VRML

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What is Virtual Reality?

High-end <u>user-computer interface</u> that <u>involves real-time simulation</u> & <u>interaction</u> through multiple <u>sensorial channels</u>

Eg. sensorial channels:

Vision, Sound, Touch



Virtual Reality



Technology that <u>allows user to Interact</u> with <u>computer simulated environment</u>





Virtual Environment

 Simulated by computer which <u>tries to</u> <u>imitate real thing</u>

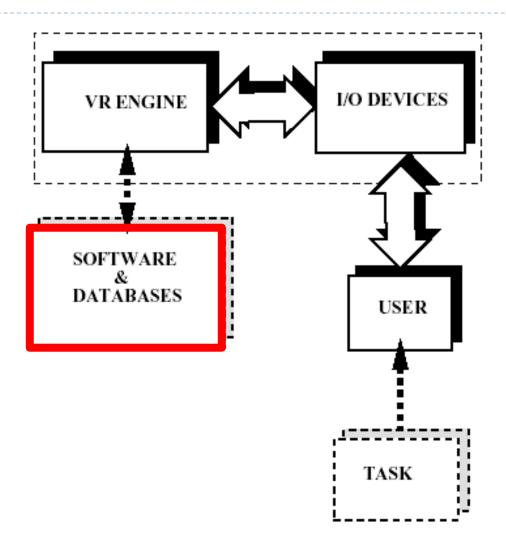
Interaction can vary from <u>looking around</u> to <u>interactively modifying</u> the world





Virtual Environment

5 classical components of VRS





VRML Plug-in & Browser Detector

Cortona3D



Virtual Reality Modeling Language

- Open standard tool
- Text based "Scene Description Language"
- Displays 3-D objects on WWW
- ▶ 3-D equivalent of HTML
- Produces 3-D space that appears on display screen
- User can figuratively move within space
- Can be detected by various web browsers



Virtual Reality Modeling Language

Case Sensitive

.wrl file extension

▶ VRML header is main component

- Typical structure consists of:
 - VRML header
 - Comments
 - Nodes



Typical Structure VRML File

VRML header:

- #VRML V2.0 utf8
- ▶ (Universal character set Transform Format)

Comment:

this is a Comment

Nodes:

- Node type {}
- ▶ Shapes, Transformations, Lights, Materials, Timers, etc.



Links

▶ To Download Cortona3D:

http://www.cortona3d.com/

For VRML Demos: http://cs.iupui.edu/~aharris/webDesign/vrml/



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