

TECHNOLOGY

"It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity." - Albert Einstein

EYE GLASSES OFFER INTERNET HOLOGRAMS

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If you're considering buying a smartphone - don't! Wait a few months and they'll be obsolete.

Rumour has it that Google is preparing to market eye glasses that stream the internet in real time.

While wearing these glasses, a woman can spot a fashionable shop while walking and immediately browse the internet for details on that business before she gets there.

A head gesture, like a nod, will initiate the gathering of details.

And, when inside, she can gaze at a dress, and with objection-recognition software, she can browse the internet for reviews and compare it with similar dresses.

This is truly convenient research, and nobody knows she's doing it.

Augmented Reality

Who knew that computers could be so handy?

It's called augmented reality and it provides sound, video, graphics and GPS data.

And, with voice recognition software, you can dictate a message and email it to friend, along with photos of the dress, asking her to join you at the shop as you stop for a falafel and salad.

You can also check the internet for the closest falafel and salad outlet.

For sports nuts, you can watch a game and view all the stats at the same time, including doing research on athletes you don't know.



Musicians can perform all kinds of music in a concert or at a local park just by reading the sheet music as it appears. Music stands will become extinct.

You can also watch movies with live video streams while gardening, mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, doing the dishes or sun bathing at the beach - if there's a hotspot (wireless internet connection).

These augmented reality glasses would also be helpful in the classroom, but not during an exam.

While this sounds cool, it can also be freaky. Texting will die, but driving will become more dangerous.

Imagine a man, cruising the streets, and looking at a scantily clad woman on the sidewalk. Facial recognition software can link him to internet information all about her before her rear end causes a rear-ender.

Normally, your retina cannot adjust to images so near to the eye, like looking at your finger an inch away, the proximity would be dizzying and give you a headache.

TV Holograms

However, virtual retinal display (VRD) is a technology that puts the display (like a TV screen) right onto your retina. The image appears like a hologram floating out in space in front of you.

This technology is also known as a retinal scan display (RSD) or a retinal projector (RP).

The glasses, expected to sell for the price of a smartphone later in 2012 (making those devices obsolete), will be equipped with a camera, a GPS, 3G and 4G connectivity, and movement sensors for bobbing your head, which tells the glasses to perform a function, like sending an email.

One day, the glasses will be useless, when surgeons implant a device in our heads at birth, complete with a bar code. Maybe next year.

(Oh-oh. Google has 6 letters. *Grin*)

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I'm introducing myself because I want to meet you.

If you live on a street listed at the end of this feature, you are valuable for three reasons.

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2) Perhaps you have talented family members who want to access events that help develop their skills.

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- ▶ Event Organizers (parties, festivals, concerts)
- ▶ Cartoonists
- ▶ Musicians
- ▶ Athletes
- ▶ Administrators

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