



LYU 1103

Digital Interactive Game Interface Table Apps for iPad

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Agenda



Introduction & background

Project Idea

Our work

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i.Digi.T.able

AR?

Augmented Reality

What is AR?



i.Digi.T.able

Combination of reality

+

Computer generated graphics

Interactive & digitally manipulable

What is AR?



Enhance realism and impressiveness

AR types

i.Digi.T.able

Marker-less

- GPS
- Digital compass
- Camera assisted



AR types



Marker-based

- Camera
- Analyze marker
- e.g. QR code



AR examples



Applications

- Geo-navigation

Compass, etc.



- Informative

Stores



- Translation

Direct view



AR examples

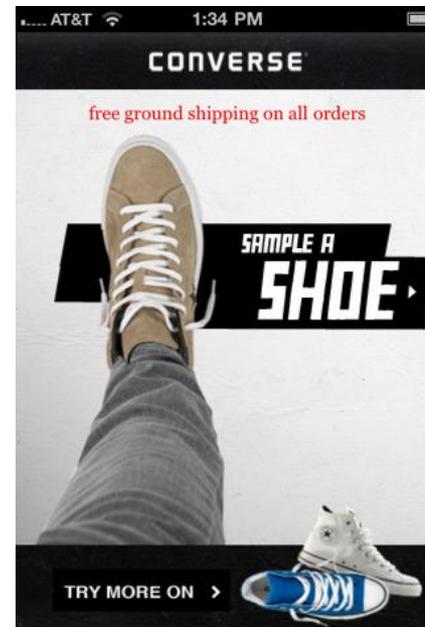


Applications

- Samplers

As an interactive prototype

Product Advertisement

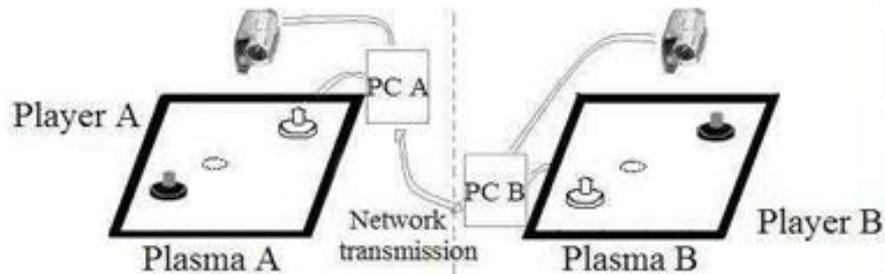


Background



Digi.T.able

A project supervised by Prof. Michael Lyu in 2007



Background



Digi.T.able

- a multi-purpose interactive table
- allows players in different places to play games by real objects
- Board games (e.g. Chinese chess, uno)
- Action games (e.g. snooker, air hockey)



Inspiration



Digi.T.able



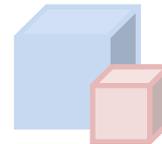
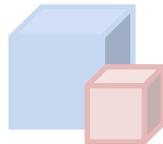
allows players in different places to play games by real objects

Share a same common space

Implementation on iPad

i.Digi.T.able

2 iPad shares a common AR space to play a game



i.Digi.T.able

- Track the real-object mark and determine the camera's position
- Display simple objects on virtual space depends on real space scenes
- Exchange position information between 2 iPad clients
- Implement a simple AR game on iOS platform (iPad)

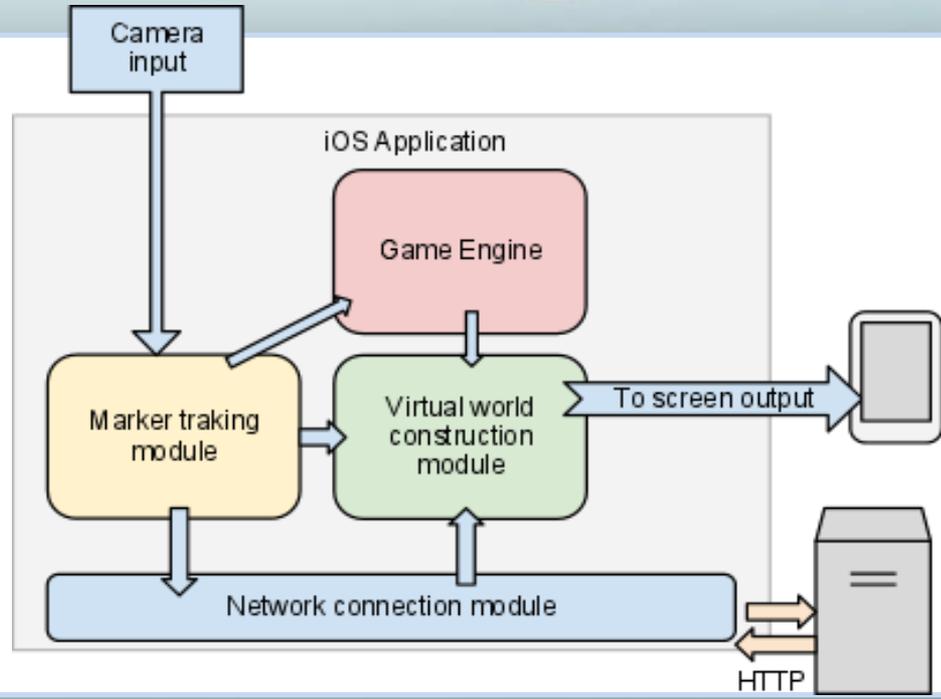
How we do that



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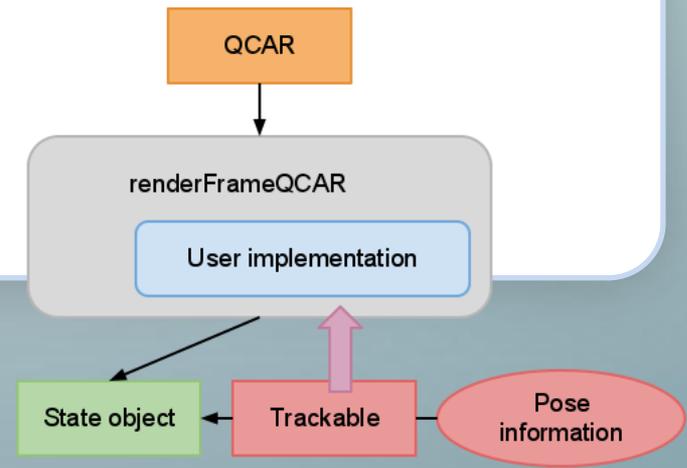
Design

4 main components



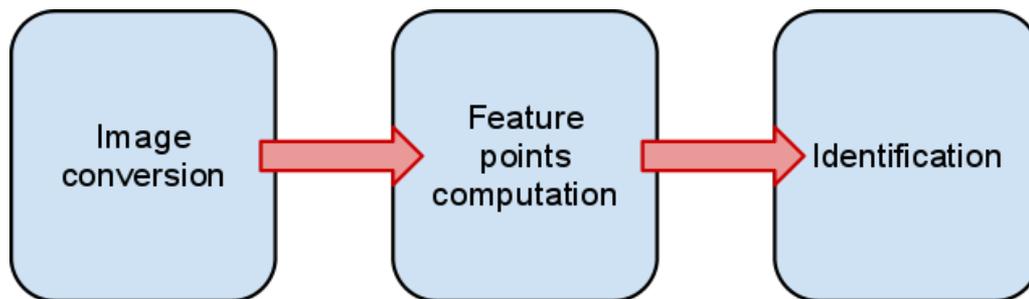
Marker tracking

The Marker Tracking Module is the agent that directly communicate with the Qualcomm AR SDK. It is a finite state machine keep analyzing data from camera.



Marker tracking

Detection and recognition

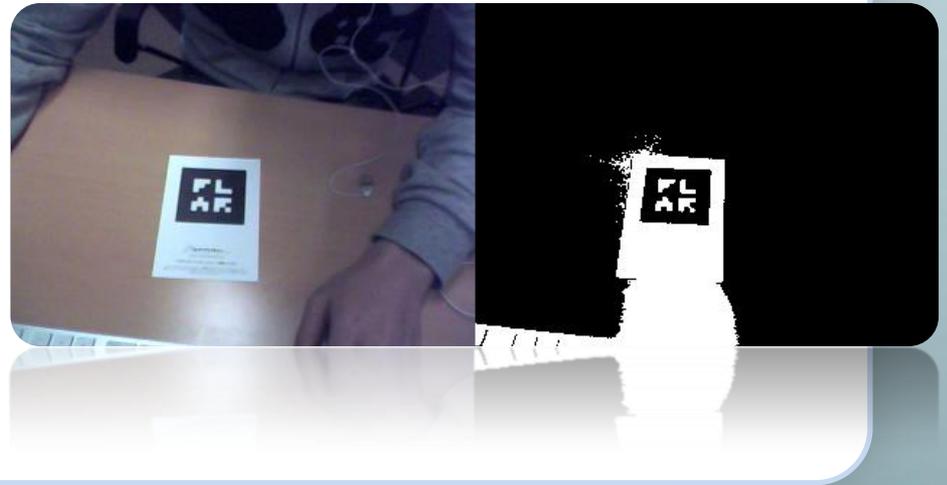
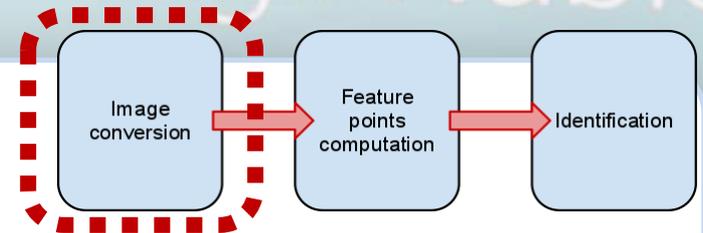


Marker tracking

Image conversion

- thresholding

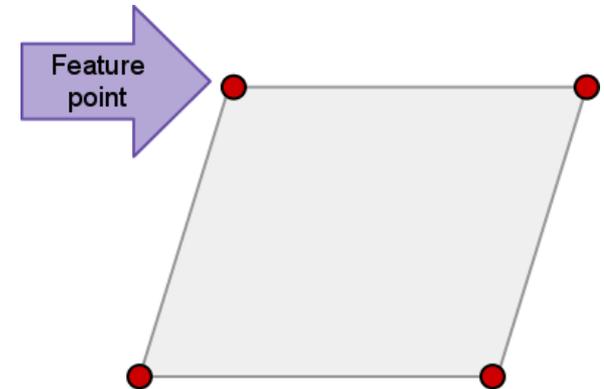
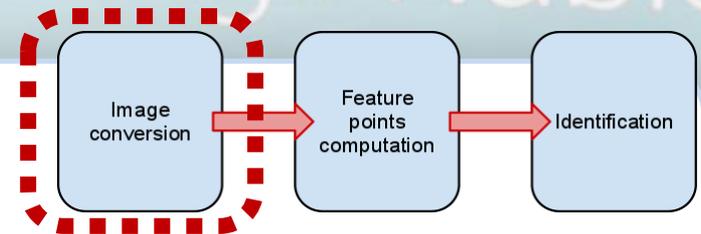
- convert the captured frame from colored into binary image



Marker tracking

Feature points computation

- corners need to be detected
- in order to have reliable camera pose estimation

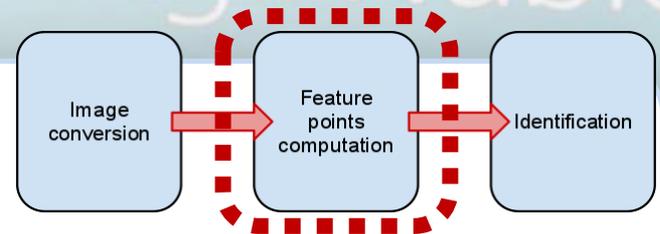


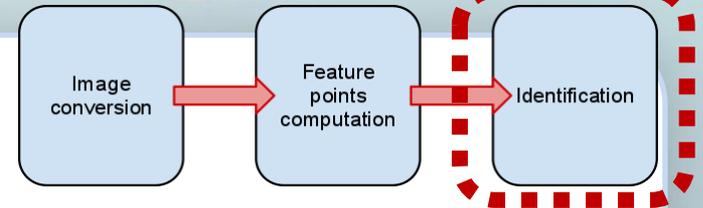
Marker tracking

Identification

- restore the effect of **rotation, translation and perspective transformation**

by solving a simple linear system





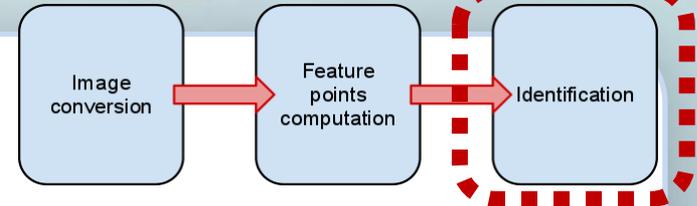
Marker tracking

Identification

- the positions of four corners by feature points computation and the 3D coordinates in object space of the marker's corners are given by $(x_i, y_i, 0)$

$$X_i = \frac{a_1 x_i + a_2 y_i + a_3}{a_7 x_i + a_8 y_i + 1}$$
$$Y_i = \frac{a_4 x_i + a_5 y_i + a_6}{a_7 x_i + a_8 y_i + 1}$$

Marker tracking



Identification

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \\ X_5 \\ X_6 \\ X_7 \\ X_8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_1x_1 & -X_1y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_2x_2 & -X_2y_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_3x_3 & -X_3y_3 \\ x_4 & y_4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_4x_4 & -X_4y_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 & -Y_1x_1 & -Y_1y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_2 & y_2 & 1 & -Y_2x_2 & -Y_2y_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3 & y_3 & 1 & -Y_3x_3 & -Y_3y_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_4 & y_4 & 1 & -Y_4x_4 & -Y_4y_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \\ a_7 \\ a_8 \end{pmatrix}$$

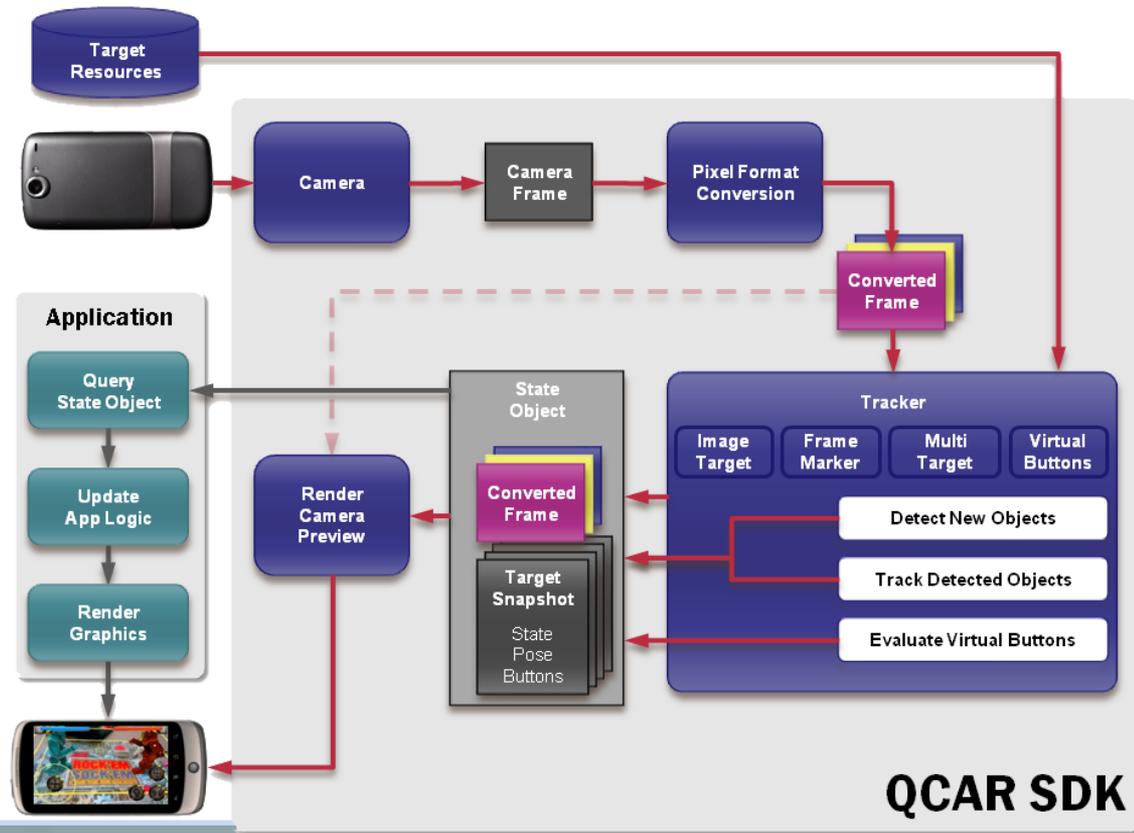
The result vector of the linear system implies a normalized marker. By using the result vector, the system can provide users the pose information for drawing virtual 3D objects.

Marker tracking

Qualcomm AR SDK

- fetches live streaming from the device camera
- The platform consists of these components:
 - Camera
 - Image converter
 - Tracker
 - Renderer
 - Application Code
 - Target Resources

Marker tracking

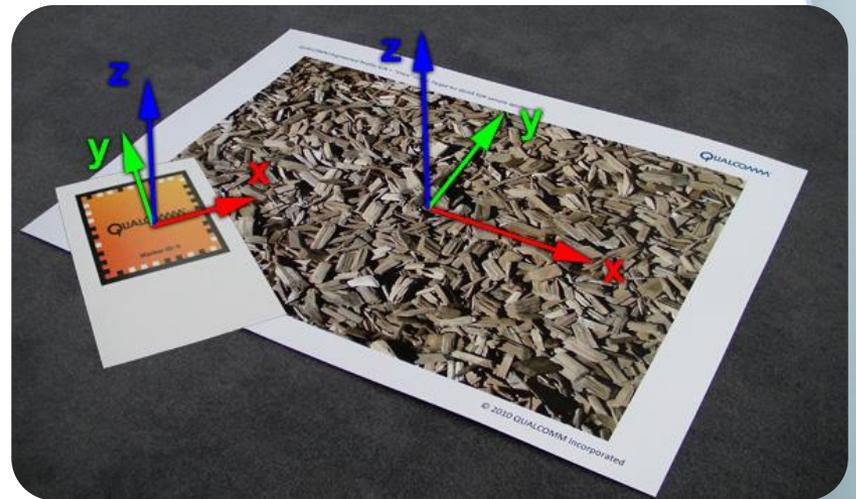


Marker tracking

Qualcomm AR SDK

-Trackables

-right-handed coordinate system is used



Marker tracking

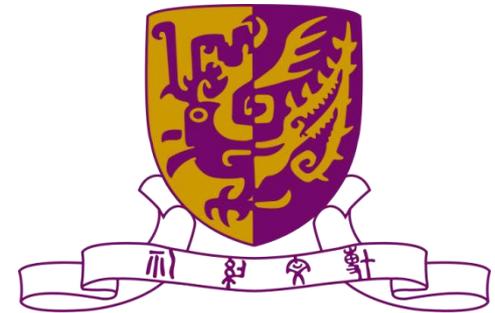
How to choose input images?

- Rich in detail
- Good in contrast
- No repetitive patterns

Examples



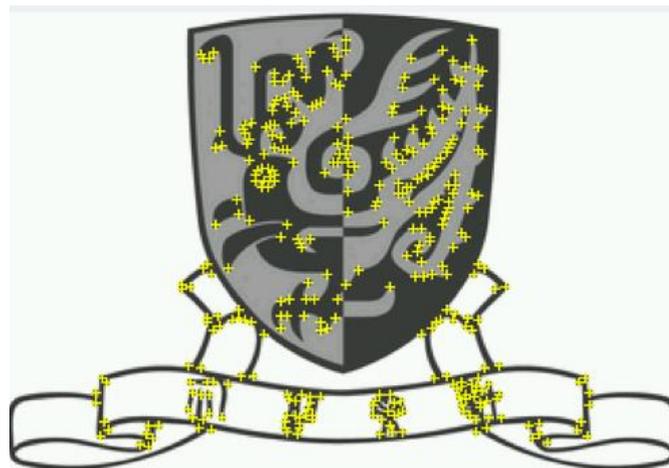
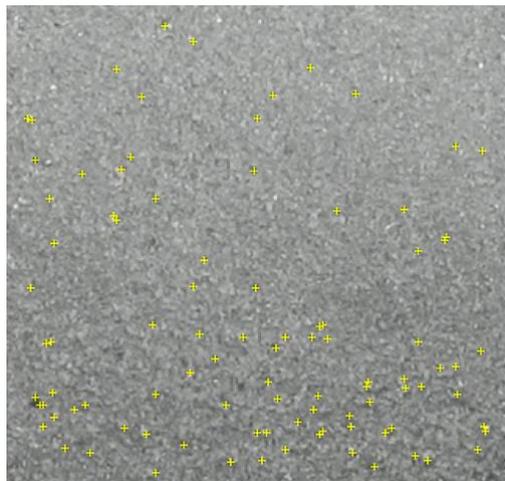
Not good



Good

Marker tracking

Examples



Marker tracking

Qualcomm AR SDK Compare with String AR

	Qualcomm AR	String AR
License	Free	Free for limited version
Platform	iOS, Android	iOS, Android (in progress)
Multiple markers	Yes	No
3-rd Party Integration	Yes, Unity3D	Yes, Unity3D

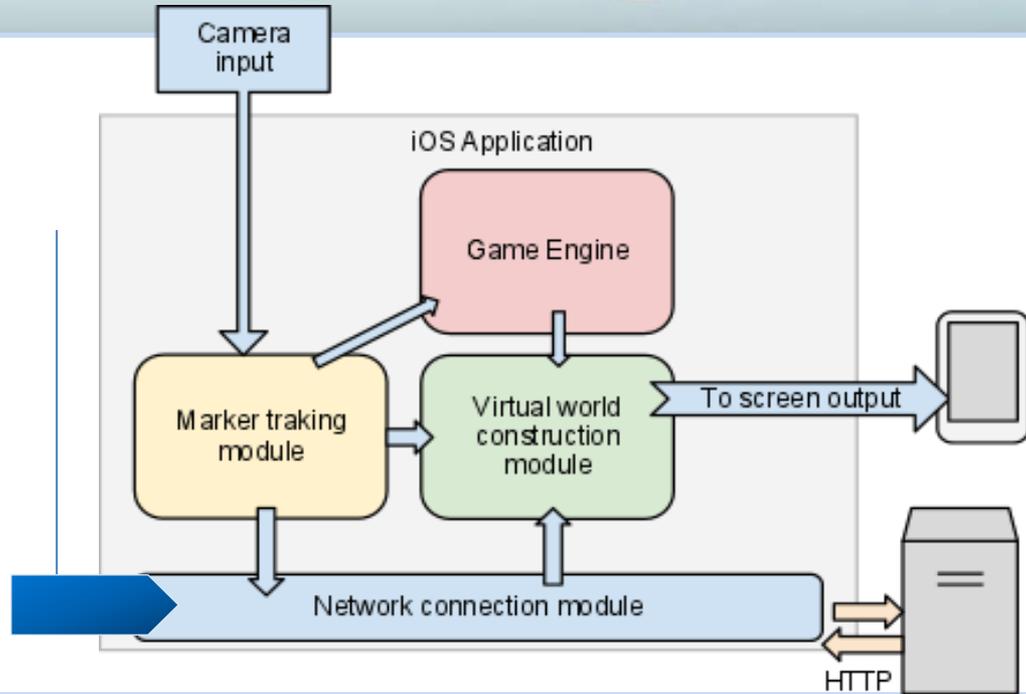


Recap

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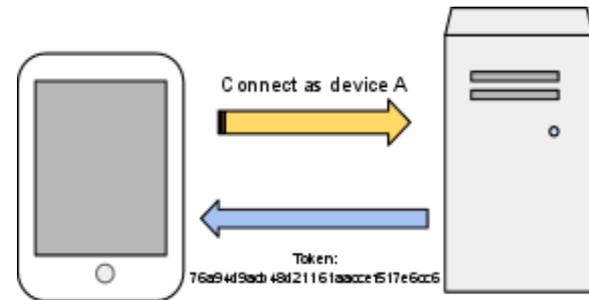
4 main components



Network

How to exchange data efficiently?

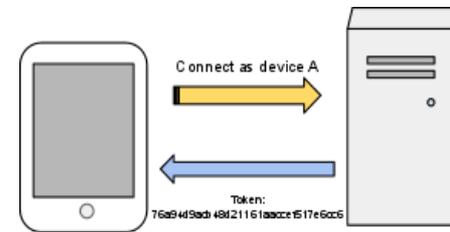
- Data size , data type
- Network load, frequency of update
- Accessibility



Network

Consider...

- Network socket
- HTTP requests
- Game center
- Peer-to-peer



Game Center

Authentication

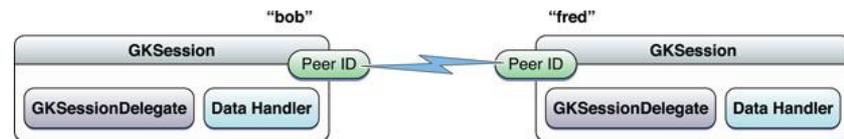
Friends

Voice

Auto-match

Achievements

Leaderboards

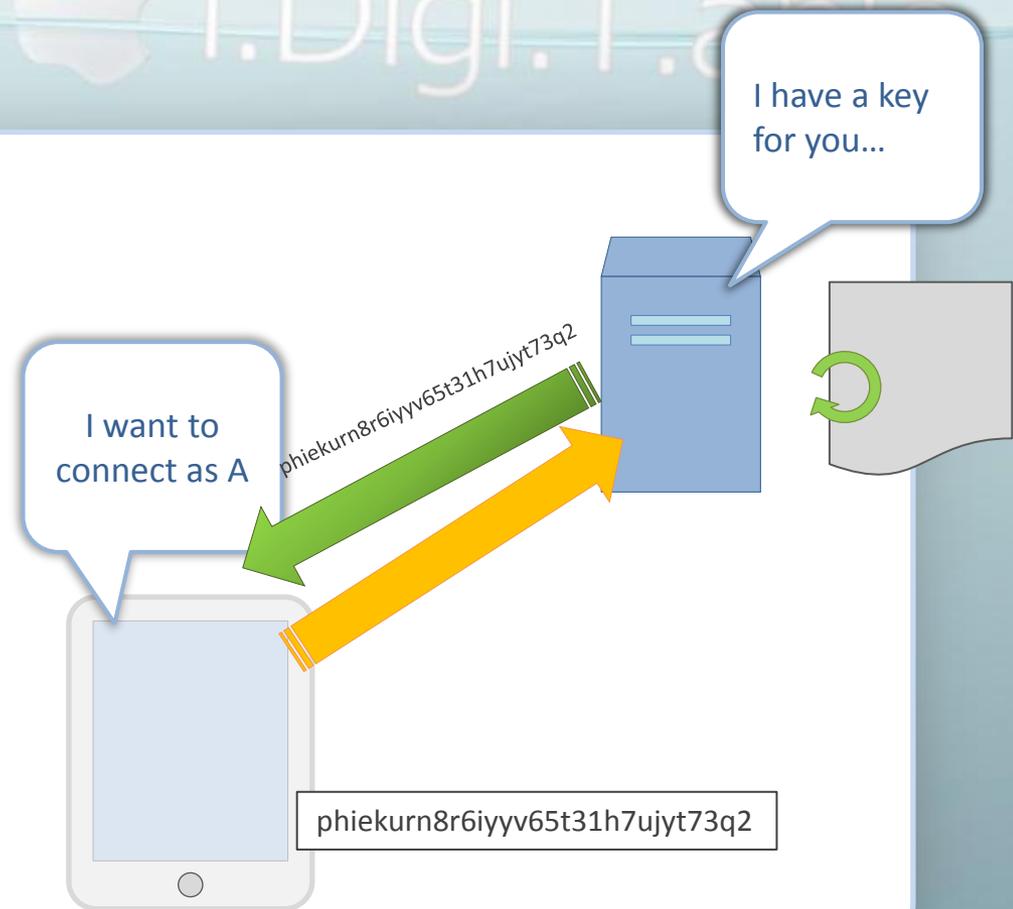


Network

Connection protocol

Register phase

- gets a token
- use the token to connect again
(due to HTTP's stateless property)

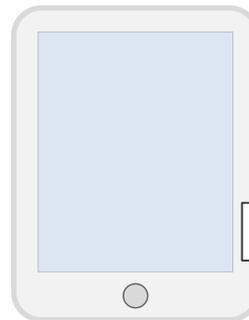


Network

Connection protocol

Register phase

- No IP involved
- Unique device identification



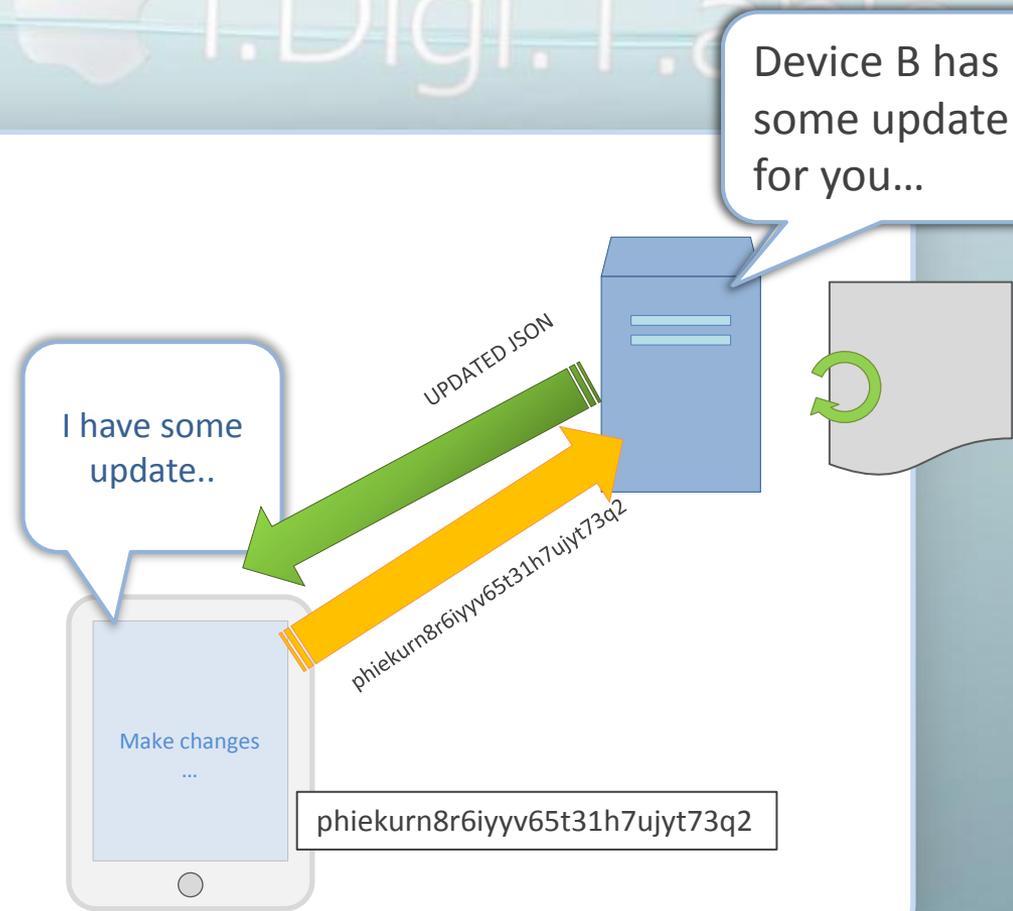
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Network

Connection protocol

Data update phase

- present token
- update information to server
- gets update from server

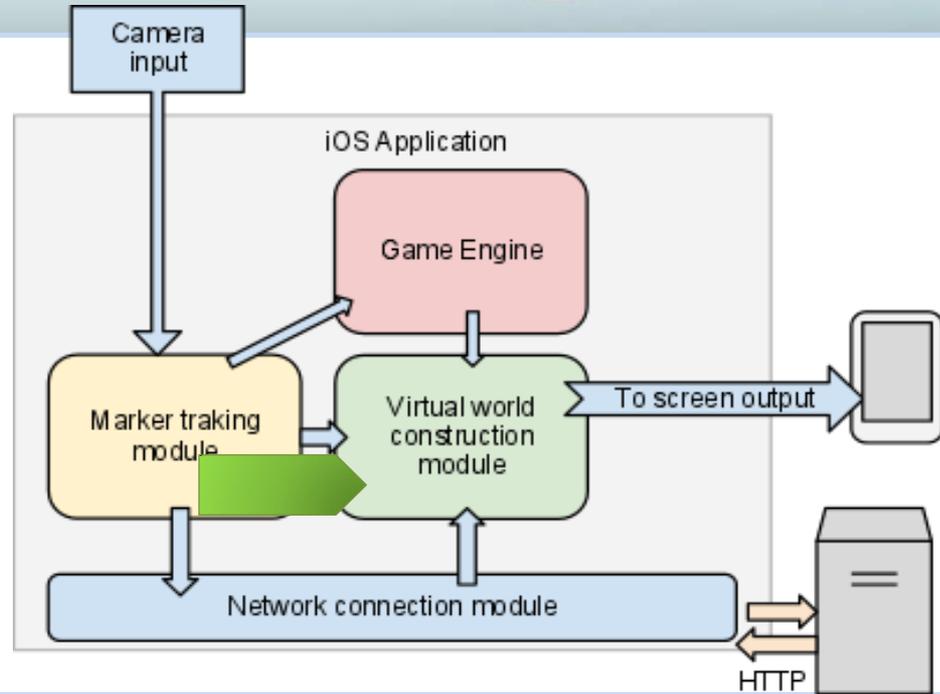


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Virtual world construction

Graphics and UI

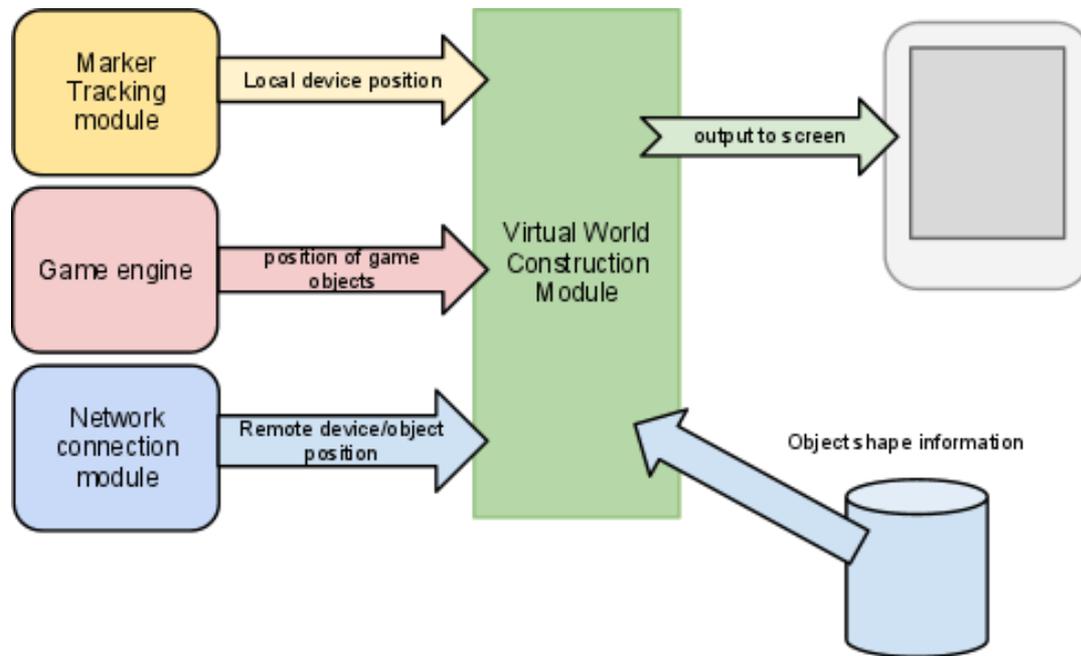
An important part to combine computer graphics and real scenes



OpenGL ES (OpenGL for Embedded Systems)

Light-weighted version of OPENGL on mobile devices

Virtual world construction

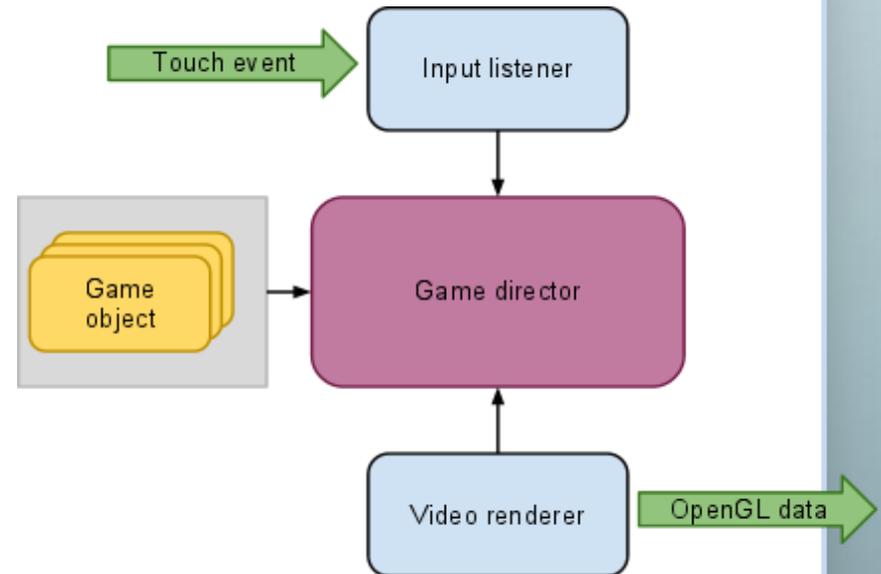


Game engine

What and how you can play...

- game logic part
- Rule defined
- dependent specified game

Overview

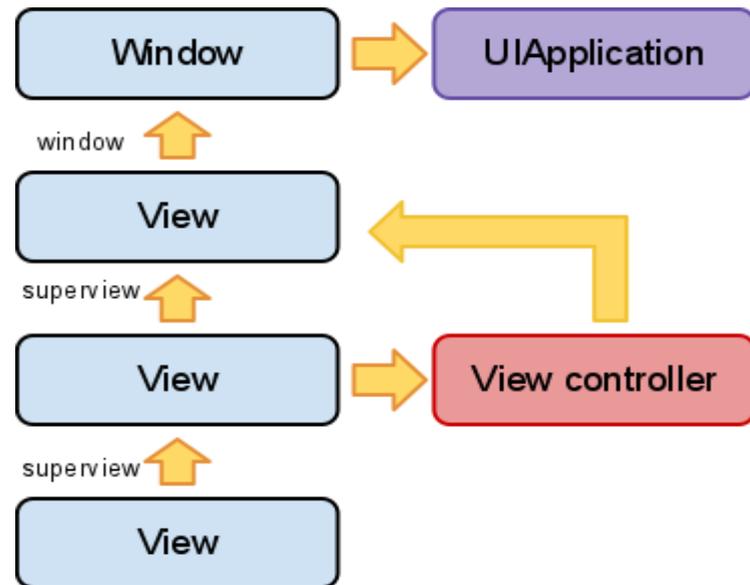


Game engine

Event

- first delivery to the base view
- then its inherited views

Example of responder chain



Experiment

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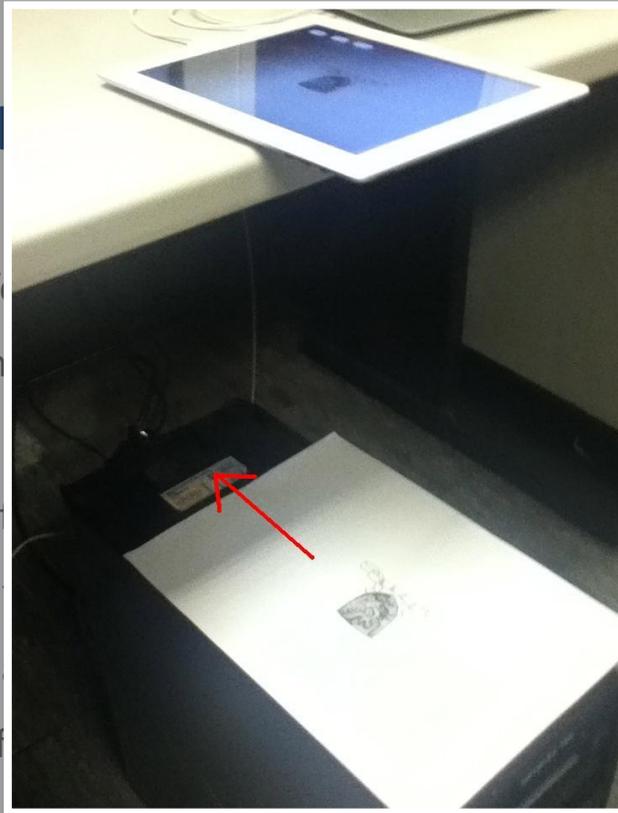
On Camera match

Objective

- investigate the effect of the number of features on the stability of camera motion

Set up

- Place a target at a distance of 10cm from the camera
- Application replay
- Observing the replay
- Test the stability of



number of features on the

ard steadily 10cm

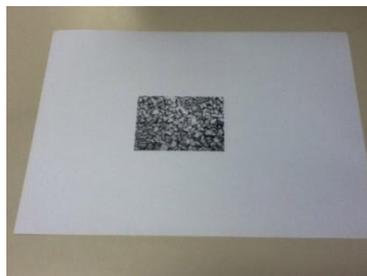
ng it as a 3D model

On Camera match-moving

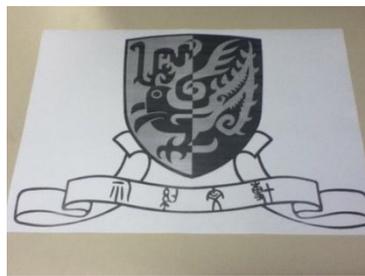
Control



Control A
(less feature and small size)



Control B
(more feature and small size)



Control C
(less feature and large size)

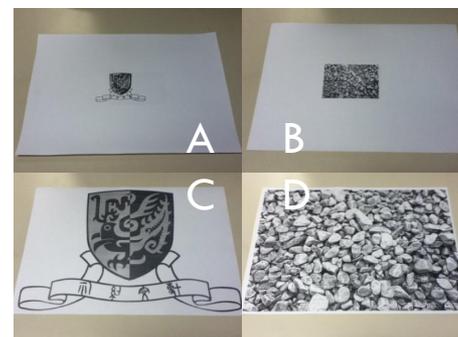


Control D
(more feature and large size)

On Camera match-moving

Results & evaluation

- all controls, the z value keeps constant
- A and B
 - x value changes regularly , but not constantly
 - y value oscillates
- C and D
 - x value change differences are constant and small
 - Y remains constant



On Camera match-moving

Conclusion

- A large marker gives more stable tracking
- marker size also outweighs that the number of features of the marker.

Other factors

- Movement of the iPad
- Camera Shake
 - Algorithm to minimize unnecessary effect

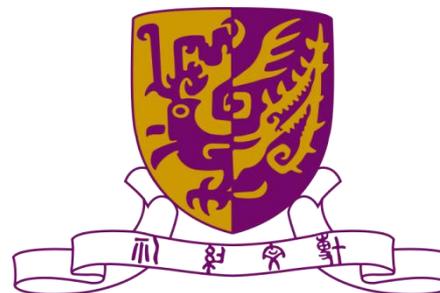
On Camera match-moving

Demo program

- Record the track of the movement
- Move the device

copy the tracked movement
DEMO

Target marker



Network part

Objective

- Test stability and performance

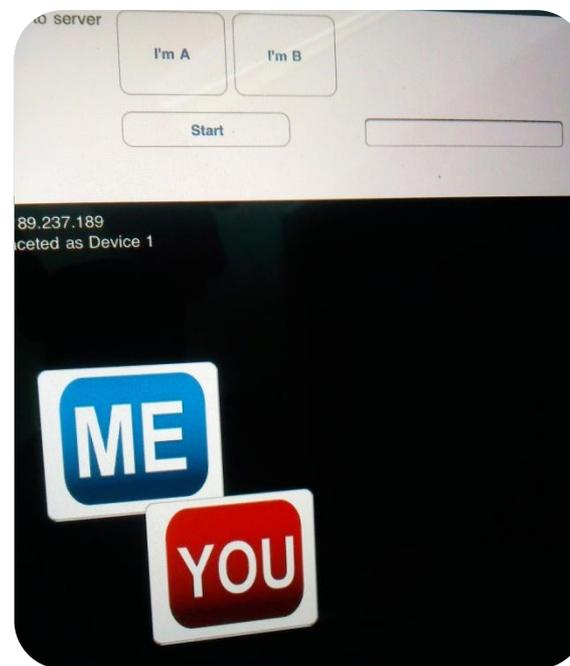
Set up

- 2 iPads
- app installed
- 2D movement only

Network part

Procedure

- Connect to server
- Moves **ME** label
- Observe performance of **YOU**
on another device



Experiment
EXPERIMENT



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Network part

DEMO

The game



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A demo game

Criteria

- A game to demonstrate AR and network technique
 - Marker dependent
 - battle via network
- Should be simple and direct

The game

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A demo game

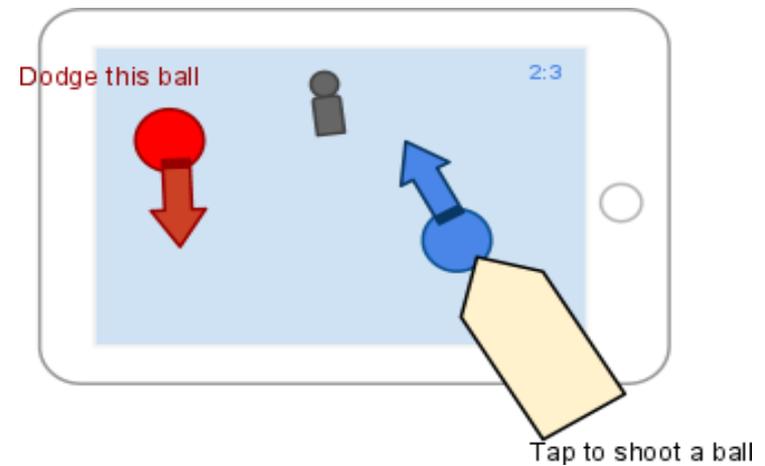
Dodge ball

- 2-player battle version

SETUP

- A marker on the wall
- 2 iPads with app installed
- Server ready

Game interface



The game

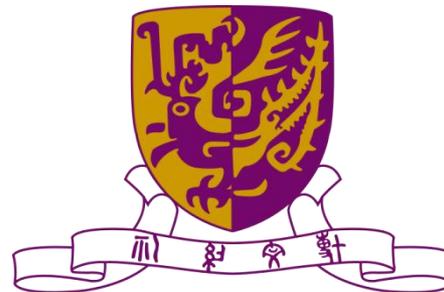


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A demo game

DEMO

Target marker



The game



Admin view on web interface

DEMO

The screenshot shows the 'Admin view' of the iDigiTable web interface. The title bar reads 'iDigiTable - Admin view (View as Admin) 重設'. Below the title bar, there is a legend with a red dot for 'Device A' and a blue dot for 'Device B'. A mouse event is shown: '[mouse:326, 203] (click to shoot a ball)'. The main area contains a log of device and event data:

```
device A: 2zn6b6dkw4wd29asckaaklnzx1wmq2io  
device B: jftd8rvlkkw6ocpkjt2u110aer3vmad  
device A: {"x":-100,"y":0,"z":0}  
device B: {"x":7.168862,"y":3.465482,"z":405.424988}  
event[A]:  
event[B]:
```

At the bottom of the interface, there are two large, semi-transparent spheres: a red one on the left and a blue one on the right, partially overlapping.

To summarize this semester ...

- We focused on tracking AR marker and analysis positional data
- QCAR SDK
- Network implementation
- A simple dodge ball game

Next goals

- Stabilized camera tracking
- Network Connection
- User Interface
- Assist with iPad accessories (GPS? Gyroscope? Ambient light sensor?)
- More on Game design and implementation (snooker? chat room?)
- Investigate possibility for more clients

Q&A Section



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Q & A

The end
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Thank you!
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