

AR @ IBM Alex Phillips & Sinem Guven





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About me...

...emerging technology ←→ business needs : Innovation catalyst





AR @ IBM

AR Goals @ IBM:

- → to understand how AR can enable innovative and practical solutions for the future;
- → enhance the user experience.

AR Focus @ IBM is two fold:

- Research;
- Client solutions.

IBM has a strong background in advanced graphics, image recognition and computer vision technologies.

→ Leveraging this to create compelling AR technology and solutions for enterprises.



Wimbledon Seer

- Enhances the tennis fans' experience @ SW19; showcase for IBM.
- AR real-time tournament guide.
- Scores, schedule, news feeds, directions, AND Pimms queuing time @ The Long Bar!
- Developed on iPhone and Android.
- Available from iTunes this weekend (along with the IBM Wimbledon iPhone App)!







ACME: Augmented Collaboration in Mixed Environments

- Remote collaboration tools.
- Objects and avatars located in virtual world.
- See through video glasses, sensors, cameras and microphones located at each end.
- Body language conveyed through voice, head and hand gestures.
- Created by VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland with support from IBM Research, Nokia Research Centre.
- Advantages eco-friendly; less travel; better than virtual world only.
- See video here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNB0_c-5TSk

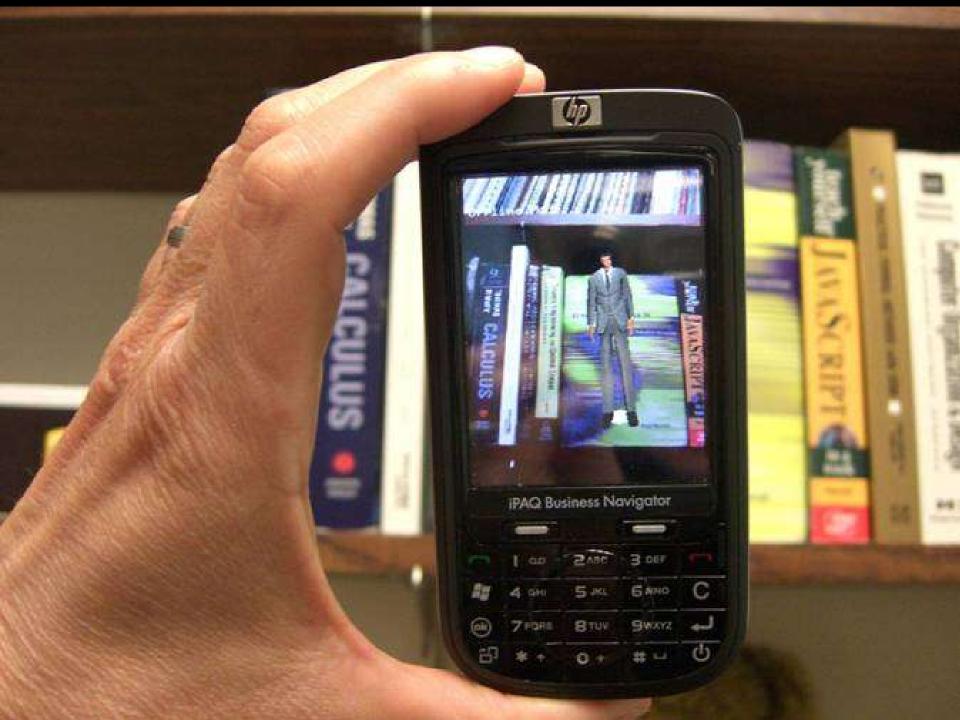


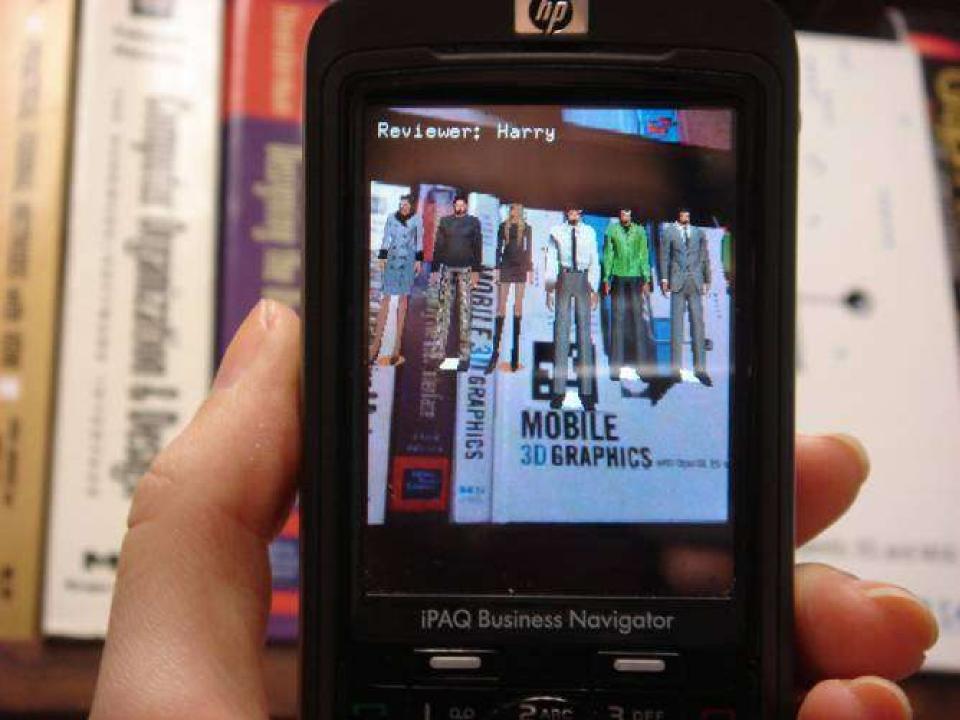
MAR: Mobile AR for Retail

- Show social networks, content and product information associated with consumer items.
- Mobile phone camera + 2-D barcode.
- Information visualised as a swarm of animated 3D avatars.
- Avatars have different roles e.g. sales reps, reviewers, designers or consumers.
- Users interact by leaving voice, text, online reviews, real-time chat.
- Also access help and support based upon what the phone sees.













VIRA: Virtual Agent

- Remote technical support via desktop or Web cam.
- Real World + Virtual Reality → Mixed Reality.
- User's desktop or physical environment is augmented with the presence of remote person.
- Remote agent can use hand gestures, voice and text.
- Advantages : better communication and enriched experience; feeling of co-location.
- (Desktop) VR ←→AR (Web cam)









Thanks!

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