

WEB BASED AR VISUAL TRACKING SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a web-based augmented reality visual tracking system that allows users to interact with virtual objects in a real-world environment. The system utilizes computer vision techniques to track physical objects in real time and superimpose virtual objects onto them, providing a seamless AR experience. The system is designed as a web application, making it easily accessible from any device with an internet connection. The tracking algorithm is implemented using TensorFlow.js, a JavaScript library for machine learning, and the AR visualization is built using Three.js, a WebGL-based 3D graphics library. The system is evaluated through a user study and demonstrates high accuracy and efficiency in tracking objects and rendering virtual objects in real time. The proposed system has the potential to be used in various applications, including e-commerce, education, and entertainment.

Key words: Augmented Reality, Tracking objects, and Computer Vision.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Web-based AR visual tracking system is a project that attempts to provide users with an interactive augmented reality experience by superimposing virtual things over real-time physical objects. The system tracks physical items in real-time using computer vision techniques, and virtual objects are recreated in 3D space to produce a seamless AR experience. The system is built as a web application, so it can be accessed from any device with an internet connection. This method allows users to get the AR experience without the need for additional hardware or software. TensorFlow.js, a popular JavaScript framework for machine learning, is used to develop the tracking algorithm, while Three.js, a WebGL-based 3D graphics toolkit, is used to build the AR visualization. The proposed system can be used in various applications such as e-commerce, education, and entertainment. For example, online businesses can use it to offer customers a virtual try-on experience for clothing or accessories, and educational institutions can use it to develop interactive learning experiences. User research will be conducted to evaluate the accuracy and efficiency of the search algorithm, as well as the overall user experience. The main goal of the project is to create a reliable, scalable, and user-friendly AR system that can be used in various applications. AR is frequently employed in the following contexts: Design and development of products: Imagine being able to create virtual prototypes of products that designers and future users may examine from all sides. Product designers can animate, test, and alter items before they are really produced thanks to augmented reality, digital twins, and IoT. Maintenance, operational management, and security personnel can now easily access information on the device they are currently using thanks to augmented reality. To evaluate or resolve a problem, they can obtain the most recent user handbook or get in touch with a professional anywhere in the world. This encourages continual productivity and continuous production. Employee and operator training and learning: Augmented reality enables employees to get training "on-demand" on any device, converting their immediate environment into a platform for continuous learning. Additionally, it can give workers settings and circumstances that will help them learn new skills while enhancing productivity and safety. Quality assurance: Integrating AR into quality control and assurance can speed up time to market, improve production efficiency, and help avoid faults from occurring during production. For instance, personnel can inspect items and get data from IoT sensors implanted in product components while wearing AR glasses, providing information about each component and warning them of issues. Characteristics of AR: Augmented reality (AR) refers to technology that integrates digital information with the user's environment in real-time, allowing a seamless mixing between the virtual and physical worlds. Here are some augmented reality features:

Overlaying digital information over the real world: AR technology projects digital information into the user's physical environment and creates a digital layer on top of the real world.

Real-time interaction: AR enables real-time interaction between the digital and physical worlds. This means users can interact with digital content in real time as if it were part of the physical world.

Field awareness: AR systems have the ability to detect and understand the user's environment, including the user's location, orientation, and movement.

Improve user experience: AR technology improves user experience by providing additional information or context about the real world in real time.

Mobile technology: AR is often associated with mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets, making it accessible to a wide range of users.

Immersive Experience: AR technology can create immersive experiences that allow users to feel as if they are part of an enhanced environment.

Multiple Applications: AR technology can be used in multiple applications such as entertainment, education, healthcare, retail, and more.

2. RELATED WORK

In this Section, we looked at a few studies that demonstrate how deep learning is linked to the Strokes Analysis system.

- A. Web-based Augmented Reality for Collaborative Learning " by K. D. Hartshorn and L. R. Benedetti. This study investigates the application of web-based augmented reality technologies in group learning settings, the authors construct a web-based Augmented Reality (AR) system that enables to create and AR material.
- B. Web-Based Augmented Reality for e-Commerce Applications " by S. Subramanian and S. Jayaraman. This study introduces a web-based Augmented Reality (AR) system that can be applied to e-commerce. Customers may virtually try on clothing and accessories thanks to the system, which tracks real-time objects and superimposes virtual ones on them using computer vision algorithms.
- C. WebAR: A Survey of the State-of-the-Art" J. Kato and H. Billinghurst. An overview of the most recent state-of-the-art in web-based AR systems is given in this survey article. The authors present a thorough list of existing web-based AR frameworks and libraries in addition to discussing the various technologies and methods utilised in web-based augmented reality systems.
- D. Real-Time Object Detection and Tracking for AR in Web Browsers" Y. Ma and team. A real-time object identification and tracking system for augmented reality in web browsers is presented in this paper. The authors demonstrate the system's performance in real-time AR applications while using deep learning techniques to detect and track actual objects.
- E. Web-based Augmented Reality System for Product Visualization" by Tahir Mahmood and Seok-Bum Ko (2019). In this research, a markerless tracking technique for a web-based augmented reality system for product visualization is proposed. To show the AR material, the system makes use of the smartphone's camera and web browser.
- F. A web-based augmented reality system using natural feature tracking" by J. Kwon, J. Lee, and J. Park (2015). The study introduces a web-based Augmented Reality system that tracks natural features. Using a web browser, the system can track environmental natural elements and overlay augmented reality content on top of them.
- G. WebAR for Digital Heritage: A Systematic Literature Review" by Marcello Carrozzino, Marco Leo, and Gaetano Cascini (2020). The systematic literature review of web-based AR systems for digital heritage is presented in this research. The review discusses a range of web-based augmented reality systems, including ones that employ visual tracking methods.

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system ensures that a user can use a Visual Tracking System including Face tracking and Image tracking on the web browser without installing any kind of application using WebGL API. Any JavaScript-compatible web browser that supports WebGL may create dynamic 2D and 3D visuals without the need for plug-ins. Due to WebGL's complete integration with other web standards, the canvas of a web page can now include GPU-accelerated physics, image processing, and effects. In this model, we will be using Augmented Reality frameworks such as the A-Frame, A-Frame NFT, and MindAR js to make the system work seamlessly. The system works based on the following modules user web browser, AR database, AR frameworks, AR engine, AR visualization, and digital content.

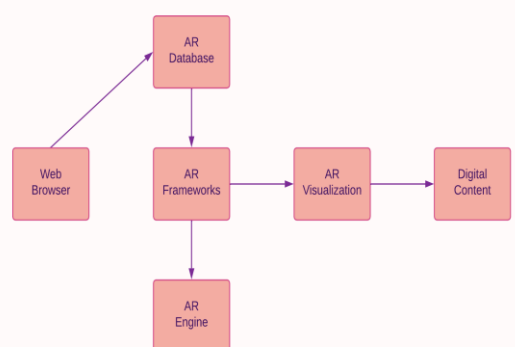


Fig1: Flow Diagram Of The Proposed System

4. MODULES

Modules include:

- a. Web Browser
- b. AR Database
- c. AR Frameworks
- d. AR Engine
- e. AR Visualization
- f. Output

In this first user interface module, the user will be opting to choose the perfect web browser to support WebGL api and to run the whole system successfully.

b. AR DATABASE

This module is completely based on finding and downloading the required 3D models for our AR project. The downloaded models should be saved in the folder of our project so that a user can import and use them anytime.

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<script>
  document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function() {
    const list = ["glasses1", "glasses2", "hat1", "hat2", "earring"];
    const visibles = [true, false, false, true, true];
```

Fig2: Importing Ar Database

c. AR FRAMEWORKS

The entire foundation of this module is the import and use of Augmented Reality frameworks, which are entirely written in JavaScript. They will be simple to import these modules, but in order to utilize the framework effectively, the user must be familiar with them beforehand. For the model to operate in a web browser without the need to install any programs, the frameworks that the user imports must support WebGL. The A-Frame A-Frame NFT, A-Frame, and MindAr.js are the frameworks that the user will be importing.

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<script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/gh/hiukim/mind-ar-js@1.0.0/dist/mindar-face.prod.js"></script>
<script src="https://aframe.io/releases/1.2.0/aframe.min.js"></script>
<script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/gh/hiukim/mind-ar-js@1.0.0/dist/mindar-face-aframe.prod.js"></script>
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Fig3: Importing Ar Frameworks

d. AR ENGINE MODULE

With all of its AR foundation scripts, the AR engine module focuses on ensuring a smooth workflow for augmented reality. It is also the primary module where the primary data, such as the location name and other images of the 3D model, are loaded and saved in order to display the location name or the 3D model on the screen when the user is precisely where the program's coordinates and predefined location indicate they should be displayed.

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<a-entity mindar-image-target="targetIndex: 0">
  <a-gltf-model rotation="0 0 0" position="0 -0.25 0" scale="0.05 0.05 0.05" src="#raccoonModel" animation-mixer>
</a-entity>
<a-entity mindar-image-target="targetIndex: 1">
  <a-gltf-model rotation="0 0 0" position="0 -0.25 0" scale="0.05 0.05 0.05" src="#bearModel" animation-mixer>
</a-entity>
```

Fig4: Ar Engine's Predefined Data

e. AR VISUALIZATION

The authorization and grant of access to the camera and other sensors from the device that the user will be using to access this web-based application is the sole foundation of the AR Visualisation module. This module is crucial because it handles granting access to the camera so that augmented reality can operate without a hitch.

f. OUTPUT MODULE

The face-tracking and image-tracking modules are combined in the final output module, which creates the ideal model that operates flawlessly. The web servers, device sensors, and workflow of all AR engines will be combined to make this web application run more efficiently.

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

In order to provide engaging and immersive AR experiences on web pages, a web-based AR visual tracking system can be utilized to track visual markers and objects in a web-based AR environment. The particular application and use case would determine the results of such a system.

A web-based AR visual tracking system might have the following advantages:

Increased engagement: By fostering more interactive and interesting web experiences, augmented reality (AR) can encourage users to stay on a website for longer periods of time.

Better education and training: AR can be utilized to develop interactive lessons, training resources, and educational tools that can aid users in more efficient learning new skills or concepts.

Enhanced marketing: Augmented reality (AR) technology can be utilized to develop immersive product demos or advertising campaigns that serve to present products in a more interesting and memorable way. Improved user experiences: Interactive guides, maps, and other aids that aid users in navigating challenging places, such as museums, theme parks, or retail malls, can be made using augmented reality (AR).

Overall, an AR visual tracking system for the web has the potential to revolutionize how consumers connect with web content and could be a valuable tool for companies and organizations trying to engage their audiences in fresh and creative ways.

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