

Title: Towards a theory of digital assistive technology design for people with autism	
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Outline of Research	This exploratory study aims to describe current practice in the support of people with autism and identify opportunities for digital assistive technologies. The scope will include the procedures and artefacts currently in place, and the processes of development and implementation of support for a person with autism. The expected outcomes are: - a taxonomy of current support practices, - a description of the current processes and participants in the process of support development, - identification of gaps in current supports, - design sketches of possible digital assistive technologies to fill those gaps, and - an understanding of the potential for the support network to play a leading role in the analysis and design of digital assistive technologies.
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