Speculative Design

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When people begin to see what's possible, it's going to get them very excited—like we are, like we've been.

-Tim Cooke, Apple CEO interview with Bloomberg

Signal

- Augmented Reality
- GPS
- Lenses

Augmented Reality (AR)



Augmented Reality

Is a system that:

combines real and virtual objects in a real environment

aligns real and virtual objects with each other

runs interactively, in three dimensions, and in real time



Augmented Reality
allows people to process the physical and digital
simultaneously, improving our ability to: rapidly and
accurately absorb information, make decisions, and
execute tasks quickly and efficiently.

Porter and Heppelmann, 2021

How does AR work?

Three key AR technologies

- Display Head attached, Handheld, Spatial
- Tracking Users positions and orientation, 3D registration

These technologies are supported by AR development toolkits and the AR cloud.

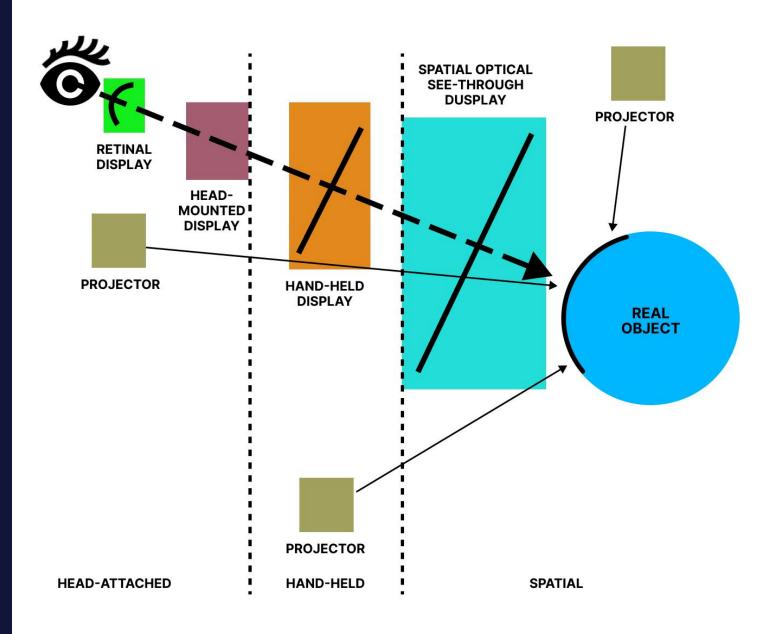
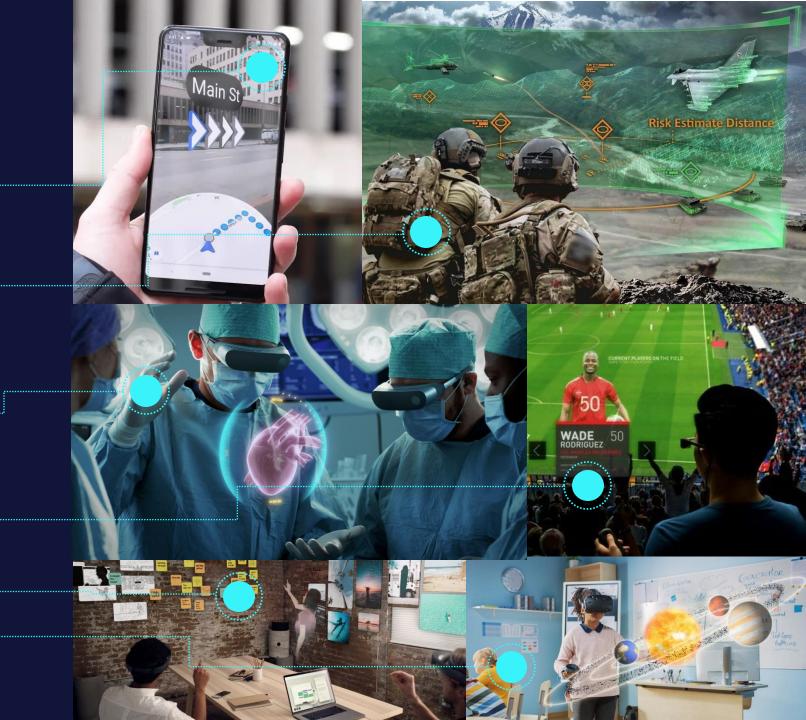


Fig. Visual display techniques and positioning, Bimber & Raskar (2006)

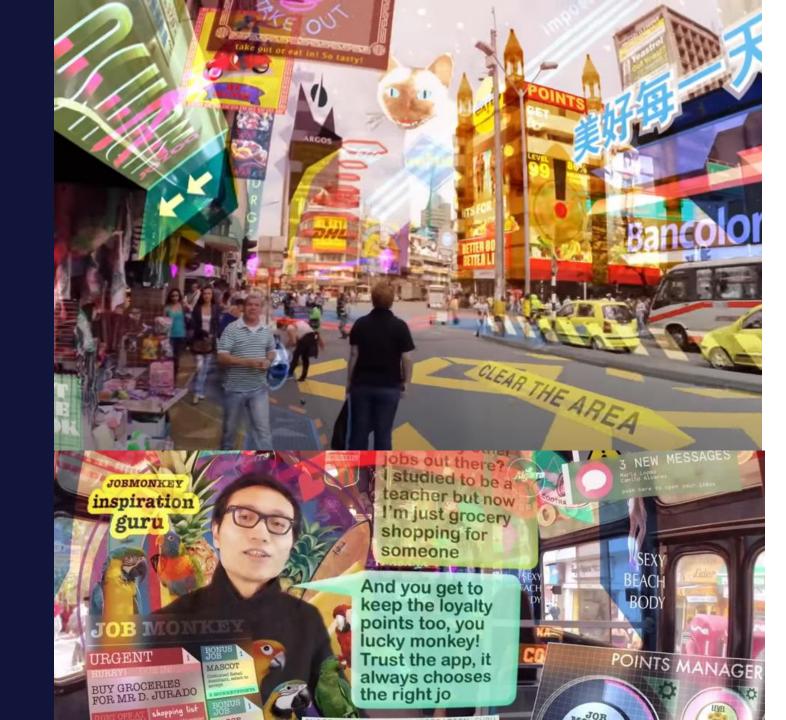
Application

- Personal information systems, including navigation and touring
- Medical, including live overlays of ultrasound, CT and MRI scans
- Entertainment, including gaming and sports broadcasting,
- Office, including collaboration
- Education and training ■

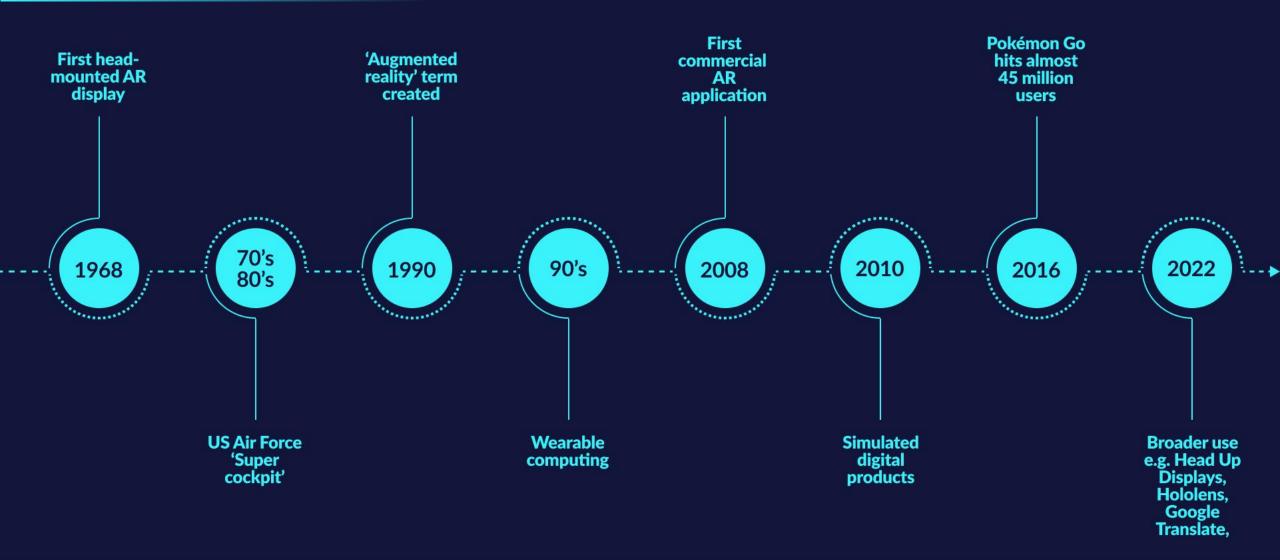


Limitations

- Portability
- Tracking calibration
- Depth perception
- Overload and over-reliance
- Social acceptance



A Brief History of AR



In 10–15 years from now, complimented with advancements in technology, Augmented Reality will be a normal part of how we work, learn and connect.

- Bernard Marr

Global Positioning System (GPS)



GPS

Global Positioning System - is a satellite constellation supporting highly accurate positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) measurements worldwide.

It is available for use by anyone worldwide.



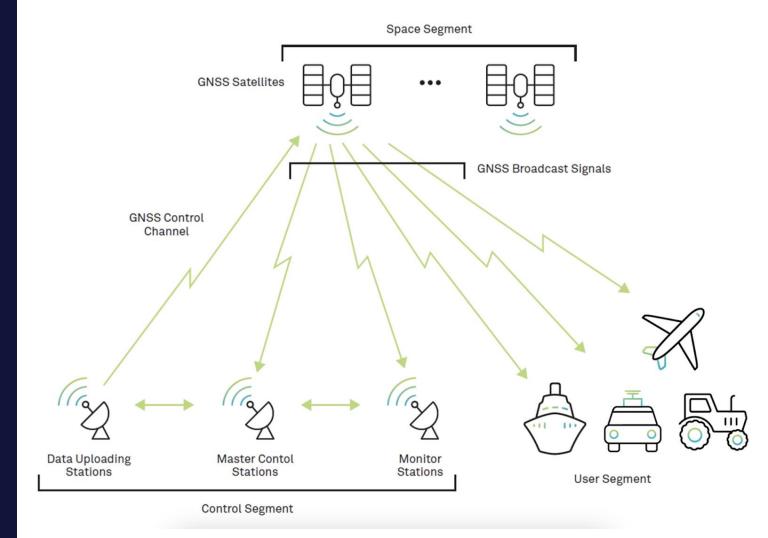
GPS supports applications worldwide that need a precise position, reliable and safe navigation, tracking and monitoring an object's movement, surveying and mapping an area, or timing within a billionth of a second.

Source: (Hexagon, n.d.)

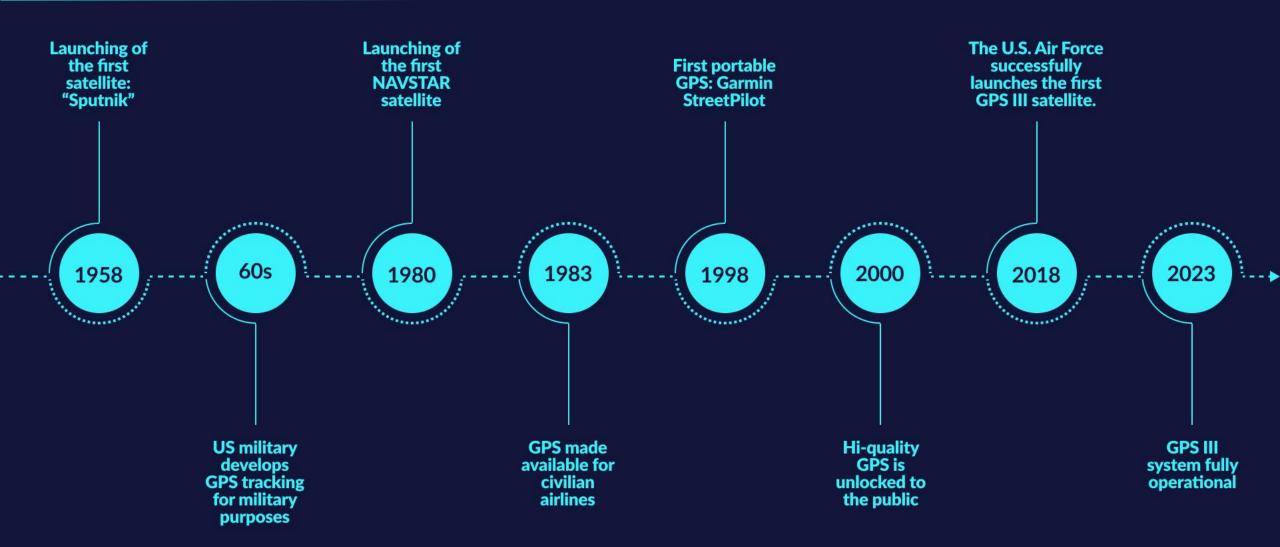
How does GPS work?

GPS includes three main segments:

- Space segment over 30 satellites in orbit broadcast radio signals to control and monitoring stations on Earth and directly to users
- control segment ensures GPS satellites are healthy, orbiting correctly and have accurate atomic clocks on board. These stations are integral to the overall health and accuracy of the GPS constellation
- User segment includes everyone relying upon GPS satellites for PNT measurements. Many applications use GPS for high precision positioning and accuracy around the world.



A Brief History of GPS Tracking



In 10-15 years from now, GPS receivers will be able to collect location data from multiple global navigation satellite systems at once and use that info to provide drop-dead accurate tracking (GPSIIIF).

Source: (Hodgkins, 2019)

Smart Contact Lenses

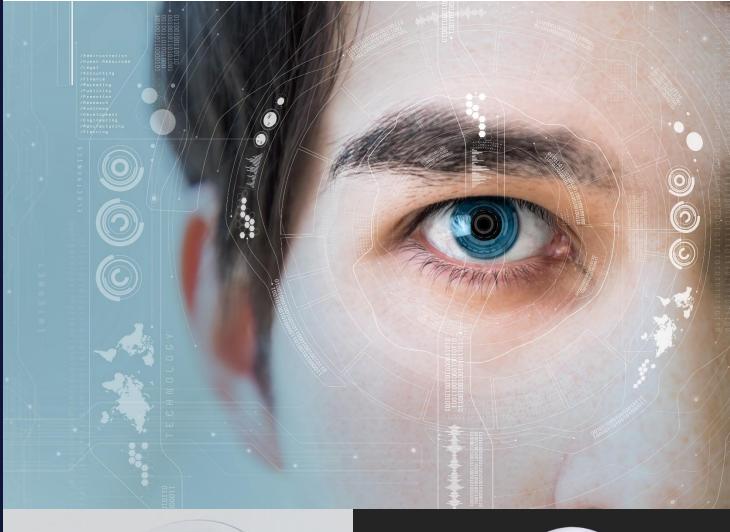


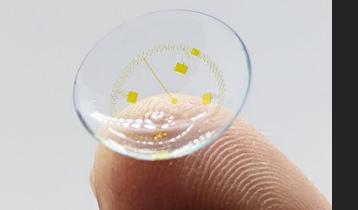
Smart Contact Lenses

A new generation of contact lenses built with microelectronics.

Two major companies currently working on the development of AR smart contact lenses are:

☆ InWith





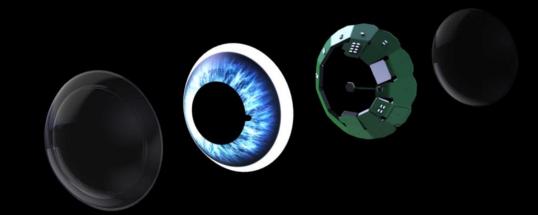


Mojo Lens

Founded by veterans from Apple, Google, Microsoft and Amazon.

Mojo Vision have put 14K pixels-per-inch microdisplays, wireless radios, image sensors, and motion sensors into contact lenses that fit comfortably in the eye

They are working with the FDA in the US to get approval for their smart contact lenses.

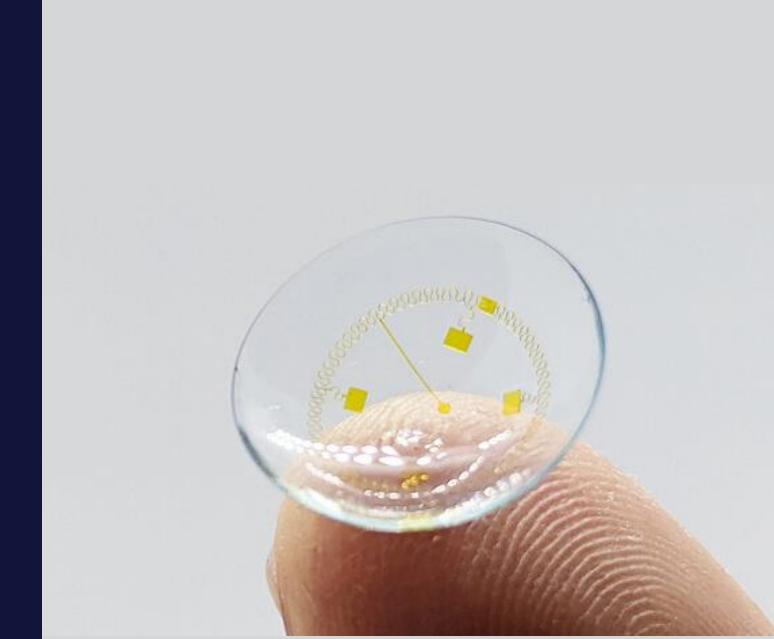


InWith Lens

Working with Bausch and Lomb.

Combining highly biocompatible materials with 3D-flexible microelectronics embedded into molded hydrogel devices ("smart biology").

The augmented lens will have the ability to harvest energy from the blinking of the eyes.

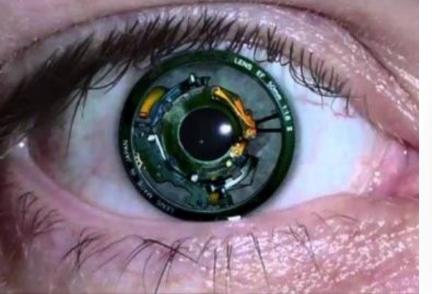


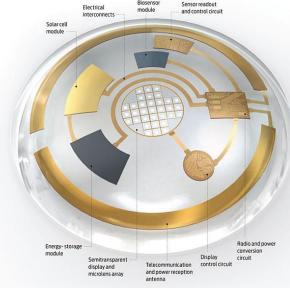
How do Smart Contact Lenses work?

Smart contact lenses bring wearable technology to a new level

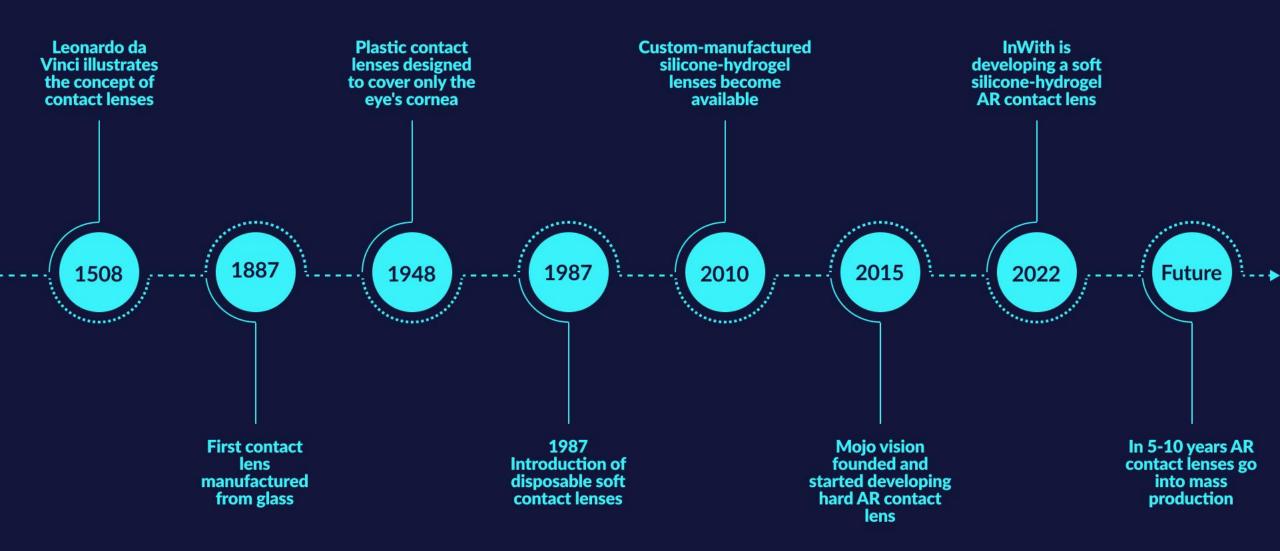
- The display projects directly on to the retina
- An antenna is used to send and receive data
- The interface is controlled by eye movements
- Bio-safe batteries enable all-day wear







A Brief History of Smart Contact Lenses



In 10–15 years from now, smart contact lenses will go into mass production providing a lightweight augmented reality experience without the need to wear glasses or a headset.

Source: (Apple Augmented Reality Lenses after 2030: Kuo, 2021)

Scenario

World

- Carbon tax has made air fares more expensive
- Al and automation have caused a major displacement of workers
- Climate change has drastic effects on populations and resources
- There are rapid advancements in renewable energy
- People store and manage their personal data on their terms
- Self driving cars are widespread



Need For Nature

People have an inherent, biological need for nature. The benefits of nature have a profound impact on our physical and mental wellbeing.

Spending time outdoors:

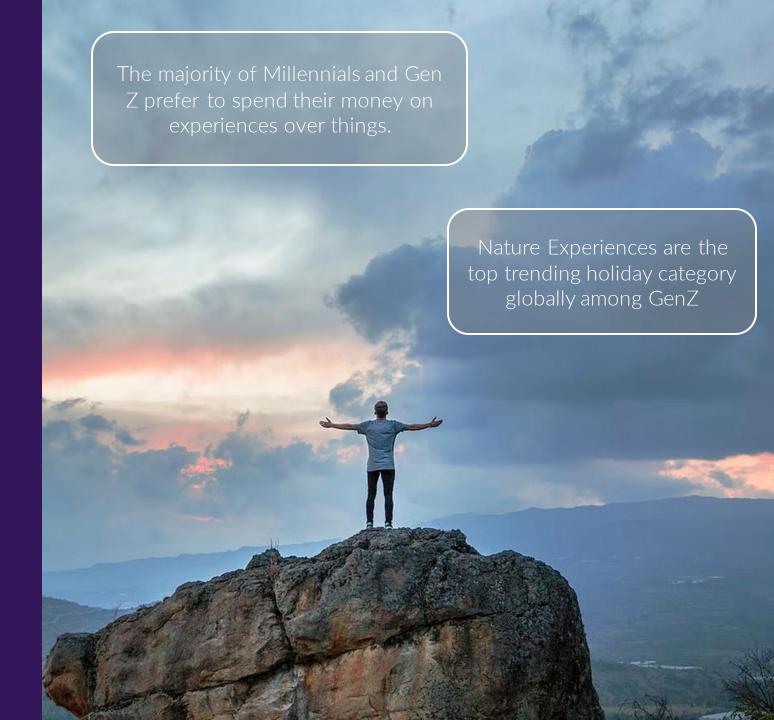
- Improves sleep quality,
- Reduces levels of stress hormones in the body,
- Protects against mood disorders and depression
- Lowers anxiety.



Hiking

Hiking has boomed in popularity in recent years. Millennials and Gen Z contributed to it enormously.

They prefer experiences over material things, hence their affinity for hiking around the country or the world versus, say, buying a house.



The Dark Side of Hiking

Hiking stimulates all sorts of things within us that are good and positive and foster health and wellbeing.

But it also carries many challenges and dangers. Many people are unprepared and inexperienced in navigating unknown terrains.

That leads to all sorts of problems, where the most common is people getting lost.

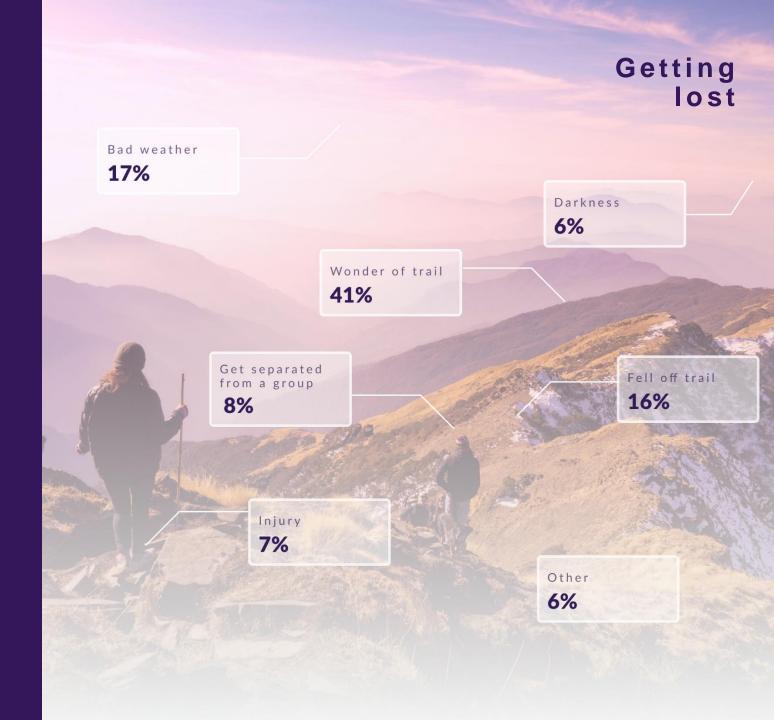


Problem

According to research, wandering off trail is the number one reason, ahead of injury and bad weather, that adult hikers require search and rescue.

It's hard to say how many people have never been found...

Therefore, a good navigation and location system is a must to let people enjoy nature and keep them safe.



Persona & Problem Statement

Persona

"Fill your life with experiences, not things. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show."

name **Adam**

age 35 family Single

occupation

Product Director

location **Dublin**

Goals

- . Enjoy hiking, and don't be afraid of getting lost.
- . Do not expose your relatives to unnecessary stress and reassure them about your safety during outdoor activities
- · Reduce the need for emergency services to a minimum
- · Release everyday life stress and improve well being.

Pain

What current problems does he have?

- Mountain rescue service is exceptionally expensive.
- He wants to explore unknown mountains but is reluctant because his mother is constantly worried about his safety after her eldest son goes missing and loses his life in the mountains.

What consequences are caused by this?

Feeling stressed and pressured worrying about the worst-case scenarios and not being able thoroughly to enjoy the outdoors.

usage

skills

skills level

professional



Likes

- Hiking
- Climbing
- Traveling
- Technology

Motivations

- Safety
- Enjoymen
- Health
- Social

Gain

What would be a great outcome/success for him?

Using advanced navigation and location technology allows for a seamless outdoor experience, keeps people safe and does not use rescue services unnecessarily, which are limited and expensive.

How might he measure success?

- Successfully navigates any terrain and climb any mountain peaks in all weather condition.
- · Always return home safely.
- · Never use a rescue team.

introvert

intuition

thinking

perceiving

When I go hiking in the mountains,
I want to navigate with confidence,
So I can have a good time and come back home safely.

ARHIKE

Advanced Navigation & Location System

Powered by iLens

What Is It?

Advanced navigation and location system for hikers and mountain rescue teams. It uses augmented reality, smart lenses, and drop-dead navigation systems to allow people to explore mountains without the risk of getting lost.

The lenses can be controlled via an app or with the users' eyes with build-in eye tracking in each lens.

It tracks the user's location, provides a clear path to selected targets, and keeps users informed about target parameters (height, elevation, time to reach) and up to minute weather conditions. In addition, it tracks users' progress over time and provides recommendations for suitable hikes.



Who Makes/Sells It?

Smart contact lenses are in mass production. They provide a lightweight augmented reality experience used in almost every aspect of human life.

Apple dominate the market in smart lenses. However, other companies like Google, Microsoft, Samsung and Tesla are just behind them.

A private company creates AR Hiking software; however, data is stored on third-party cloud services and is accessible to insurance companies. Users must agree to share their data with their insurance company; otherwise, they are not covered in case of an accident.



Where Can You Get It?

Smart contact lenses can be ordered online for same day drone delivery.

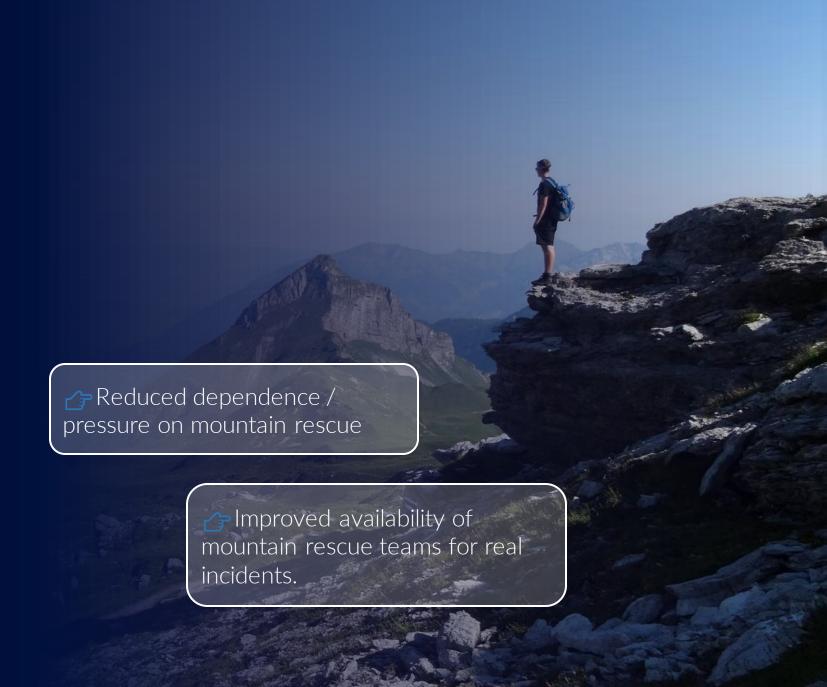
The software can be downloaded via the Apple store or Google Play if using other companies' lenses.



Benefits

Safe and stress-free outdoor experience.

Peace of mind for loved ones



Impact on Users



Over reliance on technology

Loss of traditional navigational skills

Impact on Society

The use of AR is widespread and ubiquitous

Improved communication and connection including how we collaborate and share information

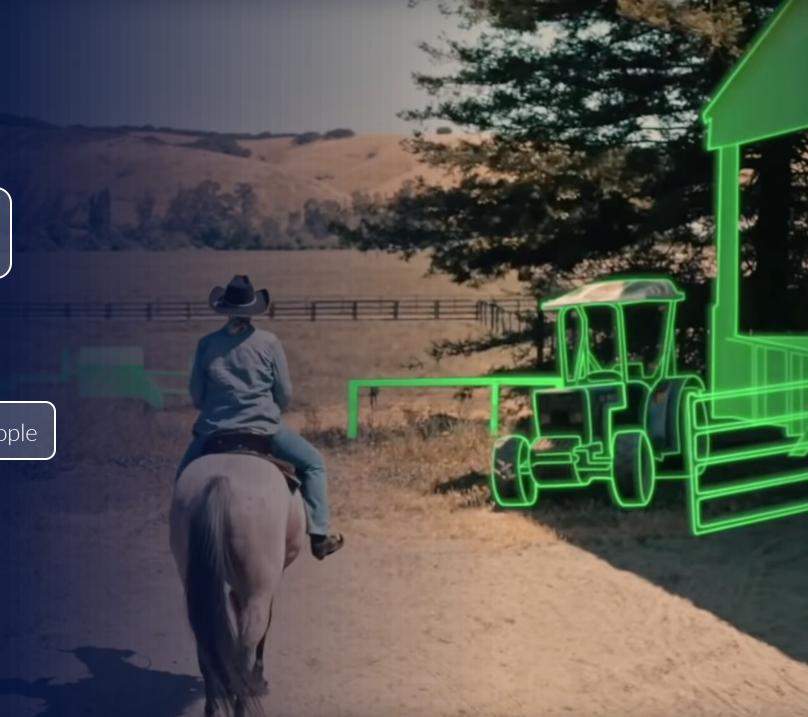
Significant impact on how business advertise and market to customers

Other Usage

Other outdoor enthusiasts e.g. cyclists, runners, swimmers

☆ Tourists

∠ Emergency services



Storyboard

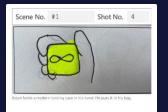
Wake up

The climb









































Design Inspiration

Augmented reality navigation, tracking and information display

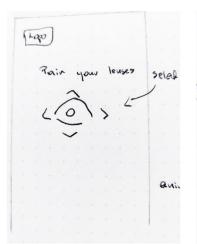


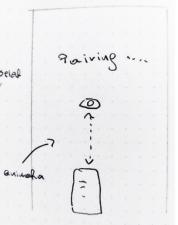
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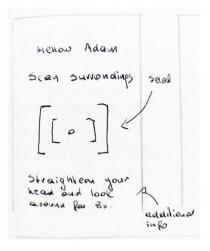
Mobile app navigation

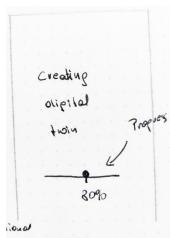


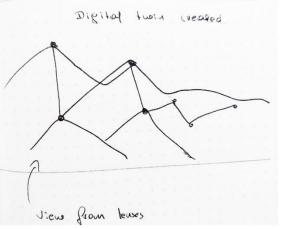
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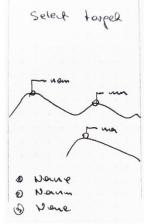
















Prototype

Mobile App



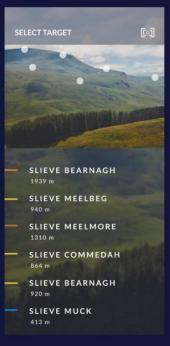






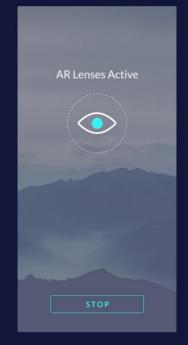






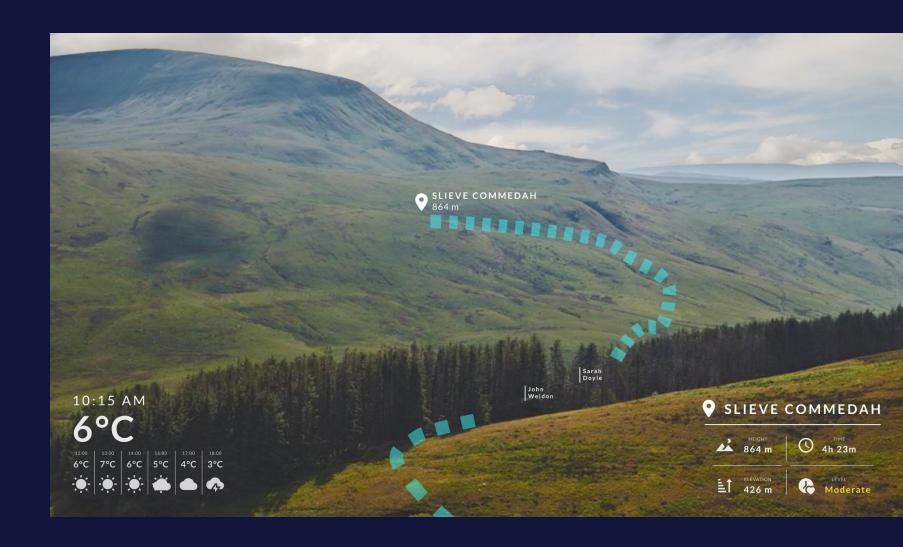






Prototype

AR Hiking lenses interface





Ethical Caveats

Social division - access for the few and not the many

Privacy - identifiable information of unknowing bystanders

Public safety and wellness - including consumer protection and personal safety

Security - malicious shared data, disruption to AR tracking, registration or information collection

Environmental, Social, and Governance - relationship between military and AR



Critical Evaluation

Opportunity to design without the current limitations of technology, culture and politics

Power of storytelling

Opportunity to stretch imagination

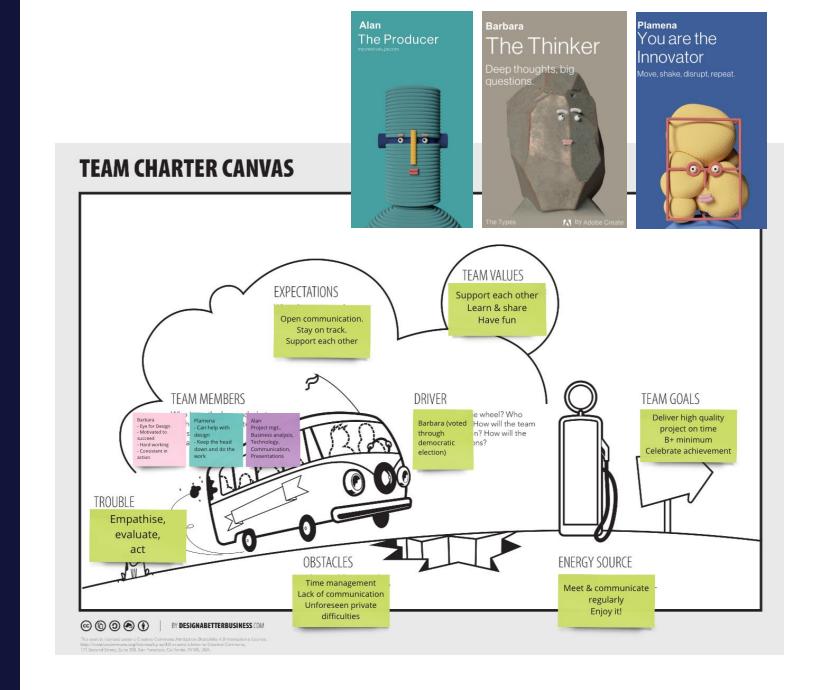
Unconventional, provocative process

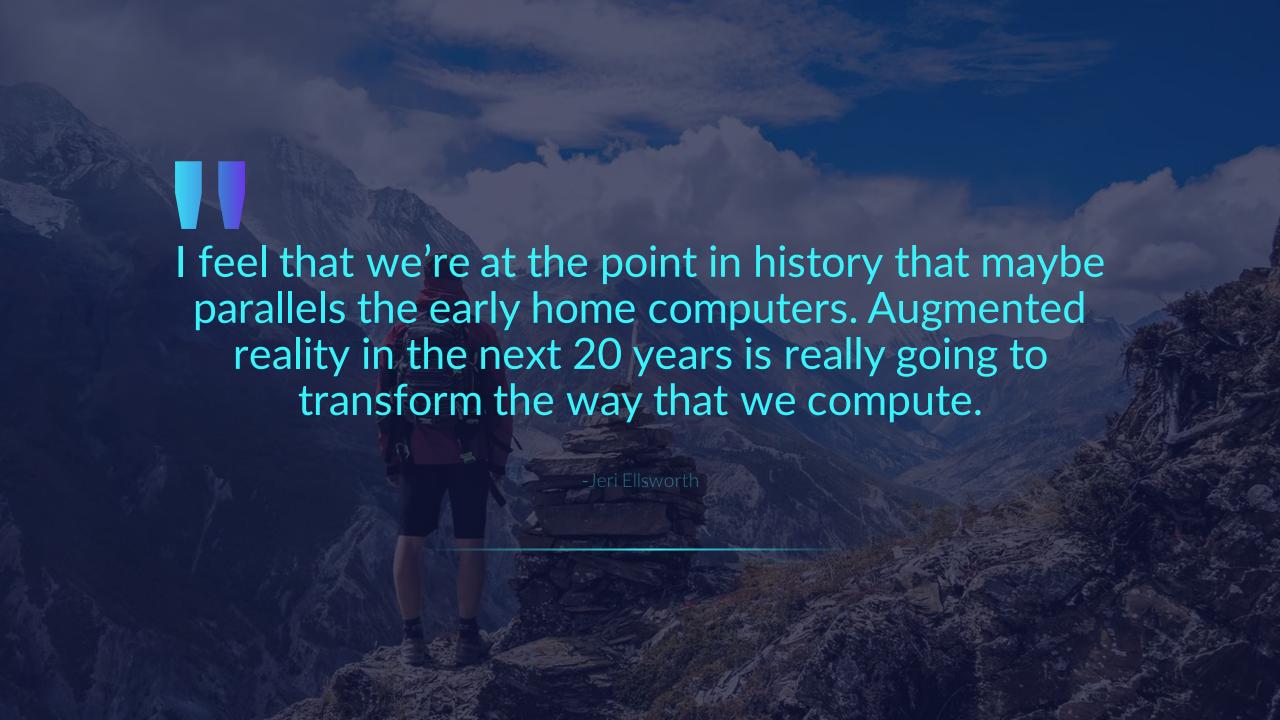
What will be the AR tipping point?

How wicked was our problem?

How different would the outcome be if it was 2019 and we were meeting in person?

Our Team





Appendices

Neptun team's Miro Board: https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVOMNw9uM=/

Final Video (OneDrive):

Final Video (Youtube): https://youtu.be/6PGF7cmJ9Wo

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