

# BRIEF HISTORY OF COMPUTER GRAPHICS AND HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION

A Computer Scientist's Odyssey  
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## MY INTERESTS

- ▶ Human-Computer Interaction (HCI): Interface Design, Tele-collaboration & Telepresence
- ▶ Computer Graphics: Rendering, 3D Graphics, Image Processing, Medical Visualization
- ▶ Depth Sensing Cameras
  - ▶ Kinect, Intel's Creative, Google's Tango Project, Leap Motion
- ▶ Augmented Reality & Immersive Virtual Reality
  - ▶ Eyewear, HMD's, Novel interfaces
- ▶ Some links:
  - ▶ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpmKq\\_qg3Tk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpmKq_qg3Tk)
  - ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrtANPtHyg>
  - ▶ <http://www.wikitudo.com/products/wikitudo-sdk/>

# THE ODYSSEY



- ▶ **Computer Evolution:**
  - ▶ Commodore-64, with 32978 bytes free of RAM!, IBM PC/OS, Unix, Silicon Graphics Workstations, SUN SPARC, NVIDIA& ATI GPUs, Smartphones
- ▶ **Language Evolution:**
  - ▶ Basic, Pascal, Prolog, LISP, C/C++, Visual Basic, Java, OpenGL, Shading Languages, Libraries
- ▶ **Graphical User Interface Evolution:**
  - ▶ From Command-line to Games, GEOS, Java Swing, 3D Graphis & 2D Graphis,
- ▶ **Device Evolution:**
  - ▶ From the CAVE to 3D Glasses, Smartphones, Depth-Sensing Cameras, HMDs and the Oculus Rift.
- ▶ **Storage Evolution**
  - ▶ From 64Kbytes of RAM to 6 TB of Ram in a HardDrive.
  - ▶ My largest portable memory has a million times the storage capacity of my first computer
  - ▶ Existing commercial hard drives have the capacity of a ~100 64GB cards.

# GRAPHICS AND HCI

- ▶ The past:

- ▶ What were the visionaries of the past imagining for HCI?
- ▶ What were the aspirations of the early researchers of HCI?
- ▶ What were the visionaries of the past imagining for Computer Graphics?
- ▶ What were the aspirations of the early researchers of Computer Graphics?

# GRAPHICS AND HCI – THE PAST

- ▶ Tell us what you know about the past:

# GRAPHICS AND HCI

## ▶ The past:

- ▶ What were the visionaries of the past imagining for HCI?
- ▶ -Voice recognition/ voice commands/control
- ▶ -Graphical User Interfaces
- ▶ -Data Glove / Power Glove
- ▶ -Robotic Assistance
- ▶ -Augmented Reality
- ▶ -For medical: Fine movement control
- ▶ -Motion control: Kinect
- ▶ -Holograms
- ▶ -VR headsets
- ▶ -Star Trek's Holodeck
- ▶ -Hover boards/back to the future
- ▶ Reply: The OneWheel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owIB85rqcQM>

- ▶ What were the aspirations of the early students of HCI?

# GRAPHICS AND HCI

- ▶ The past:
  - ▶ -Desktop/Personal computer
  - ▶ -Touchscreen envisioned
  - ▶ -Virtual Reality
  - ▶ -Voice commands
  - ▶ -Improving Quality of Graphics
  - ▶ -Motion control type of gestures / moving your hand
  - ▶ -Only accessible for academics & researchers: scientific computing
- ▶ Present/Future:
  - ▶ -Having screens everywhere

# GRAPHICS AND HCI

- ▶ The present:
  - ▶ What can we already do?
  - ▶ What can you already do that looks futuristic?
  - ▶ Can you program in new interfaces?



# GRAPHICS AND HCI – THE PRESENT

- ▶ Discuss your knowledge about the present:

# GRAPHICS AND HCI

▶ The future:

- ▶ What is coming?/What do you know about the future of GRAPHICS & HCI?
- ▶ Do we have an agreement about what is to come?
- ▶ Are we prepared?
- ▶ What are going to be our “computers” of the future, the technology we cannot yet comprehend?

# GRAPHICS AND HCI – THE FUTURE

► Write your thoughts on the future:

