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Augmented reality technology is quickly coming into the mainstream. The opportunities for new consumer experiences are enormous. If in the past, augmented reality seemed merely science fiction, nowadays it opens new marketing opportunities.

So, what is augmented reality? According to Mashable, augmented reality is a technology that connects the real world with digital information and media in real-time through smartphones, tablets, computers and glasses. It has the capa-

bility of changing your perception of reality through 3D models, videos, sounds and various types of content.

Marketers have a whole new world to explore. There are some examples of brands that are using augmented reality with success. IKEA, for example, uses augmented reality in its catalogues. Consumers can scan one object from its catalogue and try it at home before purchasing it at the store. But there are many more functionalities for augmented reality. *Continued on page 5*

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Can you image seeing a billboard with a campaign against violence in sports, like we are watching in the European football (soccer) championship - Euro2016? You could scan it with your smartphone and have access to additional campaigns from different countries (depending upon where you are located and from where you are) or content appealing for good

sportsmanship and proper behaviour from supporters?

There's more. In online retail, augmented reality gives consumers the possibility of trying furniture, clothes, shoes, artwork, etc., at home before making the purchase. That way, we are sure not get that outfit wrong, right?

Any consumer will be able to see if a painting is suitable for his or her living room. An architecture office can show their projects to their clients in 3D, giving the opportunity for their clients to have a better idea of how it could be their dream house or building. A sales representative can simulate his or her product in real time with no effort in the client's office and drive sales.

These are only same examples on how augmented reality is changing your perception of reality, increasing your interaction with objects and helping to make faster purchasing decisions before consumers move

to stores or purchase online at home.

But how about virtual reality, you may be asking? <u>Augment</u> distinguishes augmented reality from virtual reality by the experience of reality. The first is a computer-generated technology that enhances the "existing reality" through the "ability to interact with it". The second is "an artificial, computer-generated simulation" of a "real life environment or situation."

Both augmented and virtual realities have enormous potential in changing the marketing landscape by increasing interactions and experiences between brands and consumers. As technology evolves more and more in mobile devices, such as laptops, smart phones and tablets, it is changing how the real world and digital images, graphics intersect and interact with one another. What will the future bring? I would like to hear from you.

La réalité augmentée et le changement du paysage marketing

La technologie de la réalité augmentée s'intègre rapidement dans le courant des tendances actuelles. Les possibilités de nouvelles expériences de consommation sont énormes. Si dans le passé, la réalité augmentée semblait être de la science-fiction; aujourd'hui, elle crée de nouvelles opportunités marketing.

C'est quoi donc la réalité augmentée ? Selon Mashable, la réalité augmentée est une technologie qui connecte le monde réel a l'information numérique et aux médias en temps réel à travers les smartphones, les tablettes, les ordinateurs et les lunettes numériques. Elle a la capacité de changer votre perception de la réalité à travers des modèles 3D, des vidéos, des sons et des différents types de contenu.

Les marketeurs ont un tout nouveau mon-

de à explorer. Il existe certaines marques qui utilisent la réalité augmentée avec succès. Ikea, par exemple, se sert de la réalité augmentée dans ses catalogues. Les consommateurs peuvent scanner un objet à partir de son catalogue et l'essayer à la maison avant de l'acheter du magasin. Mais il y a beaucoup plus de fonctionnalités offertes par la réalité augmentée.

Pouvez-vous imaginer voir un panneau d'affichage avec une campagne contre la violence dans le sport, comme ce que nous regardons dans le championnat d'Europe de football — Euro 2016 ? Vous pouvez le scanner avec votre smartphone et avoir accès à des campagnes supplémentaires de différents pays (selon l'endroit où vous vous trouvez ou d'où vous venez) ou à un contenu attrayant pour un bon esprit sportif et un comportement correct des sup-

porteurs.

Il y a plus. Dans le commerce en ligne, la réalité augmentée donne aux consommateurs la possibilité d'essayer des meubles, vêtements, chaussures, œuvres d'art, etc., à la maison avant d'effectuer l'achat. De cette façon, nous sommes sûr de ne pas obtenir de fausses mesures.

Tout consommateur sera en mesure de voir si une peinture convient à son salon. Un bureau d'architecture peut montrer ses projets à ses clients en 3D, donnant la possibilité aux clients d'avoir une meilleure idée de ce que pourrait être leur maison de rêve ou bâtiment. Un représentant des ventes peut simuler son produit en temps réel sans effort dans le bureau du client et stimuler les ventes.

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Success Story of a CMMP Designation Holder

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The marketing genius Behind Uber

By: Caroline Berryman, CMMP

Since Uber launched in Canada in 2012, Uber has steadily increased in popularity. In Toronto, almost one million people are using the app and the company now operates in most major Canadian cities including Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton and Calgary.

Despite anti-Uber protests and politicians trying to decide the fate of this company, the brand has remained very positive in its marketing through a series of low-cost, high impact events that generate excitement and also provide newsworthy content that results in free publicity for Uber.

Internally, Uber refers to these events as "making magic" and claim that it is one of their core values. According to Uber Marketing Manager Erica Edwards, the company had a mission "to celebrate the cities it operated in and obsess about its customers." They have done this very successfully through a series of strategic and targeted events recently.

On St. Patrick's Day in 2015, Uber set up breathalyzer kiosks around downtown Toronto that included straws which potential customers could blow into. If they blew over the legal limit for driving, they could use the kiosk to order a free ride home. What a great way to get new future customers? What was the result of this clever marketing tactic? The event earned 55 million media impressions and resulted in over 500 articles published worldwide. As an aside, they also won a Bronze Cyber Lion in Cannes last year for their innovative use of technology.

In Canada, Uber has a local marketing team in every city whose objective is to tell a local story with its marketing and they did so with UberPitch. UberPitch is a program that offers entrepreneurs a 15-minute Uber ride to pitch their business idea to a potential investor. This event first occurred in the U.S., and because it was so successful, it has been repeated and customized to other markets includ-



ing Canada. When Uber launched Uber-Pitch in Canada, it acquired well- known local investors including Joseph Mimran and Michael Hyatt from the successful TV show Dragons' Den, a show that invites entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas in front of a panel of potential investors for a chance to become business partners. This Uber event actually led to several actual business deals and resulted in 8 million social media impressions and 1,203 brand mentions on social media.

Who doesn't like cute puppies? Delivering puppies via Uber is another event which the company has done in other markets successfully. For \$30, offices can order a 15-minute visit from dogs from local shelters, a tactic that has paid off resulting in lots of publicity that gives the brand a 'warm and fuzzy feeling', while showing their good corporate citizenship raising awareness for animal shelters. Last April, Uber executed this event in Toronto for National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day. Marketed as a way to raise awareness for animal shelters, this event was such a success that Uber brought it to Toronto again this spring, as well as Edmonton, Ottawa and Calgary. In Toronto, this event generated

very positive news coverage from two Toronto TV stations and a major newspaper.

Uber is a marketing success story, executing unique events to create awareness, increase customers, increase its profile in communities that it operates in by being seen as a caring company, while spending very little money on advertising. These events are so exciting that the media loves to talk about them and we love to hear about them.



Caroline Berryman, CMMP



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Ce ne sont que quelques exemples sur la façon dont la réalité augmentée est en train de changer votre perception de la réalité, augmentant votre interaction avec les objets tout en aidant à prendre des décisions d'achat plus rapides avant que les consommateurs se déplacent aux magasins ou procèdent à l'achat en ligne.

Mais que diriez-vous de la réalité virtuelle, vous demandez-vous peut-être ? <u>Augment</u> distingue la réalité augmentée de la réalité virtuelle par l'expérience de la réalité. La première est une technologie générée par ordinateur qui améliore la "réalité existante" par la "capacité d'interagir avec elle." La seconde est "une simulation artificielle générée par ordinateur " d'un "environnement de la vie réelle ou d'une situation."

Les deux réalités augmentée et virtuelle ont un énorme potentiel pour changer le paysage marketing en augmentant les interactions et les expériences entre les marques et les consommateurs. Comme la technologie évolue de plus en plus dans le domaine des appareils mobiles, tels que les ordinateurs portables, les smartphones et les tablettes ; la façon dont le monde réel, les images numériques et les graphiques se croisent et interagissent est en train de changer. Qu'apportera l'avenir ? J'aimerai bien vous entendre.





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