

Team 25

Client: NTT Data

Project Abstract: A Virtual Reality Simulation of riding in a Self-Driving Car

Bi-weekly report

Dated: 06/12/2019

**1. Overview of the last two weeks:**

Over the last two weeks, our team made significant progress on the project. On the first week, we further modified the MosCow list to make it more specific. Simultaneously, we have completed user persona which helps us better understand the users and also drew up part of the sketches to explore ideas on how our VR environment looks like. For the assets, we manage to borrow an oculus quest headset from UCL for the testing of our prototype before getting the gloves.

**2. Completed tasks:**

- a. User case diagram
- b. Sketches of car selection and homepage
- c. Personas
- d. An embryonic form of 3D prototype within all fundamental functions except self-driving

**3. Project Status:**

We made huge progress on this project over the last two weeks and we will try to connect the Oculus with prototype and in the next two weeks.

**4. By the end of the next two weeks, we should have completed:**

- a. For the project itself:
  - Achieve the connection between the VR headset and camera in the VR environment.
  - Able track the hand motions of users using Leap motion
  - Create 2d UI in 3d VR environment where user can interact with.
  - Create a very basic environment for the driving simulation part(i.e. a straight road with no turning)
- b. Draw system architecture diagram
- c. Draw sketches on the Car simulation part

**5. Plan for the next two weeks:**

- a. During the lab session next Tuesday, our team will:
  - a. Discuss about the components that the 2d UI inside car simulation part need to have (i.e. what buttons can be included for the users to interact with)
  - b. Distributing the coding work for the first prototype.
  - c. Sharing some ideas of how to implement different aspects of the project, compare them with other similar projects.
  - d. Distributing the assets for each team member to take home during Christmas holiday.
- During the second week:

- a. Keep contact with team through Skype meeting
  - b. Evaluate the work each team member has done
  - c. Discuss about encountered problems
- Meanwhile every team member should do the following things on their own:
  - a. Investigate the api provided by both Oculus quest and Leap motion
  - b. Continue learning Unity and C#

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## 2. Completed tasks:

1. Project functionalities (taken from the MoSCoW list)
  - a. A user-friendly interface that allows the user to choose a car
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**Total Cost: € 116.14**

### **3. Project Status:**

We are currently building up on our prototype - finding more Unity assets for our VR environment, working on the self-driving algorithm, and integrating Oculus hand tracking API with our project. We are also working on the IEP Legal Implications document.

### **4. Future Plan:**

- a. Improve the Car's interiors
- b. Replace the *Oculus Touch Controllers* with Leap Motion to enable *hands capture*.
- c. Research about algorithms relating to Car Navigation
- d. Complete the self-driving algorithm
- e. Create a UI for Car Navigation so that users can customise the route the car will take

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Date: 28/02/2020

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7. Research about algorithms relating to Car Navigation
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- c. Finalise our simulation environment
- d. Further improve our *Car Selection* scene and add UI components using the aforementioned asset
- e. Completely test our project for delivery
- f. Complete all documentation for our project

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Dated: 17/01/2020

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### 3. Project Status:

We finished the prototype over the last two weeks and will try to improve the quality of our models. Our plan is to start working on the *self-driving* algorithm in the next two weeks.

### 4. Future Plan:

- Looking for new car models (a tailored self-driving car model would be better)
- Improve the Car's interiors
- Replace the *Oculus Touch Controllers* with Leap Motion to enable *hands capture*.
- Look for a larger, more detailed city map
- Research about algorithms relating to Car Navigation
- Create a UI for Car Navigation so that users can customise the route the car will take



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Dated: 22/11/2019

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In the past two weeks, our team has had a skype meeting with Nadia to gather the specific requirements for our project. We then followed up on the meeting, listed out our tasks, and then split them for each team member for the week (this includes creating user personas, creating a MoSCoW list of features, generating use-case diagrams, etc.) Whilst working on the *requirements* part of the project, all the team members are also doing further research on how we will be creating the VR self-driving car simulation environment on Unity.

**2. Completed tasks:**

- a. The framework of the project
- b. DevOps setup
- c. MoSCoW list completed
- d. Project website created

**3. Project Status:**

We are slightly behind our original plan, but our catching up swiftly.

**4. By the end of the next two weeks, we should have completed:**

- a. Sketches
- b. Use-diagram
- c. Persona
- d. An embryonic form of our prototype

**5. Plan for the next two weeks:**

- During the lab session next Tuesday, our team will:
  - a. Discuss the MoSCoW list of features, make sure everybody agrees on it and knows the exact meaning of every feature on the list.
  - b. Drawing sketches for the first prototype, including:
    - Sketch for the car selection part
    - Sketch for the in-car perspective.
  - c. Draw the use-case diagram for the first prototype.
  - d. Distributing the coding work for the first prototype
- During the lab session on the following week, our team will:
  - a. Evaluate the work each team member has done
  - b. Discuss about encountered problems
- Meanwhile every team member should do the following things on their own:
  - a. Continue learning Unity and C#
  - b. Look for more, interesting and relevant projects and learn from them
  - c. Gathering some useable car models and landscape models.

- Other work to be done:
  - Talk to the Lab Teaching Assistant about the asset request (The gloves as well as 3-D model)
  - Finish the user personas
  - Ask about access to VR lab

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