



5 QUICK FACTS & THOUGHTS IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER ABOUT THE WILD WEST OF VIRTUAL REALITY IN GAME DESIGN!

OR:

HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING & LOVE VIRTUAL REALITY

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How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Virtual Reality

- Proud owner of DK2 (clearly not a true believer)
- Studying usability in VR for a year.
- Sharing 1:1 discussions with frontrunners in VR
- VR design prototyping at LKF Labs

1. **VR IS revolutionary.**

- New way to Create and Consume content.
- Untapped industry with 2016E = 1MM Users.
- 50 HMD's on the market right now. Mobile is a gateway.

2. **VR IS unsure.**

- Relies on support of Early Adopters.
 - ◆ Young Adults!
- Mass Consumer ignorant of potential.
 - ◆ Primary concerns over cost / equipment.



Reasons why I won't buy a HMD...

	1.5m	2m	2.5m	3m	3.5m	4m
2m	81%	65%				
2.5m	62%	52%	28%			
3m	33%	30%	20%	9%		
3.5m	14%	13%	10%	6%	2%	
4m	5%	5%	4%	3%	1%	0.4%

Users “Room-Scale” Dimensions

3.

VR IS uncomfortable.

- Never EVER:
 - ◆ ...manipulate scales, movement, and motion.
- Accommodate players
 - ◆ Always keep rendered controls / hands in the scenes.
 - ◆ Don't force to act out uncomfortable scenarios.

4.

VR IS constrained.

- Traditional concepts can't adapt (right now)
 - ◆ UI / Modelling don't transfer from "2D" well.
 - ◆ VR is "volumetric"
- Users are lazy / afraid - let them be!
 - ◆ Accessibility is the keystone again.

5.

VR IS emotional.

- Embrace the new methods of untethered controls.
 - ◆ More direct manipulation - previously interactions “2D”.
- Emote other players around you AND yourself.
 - ◆ Players read other’s movements - powerful



Summary.

VR IS _____.

1. **Revolutionary** - a new market to make a name!
2. **Unsure** - not profitable for a while...damn.
3. **Uncomfortable** - which is the biggest issue.
4. **Constrained** - but these have opportunities.
5. **Emotional** - New ways of expressing.