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Agenda

• Training in Immersive Environments
• Virtual Space in Education & Training
• Creating & Implementing a Virtual Space
• The ERAU Lab: Capabilities & Technologies
• Future Opportunities
Training in Immersive Environments

The Virtuality Continuum

Aksenova, 2013, adapted from Milgram & Kishino, 1994
Virtual Space in Education & Training

• **Education:** collaborative learning, enhanced systems training, gamification, enhanced visualization of materials

• **Medicine:** integrated systems to aid surgery, patient rehabilitation in a virtual environment

• **Military:** virtual training environment, head-up displays (HUD) and head-mounted displays (HMDs)
Creating & Implementing a Virtual Space

• Mission and Purpose of the ERAU COA ARVRMR Lab:
  • To explore, develop, and test immersive simulation technologies for use in aviation research, teaching and learning

• Benefits of having a Virtual Space
  • Undertaking of high-risk tasks
  • Demonstrating effects of actions
  • Completing repetitive tasks
  • Increasing cognitive processes
  • Customizing performance-based training
The ERAU Lab: Capabilities

- Cessna 172 Virtual Walkaround
- F/A-18 Hornet VR Receiver Aerial Refueling Part-Task Trainer
- Mission: ISS VR experience
The ERAU Lab: Technologies

• **Equipment:**
  ▫ HTC Vive Pro HMD system
  ▫ Custom Graphics PC Workstation, 4.2 GHz Intel i7-7700K CPU, GeForce 1080 Graphics Card
  ▫ Oculus VR headset
  ▫ AVT Simulation and U.S. Navy Naval Air Systems Command F/A-18 Hornet VR Receiver Aerial Refueling Part-Task
Future Opportunities

• Simulation training efficiencies
• FAA Airman Standards
• Gamification
• Military and commercial pilot training
• Physiological testing and training
Questions?
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