

## Furnishing Frustrations

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Imagine you're moving into a new home. All the rooms are empty and you can feel potential lining the walls. With so many choices to make regarding your move and countless options for you to choose from. Even simple tasks such as choosing the style of couch you want in your living room, can seem daunting. Therefore furniture stores and distributors created an app for common household users to see what furniture would look like in their space.



Above is a screenshot taken from the "IKEA Place" app from the app store. Despite how it may look, this couch and lamp are virtual pieces of furniture layered on top of the physical room. This is an example of a productive use for augmented reality.



On the left are two examples of less productive, but still interesting uses for the Ikea Place app and this type of augmented reality app in general.

In the future I can see a much larger scale technology being used to create entire buildings and architecture. As technology advances over the years, augmented reality is rising higher and higher in demand. It could even become an industry standard tool for engineers to be using. Replacing existing software such as AutoCAD which would then be obsolete.

