## About me

And my AR project



#### Introduction

You will get to know me a bit better



#### Academic experience

Awards and achievements while studying



#### **Vuforia Project**

In-depth analysis of my AR dissertation project

#### Game engine dev.

Creating a pool game with custom graphics and physics

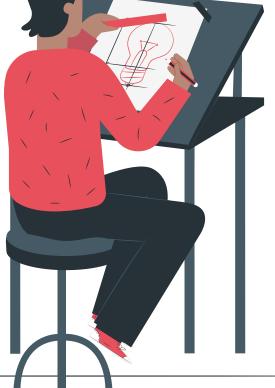


#### I'm Constantine

BSc in Games Technology
 Graduated: Nov 2019

BSc in Economics
 Graduated: Nov 2018







Do I finish my studies in a year, or do I start studying another subject and complete both in parallel?

—My dilemma



## Final year field exploring!



Global Game Jam

Best Game Best Lighting



Debugging

1st class on my final exam Debug events



Coventry Game Jam

Top 3 position for the developed game

## Developed skills

#### Soft Skills

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Time management



#### **Hard Skills**

- C++,C#
- Git collab
- Game engines

## Further development

#### German language

Improving my German

#### **SLAM Algorithms**

Reading literature about SLAM







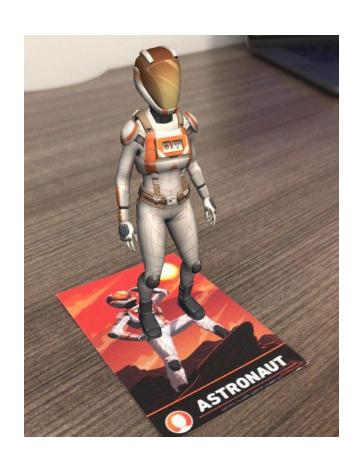
## Vuforia vs ARCore

My dissertation project

# Watching AR applications for the first time

At this moment I knew I wanted to learn more about AR





## Integrating AR into my studies

Researching AR and deciding my Dissertation project

#### Dissertation Timeline

Literature research and finalising the content

Complete
development and
performance
documentation

January February March April

Decide the project and get ethics approval

Application development

## **Project Evolution**



#### HoloLens AR Game

-Initial idea to develop a game on HoloLens



#### Limitations

- -Project lacked research question
- -Considering available resources



## Android AR SDK comparison

-Research question requirement fulfilled -Android device available

## Finalising the project content



#### **Choosing SDKs**

Vuforia and ARCore Most documentation and tutorials

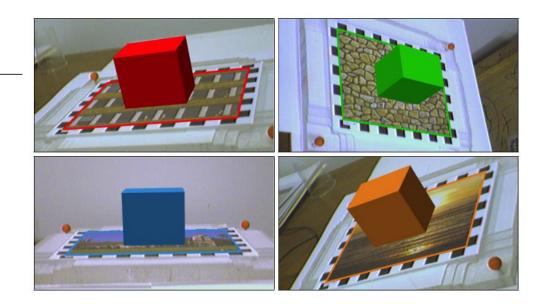


## Figuring out the question to answer

A performance comparison between the two most popular Android SDKs

## Deciding on the game design

- -Time limitation
- -Do the work twice
- -Easy to replicate
- -Tap and destroy



## Developing with Vuforia

- -Unity game engine
- -Image targets
- -Create and download image database
- -Integrate into the game engine
- -Develop the game



## Developing with ARCore

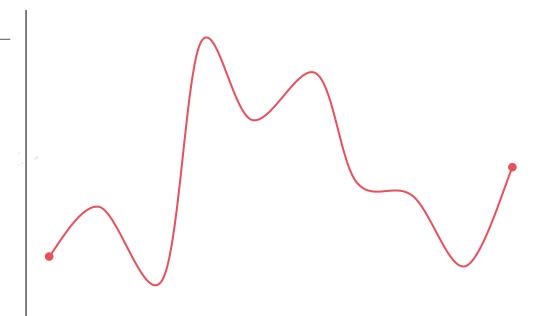


- -Find resources
- -Enable compatibility with Unity
- -Create image database and bitmaps
- -Add "listeners"
- -Start developing the game

## **Profiling**

Using the Unity profiler tool to measure performance

- CPU
- Memory
- FPS



## Sampling Methodology

- -Measure each SDK performance for 30 seconds
- -Calculate their performance with 1 image target
- -Calculate their performance with 3 image targets
- -Find the average stats for the duration
- -Compare

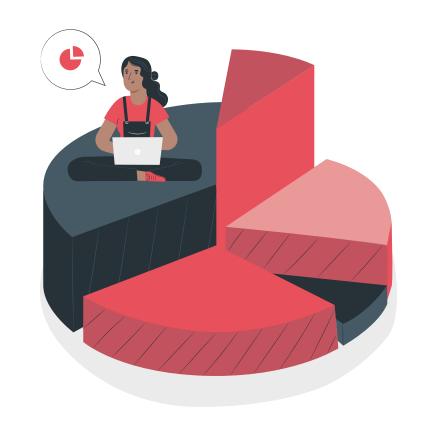


#### Results Analysis

Vuforia Image targets was the winner

14.26%

Less memory used and less CPU use compared to ARCore
Augmented Images





With two weeks left it was time to document the results

#### Conclusions

#### **Vuforia Image Targets**

- Limited experience friendly
- Native compatibility makes development process straightforward
- Better performance

#### **ARCore Augmented Images**

- Limited amount of online tutorials
- Intermediate skills required in order to start the development
- Similar FPS outcome to Vuforia

## Things I would do differently

Compare the performance of Surface detection instead of image detection

Develop the applications on a HoloLens device







## Game engine dev.

Creating graphics and physics from scratch

## Graphics programming

#### Year 1

Mathematics for computer graphics Introduction to graphics programming

#### Year 2

OpenGL development

#### Year 3

Advanced graphics
Ray Tracing and Ray casting



### Developing without a Game engine



## Decide on the game

Come up with a game idea that would be viable for a semester coursework



## Create OpenGL graphics

Use modern openGL in order to create the meshees



## Create realistic physics

Make collisions and friction to have a realistic outcome

#### Developing process

#### Universal application

**GLFW** library

**GLEW** library

#### **Graphics programming**

Create the meshes for the spheres and the pool table



#### Physics programming

Realistic transfer of the speed and adding friction

#### Game polish

Ambient, Diffuse and Specular lighting

Phong's Algorithm formula

## Final thoughts on game engines

Game engines are making the development faster and less complicated

People with no graphics knowledge can work with primitive objects and create amazing results

Developing graphics from an empty C++ project is a time consuming task but not impossible!



## Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

