Virtual Reality vs. Augmented Reality: What is the difference?

Virtual Reality (VR)

Replaces your reality with a new simulated one

Augmented Reality (AR)

Takes your current reality and adds new elements to it

Get to know the Gear



AR Lower end:

Through the screen of most smartphones and tablets with a rear facing camera



High End:

Standalone headsets like Microsoft HoloLens Meta 2





What can it do for you?

VR

Best used for:

Immersive gaming
Healthcare: Phobias, PTSD,
rehabilitation, pain management
360 Photos/Video: Storytelling,
real rstate, rews reporting,
and rocumentaries
Social VR: Share experiences
with neonle from around the world

AR

Best used for:

Location Based Gaming
Navigation: find your parked car,
driving directions, sightseeing
Shopping: See how clothes and
cosmetics look on you, see how
furniture will fit in your home
Instructional: Help with repairing
or assembling items

Virtual Reality vs. Augmented the differences are there, but one doesn't just replace the other and the uses are compelling for both approaches. This doesn't have to be a one or the other choice. VR and AR are two different ends of a spectrum of this new way of spatially/ immersively interacting with a computer.

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