

everyday playgrounds: architecture, game design, and pervasive computing

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- what are serious pervasive games in relation to architecture?
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overview

background spw





ETH Zurich / CAAD

at the ETH Zurich / CAAD we apply IT to create real projects:

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generative design with real applications

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one-of-a-kind production of unique building designs

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pervasive computing to establish (collaborative) building services

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generative design with real applications



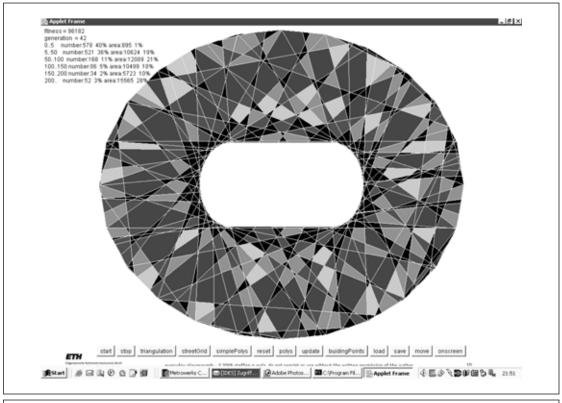


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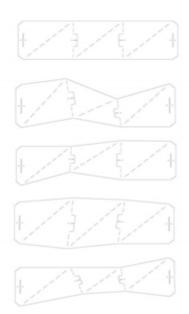


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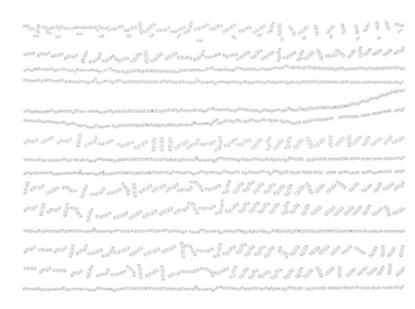


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one-of-a-kind production of unique building designs



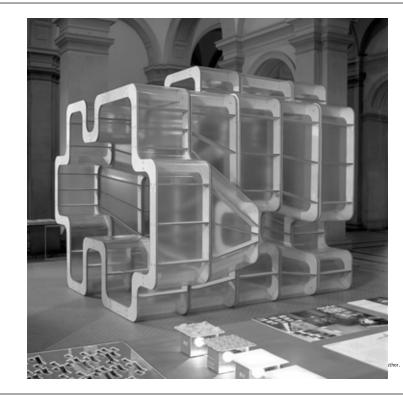
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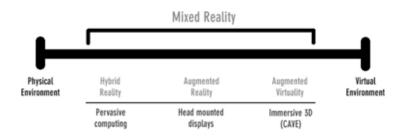
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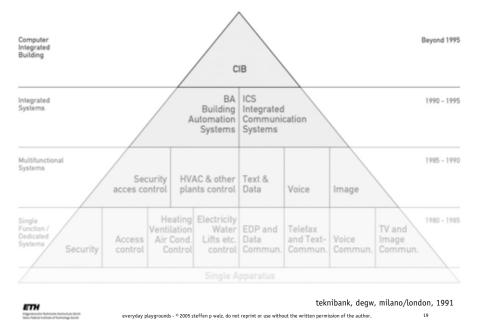


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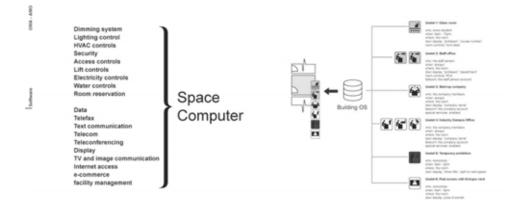
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computer integrated buildings



a building as a service platform



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ongoing projects: ETH world -> ETH science city (2006+)

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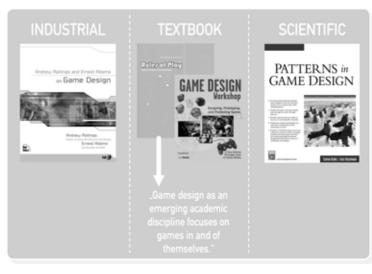


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what are serious pervasive games?

the discipline of game design



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rules of play

- 1) the world a place is a gameboard
 2) the game is where you are
- 3) ideas come first, then co-texts & con-texts, then interaction schemes, media & technology
 - 4) serious pervasive games have dialectics:
- a) they empower novel subjective experiences
 - b) if well balanced, they are near perfect surveillance and motivation tools

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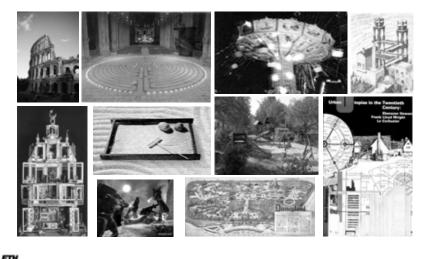
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def. serious game

a serious game is a game that serves nonentertainment purposes such as learning, health care, security / military, management (training), marketing, or public policy.

(cf. www.socialimpactgames.com)

some history digging: technologized game & play architectures



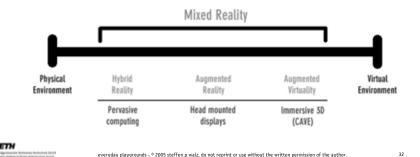
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def. pervasive game

pervasive games take advantage of emerging mobile, wireless, sensor, and positioning technologies for game experiences that merge virtual and physical game components.



getting earnest again: def. serious pervasive game

a serious pervasive game is a - surveillant - pervasive computing system in which players engage in an (artificial) conflict, defined by rules, that results in a quantifiable outcome; this game system is entertaining and experiential, yet following non-entertainment purposes.

(salen/zimmerman, add. spw)



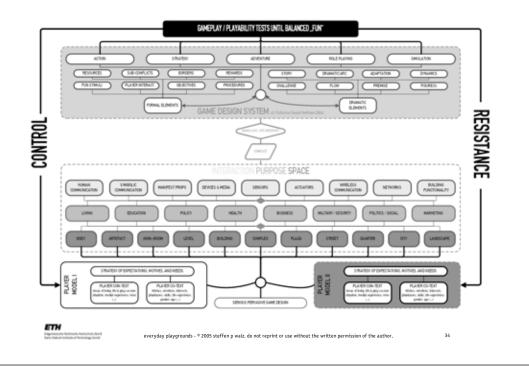
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projects

not so obvious serious fun technologies





- face recognition
- $\bullet \ gait \ identification \\$
- (DNA) fingerprinting
- vehicle / traffic tracking
 - electronic tagging
 - location tracking
- wiretapping / bugging
 - project echelon
- data warehouses (acxiom)
 - ID cards
 - CCTV





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third party serious pervasive game examples





Microsoft - "I Love Bees" marketing for Halo2 (Xbox): Web + public payphones + real actors + collaborative gameplay





MIT - "Environmental Detectives" emergency bio learning: PDA + GPS + virtual actors + collaborative gameplay

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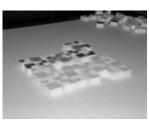
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exemplary prototyping methods II









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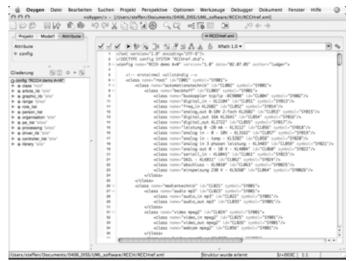






results from game arch design class, university of stuttgart, fall 2004/05, cf. http://wiki.caad.hbt.arch.ethz.ch/twiki/bin/view/Gamearch
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exemplary prototyping methods IV



XML definition of a functional computer integrated building setting

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serious pervasive game design: security









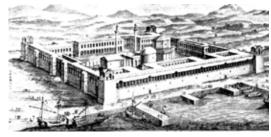
www.madcountdown.de: emergency & trust: PDA + WLAN + physical components + real actors + collaborative gameplay



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serious pervasive game design: policy







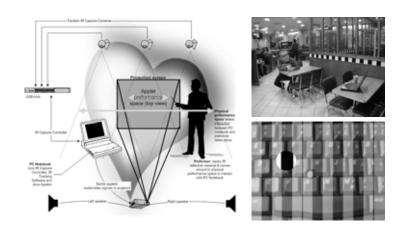
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"Spirits of Split" touristic marketing: Collectible cube puzzle + citizen participation + live action role playing

serious pervasive game design: control



"Container Love" body based room audio/image control: Infrared tracking + projection + audio/image manipulation

serious pervasive game design: health

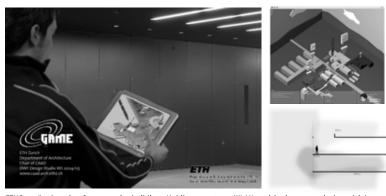






"lightFight" health care & room control: Wearable biofeedback + IP enabled room functionalities + psychophysiology

serious pervasive game design: education



"ETHGame" e-learning & community building: Mobile computer + WLAN positioning + massively multiplayer

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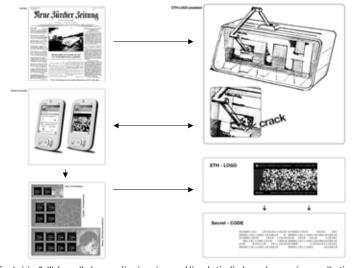


"Who's afraid of the black man?" study program learning & community building: Cell phone camera + semacode scanning + GPRS + Online multiplayer application



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serious pervasive game design: fundraising



"ETH Fundraising": Web + cell phone + alien invasion + public robotic display + chance prizes + collective gameplay

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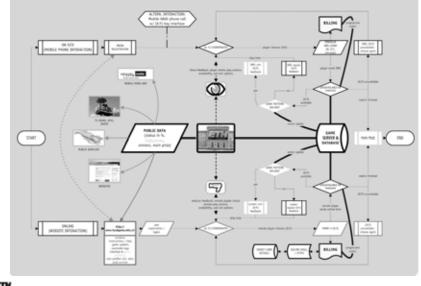
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serious pervasive game design: business



Chaos Computer Club & Bbtel GmbH "Blinkenlights" (2001):

Cell phone + media augmented facade



CAAD & Bbtel GmbH:

Cell phone as universal control device (displays, functionalities, sensors)



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earlier, related projects: collaborative 3d immersive VR, usability research

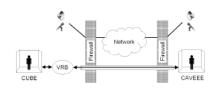


Figure 5: System Setup

Fig. 2: Online simulation with feedback loops to post processing, simulation and CAD



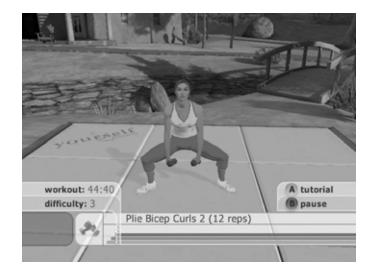


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