

Augmented Reality in FF Training

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Augmented Reality History



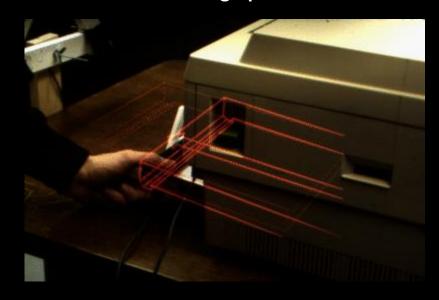
R2D2, Star Wars Episode IV "A new hope" (1977)

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



Augment (not replace) real-world

Overlaid graphics



Augmented RealityWhat is it?







A combination of

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





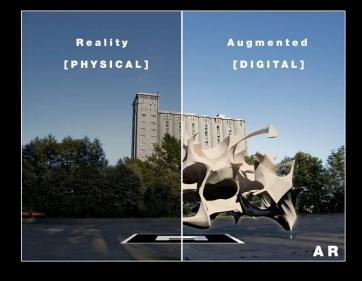


"An AR system adds virtual computer-generated objects, audio and other sense enhancements to a real-world environment in real time... "



Augmented Reality Features

- 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
- Localization (mostly through software)
- Improved situational awareness thru sensor information fusion & onboard processing
- More to come in the near future



Capabilities



Augmented RealityWhat 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 distinguish between 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



Travelling









Geo-Info



Gaming



Augmented Realityin 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€

Google Glass: Hardware Audio Out Battery Mini USB Computer Including Touch Pad Display Microphone

DAQRI Smart Helmet

- 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

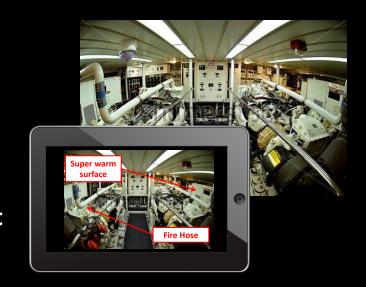
Ideas in NAFTES - AR Walker

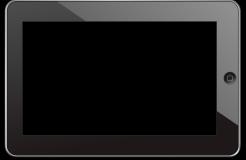
Description

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

Target

 Familiarize personnel with FF equipment and processes (even offline)







Ideas in NAFTES – See what the trainee sees

Description

Direct communication between field operations and classroom

Target

 Supervision and real-time assessment of the training process



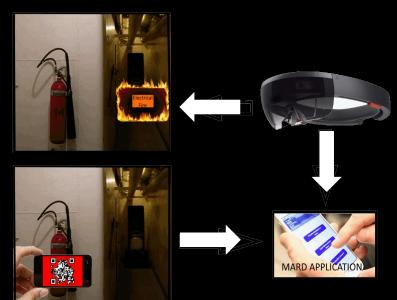
Ideas in NAFTES — AR Drill Kit

Description

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

Target

Familiarize personnel with FF equipment and processes



Ideas in NAFTES – Combined Training Fire Drill

- Description
 - Communication between DCS simulator and bridge simulator

- Target
 - COP & combined training











Augmented RealityThank you







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