PERVASIVE GAMES

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BRINGING COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT BACK TO THE REAL WORLD



TRADITIONAL GAMES

- Games played in Physical World
- Based on perception of space and spatial relations
- Human-To-Physical-World and/or Human-To-Human interaction
- Examples: Chess, Go, Tag etc.



MODERN GAMES

- Utilizes Computer Technology
- Popular because of:
 - 1. Immersion through sound and graphics
 - 2. Goals more interactive
 - 3. Complex enough for players
- Limited Physical and Social interactions





PERVASIVE GAMES



- Wants to combine modern and traditional games
- Combining computer technology with social and physical aspects of real-life
- Usually involves sensors, cameras etc.
- Five main categories:
 - Smart Toys, Affective Gaming, Augmented Tabletop Games, Location-Aware Games and finally Augmented Reality Games

SMART TOYS

- Like regular toys, but with computer technology
- Still able to play with it like a regular toy
- But also allows interaction with computer logic
- Examples: SenToy, Zowie Playsets, etc.





AFFECTIVE GAMING

- Tries to incorporate players behavior/emotions into the game
- Through:
 - Sensors
 - Thermal Cameras
 - Voice Analysis
 - Facial analysis
- Examples: Brainball, Affquake, etc.



AUGMENTED TABLETOP GAMES

- Attempts to combine traditional tabletop games with computer technology
- Adding computer interactivity to tabletop game elements
- Examples: STARS Platform, Smart Jigsaw Puzzle, etc.





LOCATION-AWARE GAMES

- Real-world is game board
- People themselves are the proactive and unpredictable playing pieces
- Player locations tracked through: GPS, WIFI, Satelite Signals, GSM Signals or proximity sensing technologies
- Examples: Treasure, Uncle Roy All Around You, etc.



AUGMENTED REALITY GAMES

- Draws virtual objects in the real-world
- Three possible ways:
 - Headmounted display with camera
 - 2D projected image/video
 - Handheld devices with cameras
- Examples: Human Pac-Man, MagicLand, etc.





First-person point-of-view seen by Pacman







CONCLUSION

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