

Virtual Reality Training And Driver Safety

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### Let's talk numbers

#### Accidents / Statistics

- Weather (Sudden Visibility Reductions such as snow Pose Big Danger, Ice)
  - 1,561,430 accidents reported annually.
  - Estimated 57% of all accidents are not reported. Total 2.5+ M. 673k injuries, 7.5k fatalities.
- Cell Phones 24,000 injuries, 995 fatalities
- Distracted driving worse than drunk driving
  - Drunk Driving 4X more likely to crash, needs 4 extra feet breaking distance to react
  - Texting(Distracted Driving) 8x more likely to crash, needs 70 extra feet more to react
  - Eating and Drinking (Distracted Driving) 80% more likely to have an accident.
- Drowsiness 5500 fatalities,
- Aggressive Driving 13k accidents, 200+fatalities
- Unintended Acceleration 2000 accidents
- Cost Accidents cost employers \$60 Billion annually and have residual costs of driving up benefit costs

## What's in your toolbox?

**Current Training Methods** 



- Standard class room session
- Slides and props
- ❖ Books/Handouts/Guides
- Simulators
- Computer Based Training
- ❖ Videos
- Hands on experience the (Gold Standard)





## Practice makes perfect

**Benefits of Simulators** 

- Reduce Training Risks
  - Assets are expensive
  - Consequences can be catastrophic
- Faster Experience
  - More seat time
  - More exposure to scenarios and weather
  - Muscle memory

### Better Auditing

- Analyze every aspect of the simulation
- Track historical progress
- Reduce Costs
  - Equipment wear and tear
  - Fuel costs
  - Instructor costs

## Why virtual reality?

Standard vs. Virtual Reality Simulations



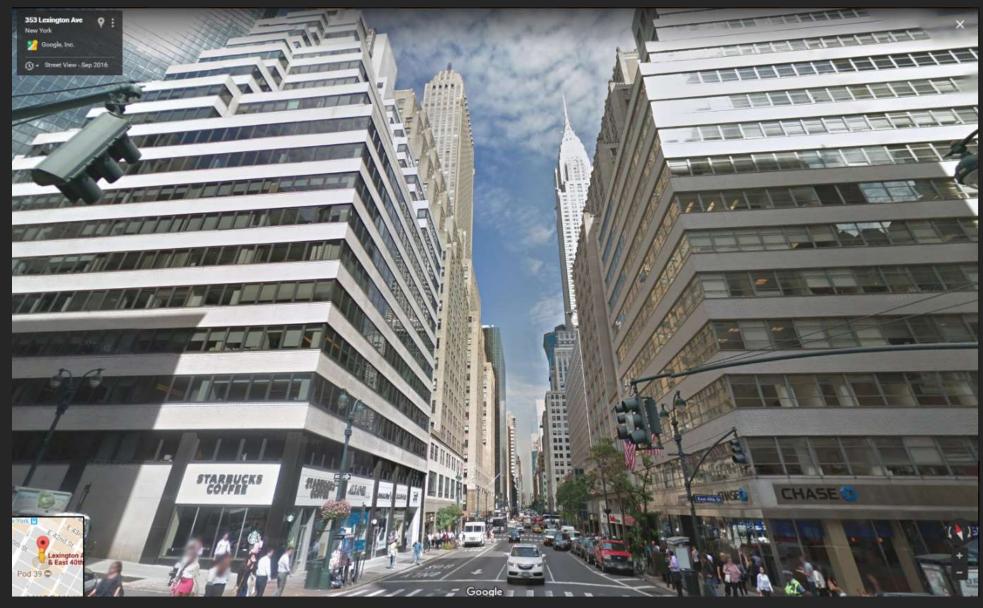


- Smaller footprint for same functionality
- Resilient to cabin changes
- Multi vehicle repurpose
- Scalable (hardware and software)
- ❖Fully immersive, evokes emotion
- ❖Ride along that are not bound by geography
- ❖Significantly less expensive for similar functionality
- Multi person simulations



# Seeing double

Realism and immersion are key





## Proof is in the pudding

Use cases

#### VR Gallbladder Surgery Use Case

- 29% faster gallbladder dissection
- 9 times less likely to fail
- Five times less likely to injure the gallbladder or burn non-target tissue

#### Simulator Training Georgia State

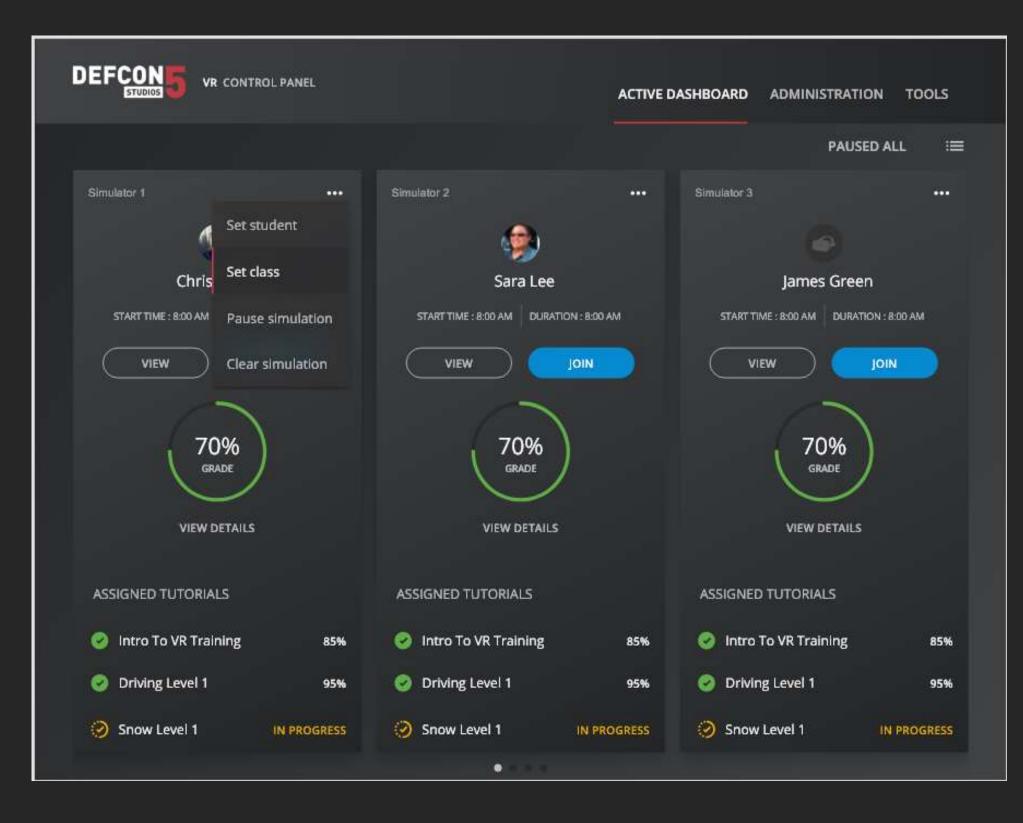
- Driving simulators placed in 147 high schools
- Simulations accounting for road hazards, weather, hydroplaning, parking, etc..
- 60% decline in student fatalities (181 teens) a year.

#### VR Forestry Training (after 25 hours of scenarios)

- 23% Increase in harvested wood
- 26% reduction in repair and maintenance costs

## Watch good driving behavior...or not

Teacher Control Panel Good Driving



#### Simulations can track good/bad behavior

- Make smooth, gradual starts and stops.
- Use reference points to know exactly where your car is positioned.
- Before putting your foot on the gas pedal, see that the targeting path is clear.
- Visualize the Target Area; then evaluate the 12-15 second ranges en route to it.
- When your LOS-POT (Line-Of-Sight, Path-Of-Travel) becomes restricted, reduce your speed.
- Adjust speed and position to keep empty space to the side.
- When you see a red light, reduce speed to time your arrival into a green light.
- Before entering any intersection, check that the left, front right zones are clear.
- When your foot goes on the brake, check the rearview mirror.
- Before moving your vehicle to either side, check your blind spots.
- Keep four seconds of following time from the front vehicle.

### What's Next in VR?

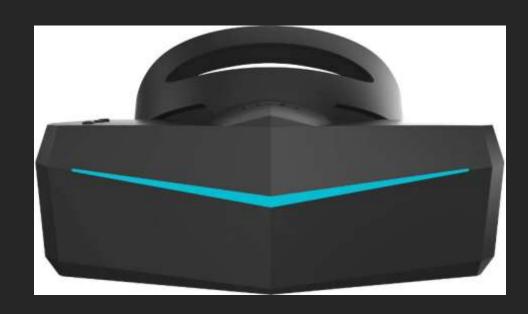
#### Awesomeness











- ❖ 4k per eye. 8k total headset
- Eye tracking
- ❖ 200 degree FOV
- Gloves instead of controllers
- Hand and finger tracking
- Sensory feedback



# THANK YOU!

Any Questions?

