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A CLASSIFICATION SCHEMA FOR DESIGNING AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCES

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ABSTRACT

Aim/Purpose Designing augmented reality (AR) experiences for education, health or entertainment involves multidisciplinary teams making design decisions across several areas. The goal of this paper is to present a classification schema that describes the design choices when constructing an AR interactive experience. Background Existing extended reality schema often focuses on single dimensions of an AR experience, with limited attention to design choices. These schemata, combined with an analysis of a diverse range of AR applications, form the basis for the schema synthesized in this paper. Methodology An extensive literature review and scoring of existing classifications were completed to enable a definition of seven design dimensions. To validate the design dimensions, the literature was mapped to the seven-design choice to represent opportunities when designing AR iterative experiences. Contribution The classification scheme of seven dimensions can be applied to communicating design considerations and alternative design scenarios where teams of domain specialists need to collaborate to build AR experiences for a defined purpose. **Findings** The dimensions of nature of reality, location (setting), feedback, objects, concepts explored, participant presence and interactive agency, and style describe features common to most AR experiences. Classification within each dimension facilitates ideation for novel experiences and proximity to neighbours recommends feasible implementation strategies.

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Designing Augmented Reality Experiences

Recommendations To support professionals, this paper presents a comprehensive classification for Practitioners schema and design rationale for AR. When designing an AR experience, the

schema serves as a design template and is intended to ensure comprehensive

discussion and decision making across the spectrum of design choices.

Recommendations The classification schema presents a standardized and complete framework for Researchers for the review of literature and AR applications that other researchers will

benefit from to more readily identify relevant related work.

Impact on Society The potential of AR has not been fully realized. The classification scheme

presented in this paper provides opportunities to deliberately design and eval-

uate novel forms of AR experience.

Future Research The classification schema can be extended to include explicit support for the

design of virtual and extended reality applications.

Keywords augmented reality, interactive experiences, design rationale, classification

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