importance 1230  
1196 regarding the life-logging systems' design provided 1231  
1197 new insights, such as the three user segments with  
1198 their individual preferences but leaves other ques-  
1199 tions still open for future work. Firstly, the study  
1200 shows that gamification aspects and community in-  
1201 tegration of life-logging-systems was not evaluated  
1202 as important by our participants. Yet, most com-  
1203 mercially available apps and wearables build on at  
1204 least one of these concepts and many studies indi-  
1205 cate the efficacy of persuasive systems. We postu-  
1206 late that no current technology acceptance model  
1207 can reliably predict the effect of gamification or  
1208 any persuasive system in advance. Consequently,  
1209 future work should address this gap and develop

approaches to adequately model the effect of gami-  
fication in advance.

Secondly, we purposefully neglected the price of  
the wearable as an attribute in this conjoint-based  
study. Obviously, studying the influence of price  
on the relative importances of the other attributes  
can reveal interesting insights. Such as, if and to  
what extend do people trade privacy for cheaper  
products or how much would they be willing to pay  
for more secure or more effective products? On the  
other hand, this allowed us to study the trade-offs  
and preferred product configurations in regard to  
privacy and motivation design, accuracy, and util-  
ity without requiring participants to consider price-  
value trade-offs (which might be shaped by socio-  
economic status).

More application oriented, future work needs to  
address the question whether products designed ac-  
cording to our suggestions reduce the observed de-  
cline in long-term usage [74] and lead to a measur-  
able increase in the use and effectiveness of wear-  
ables fitness trackers.

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**Self-Efficacy in Interacting with Technology: Items (n=412;  $\alpha = .876$ )**

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- 1 I can solve quite a few of the technical problems I am confronted with on my own.
  - 2 I really enjoy cracking a technical problem.
  - 3 Since I have coped well with previous technical problems, I am optimistic about future technical problems as well.
  - 4 I feel so helpless with technical devices that I keep my hands off them.
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Table A.5: Items of the scale Self-Efficacy in Interacting with Technology (SET).

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**Motives for Physical Activity: Items (n=412;  $\alpha = .889$ )**

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- 1 Because I want to be physically fit.
  - 2 Because it's fun.
  - 3 Because I want to be with my friends.
  - 4 Because I want to improve my appearance.
  - 5 Because I want to obtain new skills.
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Table A.6: Items for Motives for Physical Activity (MPAM).

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**Need for Privacy: Items (n=412;  $\alpha = .701$ )**

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- 1 Compared to others, I am more sensitive when it comes to handling my data
  - 2 Since I have nothing to hide, I have no problem with it if others know personal data of me
  - 3 Compared to others, I find it more important to keep personal information to myself
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Table A.7: Items to measure Need for Privacy (NFP).

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**Intention to Use: Items (n=400;  $\alpha = .850$ )**

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- 1 Can you imagine using life-logging over a longer period of time?
  - 2 Do you think that life-logging has/would change your lifestyle?
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Table A.8: Items to measure the intention to use life-logging.

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