



LYU 1103

Digital Interactive Game Interface Table Apps for iPad

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AR?

Augmented Reality

What is AR?



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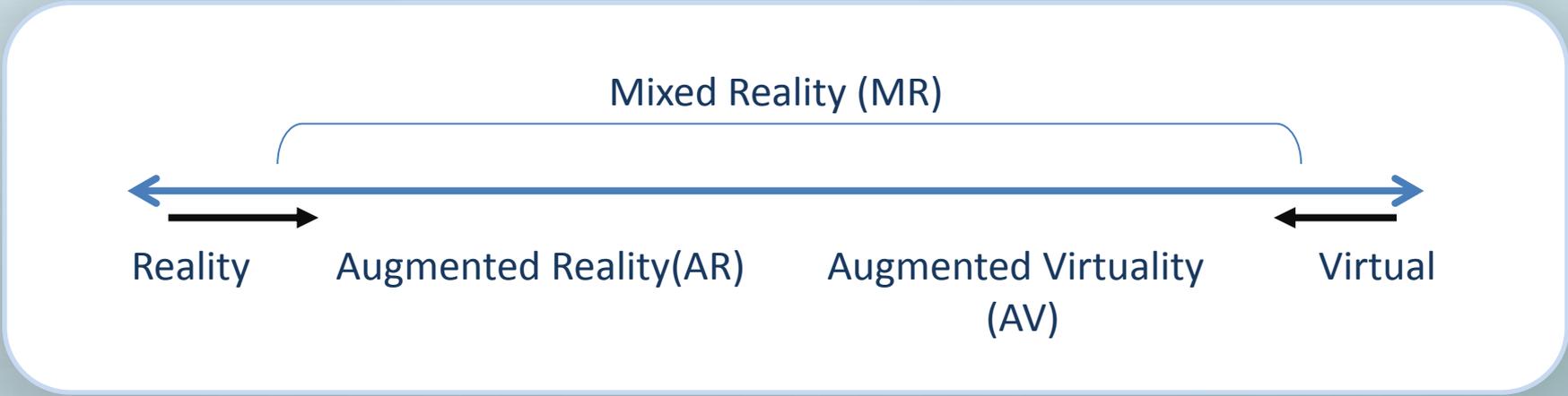
Combination of reality

+

Computer generated graphics

Interactive & digitally manipulable

What is AR?



Enhance realism and impressiveness

AR types

Marker-less

- GPS
- Digital compass
- Camera assisted



AR types



Marker-based

- Camera
- Analyze marker
- e.g. QR code



AR examples



Applications

- Geo-navigation

Compass, etc.



- Informative

Stores



- Translation

Direct view



AR examples

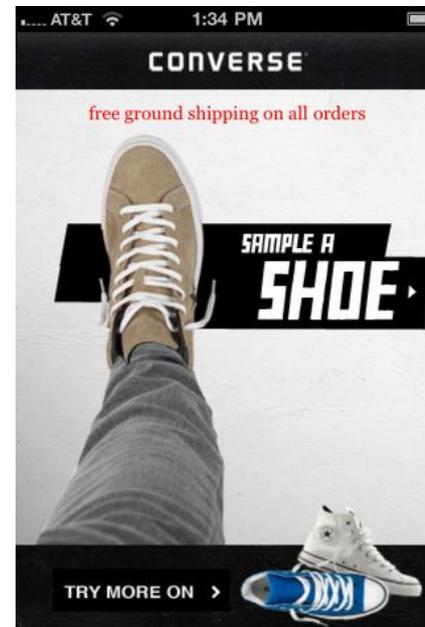


Applications

- Samplers

As an interactive prototype

Product Advertisement

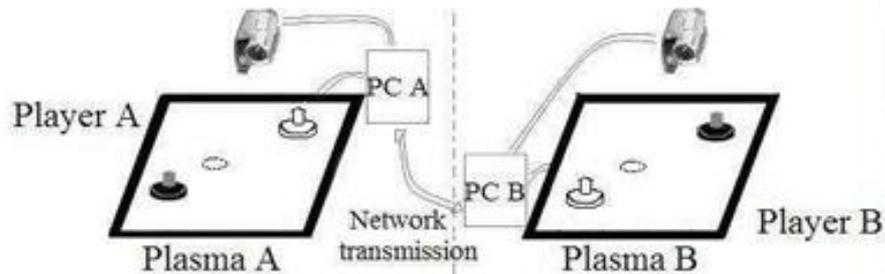


Background



Digi.T.able

A project supervised by Prof. Michael Lyu in 2007



Background



Digi.T.able

- a multi-purpose interactive table
- allows players in different places to play games by real objects
- Board games (e.g. Chinese chess, uno)
- Action games (e.g. snooker, air hockey)



Inspiration



Digi.T.able



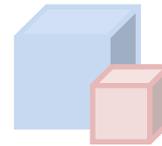
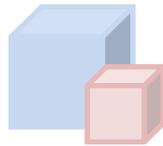
allows players in different places to play games by real objects

Share a same common space

Implementation on iPad

i.Digi.T.able

2 iPad shares a common AR space to play a game



i.Digi.T.able

- Track the real-object mark and determine the camera's position
- Display simple objects on virtual space depends on real space scenes
- Exchange position information between 2 iPad clients
- Implement a simple AR game on iOS platform (iPad)

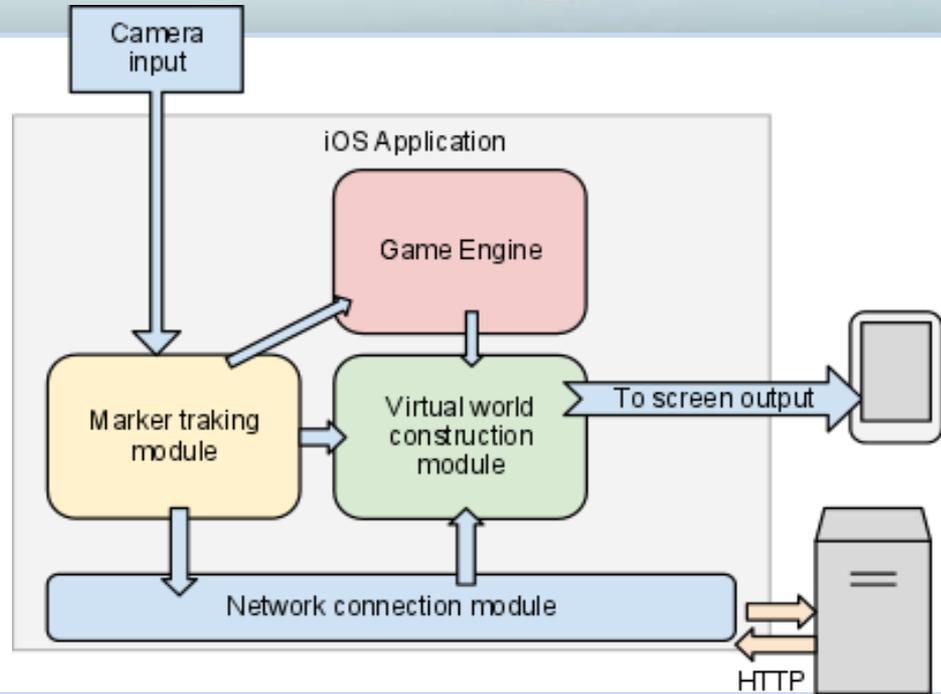
How we do that



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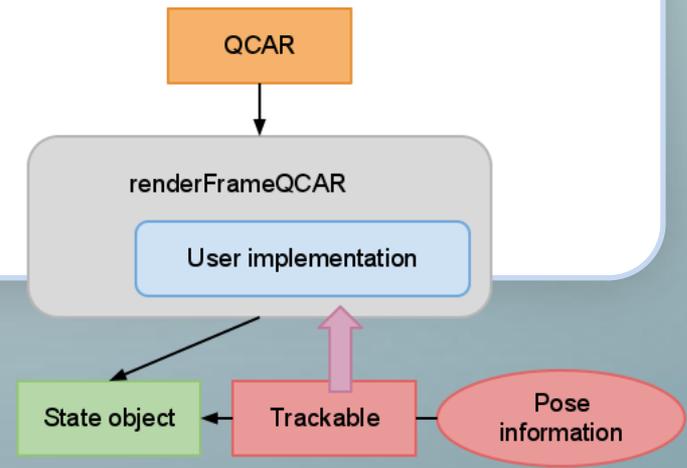
Design

4 main components



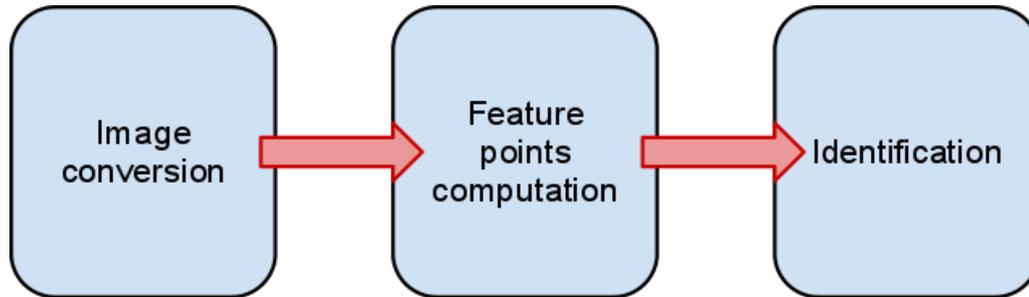
Marker tracking

The Marker Tracking Module is the agent that directly communicate with the Qualcomm AR SDK. It is a finite state machine keep analyzing data from camera.



Marker tracking

Detection and recognition

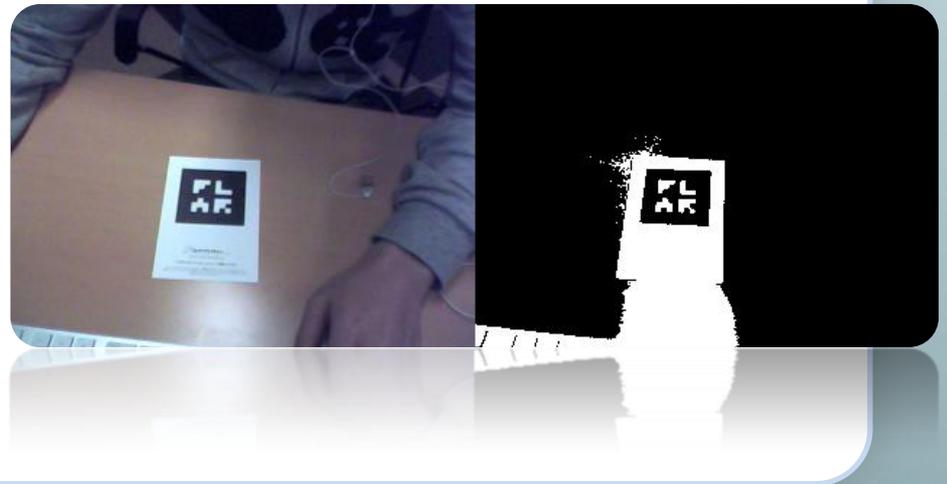
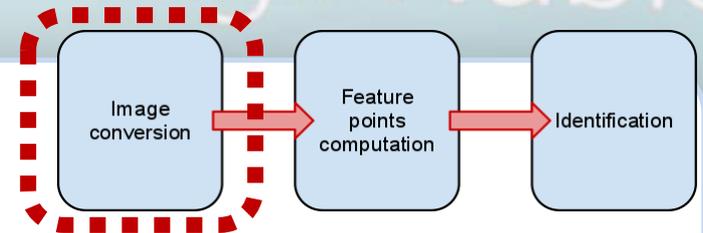


Marker tracking

Image conversion

- thresholding

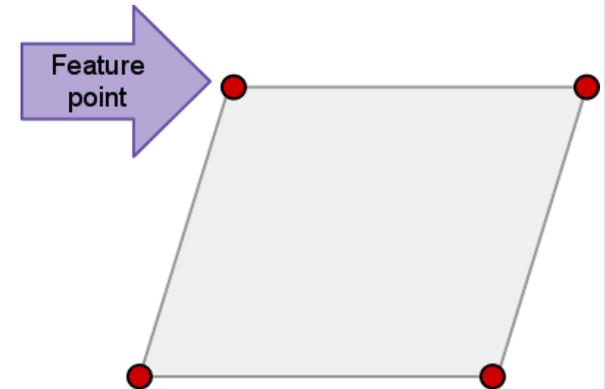
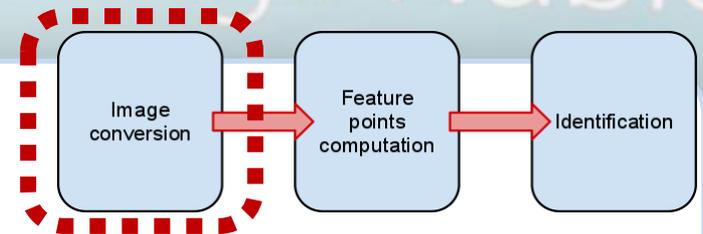
- convert the captured frame from colored into binary image



Marker tracking

Feature points computation

- corners need to be detected
- in order to have reliable camera pose estimation

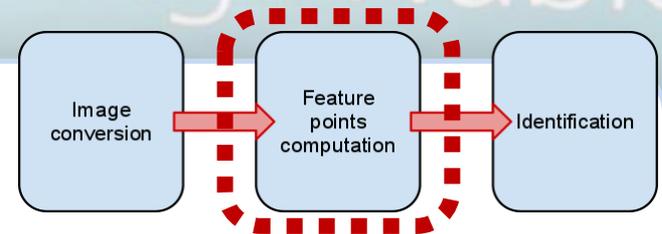


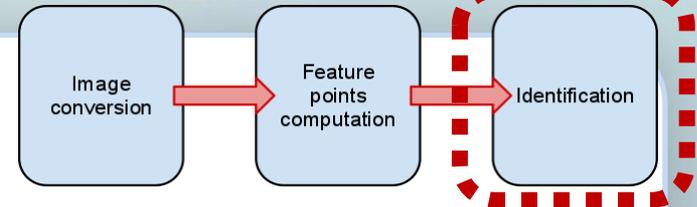
Marker tracking

Identification

- restore the effect of **rotation, translation and perspective transformation**

by solving a simple linear system





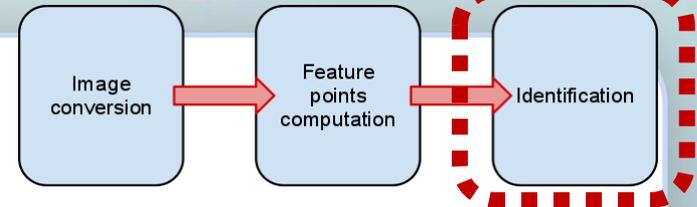
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Identification

- the positions of four corners by feature points computation and the 3D coordinates in object space of the marker's corners are given by $(x_i, y_i, 0)$

$$X_i = \frac{a_1 x_i + a_2 y_i + a_3}{a_7 x_i + a_8 y_i + 1}$$
$$Y_i = \frac{a_4 x_i + a_5 y_i + a_6}{a_7 x_i + a_8 y_i + 1}$$

Marker tracking



Identification

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \\ X_5 \\ X_6 \\ X_7 \\ X_8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_1x_1 & -X_1y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_2x_2 & -X_2y_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_3x_3 & -X_3y_3 \\ x_4 & y_4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_4x_4 & -X_4y_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 & -Y_1x_1 & -Y_1y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_2 & y_2 & 1 & -Y_2x_2 & -Y_2y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3 & y_3 & 1 & -Y_3x_3 & -Y_3y_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_4 & y_4 & 1 & -Y_4x_4 & -Y_4y_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \\ a_7 \\ a_8 \end{pmatrix}$$

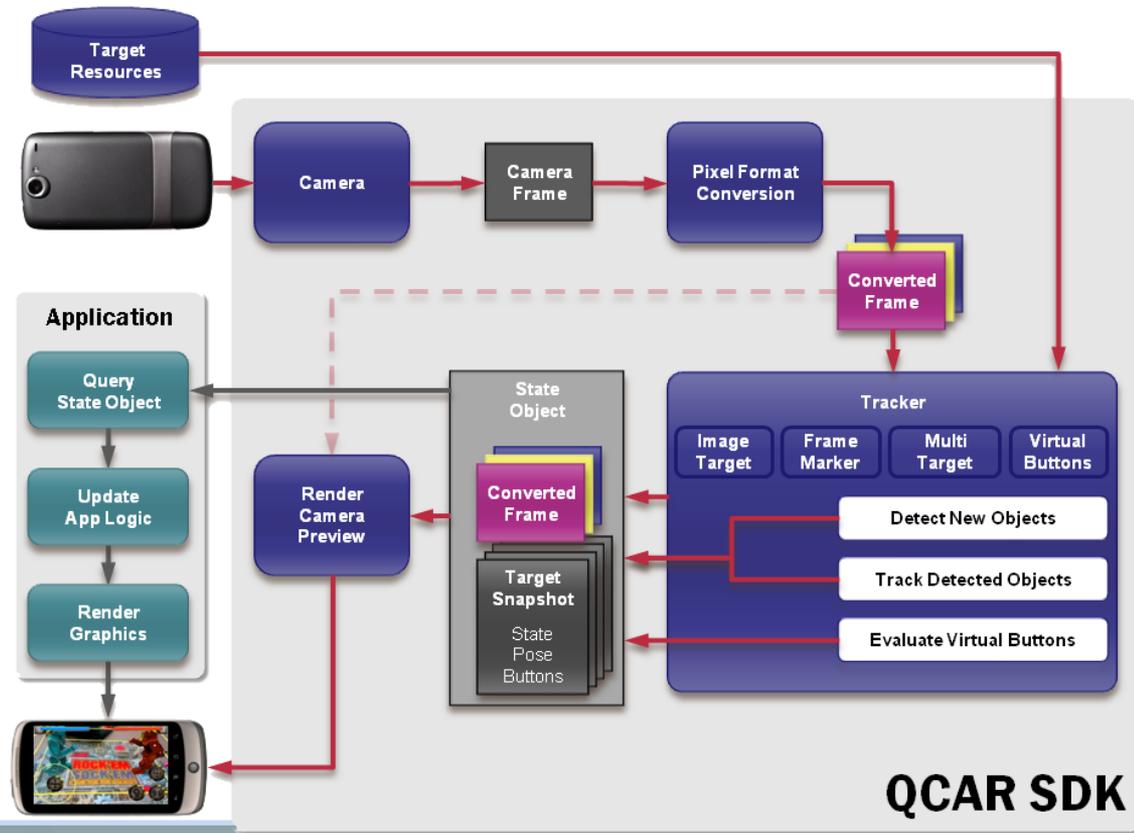
The result vector of the linear system implies a normalized marker. By using the result vector, the system can provide users the pose information for drawing virtual 3D objects.

Marker tracking

Qualcomm AR SDK

- fetches live streaming from the device camera
- The platform consists of these components:
 - Camera
 - Image converter
 - Tracker
 - Renderer
 - Application Code
 - Target Resources

Marker tracking

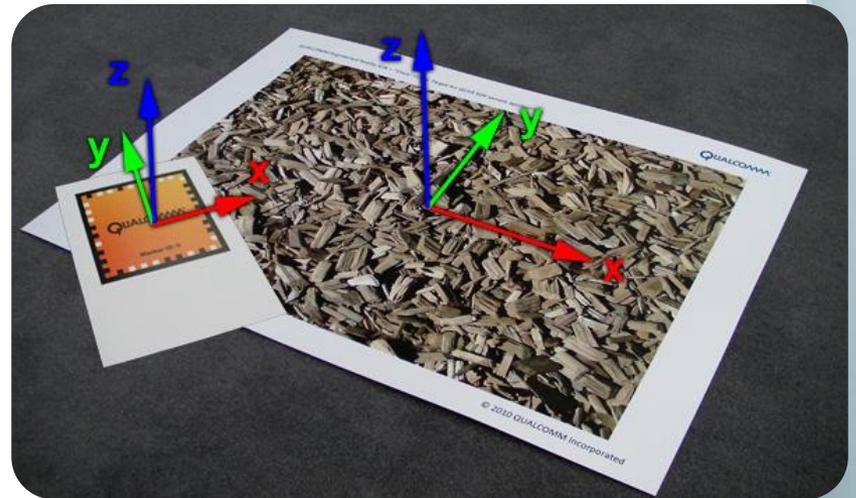


Marker tracking

Qualcomm AR SDK

-Trackables

-right-handed coordinate system is used



Marker tracking

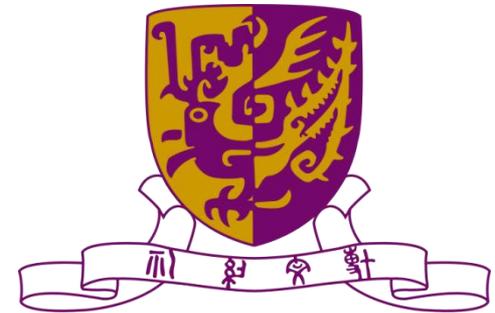
How to choose input images?

- Rich in detail
- Good in contrast
- No repetitive patterns

Examples



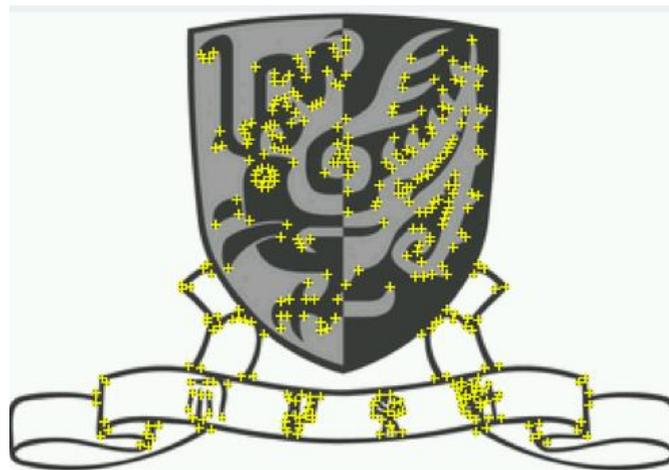
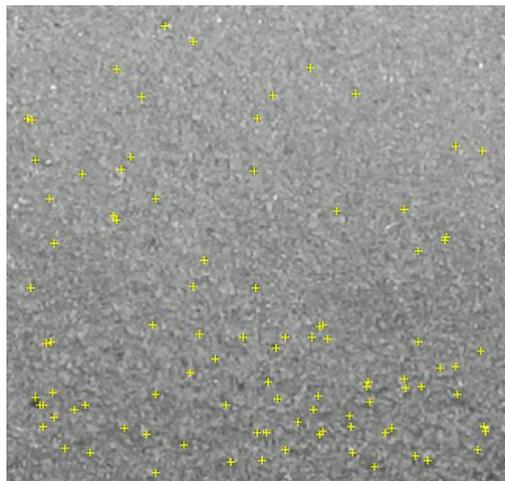
Not good



Good

Marker tracking

Examples



Marker tracking

Qualcomm AR SDK Compare with String AR

| | Qualcomm AR | String AR |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| License | Free | Free for limited version |
| Platform | iOS, Android | iOS, Android (in progress) |
| Multiple markers | Yes | No |
| 3-rd Party Integration | Yes, Unity3D | Yes, Unity3D |

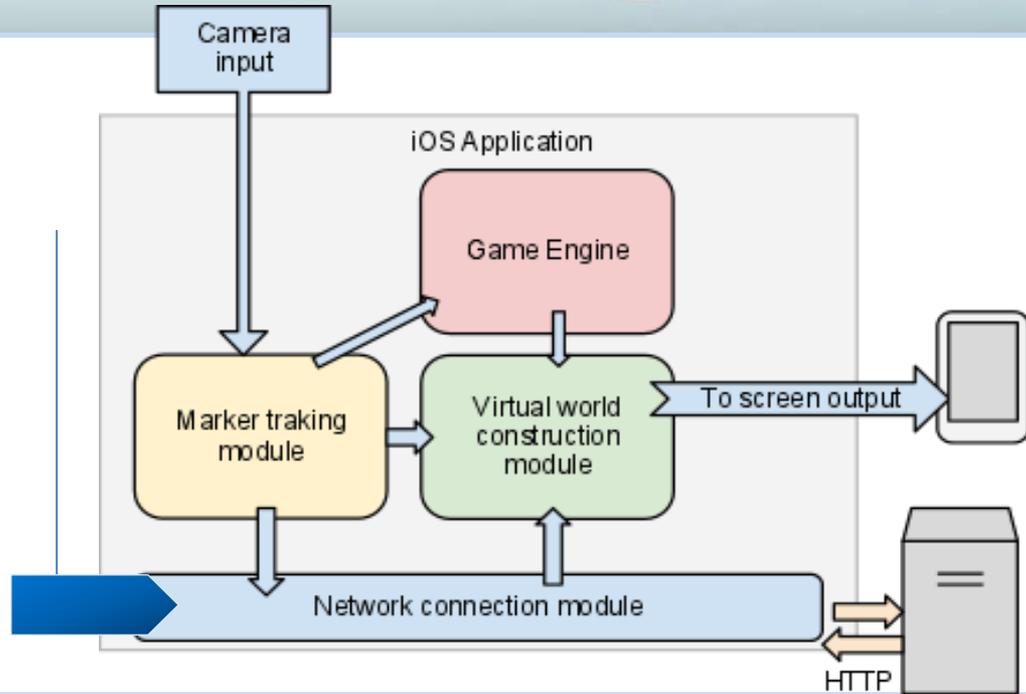


Recap

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Design

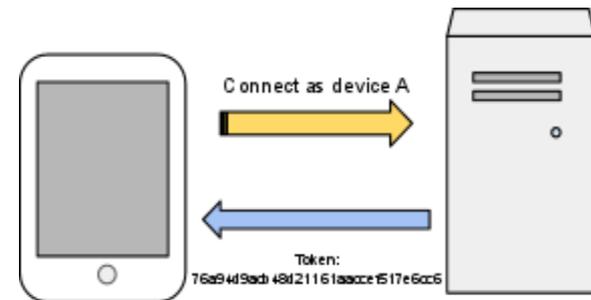
4 main components



Network

How to exchange data efficiently?

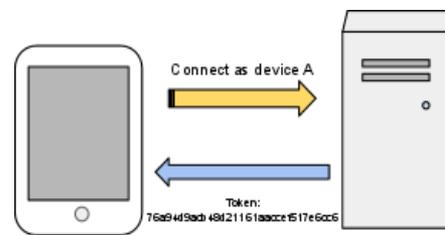
- Data size , data type
- Network load, frequency of update
- Accessibility



Network

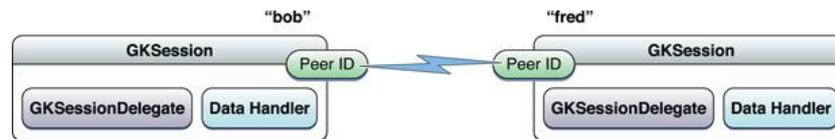
Consider...

- Network socket
- HTTP requests
- Game center
- Peer-to-peer



Game Center

Authentication

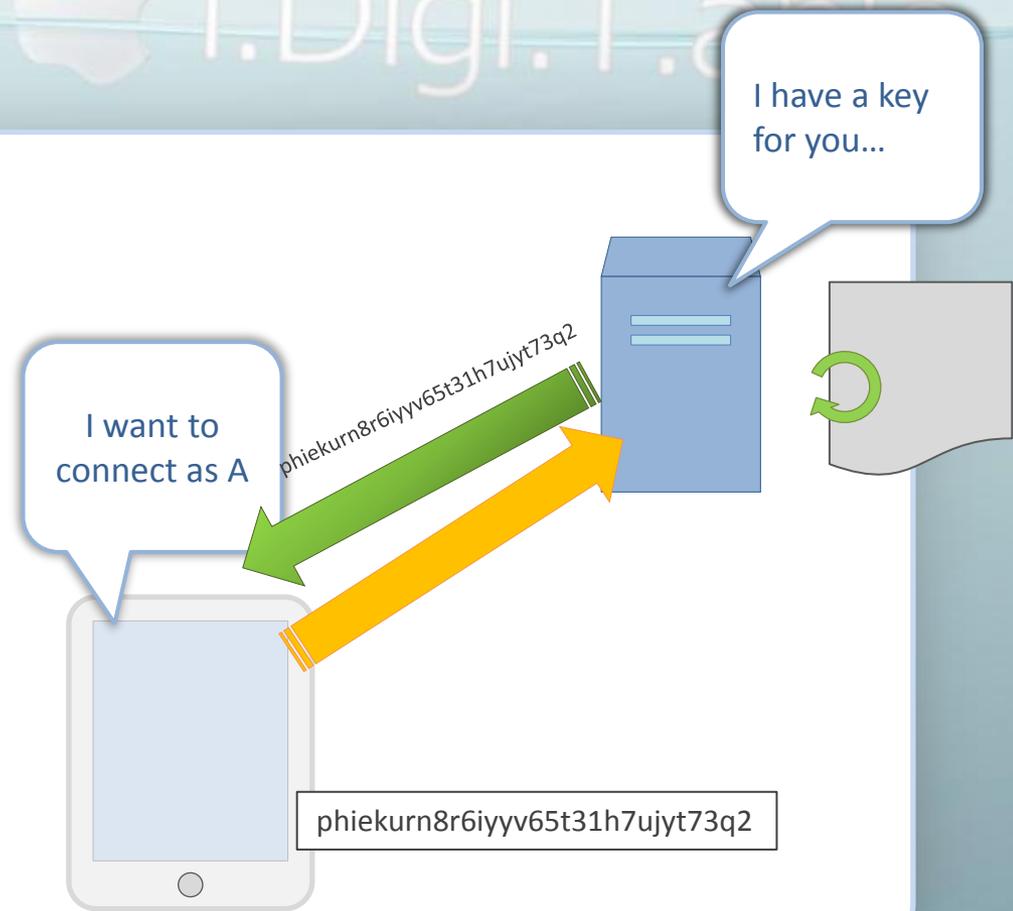


Network

Connection protocol

Register phase

- gets a token
- use the token to connect again
(due to HTTP's stateless property)



Network

Connection protocol

Register phase

- No IP involved
- Unique device identification



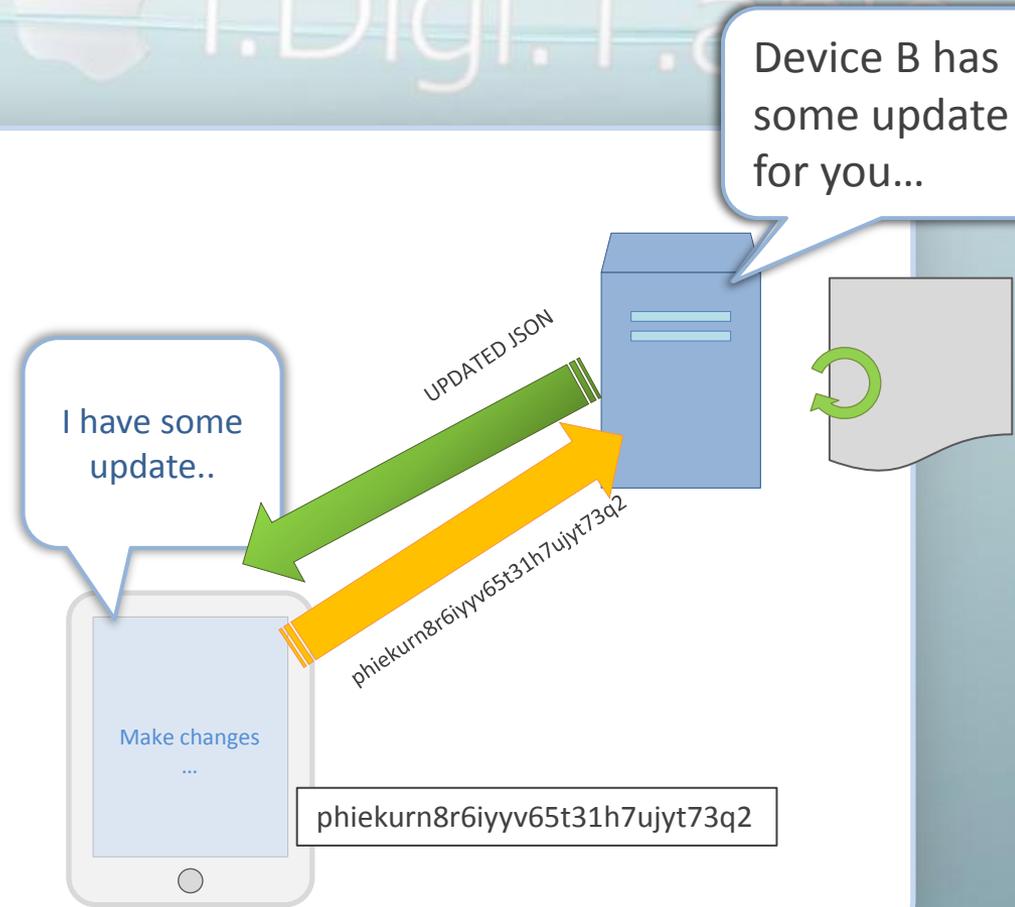
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Network

Connection protocol

Data update phase

- present token
- update information to server
- gets update from server

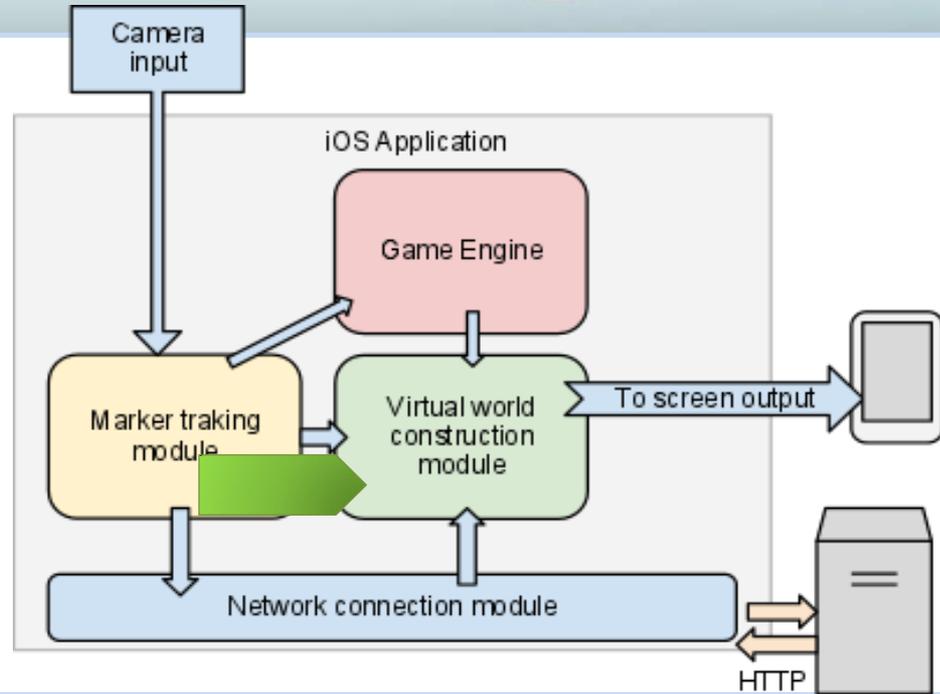


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Virtual world construction

Graphics and UI

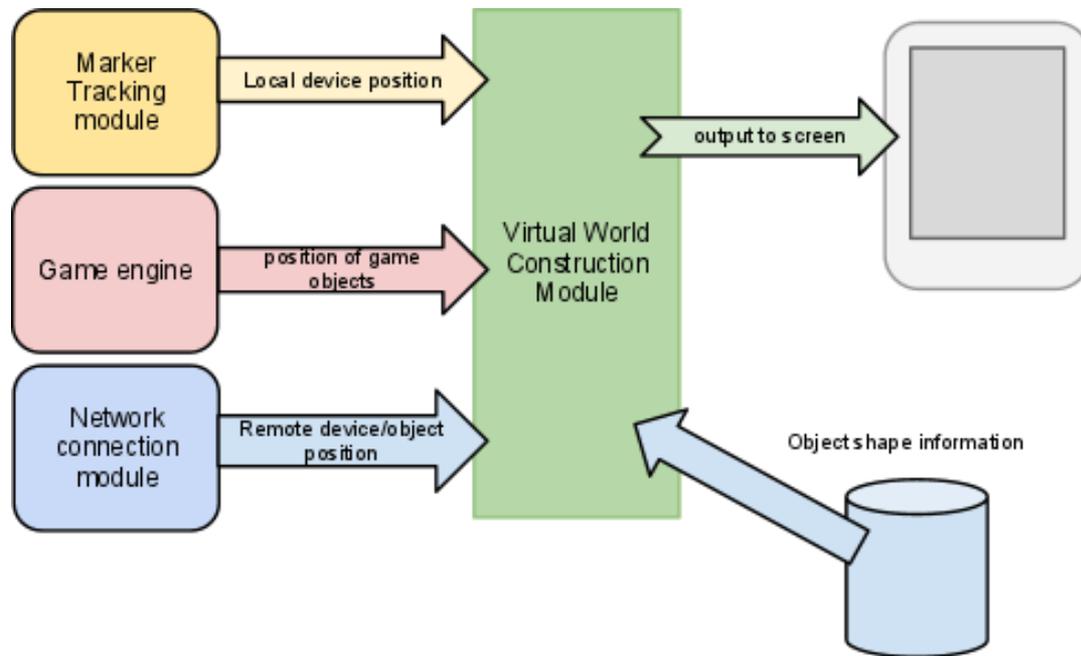
An important part to combine computer graphics and real scenes



OpenGL ES (OpenGL for Embedded Systems)

Light-weighted version of OPENGL on mobile devices

Virtual world construction

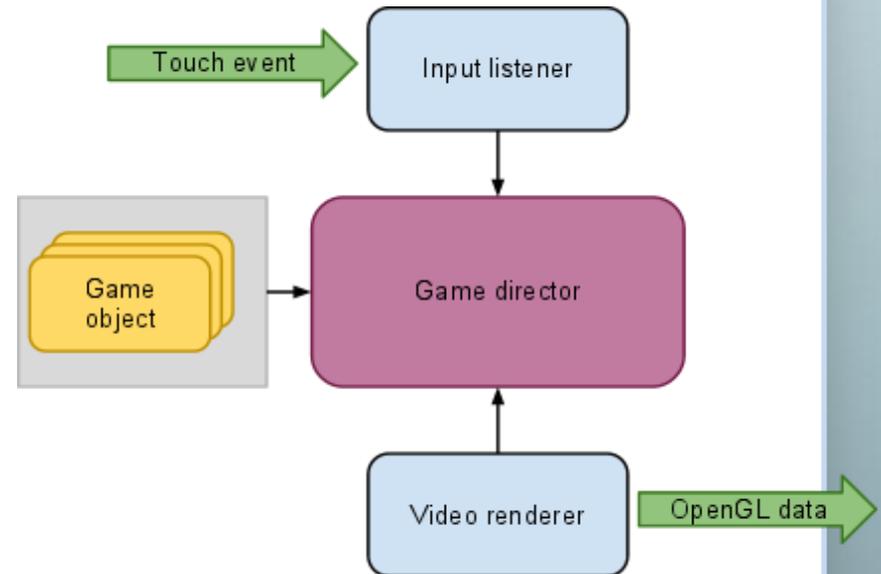


Game engine

What and how you can play...

- game logic part
- Rule defined
- dependent specified game

Overview

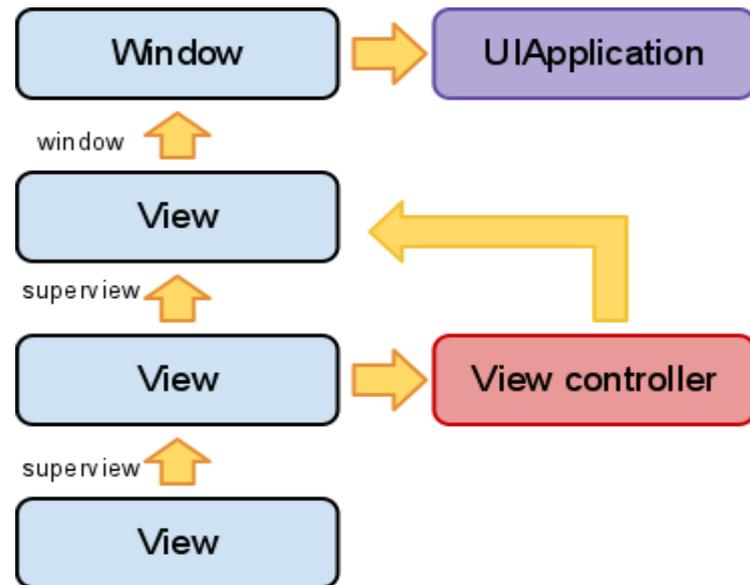


Game engine

Event

- first delivery to the base view
- then its inherited views

Example of responder chain



Experiment

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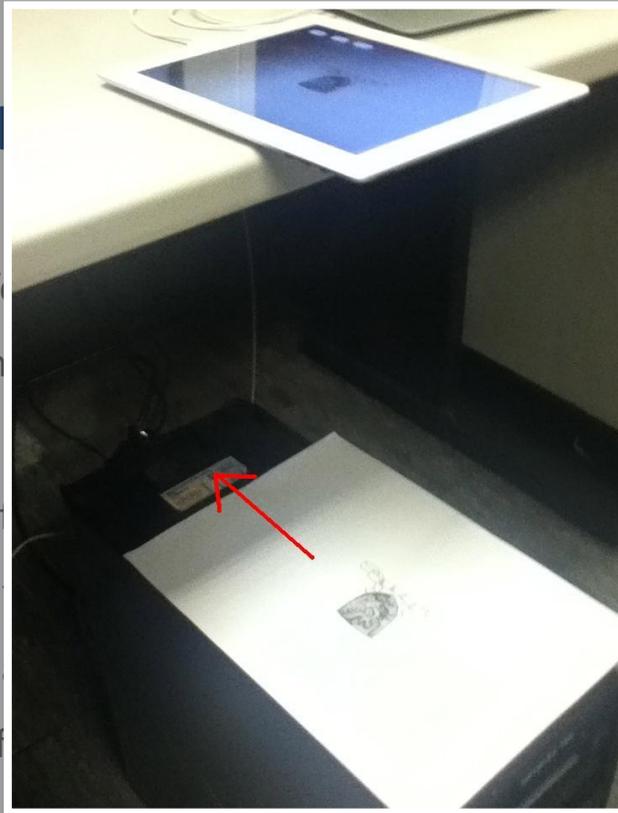
On Camera match

Objective

- investigate the effect of the number of features on the stability of camera motion

Set up

- Place a target at a distance of 10cm from the camera
- Application replay
- Observing the replay
- Test the stability of



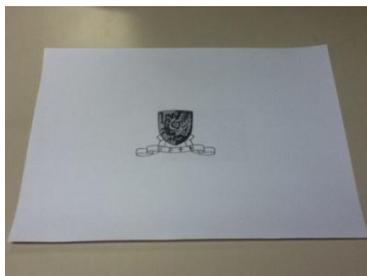
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ard steadily 10cm

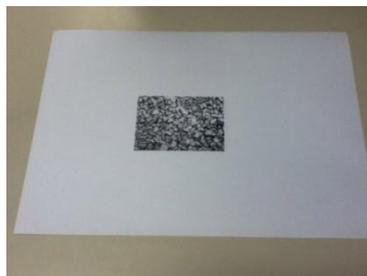
ng it as a 3D model

On Camera match-moving

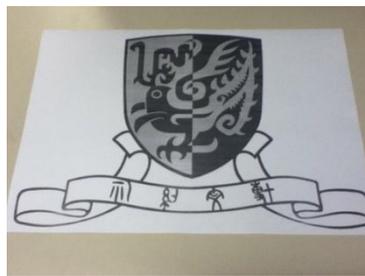
Control



Control A
(less feature and small size)



Control B
(more feature and small size)



Control C
(less feature and large size)

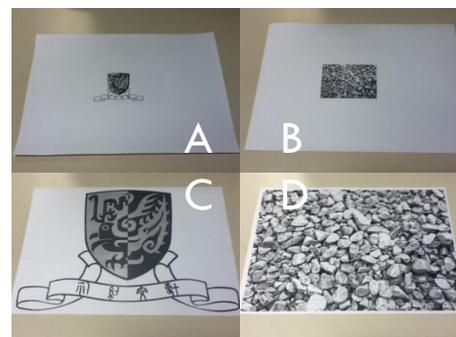


Control D
(more feature and large size)

On Camera match-moving

Results & evaluation

- all controls, the z value keeps constant
- A and B
 - x value changes regularly , but not constantly
 - y value oscillates
- C and D
 - x value change differences are constant and small
 - Y remains constant



On Camera match-moving

Conclusion

- A large marker gives more stable tracking
- marker size also outweighs that the number of features of the marker.

Other factors

- Movement of the iPad
- Camera Shake
 - Algorithm to minimize unnecessary effect

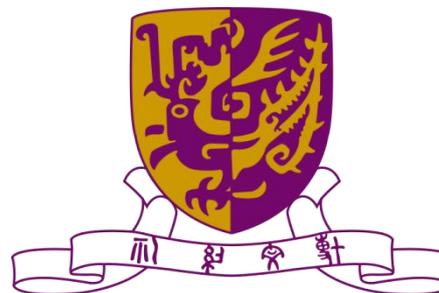
On Camera match-moving

Demo program

- Record the track of the movement
- Move the device

copy the tracked movement
DEMO

Target marker



Network part

Objective

- Test stability and performance

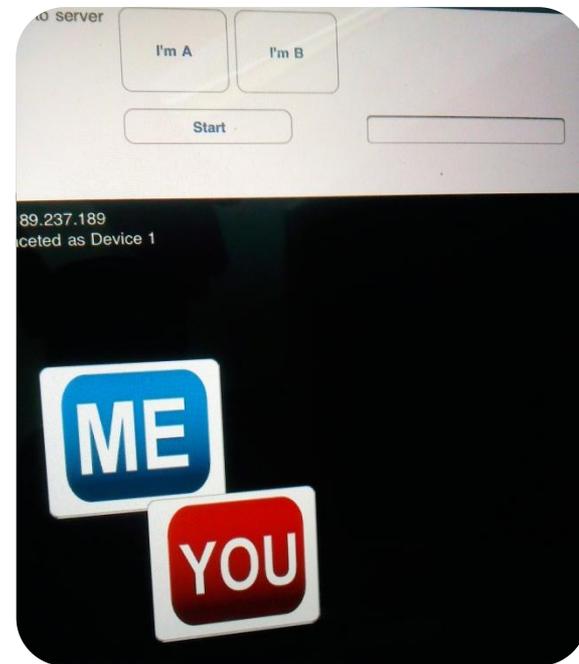
Set up

- 2 iPads
- app installed
- 2D movement only

Network part

Procedure

- Connect to server
- Moves **ME** label
- Observe performance of **YOU**
on another device



Experiment
EXPERIMENT



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Network part

DEMO

The game



A demo game

Criteria

- A game to demonstrate AR and network technique
 - Marker dependent
 - battle via network
- Should be simple and direct

The game

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A demo game

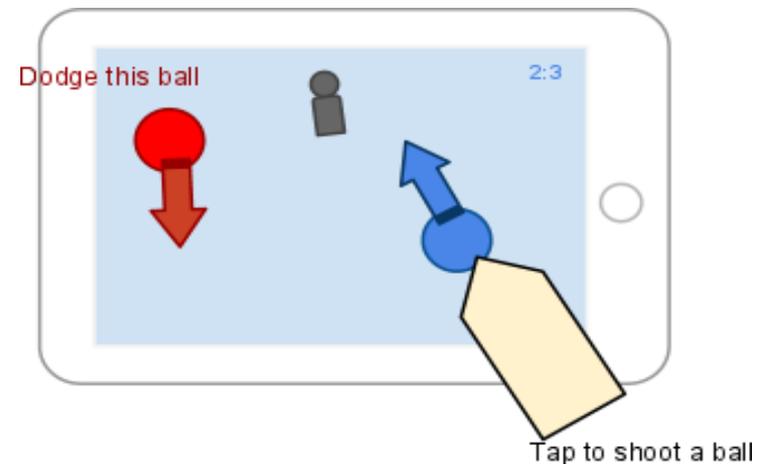
Dodge ball

- 2-player battle version

SETUP

- A marker on the wall
- 2 iPads with app installed
- Server ready

Game interface



The game

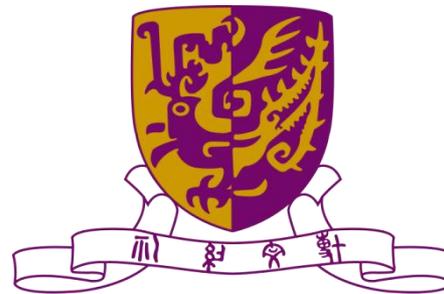


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A demo game

DEMO

Target marker



The game



Admin view on web interface

DEMO

The screenshot shows the "iDigiTable - Admin view" interface. At the top, there is a header bar with "View as Admin" and a "重設" (Reset) button. Below the header, there is a legend for "Device A" (red dot) and "Device B" (blue dot). A message box displays "[mouse:326, 203] (click to shoot a ball)". Below this, there is a log of device and event data:

```
device A: 2zn6b6dkw4wd29asckaaklnzx1wmq2io  
device B: jftd8rvlkkw6ocpkjt2u110aer3vmad  
device A: {"x":-100,"y":0,"z":0}  
device B: {"x":7.168862,"y":3.465482,"z":405.424988}  
event[A]:  
event[B]:
```

The main area of the interface features a large red sphere (Device A) and a smaller blue sphere (Device B) positioned on a light gray grid.

To summarize this semester ...

- We focused on tracking AR marker and analysis positional data
- QCAR SDK
- Network implementation
- A simple dodge ball game

Next goals

- Stabilized camera tracking
- Network Connection
- User Interface
- Assist with iPad accessories (GPS? Gyroscope? Ambient light sensor?)
- More on Game design and implementation (snooker? chat room?)
- Investigate possibility for more clients

Q&A Section



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Q & A

The end
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Thank you!
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