# Into the Metaverse!

Use Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality To Improve Your Utility Vegetation Management Program

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## **Quick Primer:**

### **Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality**

### Virtual Reality (VR)

- Creates a 3-D digital world
- Uses VR goggles and other sensor-based equipment to allow the user to see and interact with the digital world
- Simulated reality not actual reality

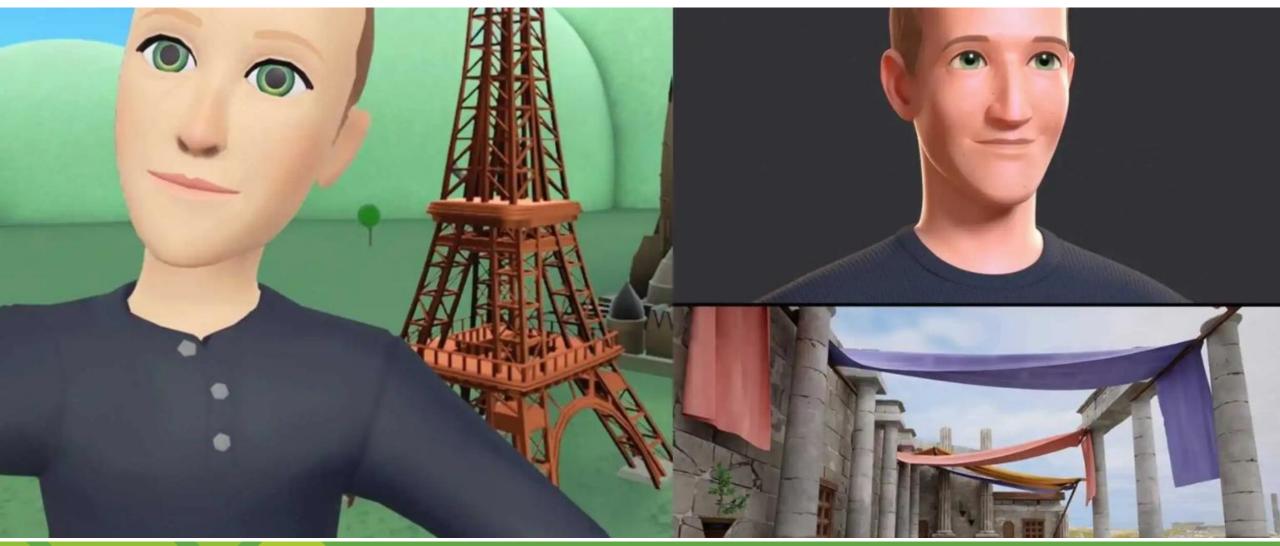
#### Augmented Reality (AR)

- Uses the real world
- Superimposes a computer-generated image on the real world
- Allows the user to simultaneously see a composite of the real world and the computergenerated image





## Virtual Reality (VR)



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**Live VR Demo** 

#### Virtual Forest Tests & Certifies <u>Vegetation Management Inspectors</u>

- Safe testing environment
- Saves strain on human resources
- Improves productivity
- Assures consistent results
- Provides resources to improve & retrain
- Tests:
  - tree knowledge
  - use of tools & equipment
  - customer interaction capacity





### **Augmented Reality (AR)**





### **Live AR Demo - PreInspection**

# PreInspection Tool Improves Speed & Accuracy

- Better access to customer data (call ahead / bad dog)
- Replace writing with videos for clearer explanation of work orders
- Exact marking time, date and location stamped in X-Y-Z space
- Improves communications between PreInspectors and Tree Crews
- Avoids 3<sup>rd</sup> party (and nature-based) interference with markings
- Creates permanent record with video and transcription for legal risk reduction
- Essentially instantaneous upload from field to office





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# Live AR Demo – Tree Crews

# Tree Crew Tool Improves Speed & Accuracy

- Transcription eliminates language barriers
- Exact marking eliminates guesswork
  - Saves each crew (on avg) 1 hr / day
- Improves safety by marking site hazards
- Call function allows Tree Crew to contact PreInspector
  - Verify instructions
  - Add missed tree(s)
- Provides utility-limited access to essential customer data
  - Gate codes
  - Bad dog
  - Call ahead
- Video record reduces likelihood of false damage claims

- Visible property boundary markers
- Visible environmental factors
  - Bird nests
  - Watercourses
  - Historic / Cultural Sites
- Creates permanent record with video and transcription for legal risk reduction
- Essentially instantaneous upload from field to office
- Office tracking of human and equipment resources
- Al function makes recommendations for speed & efficiency
- Reduces need for after-hours office work to report on accomplished work – automatically compiled



## Live AR Demo – Work Verification

#### Work Verification Tool Improves Speed & Accuracy

- Transcription eliminates language barriers
- Exact marking eliminates false reporting of accomplished work
- Video comparison of work order vs. work accomplished dramatically improves efficiency
  - Saves each Post-Inspector (on avg) 4-5 hrs / day
- Improves safety by marking site hazards and reducing need for travel by vehicle / hiking
- Call function allows Post-Inspector to contact Tree Crew and PreInspector
- Creates permanent record with video and transcription for legal risk reduction



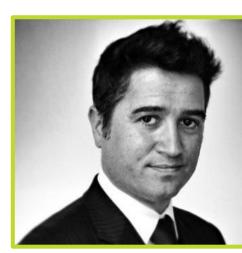




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At WITS, we are pioneering the next leap in Metaverse engagement. We provide comprehensive training and practical applications in the Metaverse, utilizing the power of AR and VR technology to help your organization test the boundaries of digital interaction.

Our innovative technology, protected by 25 existing patents, 10 patents pending and others in progress, is the backbone of a platform designed for versatility and adaptability. Currently, we are revolutionizing Utility Vegetation Management, offering immersive and efficient solutions. WITS is your gateway to a fully integrated Metaverse experience.

