

Introduction move around in the virtual space.

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INTRODUCTION Naturally, virtual reality comes from both virtual and reality. Where word virtual means near and reality is what human's experience.

So the term virtual reality means near-reality this could of course, means anything but usually it refers to specific type of reality emulation. In technical terms it is straight forward. It used to describe to a three-dimensional computer generated environment which can be examined by a person. That person becomes a part of this virtual world. We know the world through our senses and perception. We have five senses taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing.

These are the obvious senses but the reality is that humans have many more senses that is, sense of balance. Our brains and sensory inputs ensure that we have a rich flow of information from the environment. Our entire experience of reality is simply a combination of sensory information and our brains sense making mechanism for that information.

1 Figure 1: Virtual Reality. HISTORY { Nowadays, the technologies in virtual reality based upon ideas back in 1800's. In 1838 the first stereoscope was invented, which has twin mirrors and it display a single image. In the mid 1980's Jaron Lanier, founder of VPL research, used this term virtual reality" begin to develop the gear, including goggles and gloves, for the experience what he called " virtual reality". Even before that, however, technologists were developing. One of the biggest milestone was the Sensorama in 1956. Morton Heilig's background was in the Hollywood motion picture industry.

He wanted to see how people could feel like they were in the movie. In this experience you " rode" through on a motorcycle and it is like a real city

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environment. Multisensory stimulation let you see the road, hear the engine, feel the vibration and smell the motor's exhaust in the designed "world."

In 1960 Heilig also worked on a head-mounted display device, called the Telesphere Mask.

By 1965, Ivan Sutherland, recommended "the Ultimate Display," a head-mounted device that he suggested would serve as a "window into a virtual world." } Figure 2: Key events in the evolution of virtual reality hardware devices. The 1970s and 1980s were a mind blowing time in the field. Optical advances ran parallel to projects that worked on haptic devices and other instruments that would allow you to move around in the virtual space. { In the mid-1980s at NASA Ames Research Centre, the Virtual Interface Environment Workstation (VIEW) system combined a head-mounted device with gloves to enable the haptic interaction. } { Current virtual reality pays a gratitude to the pioneering inventors of the past six decades who paved the way for the low-cost, high-quality devices which are easily accessible.

} TYPES OF VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) § WINDOW ON WORLD { This is also known as "Desktop VR". In this VR the user sees the 3-D world through the "window" of the computer screen and navigates through the space with a control device such as mouse. This provides a first-person experience as like immersive virtual reality does. } One low-cost example of a "Through the window" virtual reality system is the 3-D architectural design planning tool Virtus walkthrough that makes it possible to explore virtual reality on IBM computer. Developed as a computer visualization tool to help plan complex high-tech filmmaking for the movie. A similar, Virtus VR less expensive and

less sophisticated program that is starting to find use in elementary and secondary schools.

§ IMMERSIVE VR When we think of virtual reality, we usually think of immersive systems involving computer interface devices such as a head-mounted display (HMD), fiber-optic wired gloves, position tracking devices, and audio systems providing 3-D (binaural) sound. Immersive virtual reality provides an immediate, first-person experience. With some applications, there is a treadmill interface to simulate the experience of walking through virtual space. And in place of the head-mounted display, there is a Boom viewer from Fake Space Labs which hangs suspended in front of the viewer's face, not on it, so it is not as heavy and tiring to wear as the head-mounted display. In immersive VR, the user is placed inside the image: the generated image is assigned properties which make it look and act real in terms of visual perception and in some cases aural and tactile perception (Books, 1988; Tribitt, 1990; Begault, 1991; Minsky, 1991; Gehring, 1992). There is even research on creating virtual smells; an application to patent such a product has been submitted by researchers at the Southwest Research Institute (Varner, 1993).

§ TELEPRESENCE {Telepresence is exactly what it sounds like: tele, "at a distance", and presence, "being present".

The cyberspace concept is linked to the idea of telepresence, the feeling of being in a location other than where you actually are, related to this teleoperation means that you can control a robot or another device at a distance. These sensors are controlled and operated remotely by the user. Consider bomb disposal robots, undersea exploration, and drones as being

operated via telepresence VR.} § MIXED REALITY The last kind of Virtual Reality that we will be looking at is a Mixed Reality. This is where computer-generated inputs are brought together with the previously mentioned telepresence inputs or the user's view of the real world to create a valuable output.

This could be a fighter pilot's view of maps or key data points displayed inside his helmet, or a surgeon being able to view real-time patient information during a complex surgery while wearing an HMD.

2 TECHNOLOGIES OF VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) {Virtual Reality makes it possible to experience anything, anywhere, anytime. It is the most enchanting type of reality technology. The largest technology companies on planet earth are currently investing billions of dollars into virtual reality companies and startups. The future of virtual reality is set to be a pillar of our everyday lives.

3} Chart 1: 3-D View of Global VR Headset Shipments. YEARS SMARTPHONE-POWERED HEADSETS PC-POWERED HEADSETS GAME CONSOLE-POWERED HEADSETS
 2022 55 15 30 2021 45 15 20 2020 35 13 20 2019 25 11 15 2018 15 10 10 2017 5 2 3 2016 2 1 0

Table 1: Percentage showing Powered Headsets. APPLICATIONS OF VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) {Many people are familiar with this term "virtual reality" but they are un-assured about the uses of this technology.} Gaming is an obvious virtual reality application as are virtual worlds but there are a whole host of uses for virtual reality - some of which are more challenging or unusual. Chart 2: 3-D View of VR Patent Distribution based on Application. ONE OF THE MAIN APPLICATIONS OF VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) INCLUDES TRAINING SIMULATION § Virtual Reality in

Military{The military has been adopted the Virtual Reality. This includes all three services (army, navy and air force).

It is used for training purposes. This is useful for training soldiers for combat situations or other dangerous settings where they have to learn how to react in an appropriate manner.}A virtual reality simulation enables them to do so but without the risk of death or a serious injury.

They can re-enact a particular scenario, for example engagement with an enemy in an environment in which they experience this but without the real world risks. This has proven to be safer and less costly than

traditional training methods. Use of VR in Military§ Flight Simulation§

Medic training (battlefield)§ Virtual boot camp§

Vehicle Simulation¹<https://www.vrs.org.uk/virtual-reality/what-is-virtual-reality.html> ²<https://appeal-vr.com/blog/virtual-reality-and-its-kinds/>

³<http://www.realitytechnologies.com/virtual-reality>

⁴<https://www.vrs.org.uk/virtual-reality-applications/>