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VIRTUALDREAM REVIEW: a new way to jump into reality

Quick integration, no lag, and tons of backwards compatibility makes the VirtualDream the biggest competitor to old VR

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VirtualDream

The VirtualDream is taking a huge risk. It is the first piece of surgically integrated gaming wear. The creator Violet Mercado is the first woman to try and recreate the male dominated Virtual Reality market. She stated in an interview that “[She] got massive migraines from old tech and couldn’t engage with the community as much as [she] would have liked.” After interviewing other women in the community, she heard much of the same thing.

The VirtualDream is a surgically implanted device that goes just below the crook of your elbow and uses existing nerves in your arm to connect to the neural network and produce an almost lagless virtual reality experience. Ms. Mercado did acknowledge

that people with existing nerve damage might have issues with connection, but stated that they are currently working on an alternative so everyone can equally enjoy the new tech.

The unit itself is approximately 4cm long and the exposed port is approximately 1cm in diameter. It is extremely compact and, after a quick healing process designed by Ms. Mercado and her team, is extremely painless.

We love focusing on women in tech, but that aside, Ms. Mercado's tech is revolutionary and has its own virtual life simulator pre integrated. It will take a scan of the room you are currently in and allows you to redesign the space and its appearance to anyone coming to visit your space. It is optimal to leave this space empty aside from the minimal required furniture so you do not fall flat trying to sit on your virtual couch, trust us, we make mistakes so you don't have to!

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