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To Mel —O. B.

To my parents —R. R.

















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## **Preface**

Spatial Augmented Reality is a rapidly emerging field which concerns everyone working in digital art and media who uses any aspects of augmented
reality and is interested in cutting-edge technology of display technologies
and the impact of computer graphics. We believe that a rich pallet of different display technologies, mobile and non-mobile, must be considered and
adapted to fit a given application so that one can choose the most efficient
technology. While this broader view is common in the very established
area of virtual reality, it is becoming more accepted in augmented reality
which has been dominated by research involving mobile devices.

This book reflects our research efforts over several years and the material has been refined in several courses that we taught at the invitation of Eurographics and ACM SIGGRAPH.

#### Who Should Read This Book

In order for a broad spectrum of readers—system designers, programmers, artists, etc—to profit from the book, we require no particular programming experience or mathematical background. However, a general knowledge of basic computer graphics techniques, 3D tools, and optics will be useful.

The reader will learn about techniques involving both hardware and software to implement spatial augmented reality installations. Many Cg and OpenGL code fragments, together with algorithms, formulas, drawings, and photographs will guide the interested readers who want to experiment with their own spatial augmented reality installations.

By including a number of exemplary displays examples from different environments, such as museums, edutainment settings, research projects, and industrial settings, we want to stimulate our readers to imagine novel









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AR installations and to implement them. Supplementary material can be found at http://www.spatialar.com/.

### About the Cover

The images at the top of the front cover show a rainbow hologram of a dinosaur (Deinonychus) skull (found in North America). It has been augmented with reconstructed soft tissue and artificial shading and occlusion effects. The soft tissue data, provided by Lawrence M. Witmer of Ohio University, were rendered autostereoscopically. A replica of the skull was holographed by Tim Frieb at the Holowood holographic studio in Bamberg, Germany. The hologram was reconstructed by projected digital light that could be controlled and synchronized to the rendered graphics. This enabled a seamless integration of interactive graphical elements into optical holograms.

The image at the bottom show an example of Shader Lamps: an augmentation of a white wooden model of the Taj Mahal with two projectors. The wooden model was built by Linda Welch, George Spindler and Marty Spindler in the late 1970s. In 1999, at the University of North Carolina, Greg Welch spray painted the wooden model white and Kok-Lim Low scanned it with a robotic arm to create a 3D model. The wooden model is shown illuminated with images rendered with real time animation of a sunrise.

The art work on the back cover was created by Matthias Hanzlik. The sketches show early concepts of SAR prototypes. They have all been realized and are described in the book.

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