



# Fundamentals of Wearable Computers and Augmented Reality, Second Edition

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Data will not help you if you can't see it where you need it. Or can't collect it where you need it. Upon these principles, wearable technology was born. And although smart watches and fitness trackers have become almost ubiquitous, with in-body sensors on the horizon, the future applications of wearable computers hold so much more. A trusted reference for almost 15 years, **Fundamentals of Wearable Computers and Augmented Reality** goes beyond smart clothing to explore user interface design issues specific to wearable tech and areas in which it can be applied.

Upon its initial publication, the first edition almost instantly became a trusted reference, setting the stage for the coming decade, in which the explosion in research and applications of wearable computers and augmented reality occurred. Written by expert researchers and teachers, each chapter in the second edition has been revised and updated to reflect advances in the field and provide fundamental knowledge on each topic, solidifying the book's reputation as a valuable technical resource as well as a textbook for augmented reality and ubiquitous computing courses.

New Chapters in the Second Edition Explore:

**Computational clothing** From a technology perspective, much of what is happening now with wearables and augmented reality would not have been possible even five years ago. In the fourteen years since the first edition burst on the scene, the capabilities and applications of both technologies are orders of magnitude faster, smaller, and cheaper. Yet the book's overarching mission remains the same: to supply the fundamental information and basic knowledge about the design and use of wearable computers and augmented reality with the goal of enhancing people's lives.

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"Wearable computing has come to mainstream commercial products. Now it is even more important to understand and apply the lessons of pioneering research as recounted in the comprehensive second edition of "Fundamentals of Wearable Computers and Augmented Reality". Thus starts the era of wide spread adoption of wearable computing and augmented reality."

?Daniel P. Siewiorek, Carnegie Mellon University

"... a comprehensive overview of wearable computing with a focus on its application in augmented reality. ... What I like about the book, is its breadth of focus ... I would recommend the book to anyone interested in the history of wearables and their use in future applications."

?Jan Brejcha, Charles University, Prague

"Taken together, the book covers the fundamentals that must be addressed in order for AR to reach its full potential."

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"... an important milestone in our journey to the wearable computing era. ... Wearable computers and augmented reality are very powerful technologies and will surely bring new exciting applications augmenting our life and experience."

?Asim Smailagic, Carnegie Mellon University "For researchers in this area, the book is amazingly inspiring, containing a huge range of fantastic material on the topic of wearable computing and augmented reality. Its content reflects the skills and experience of a number of long-term researchers in the field, and each chapter feels extensive and mature, yet fresh and up to date. This is not a book that will guide you step by step in setting up a wearable computer demo system, but rather a book that will provide you with a remarkable overall vision on the topic, showing you what the best researchers have done so far and therefore offering you the unique opportunity of 'standing on the shoulders of giants' of wearable computing."

?Presence, Winter 2016 **Reviews of the First Edition:** "Portions of the book would be of great interest to many HF/E professionals and students as preparation for applications and issues to be addressed in the relatively near future. The technology section would be especially useful for new researchers and developers starting in the field... "

?Ergonomics in Designs

"...this book contains broad information related to wearable computers and augmented reality. Most of the chapters present cutting-edge research activities. Thus, the required level of readers is intermediate to expert....researchers or graduate students of computer-human interaction or virtual reality could take advantage from it."

?Computer Journal

"The book covers a variety of research and development issues....anyone who is interested in wearable computers and augmented reality could do well to start with this work."

?Ergonomics Abstracts

"...the papers presented interesting ideas and topics for further development...one might feel that yet again here is a technology looking for an application and that we ought to be working hard on developing and appropriate role for people in relation to these devices."

?Eurospan About the Author

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