Augmented Reality

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How will augmented reality be useful in the future? To answer this question, I'd actually like to use one of my favorite webcomics as reference. The webcomic is called Space Boy and takes place in a slightly futuristic world. One of the noticeable differences is that augmented reality has been deeply ingrained into the everyday lives of the people in this world. Instead of phones or tablets, the people use technologically advanced glasses as their main technology. The glasses act as an effective way to use augmented reality to overlay their world with useful digital effects.

One example of the use of augmented reality is, at one point in the story, the main character activates her gps while walking, and in front of her appeared arrows on the ground pointing her in the right way. Another example is, a popular feature among students in the story is using augmented reality to alter their appearances, adding digital horns, tails, wings, tattoos, sparkles, etc, to their person. There's also plenty of augmented video games, such as one that the main character plays that allows you to have a virtual pet.

In conclusion, while none of these concepts are particularly groundbreaking, they have yet to reach their full potential in our world. I definitely believe augmented reality could realistically be used in our future in every day useful ways such as represented in the story, it's not a big stretch at all to see that becoming the next technological step in our world.