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INTRODUCTION

Virtual reality (VR) is an interactive computer-generated experience, which allows the user to feel he is in a virtual world where he can interact in and control a virtual environment. The interaction between the user and the virtual world is mainly through auditory and visual stimuli, but it can also include other types of sensory feedback, such as haptic technology.

This Technical Report focuses on VR equipment and systems that are within the scope of TC 100. Firstly, the ecosystem of VR is described, based on a brief view of market trends and analysis of some typical use cases of VR equipment and systems. Then technologies used in VR equipment and systems are listed, in order to introduce a C-P-N-D (Content, Product, Network and Device) based VR system model. Finally, after studying the standardization activities of related standards developing organizations (SDOs), some suggestions are given, including potential standardization topics within the scope of TC 100.

VIRTUAL REALITY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS – MARKET, TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS

1 Scope

This document discusses the market of virtual reality (VR) and the technical domains pertaining to a VR system. This document provides clarity on how existing standards can be used and highlights further requirements for standards within the scope of TC 100.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

head mounted device

HMD

type of computer display device or monitor which is worn on the head or is built in as part of a helmet

3.2

virtual reality

VR

simulation of the physical presence of the user, which is primarily experienced through two of the five senses such as sight and sound, in an environment produced with the help of a computer, enabling the user to interact with this environment

4 Markets for VR equipment and systems

4.1 Overview of VR markets

In the 1980s, the arrival of stereoscopic '3D' games such as *Virtuality* and *Virtual Boy* drew attention to virtual display techniques. Even some films, like *Lawnmower Man* and *Virtuosity*, and books, such as *Snow Crash*, demonstrated the powerful potential of VR. But the technology at the time could not match people's imagination or their expectations; poor image quality, significant latency and high device prices made the first trials of VR products fail in the end.

Since 2014, there has been a second wave of VR technology, and, like most new technologies, VR has had a rocky – but predicable start.