

A </Global Hackathon> challenging you to enhance the digital cricket fan experience





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Problem Statement : Fans to experience any ball in the history of the game in VR







Idea in Brief:

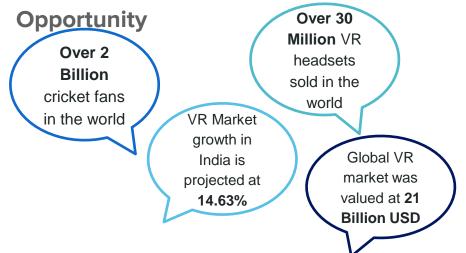
We are creating SmartBatter; a VR batting experience, where fans can select their most treasured occasions in the history of cricket such as Shane Warne's Ball Of The Century, Lasith Malinga's 4 in 4 or Murali's unpickable Doosra and experience it first hand as a batsman in their living room. Successful completion will grant SmartBatter credit to the users. This SmartBatter credit can be used to purchase tickets to the ICC events, ICC merchandise and unlock other scenarios in the app.

For the prototype level these scenarios will be handpicked and made available.









The only way for a cricket fan to engage and experience the same delivery that is bowled at the centre wicket is through video analysis and replay. We go a step further by replicating and modelling the same delivery in the VR.

This is not just a video, but a **real time simulation** of the scenario. Cricket fans can put themselves in the position of a professional batsman and play the deadly in swinging Yorkers. Successfully completing these challenges will give users access to tickets to ICC events and other ICC merchandise. This then closes the loop on fan engagement and ties it back to ICC event promotion and sales.

Future Vision

A cricket fan's world where you can play any ball in the history of the game in your living room.

A cricket fan's world where you can live stream the deliveries of a live cricket game from anywhere in the world and play as a batsman. (Replication and modelling Hawkeye Trajectory data real-time in the SmartBatter cricket simulator)

https://www.grandviewresearch.com/industry-analysis/virtual-reality-vr-market

https://www.statista.com/outlook/amo/ar-vr/india#:~:text=Revenue%20in%20the%20AR%20%26%20VR,US%24211. 30m%20in%202023.





SmartBatter Features

Challenge Mode

- Scenario Selection
 - Shane Warne's ball of the century https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwVR28XbZx8
 - Brett Lee's Hattrick in World Cup 2003 against Kenya https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BV4mcit0xqQ
 - Murali's unplayable Doosra https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdzpcKCv7Ow
 - James Anderson 10 /45 at Headingly against Sri Lanka
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1SWRq6YVNs
- Once each scenario is completed the actual footage of the video will be played within VR for the user to compare his skills and abilities.
- When the user completes the above challenges, they will receive SmartBatter credit where they can unlock other scenarios which are unavailable by default.
- The credit can also be used to purchase other items such as Tickets to ICC Events, ICC merchandise Caps, T-shirt
 Team Jersevs etc.









Business Logic of the solution:

- SmartBatter is a VR App launched on the Oculus Quest Headset
- The Left Controller is attached to a bat (any cricket bat)
- When the user launches the app:
 - The user is directed to a home screen
 - In the Home Screen, user can select the following:
 - Play unlocked scenarios by default
 - Chase a competitive score for T10 / T20
- If SmartBatter credit is gained the user can unlock new scenarios



Real-Time Side by Side Comparison

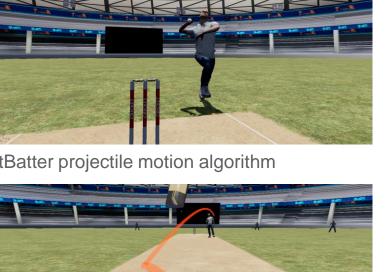






Business Logic of the solution (Cont.):

- Challenge Mode
 - Generic bowler model asset with generic animations
 - Runs in and bowls the delivery(ies)
 - These deliveries are modelled according to the SmartBatter projectile motion algorithm
 - The algorithm considers the following:
 - Pace, Swing, Line, Length, Magnus
 - Bounce
 - Friction of the surface
 - Fielding for each delivery is Al driven







Business Logic of the solution (Cont.):

Challenge Mode

 Deliveries for the challenge mode are constructed for simulation through video analysis and iterative testing through the SmartBatter projectile motion algorithm which is specific to simulate the trajectory of a delivery.

- Future Vision

- The future vision for the historical data simulation is to integrate with Hawkeye Ball Trajectory data to the SmartBatter projectile motion algorithm. This way we can eliminate the iterative testing of the simulation of historical data.
- We propose that every cricketing event should have a SmartBatter demo location (MCG, SCG, Lords, Eden Gardens, Wankhede Stadium), where fans can engage and face their favourite bowler.





Technology used:

Unreal Engine - is used to complete the logic development and the integration through to the Oculus Quest Headset. Unreal Engine is a game development engine which supports game development and simulation behavior development.

Android Development Environment- Is used to pack the files as a deployable version to the Oculus Quest Headset. The Quest headset is Android based.

Blender will be used to do any asset modification needs during the development of the game assets

Photoshop will be used to reskin and add artwork to the game environment

The Oculus Quest controller will be used as the tracker for the bat.











Prototype Updates:

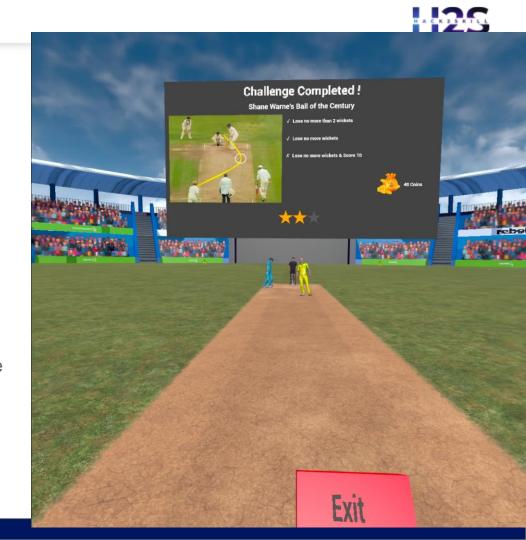
- Challenges are built into the dashboard
- Every Challenge is locked and can be unlocked by SmartBatter coins
- These challenges are based on real scenarios and modelled based on the video analysis of each scenario.
- The trajectory of each delivery in the scenario is modelled interfaced with our Trajectory Calculation Algorithm.





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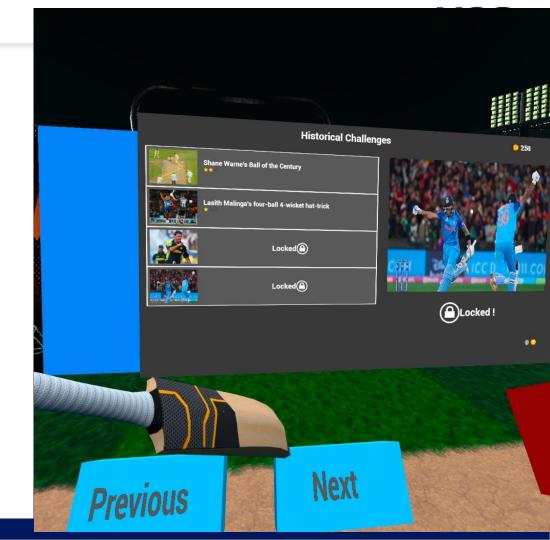
- Challenge completion is evaluated under many parameters
- Shane Warnes ball of the century is evaluated based on whether the user
- 1. Loses no more than 2 wickets
- 2. Loses no more wickets and score 10 runs
- Meeting this guidelines will provide the user the capability of winning more SmartBatter coins.





Prototype Updates:

- At the end of the challenge the users can see the rating of their performance by the number of stars.
- When the user completes the challenge, they will be awarded points based on their performance, and success of the challenge completion
- This will be the earning which the user can utilize to unlock other scenarios or purchase ICC Event Tickets
- The users can play one scenario many times to gain more SmartBatter coins.









SmartBatter Simulator Modules

Stand Alone Simulator APP

 Stand Alone app will be used by users at leisure like a VR Cricket Game to play any scenario in the history of the game

Mobile Simulator

 These can be stationed at ICC events, Fan Areas for fans to use and be more engaged with the sport.
 Immerse themselves in the situation as the Pro's.

Static Simulator

 Stationed at all major Cricket Stadiums and can be booked for a session. Different scenarios can be ticketed at different prices based on importance and appeal.







SmartBatter Revenue Model

Stand Alone Simulator APP

- The App is free to use
- There will be scenarios which are unlocked by default
- As the user plays the scenarios, they have the capability of unlocking the scenarios, bats, digital collectibles, Tickets for the ICC events and other cricketing events.
- SmartBatter will run ads after each over of the scenario which will be the revenue.
- From this ad revenue SmartBatter will pay ICC for the tickets.
- When the user successfully completes a scenario, then we would prompt the user to buy a digital collectible of the scenario which will donate 50% of it to the nations which are building the sport, and we would get the professional player pertaining to the scenario to sign some merchandise to be sent off to the user.
- The scenarios and other accessories such as bats, jersies for the avatars, and stadiums such as MCG, SCG or Lords can be purchased.







SmartBatter Revenue Model

Mobile Simulator

- The Simulator is purchased at a subscription for ICC events or any other Cricket Event; ie: Ashes
- Selected scenarios will be running
- If there are added scenarios needed, ICC or the Sporting event coordinating stakeholder will pay for the scenario development.
- Fans at the venues can experience some live, immersed action on the simulator.
- This will create positive PR and more immersed fan engagement for the sport.









SmartBatter Revenue Model

Static Simulator

- The simulator will be stationed at major cricket grounds such as MCG, SCG, and Lords
- The venue will pay a subscription fee to SmartBatter for being available at the venue. This means that the venue needs to do the marketing for the simulator.
- Public can book for a session at the Cricket Simulator similar to the major cricket grounds tours.
- The users can select which scenario they need from a selected set of scenarios and get immersed in the history of cricket.







Estimated cost of/after implementing the solution :

Cost for the Future Vision

Task / Action	Cost of Implementation
Game Design, Development and Integration Efforts for 20 Selected scenarios (Generic Animations)	10,000 USD
Specific Animations (per bowler)	2000 USD
Each Additional Scenario (Minimum 6 Deliveries)	1000 USD
Hawkeye Data retrieval, analysis, and smoothing	Royalties 10% or Equivalent (Estimated)



Thank you



