

VR4DT: Virtual Reality for Driving Test

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Abstract— In this paper the virtual reality augmented R.T.O. testing with an interactive virtual environment is presented. It was designed as a modular system that can convert a car using Google Cardboard to in virtual reality (VR) car. Novel hardware components embedded with sensors were implemented on stationary car to monitor driver performance while immersing them in a virtual reality driving simulator providing to driver with visual and hepatic feedback.

Keywords— Virtual Reality, Google Cardboard, Virtual Reality Driving Simulator, R.T.O Testing, Driver Performance

I. INTRODUCTION

We believe in a safer world. world with quality drivers, a world with less accidental death and for this we are implementing a virtual world or we can say virtual driving simulation. (1) This modular and adaptable system attaches to commercially-available stationary car systems and interfaces with a android phone for simulation and data acquisition processes. Parameters monitored by these systems are communicated to a driver interface screen and can be amplified before entering its virtual environment.

This simulation will help R.T.O to provide learning license for qualified people; we can simulate real life scenarios like how to get away with an accident which is not possible in traditional question answer test system. In this there will be different test cases like applicant follow the rules designed by R.T.O. for example if the speed limit is 30 km/hr then driver should not cross the speed limit and follow the traffic signal rules.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

A. Evolution of head mounted display(HMD)

Origins of the Google Cardboard are traced back to when David Coz and Damien Henry (5) at the Google Cultural Institute in Paris built a cardboard Smartphone housing to prototype VR experiences. In 1968 American Computer Scientist Ivan Sutherland at the University of Utah, with the help of his student Bob Sproull, (3) invented the first virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) head mounted display system.

Sutherland head mounted display (HMD) was so heavy that it had to be suspended from the ceiling and the awesome appearance of device inspired its name-sword of Damocles. (3) The system was primary both in terms of user. Interface and graphics comprising the virtual environment were simple wireframe rooms. One of the first commercially available HMDs was the Forte VFX-1 which was announced at CES in 1994. The VFX-1 had stereoscopic display, 3 - axis head – tracking and stereo headphones.

Another inventor in this field was Sony who released the Glasstorn in 1997, which has an optional sensor which permitted the user to view the surrounding with respect to the head movement, providing a deep sense of immersion. Sony has released the personal 3D Viewer (or HMZ-T1), a complete surround – sound headset for 3D gaming and movies.

Now a day's many brands of video glasses can now be connected to video and DSLR cameras, making them applicable as a new age monitor. As a result of glasses ability to block out available light so that filmmakers and photographers are able to see clearer presentation of their live images. The Oculus Rift and Google cardboard is an upcoming virtual reality (VR) head mounted display as both comparison Google cardboard is cheaper than the Oculus Rift HMD.



Fig 1. Oculus Rift



Fig 2. Google Cardboard

B. Existing system of driving simulation

History of driving simulation has been motivated by general advancement of technology, related to various systems terms containing visual, auditory and interoception feedback and the equation of motion or vehicle dynamics that translate driver control action into vehicle motion.(1) The first prototype of the system was successful in demonstrating that a modular mechanical kit can monitor and record performance of cycle riders.(2) At present, a driving test is conducted in a fairly preferably environment provided by R.T.O on their premises during daytime where the candidate doesn't face the real-life difficulty of driving and last few years 2D Driving simulator working in which driver seat in front of the T.V or display interface and with steering wheel, clutch, gear box, breaks etc. and driver start

driving while video playing in T.V and according to driver moves like right turn or left turn using steering wheel or apply the brakes to stop so that the car in the video also response accordingly.



Fig 3. 2D Driving Simulator

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

A. Implementation of virtual reality application in driving

Testing simulator for R.T.O

In due time to apply for R.T.O learning licence we had to give an online examination. We plan to replace the online test with a virtual driving test. in which the test cases will be similar to the question and will be more of life. For an example if the speed limit given 30 km/hr and the driver breaks the speed he fails at that point. Our application will be a summation of such test cases which will automatically generate result if learning licence.



Fig 4. Driving Simulator using Google Cardboard (VR)

B. Following steps need to be followed

Step 1:- R.T.O will provide driving kit such as steering wheel, Clutch, breaks, gear box, accelerator, seat belt and head mounted display in which he can see the tracks virtually.

Step 2:- In this step, user starts driving virtual simulator of environment according to rules given by R.T.O.

Step3:- Now the test begins in which software checks if user is following the rules or not. Example: - If driver crosses the speed limit, breaking signal rules and handling steering wheel properly.

Step 4:- So that user will feel he is driving real car and also he can get feel of surrounding virtual environment.

C. SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

1. Unity (game engine)
2. Android sdk
3. Java utility

In driving simulator above software's are required, i.e. unity game engine for creating 3D environment .Unity is a cross-platform game engine developed by Unity Technologies and used to develop video games for PC, consoles, mobile devices and websites. Unity support different platform include Blackberry 10, Windows, Android .First announced only for OS X, at Apple's Worldwide Developer Conference in 2005, it has been extended to target more than fifteen platforms. It is now default software development kit (SDK).



Fig 5.Unity (game engine)

Using unity game engine we have to develop a android app in that 3D video of driving track includes different test cases which follow rules designed by R.T.O.

From the above fig.5 there is two images one left frame and another right frame then both images merge into one frame after wearing the head mounted display i.e. Google Cardboard (VR).

C. HARDWARE REQUIREMENT

1. Google Cardboard
2. Smart Phone (Sensor such as gyroscope, accelerometer)
3. Headphone to feel sounds
4. Driving kit

1. GOOGLE CARDBOARD

Google Cardboard is a simple head mounted display (5). It is fold-out cardboard when combined with lenses and you must get two lenses that have a 40mm focal distance

Google recommended Biconvex lenses because they prevent distortion around the edges.



Fig 6. Google Cardboard

Google Cardboard include magnet, NFC tag. Once you have the Android App installed on your NFC-enabled mobile device, touch the front or back of your device to the sticker then it should launch the android app so that you don't have to launch it manually! All that's left before experiencing VR is to insert your mobile device into your Cardboard VR headset and a rubber band and held against the face, affords a virtual reality experience. A Smartphone with android app fits into Google Cardboard and the lenses allow a person to receive left and right images as a single three-dimensional image. Essentially, the assembly works by presenting two slightly different images, one to each eye. This is achieved by the application on your smart phone the screen in two and a strategically placed piece of card inside the viewer dissects the two images. Because each of your eyes is looking at a slightly dissimilar image, with the rest of your view blocked out so it creates an immersive 3D environment. The Google Cardboard project aims at developing inexpensive virtual reality (VR) tool to allow everyone to enjoy VR in a simple natural way. The Cardboard SDK for android helps to developers familiar to OpenGL so that they quickly start creating VR applications.



Fig 7. Magnet in Google Cardboard

As you can-not reach the screen of your Smartphone when it is inside the Google Cardboard, you need some way of selecting and using some functions to operate the applications. This is where the magnets come in inside there is a clever device known as a magnetometer which sense the changes in magnetic fields. In is this device, working

with the two magnets that allow you to perform some important functions when your phone is secured inside the Google Cardboard. There is one disc magnet placed with adhesive and on the outside, there is a second magnet that sits inside a groove in the cardboard, placed by the magnetic attraction to the magnet on the inside and outside magnet is countersunk on one side so that it's very easy to slide it down with your finger and released so that spring back up to its original position. This movement changes the magnetic field created by the two magnets so that the phone understands like the flick of a switch. The function of the magnet, switch differs from application to application. The magnet on the Google Cardboard slides and after that automatically slips back into a place because of another magnet on opposite side. Your smart phone is able to sense the magnet's movements using its magnetic sensor which allowing it to act as a clever little button.

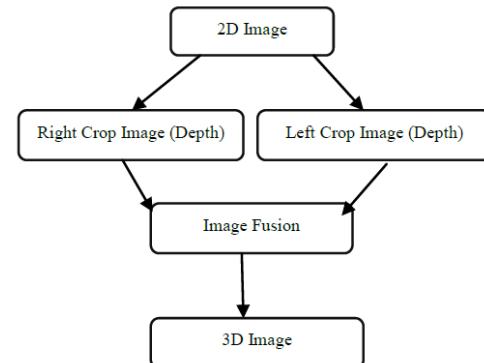


Fig 8. 2D to 3D image conversion

From the above fig 8. We can see that the basic (4) algorithm of 2D to 3D image conversion in which 2D image as input file then it will be cropped as right crop and left crop after that these two images fused together to achieve 3D image.

2. SMART PHONE

Smart phone which include android app so that we can placed inside the Google Cardboard i.e. head mounted display. Smartphone contain sensor, gyroscope, and accelerometer so that when driver moves head to right turn or left turn then gyroscope detect head movement and shows surrounding environment.

3. HEADPHONE

Headphone is required feel sound effect which connected to the Smartphone

4. DRIVING KIT

Driving kit includes steering wheel, breaks, and clutch gear box, accelerator connected to Smartphone .when driver starts driving by wearing head mounted display i.e. Google Cardboard (VR) so it feels that he is actually driving the real car.

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper the virtual reality driving kit is a system with an interactive Virtual environment and hardware inputs. It will change the way to give test for driving license. It will certainly improve the quality of driver.

In reality, the driver has to drive the vehicle in heavy traffic at night and in the rain. Thus, it is important to test their driving capabilities and skills in such environment the driving simulator would create such an environment and challenge the driver. The simulator is created to give a feeling of driving and it projects different environments and difficulties. This initiative is aimed to give skilled drivers who can respond in a better way after getting their licences. This would also ensure the security of drivers and reduce accidents by ill-prepared drivers.

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