# **Thoughtless Acts**

Fulton Suri & IDEO (2000)

All those intuitive ways we adapt, exploit, and react to things in our environment; things we do without really thinking.









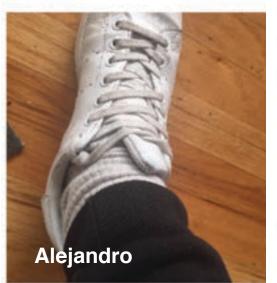




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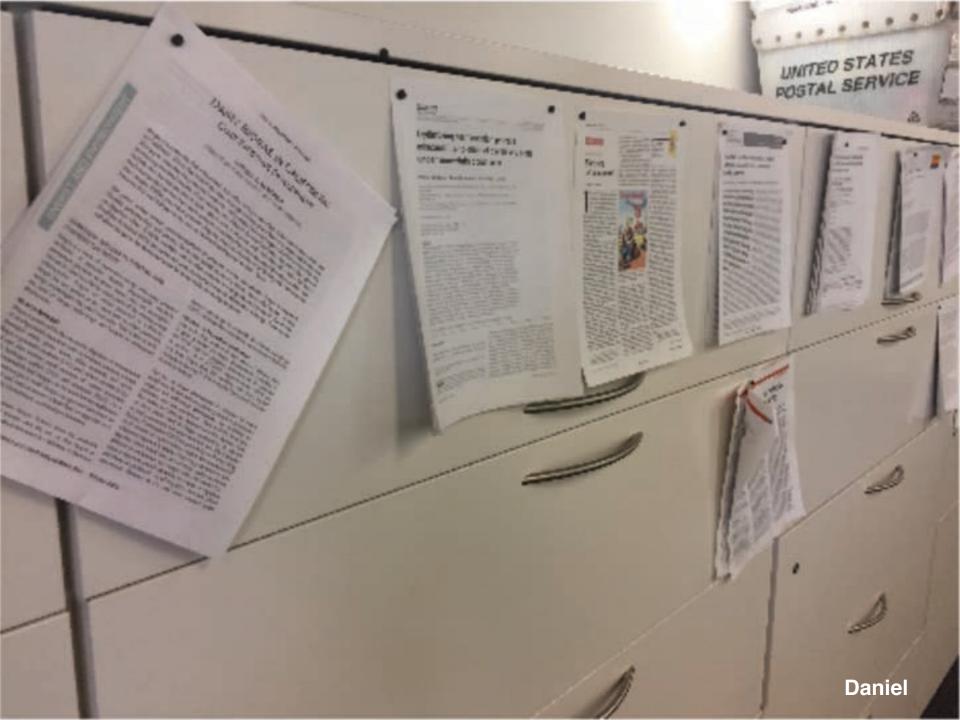
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# **Inviting Curiosity**

"The key is looking carefully at what people actually do in various situations and asking ourselves questions to explain what we see: Why has someone placed this object here? What are those people doing and why are they grouped like that? Why is it that people apparently avoid being here? Curiosity will reveal **meaning behind these**nonspectacular interactions that take place around us all the time."

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# **Opportunities for Design**

Everywhere we look there is evidence of people's creativity in reinterpreting and adapting things, improvising solutions to make up for something that's missing or poorly designed. We should look for patterns that point to a universal need. When we dig deep enough, behavior that might at first seem arbitrary, surprising, or idiosyncratic, usually has an insightful explanation.

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## **Final Project**

You may expand your midterm project, or take a new approach. You may continue to work as a group (max 3 members) or as an individual. If you work in a group, be clear about each member's role in the project.

- An interactive prototype to be exhibited at the final course exhibition on Dec 4th and Dec 6th. Your prototype is to demonstrate your original idea for a Tangible User Interface to manipulate digital information, and
- A write-up due Dec 15th, 2016 in the ACM HCI Archive Format (4-6pgs) https://chi2018.acm.org/submission-formats.html

# **Next Steps for Your Final Project**

### 11/2 Thursday

Post your final project proposal on the course website. Create a list of materials you need. (we may be able to help)

### 11/13 & 11/16

In-class final project progress report and critique.

#### 12/4 & 12/6

Final project exhibition. Present your prototype.

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# week 10 -----

# **VR** and **Mixed** Reality

# What is VR good for?

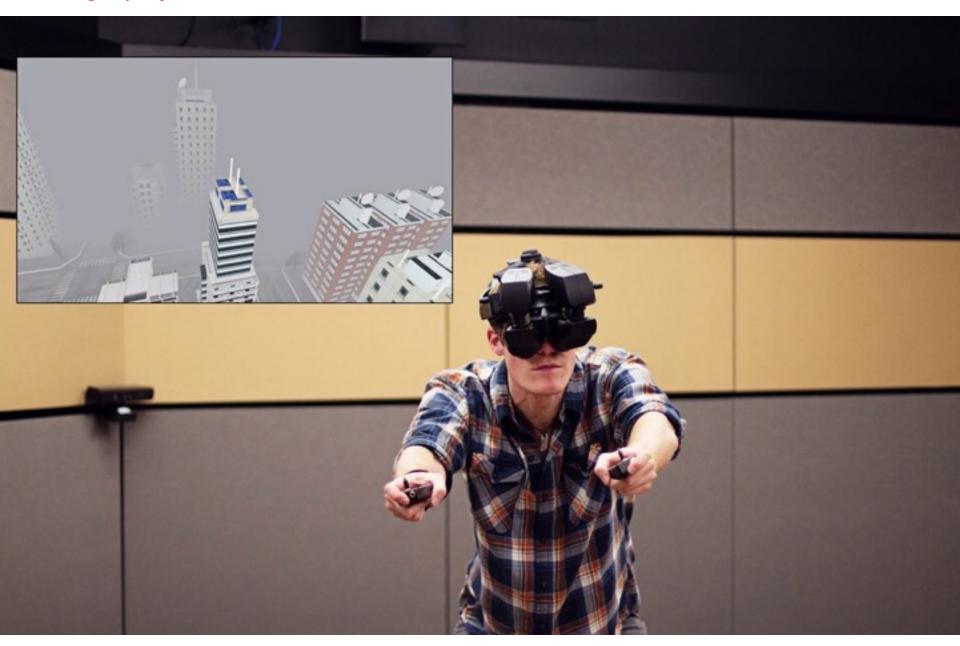
- What were some of the surprisingly positive (or negative) experiences you had in VR?
- How might you enhance / modify it?
- Immersive? What is the difference between the experience in VR and the ultra high definition TV (or a big movie theater like IMAX)?
- Mixed reality vs. VR







### **Teaching Empathy with VR**



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  - Ambient media on the floor, walls, etc.?



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### **Group Design Exercise**

In the next 15 minutes, as a group:

- Pick a domain/context where you think VR might be uniquely suited for. Describe why VR would be good for this particular context.
- Pick one (or two) input/output space(s), e.g., shared output screens (floors & walls), head-mounted display, controllers, etc.
- Explore design opportunities to mix the interactions in VR and the physical space. For example, consider:
  - Interaction between multiple co-present users,
  - How might each medium, virtual and physical, uniquely contribute to the activity in the chosen domain?
  - Sketch your ideas on the white board.
- Present your design idea.
   (3 minutes for each group's presentation)

# Thanks and Q&A