

ARC

Augmented Reality Construction

Design Day 2020

PROBLEM ANALYSIS

ABSTRACT

A user friendly and cost-effective application that is accessible on all mobile devices has been developed that will allow construction workers to view all aspects of 3-D Building Information Models (BIM), including mechanical, electrical, structural and architectural systems in Augmented Reality. Important aspects of the product development process are disclosed as well as a brief demonstration of the final product.

Our Client

What do they do?

- Provides a world-leading construction and building services network primarily in the Americas of 81 sites.

What problem do they have?

- With diverse strategies, managing construction complexities and data availability due to being spread in the continent and world.

What are their needs?

- View 3D BIM Data and their internal systems in VR or AR
- The application has to be compatible with iOS and Android platforms.
- Software application must be open source or free to use.



Target & Design Specifications

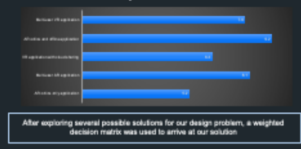
Metric	Rank	Unit	Target	Specs.	Met	Score
View 3D BIM Data in VR	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Compatible with various Mobile Devices	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Viewing of BIM is seamless, efficient and clear	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Ability to create 3D views, queries in 3D in real time	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Navigation and interaction must be user friendly	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Integration with other tools and software for any software	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Ability to export data to other software	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Viewing and manipulation/interaction must be seamless	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Software application must be free to use	1	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100
Available in the form of a mobile application	2	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	100

Product Benchmark

Customer Needs

- Ability to view BIM files ✓
- Free and open-source application ✗
- Compatible with all mobile platforms ✓
- View internal building systems ✓

Concept Generation



DESIGN PROBLEM

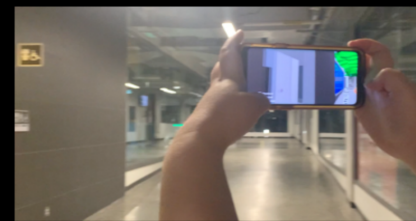
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FINAL PRODUCT

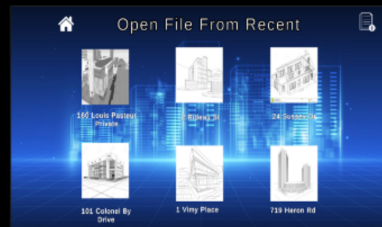
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AR View and Toggle Function



ARC in Use – STEM Building



Open Screen – access to various construction site BIM files



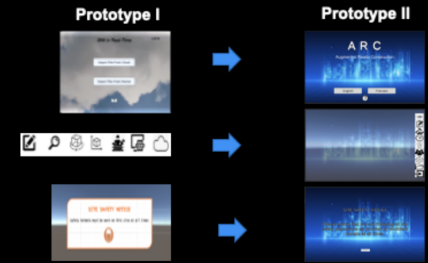
Home screen and User Interface in English and French

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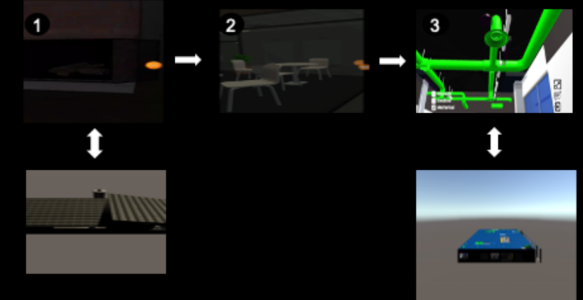
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PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Interface Development



AR Camera Development



Client Feedback and User Testimonials

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Our Client

What do they do?

- **EllisDon** is a world-leading construction and building services company that completes in excess of \$5 billion worth of contracts annually.

What problem do they have?

- With labour shortage, increasing construction complexities and disruptive technologies, EllisDon is experiencing a decrease productivity due to falling behind in the technological world.

What are their needs?

- View 3D BIM files and their internal systems in VR or AR
- The product will be compatible with IOS and android platforms.
- Software application must be open source or free to use.



Product Benchmark



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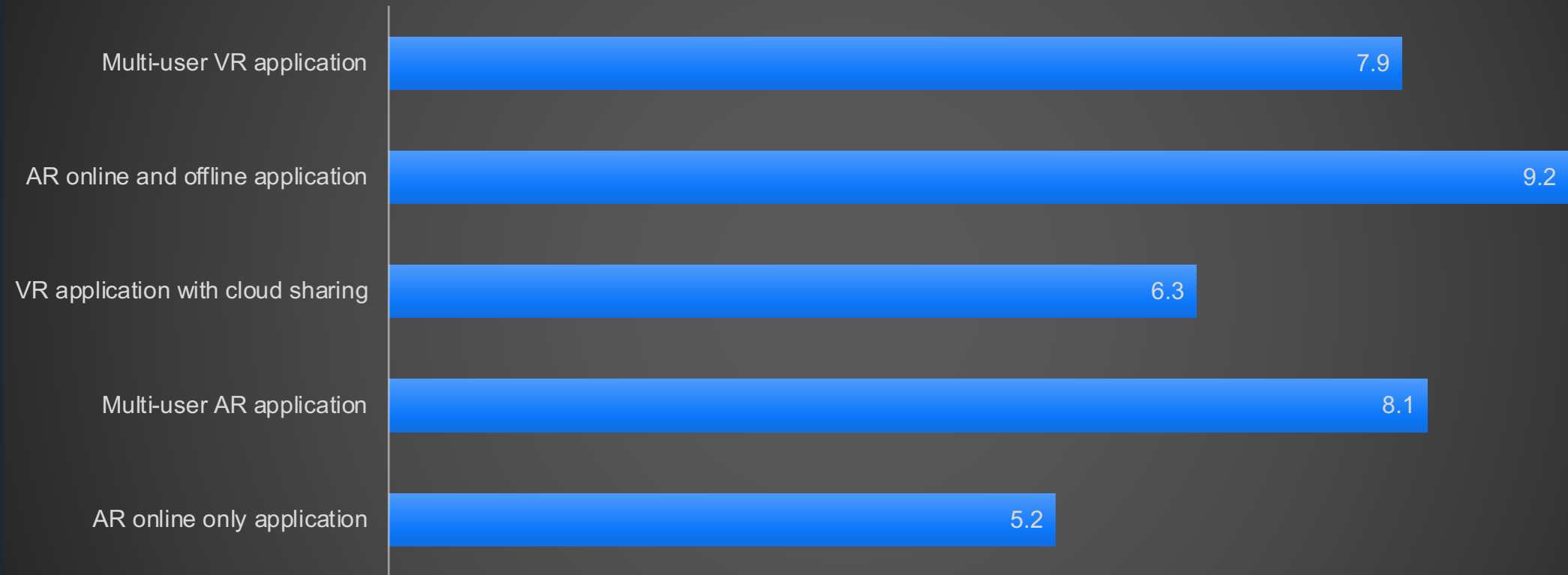
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Target & Design Specifications

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			Marginal	Ideal	Specs.
View 3D BIM files in AR	5	Y/N	Y	Y	Y
Compatible with common Mobile Devices	5	Y/N	Y	Y	Y
Viewing of BIM is available offline and cloud syncing available online.	3	Y/N	Y	Y	N *
Ability to view 3D internal systems in BIM's in AR	4	Y/N	Y	Y	Y
Navigation and interface must be user friendly.	4	Subj.	5 - 7	8 - 10	8
In app safety reminders and warnings for any hazards on works site.	4	Y/N	Y	Y	Y
Software application must be open source or free to use.	3	Y/N	Y	Y	Y
Training and implementation documentation must be provided.	3	Y/N	Y	Y	Y
Software application must be free to users.	5	\$	<50	0	0
Accessible in the form of a mobile application.	2	Y/N	Y	Y	Y

* Viewing is available offline, cloud syncing is not available.

Concept Generation



After exploring several possible solutions for our design problem, a weighted decision matrix was used to arrive at our solution

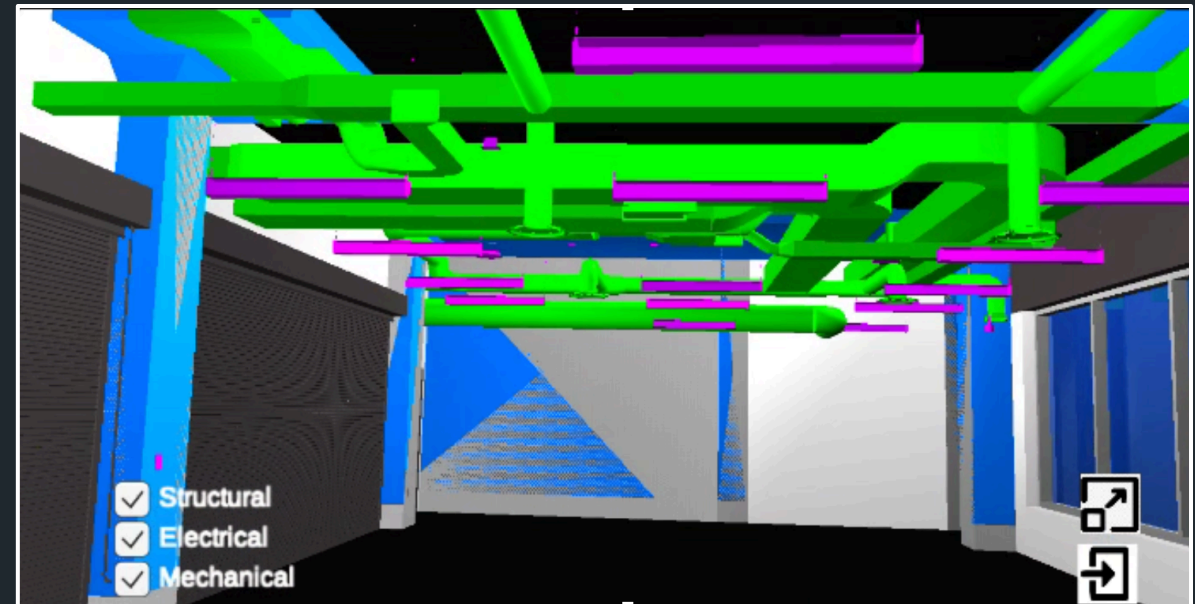
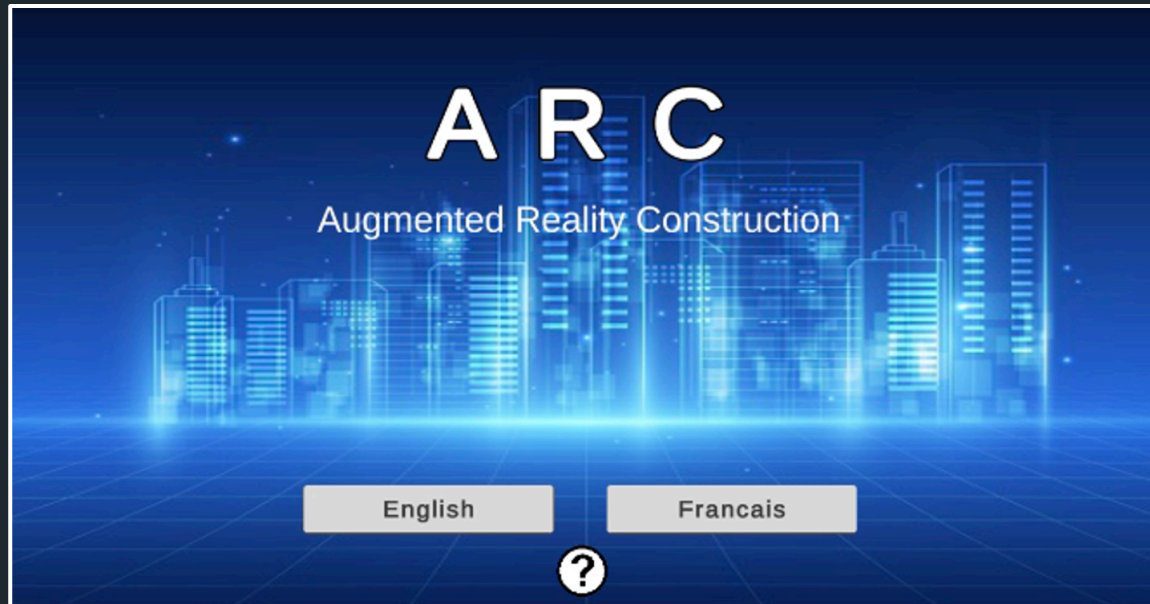
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Final Product – A R C



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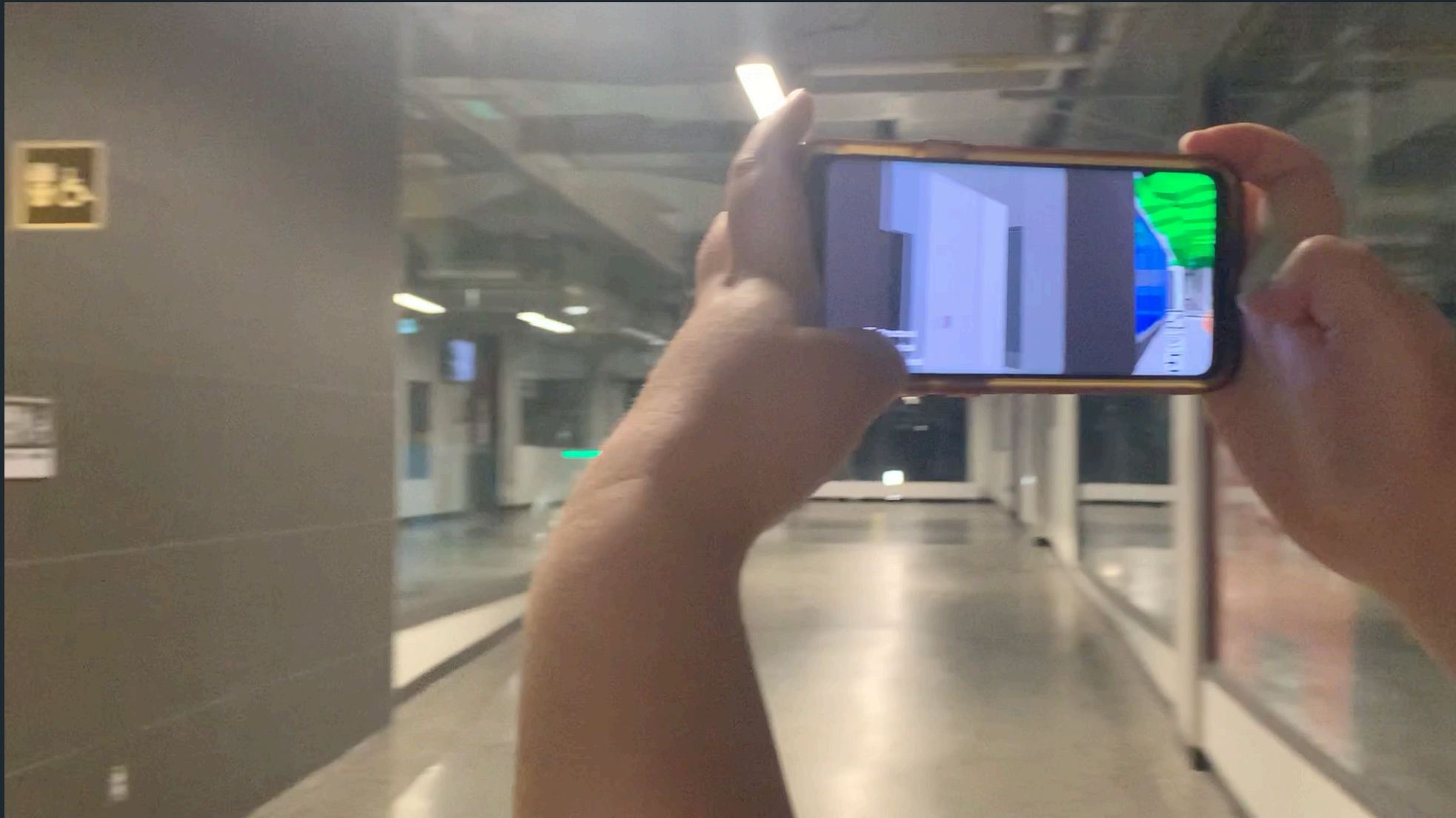




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Open File From Recent



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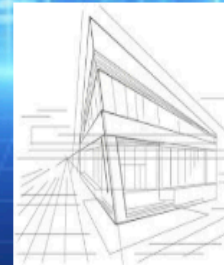
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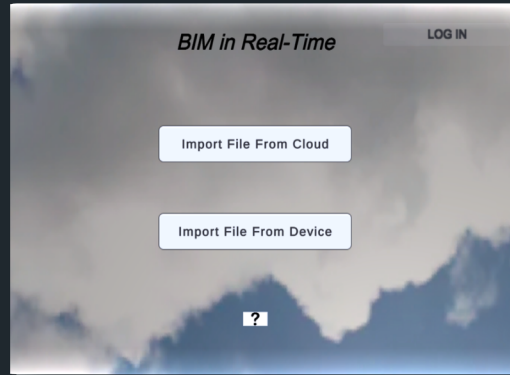
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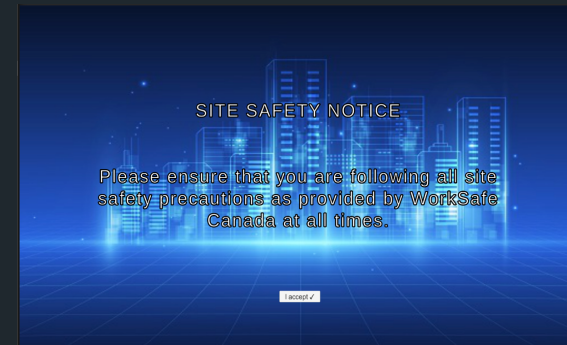
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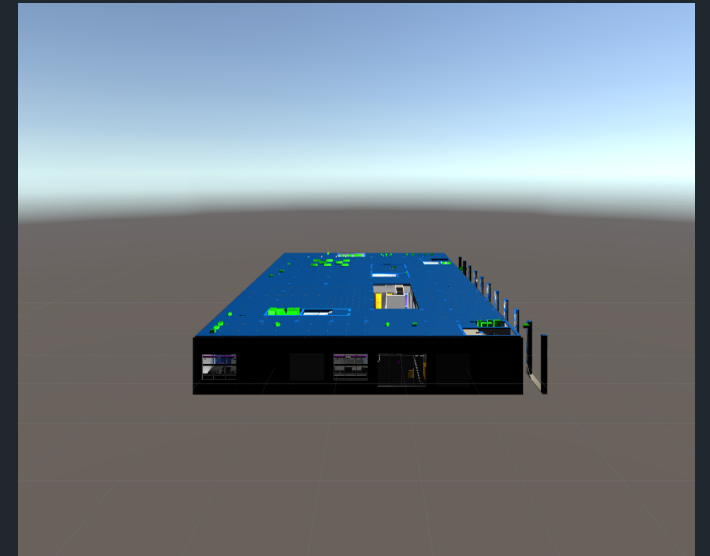
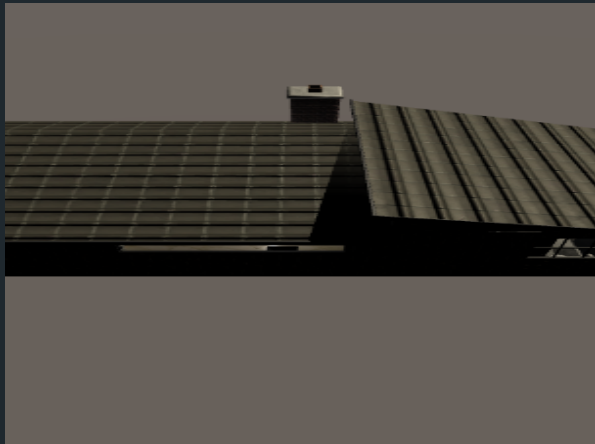
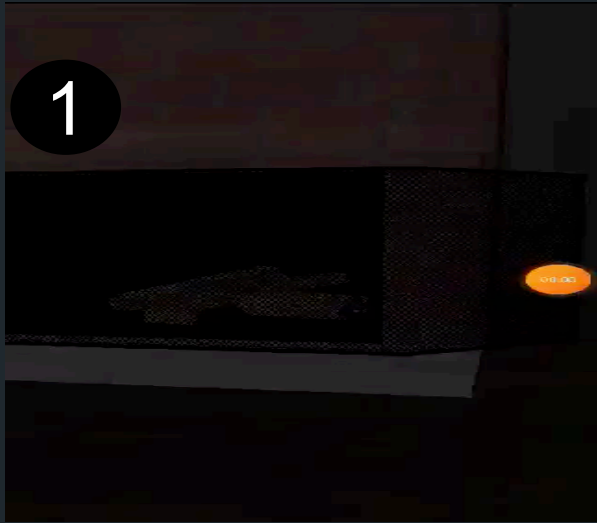
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Prototype I



Prototype II





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