

VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) & AUGMENTED REALITY (AR)

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WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...



AUGMENTED REALITY WORKSHOP



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- Full day workshop about using augmented reality in the workplace
- Reviewed how to develop AR performance improvement solutions, resolving performance problems
- Got me thinking Are we behind the rest of the world?
- Evaluated the good, bad and ugly apps (best to do your homework on this and stay current as this is changing rapidly)
- Developed a quick AR experience using Blippar and Layar



AUGMENTED REALITY WORKSHOP

- Some key learnings:
 - Situated cognition knowing is inseparable from doing (AR allows this)
 - Collaborative Learning learning in situation and alongside others
 - Embodied Cognition
 - E.g. learning to play guitar to a professional standard using a virtual guitar
 - Being in the environment and not passively observing from outside
- Apps, hardware and tools to consider in AR
 - Unity, Vuforia, Appy Pie, EON, Aurasma, WondaVR, GearVR, Layar, Blippar
 - Google "AR and VR hardware and software" and you'll get a good idea of what is out there (changing quickly)

GETTING 'AUGMENTAL'

- <u>augmentedreality.org</u> great place to start looking at everything relating to Augmented Reality (AR) and links to many other AR tools and resources.
- <u>augmentedworldexpo.com</u> the 8th Augmented Reality World Expo (AWE) is a 3 day expo in California from May 31 to June 2, 2017

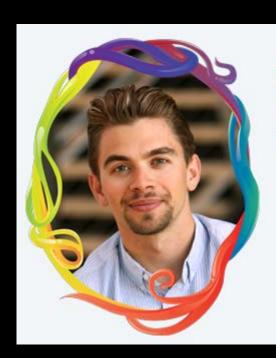


8th year in the USA 5,000 attendees Over 100,000 sq. ft. expo 3-day conference + 2-day expo 6 speaker tracks 200+ speakers 200+ exhibitors

SESSIONS ATTENDED



KEYNOTE



Why New Realities Require New Narratives

Maxwell Planck

Technical Founder, Oculus Story Studio

Oculus Story Studio

https://www.oculus.com/story-studio/

Dear Angelica * Quill * Henry

- Keynote speech VR changes the way stories need to be told
- Camera is everywhere how do you guide the learners
 - Attention grabbers bird flying past head in direction of focus, noises and sounds to divert the audience.



CONFERENCE SESSIONS I ATTENDED

- Virtual Reality in the workplace Cavalier
- 360 degree interactive video for learning Nicholls
- Augmented Reality applications for workplace learning Salas
- Virtual Reality Learning Strategy Skiles
- Using Virtual reality in corporate learning O'hare
- Virtual and Augmented Reality for learning Kartchner
- New technologies that will change your learning strategies Ganci
- Low-cost Virtual Reality Solutions for Learning Bishman
- Using 360 degree video in Training Hildenbrand
- Using Immersive Simulations to develop Real-world Skills Quinn

KEY LEARNINGS AND INSIGHTS



VR WILL BE THE NEXT MAJOR COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATION PLATFORM.

VR IS GOING TO BE THE MOST SOCIAL PLATFORM.

I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE. MY GUESS IS THAT IT WILL BE AT LEAST 10 YEARS.



Mark Zuckerberg and friends

33% better VR Video Learning Impact

THE NEXT BIG THING?

Not New

- VR has been the "next big thing" since the 1980s
- Too expensive
- Makes you nauseous

New

- Affordability of VR
- high quality, more comfortable headsets
- Significantly reduced nausea

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\$150 billion industry by 2020.

VIRTUAL REALITY IS THE ULTIMATE EMPATHY MACHINE



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Stanford University study allows people to empathise with cows heading off to the slaughterhouse.

HARDWARE



THE HARDWARE

- Low end
 - Google Cardboard
- High end
 - Oculus Rift
 - HTC Vive handheld motion detectors (reach out and operate machines, manual skills)
 - Playstation VR laser cameras to detect your position

HOW?, WHY? AND CHALLENGES



THE 3D WORLDS

- Computer-generated the most likely for training (can control the action and environment)
- Real life video
- Spherical video allows the learner to explore a space or experience a situation from the centre of the action.
- Training may be better suited to 180 degree video rather than 360 video.

WHY VR?

- Safe and realistic replication of otherwise dangerous activities
- Less downtime on machines for training purposes
- More immersive to make it feel like you are actually there
- Remotely work on machines or in environments you normally would not have access to

WHY AR?

- Superimpose visual cues, graphics over the world around you
- VR will influence learning in the office, while AR will influence learning on the go

WHO'S USING IT NOW?

- Some insurance companies to simulate car crashes and learn more so that claims are reduced and driver awareness is peaked
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia is using VR as a recruitment tool
- Workbright is working with companies to develop driver and forklift training and other machine maintenance and repair purposes (and is looking at numerous other projects involving VR and AR)
- The UN have used it to empathise better with the experience for children in war-torn countries – "The Ultimate Empathy Machine"

SO WHAT'S NEXT?



STEPS TO SUCCESS IN AR AND VR

- Try it out for yourself so you know the experience
 - Use Google cardboard and give it a go
 - Get GearVR headset for about \$200 (only Samsung phones)
 - Ask Workbright to organise a demo for you on the HTC Vive Forklift operation, Milking machine or get your own Vive and try Job Simulator
 - Purchase the Oculus Rift and a grunty PC or laptop and try it out Oculus Dreamdeck
- Download some of the apps we've discussed
 - With.in for samples of 360 degree video
- Sell it to the decision makers, then identify and develop a pilot or demo "seeing is believing"
- Subscribe to as many different associations as possible and stay in touch with this fast moving industry

MORE USEFUL LINKS

- <u>arvrgarage.nz</u> The AR/VR Garage is an Auckland based space for collaboration on everything AR and VR.
- <u>vuforia.com</u> platform for developing immersive 3D experiences
- scopear.com AR development company in the USA
- <u>unity3d.com</u> platform used most commonly to develop AR and VR solutions
- mantarayar.com A teaching tool, mainly educational but showcases some AR capabilities
- <u>turbosquid.com</u> Turbo Squid 3D Models
- 3D Max 3D Modelling software by Autodesk
- Angle Lab AR Video SD You Tube video of student project on AR
- <u>leapmotion.com/product/vr</u> Suite of hardware and software designed for VR/AR headsets

MORE USEFUL LINKS

- <u>appypie.com/vr-ar-app-builder</u> for creating AR / VR app in 3 steps
- eonreality.com Company in USA that produces AR and VR
- <u>aurasma.com</u> AR platform with downloadable app for creating AR
- <u>wondavr.com</u> Authoring solution for 360 degree VR experiences
- GearVR Samsung's hardware for AR and VR experiences powered by Oculus (need Samsung phone)
- Gear360 \$350 Samsung's 360 camera for capturing 360 degree or 180 degree video
- <u>layar.com</u> Another AR app easy to set up and use, part of the Blippar group
- <u>blippar.com</u> AR app for quick and easy AR
- <u>with.in</u> Formerly Vrse VR content created by great VR creators
- Google Cardboard Assembly how to assemble and use Google cardboard

CHEERS...

...and enjoy making AR and VR experiences for your learners.

