Sculpting with the Leap Motion: Application

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Project goals

- -Only use the Leap Motion device to manipulate 3D meshes.
- -Discover the viability of using only your hands as a means of interacting with virtual objects.
- -Navigate menus without the use of traditional buttons and tangible feedback.

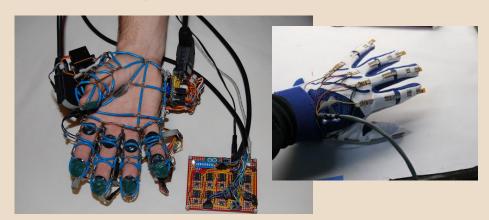
Motivations

- -Sculpting clay is about as hands on as it gets in the physical world.
- -Cheap device, discover the viability of a keyboard and mouse free future.
- -Higher levels of interactivity than current day consumer computer interactive peripherals. (Mouse, Keyboards, Tablets, Stylus, Buttons).

Related Work - related input devices

Force Feedback Exoskeleton Gloves

-clunky, intrusive



Bend Sensing Gloves

-encumbersome, set up time

Pinch Gloves

-Lack of positional data, binary data

LeapSculpting Application

- -Separated the roles of each hand
 - 1 controls Menu and Camera (default left)
 - 1 controls Selection and Manipulations
- -Source Language: HTML5, Javascript
- -Libraries Used: Three.js, Leap.js
- -Geometry manipulation using raycasters on fingers
- -Variety of starting geometries
- -Mode swaps with finger gestures or the menu

Results

- -Accuracy without a button to start and stop molding is low.
- -Molding when fingers are vertically aligned is limited with just one device.
- -Hand occlusions cause several detection problems
- -Fingers go in and out of detection randomly, causes unwanted manipulations

Next Steps

- -Better manipulation algorithm (Better physics and coupling of adjacent faces)
- -Undo/Redo
- -Networked, Interactive with more than one person
- -Save results to a local file
- -Speed Optimizations with surface selections

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