CSCI 599 - Introduction to Holodecks
Units: 4
Fall 2022 - Mondays and Wednesdays 2-3:50 pm

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Course Description
A holodeck enables users to see virtual objects without glasses and to interact with them without wearing gloves or bodysuits. Holodecks may occupy physical volumes such as a tabletop cuboid or sphere, a telephone booth, a self-driving vehicle, a room, a concert hall, a stadium, or other well defined spaces. This course introduces students to Flying Light Specks (FLSs) as miniature drones with Red/Green/Blue (RGB) lights that fly as swarms to illuminate a virtual object. These illuminations provide true depth, enabling a user to perceive a scene more completely by analyzing its illumination from different angles. In addition, students are introduced to FLS-matter, a swarm of miniature drones to generate the tactile (simulating skin receptors only) and kinesthetic (muscle sense of pushing or lifting objects with mass) senses. These concepts enable immersive and interactive 3D displays depicted in science fiction shows, e.g., Star Trek’s holodeck. A holodeck will revolutionize the future of human communication and perception, and how we interact with information and data.

Students will have the opportunity to conduct novel research and publish their work. I am organizing the first conference offering on holodecks, see https://www.holodecks.quest for details. Students are encouraged to participate and present their work at this conference.

Learning Objectives
This course introduces students to:
- Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, and Mixed Reality.
- Programmable matter such as Claytronics, BitDrones, Roboxels, and FLSs.
- Holographs.
- Encounter-type haptic devices.
- Centralized and decentralized algorithms for group formation.
- Collision prevention and detection techniques.
- Matlab and MathWorks for rapid prototyping and evaluation of algorithms.
- Physics engines such as Airsim and Gazebo to conduct simulation studies.

Prerequisite(s): Principles of Software Development (CSCI 201)
Recommended Preparation: Operating Systems (CSCI 356), AI (CSCI 360), Data Management (CSCI 485)

Course Notes: All lecture material will be posted on the USC blackboard system prior to lectures.

Technological Proficiency and Hardware/Software Required
Students should be proficient in design and implementation of concepts in different programming languages.

Required Readings and Supplementary Materials
Required readings and supplementary materials are based on recently published papers. USC students may use their provided ACM/IEEE/Springer digital library membership to download these papers for free.

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Description and Assessment of Assignments
The course includes a class project. Students are encouraged to conduct their project on the numerous research topics related to the Flying Light Specks, FLSs.

Grading Breakdown
The class project is an important component of student grades. Projects may be done either individually or in teams.

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<td>Class Participation</td>
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Assignment Submission Policy
All project reports must be submitted using the USC blackboard system.

Grading Timeline
Exams will be graded promptly and returned in a week.
Project description and the final project report include an oral presentation.

Additional Policies
No late reports are accepted. All deadlines are final.
Class participation may include students presenting technical papers. Students are rewarded with extra credit for conducting original research.
Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown

**Week 1: FLS Displays & Claytronics**


**Dig Deeper (Optional Reading):**

**Week 2: FLS Illuminations & Group Construction (Matching Problem)**


**Dig Deeper:**

**Week 3: Encounter-Type Haptics (Guest Lecturer Heather Culbertson)**


Dig Deeper:


Week 4: Roboxels & Bit-Drones


Week 5: User Safety (Guest Lecturer, Luis Garcia)

Week 6: Quadcopters in Action

Dig Deeper:


Week 7: Collision Prevention & Avoidance


Dig Deeper:


Week 8: Review for Midterm and Midterm

Week 9: Matlab

Week 10: Holograms


**Week 11: Physics Engines Airsim and Gazebo**


**Week 12: Positioning System**


**Dig Deeper:**

- Hari Balakrishnan, Roshan Baliga, Dorothy Curtis, Michel Goraczko, Allen Miu, Nissanka B. Priyantha, Adam Smith, Ken Steele, Seth Teller, Kevin Wang, Lessons from Developing and Deploying the Cricket Indoor Location System, November 2003. (Preprint.)
- This paper describes the lessons learned from Cricket v1 and how Cricket v2’s design builds on these lessons.

**Week 13: 3D Acoustics**


Dig Deeper:

**Week 14: Noise Reduction**

**Week 15: Project Presentations**

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<td>FLS displays, Claytronics &amp; Catoms,</td>
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<td>Roboxels, Bit-Drones, Fast 3D printing</td>
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### Time Permitting

**Immersive Human Computer Interaction System**


Dig Deeper:

### Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards”
policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on Research and Scholarship Misconduct.

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Support Systems:

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Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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diversity.usc.edu
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chan.usc.edu/otfp
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