

GRACE Gesture and Gaze Recognition for Accessible Collaborative Environments

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Problem

- → Sighted people generally use visual and pointing references to indicate an area of interest when talking to collaborators.
- → Blind and low vision (BLV) people tend to use **non-visual** methods.
- → This disconnect leads to a lack of shared attention and miscommunication, which prevents effective collaboration.

Solution

- → Using gaze and gesture cues to locate areas of interest and link them to objects on the screen (buttons, text).
- → This data can be sent to a BLV collaborator's **screen reader** to reduce their **burden** of finding that object, helping them communicate efficiently!
- → Combining two streams of data reduces uncertainty about where a user is indicating and leads to more accurate object acquisition.

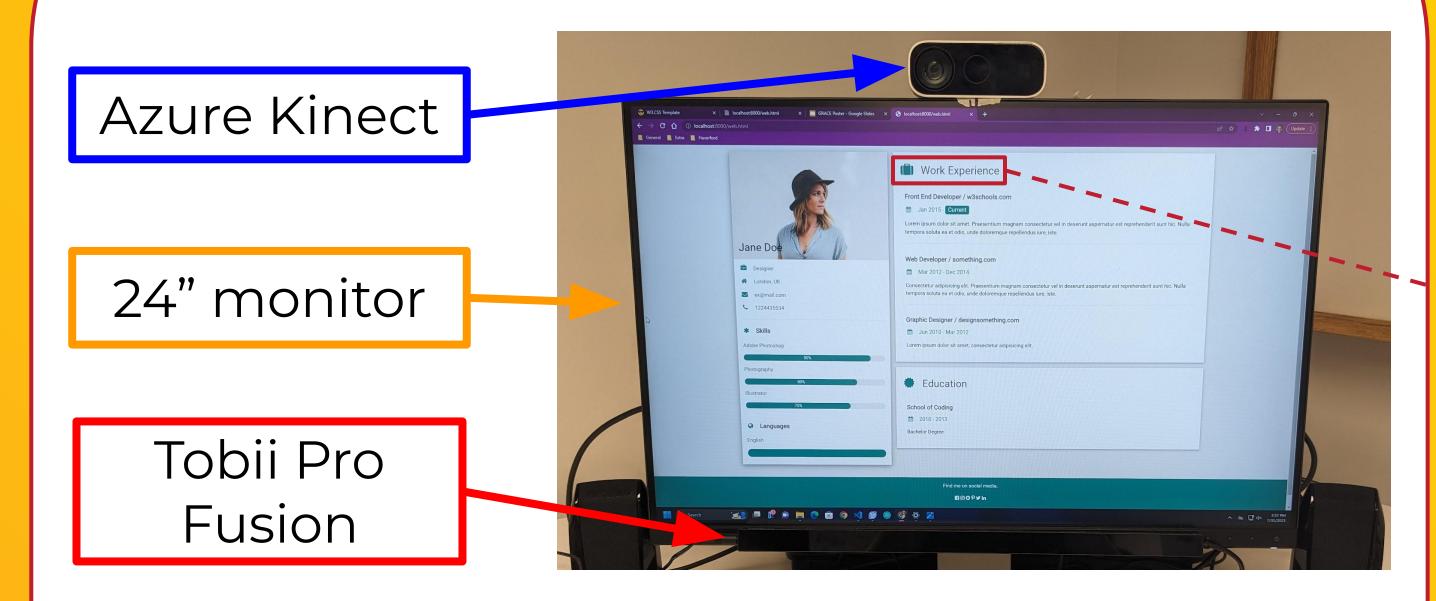
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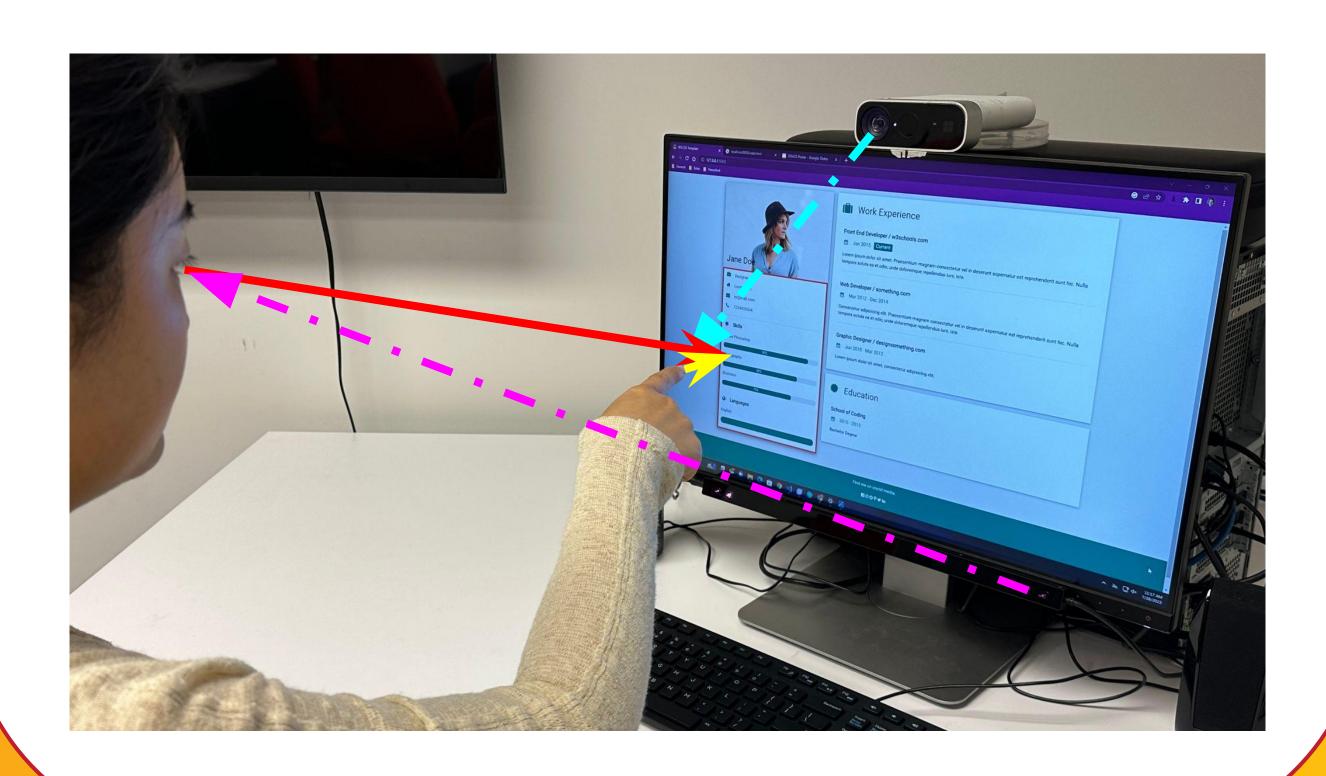
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System Design

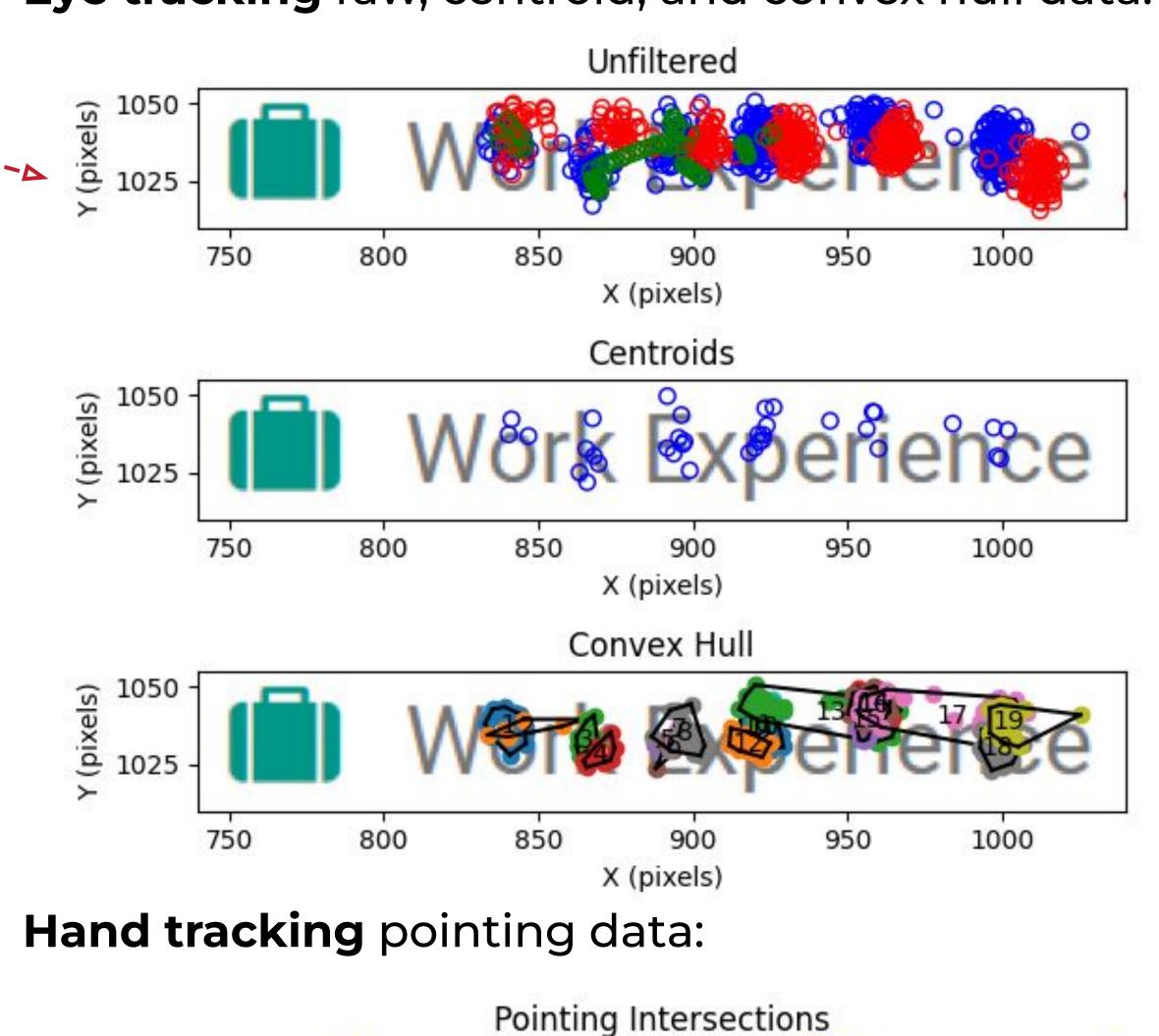




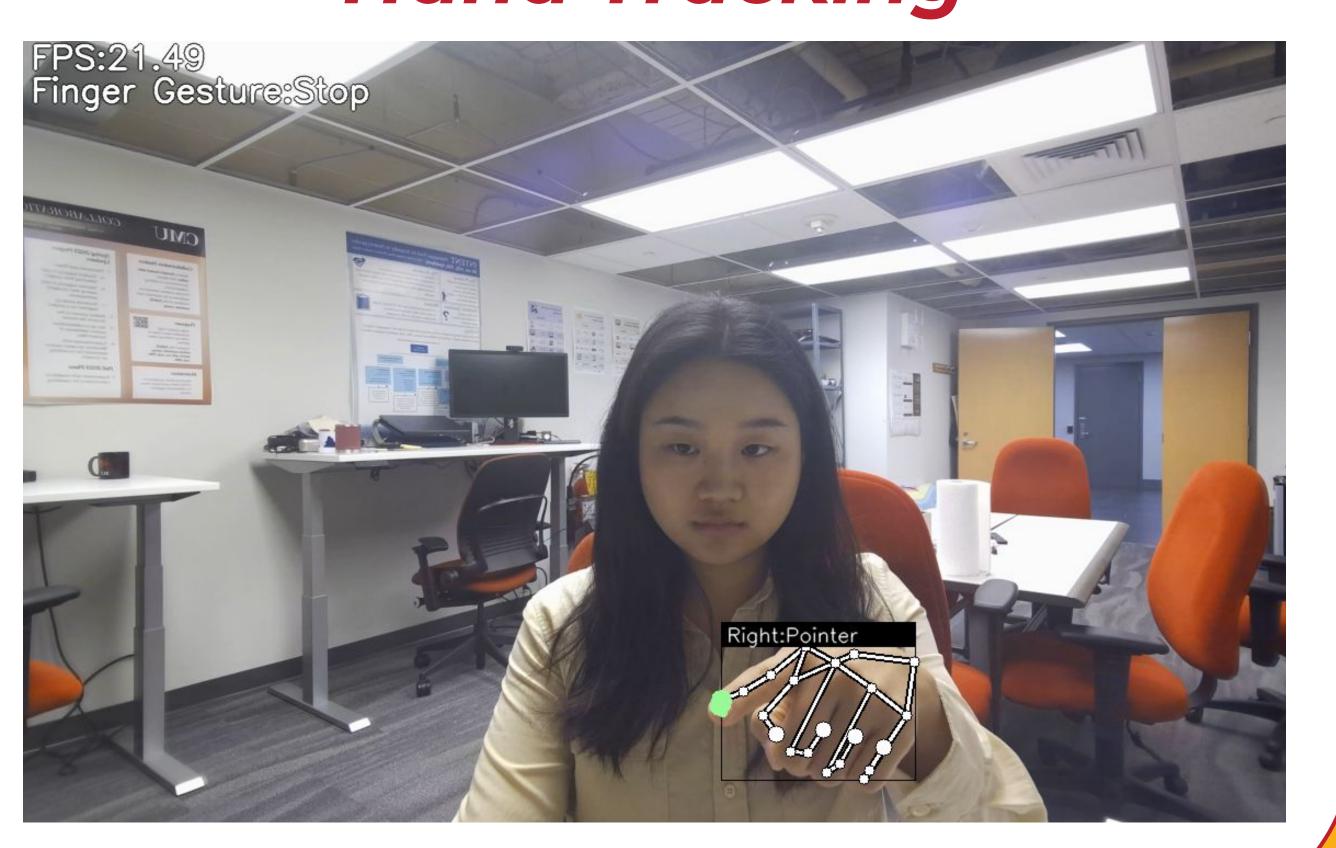
Results

Users looked and pointed at "Work Experience"

Eye tracking raw, centroid, and convex hull data:



Hand Tracking



Future Steps

- 1. Conduct a **user study** to determine how our system improves users' shared attention and ability to complete tasks.
- 2. Add **speech processing** to trigger the recognition system, e.g. "look at that."
- Leverage machine learning to triangulate data streams and recognize more complex gestures.