

Augmented Reality in FF Training

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R2D2, Star Wars Episode IV "A new hope" (1977)

Steven Feiner, Blair Macintyre, and Dorée Seligmann. 1993. *Knowledge-based augmented reality*. *ACM Communications*, July 1993.



Augment (not replace) real-world **Overlaid graphics**



Augmented Reality What is it?







A combination of

• a real scene sensed by a user and a virtual scene generated by a computer.







"An AR system adds virtual computer-generated objects, audio and other sense enhancements to a real-world environment in real time... "



Augmented Reality Features

- Overlay
 - warnings & notifications
 - explanatory text
 - 3D objects
- Object detection
 - machine vision capabilities based on camera
- Interconnect with e-learning platform or internet
- Video streaming using heads-up display camera
- Localisation (mostly through software)



Capabilities



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Augmented Reality What it's NOT?

Augmented Reality is **NOT** Virtual Reality

Augmented Reality

- System augments the real world
- User maintains a sense of presence in real world
- Needs a mechanism to combine virtual and real worlds
- Hard to register real and virtual

Virtual Reality

- Totally immersive environment
- Senses are under control of the system
- Needs a mechanism to feed virtual world to user
- Hard to make VR world interesting

Augmented Reality Examples

Medical





Entertainment







Defence





Education



Augmented Reality More examples

Navigation

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GPS

Nearest Places This app will direct you to the closest underground station in

larger metropolitan regions.

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Wikitude Drive This app overlays arrows and directions on the screen.

Statistics 12

Travelling

Lonely Planet

When pointed at a specific lonely planet location, this app will provide a comprehensive description or review.

GPS

yelp

Yelp Monocle As the phone's camera is pointed at a business, user-generated reviews are displayed on the screen.

Geo-Info

Wikitude World Browser This app displays data about

the surroundings and nearby andmarks or points of interest.

GPS



Sekai Camera

This is a social networkbased geo-tagging app that allows users to tag any location with notes, information or images.

Gaming

Kweekies

A complex AR-based game where real-time footage becomes the environment for Kweekie characters to be trained and compete in games for credits and goodies.

AR Drone

GPS

In this game the user controls an actual flying "quadracoptor" that shoots and kills virtual flying monsters. **Augmented Reality** in Firefighting Training



Augmented Reality Scope in NAFTES



" Develop an AR application for on-site FF training fulfilling end-user needs..."

Impact

- Increase quality of training
- Simulate a realistic environment as close to a real-world situation as possible
- Act complementarily to classroom training for a complete learning session
- Help non-experienced learners to familiarize with FF in a simulation environment
- Reliable evaluation of trainees

Equipment

Google Glass

- Typical functionality of a smartphone
- Notifications, warnings, etc.
- Limited 3D rendering
- Limited processing power
- ~1500€



- Professional use in industrial environments
- Not fully supported custom applications
- Not a product yet, expensive (>7000€)

Microsoft HoloLens

- Balanced solution
- S/W support Vuforia and Unity 3D
- Efficient rendering
- Sensors
- ~3000€







HL Specs

Optics

- •See-through holographic lenses (waveguides)
- •2 HD 16:9 light engines
- •Automatic pupillary distance calibration
- •Holographic Resolution: 2.3M total light points
- •Holographic Density: >2.5k radiants (light points per radian)

Sensors

- 1 IMU
- 4 environment understanding cameras
- 1 depth camera
- 1 2MP photo / HD video camera
- Mixed reality capture
- 4 microphones
- 1 ambient light sensor

Human Understanding

- Spatial sound
- Gaze tracking
- Gesture input
- Voice support

Processors

- Intel 32 bit architecture with TPM 2.0 support
- Custom-built Microsoft Holographic Processing Unit (HPU 1.0)

Input / Output / Connectivity

- Built-in speakers
- Audio 3.5mm jack
- Volume up/down
- Brightness up/down
- Power button
- Battery status LEDs
- Wi-Fi 802.11ac
- Micro USB 2.0
- Bluetooth 4.1 LE

Power

- Battery Life
 - 2-3 hours of active use
 - Up to 2 weeks of standby time
 - Fully functional when charging
- Passively cooled (no fans)

Weight

579g

Memory

- 64GB Flash
- 2GB RAM

Case 1 – AR Walker

Description

User navigates in in fire-prone areas in a warship by receiving using QR codes



 Familiarize personnel with FF equipment and processes (even offline)





Case 2 – See what the trainee sees

Description

 Direct communication between field operations and classroom

• Target

 Supervision and real-time assessment of the training process



Case 3 – AR Drill Kit

- Description
 - Define and sequence of FF actions
 - Combination of AR glasses + QR codes

Target

Familiarize personnel with FF equipment and processes

Case 4 – Combined Training Fire Drill

• Description

Communication between DCS simulator and bridge simulator

- Target
 - COP & combined training



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