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# Project Plan

## Virtual Reality Simulation for Railcar Loading

### The Capstone Experience

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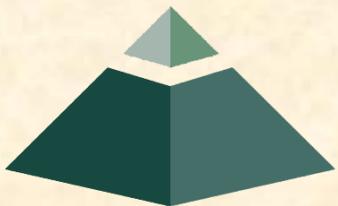
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# Functional Specifications

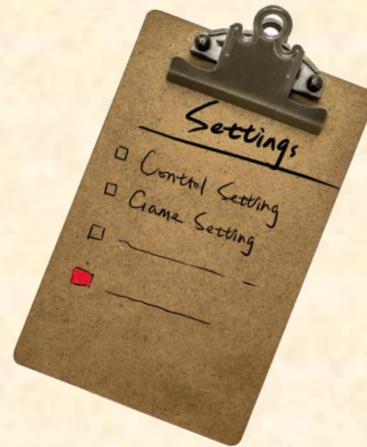
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- Dow has to train employees to load railcars with hazardous chemicals
- Training new employees can be very dangerous
- Creating a VR game to make training safer
- Train users to
  - Load railcars
  - Handle various dangerous scenarios
  - Gain virtual certification
  - Get ready for the real work



# Design Specifications

- Starting Screen and Menu
- Scene 1 : Equipment Gathering
- Scene 2 : Railcar Loading
- Scene 2 : The Process
- Ingame Menu
- Score Screen
- Scoring System
- Sound



# Screen Mockup: The Loading Area



# Screen Mockup: The Railcar



# Technical Specifications

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- Unity Game Engine
  - GameObject Interaction
  - Movement
  - Feedback System
  - Hint System
  - Hazard System
  - Weather System



# System Architecture

Software



Audacity®



Hardware



Languages



VRTK  
virtual reality toolkit

STEAM® VR



Assets



# System Components

- Hardware Platforms
  - HTC Vive and Touch Controllers
  - Computer with GTX 1060 or better
- Software Platforms / Technologies
  - Unity Game Engine
  - Microsoft .NET / C#
  - 3DS Max
  - Photoshop CS6
  - Audacity
  - HTC Vive SDK



# Risks

## Unity Game Engine

- **Difficulty:** Easy to Medium
- **Description:** Understand how to develop with Unity.
- **Mitigation:** Follow online tutorials through Unity, websites, and YouTube.

## Vive SDK

- **Difficulty:** Medium
- **Description:** Import and understand Vive SDK plugin for Unity.
- **Mitigation:** Download SDK and create test scenes.

## Accurate Simulation

- **Difficulty:** Medium
- **Description:** Need to accurately replicate a scenario of loading railcars
- **Mitigation:** Watch/analyze videos of different railcar loading/filling

## Project Assets

- **Difficulty:** Easy
- **Description:** Need to search through 8000 provided assets to build the game.
- **Mitigation:** Split the assets into folders and subfolders to organize assets.



# Questions?

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