Vision measurement and improvement through perceptual learning

Classic treatment of **amblyopia** (**lazy eye**) consists of forcing use of the amblyopic eye, usually by patching the good eye (and even aligning both eyes by surgery). It results in a better accuracy of the lazy eye after the treatment, but the binocularity and stereopsis is not improved at all.

Vision Therapy has demonstrated that another approach is feasible. It involves a series of procedures carried out in both home and office settings, usually under professional supervision by an optometrist.



Virtual Reality and stereoscopic vision technologies can be used to design Tests and **Serious Games** where each eye receives different signals of the virtual world. Those computer activities can be prescribed by the optometrist to improve the vision of the child, not only the visual acuity of the lazy eye but also the stereoscopic vision. Serious Games are a way to engage young patients (and those not so young) in their rehabilitation therapy, and increase their compliance.



IdeasCAD started working in this field in 2009. At present, we are working in this field with Visualia (vision therapy clinic), Pixels-Hub (serious games design) and ArtLine Solutions (visual communication and interaction). The main outcome is VISIONARY, a set of games designed for the treatment of amblyopia.



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