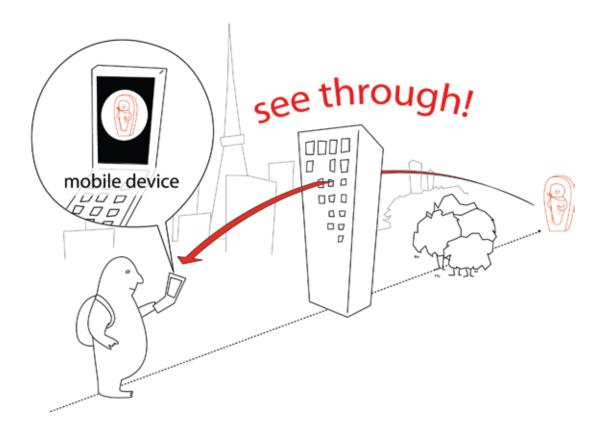
Flaneur: Digital See-Through Telescope

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Flaneur is a digital telescope that helps viewers see shops and objects behind buildings as they stroll though town. As they turn the device, Flaneur displays images related to specific directions as 3D images.

Enhanced Life

Most navigation systems display the direct and shortest routes to destinations. However, when people walk through cities, they do not always have a desination in mind. In that case, they stroll through the town thinking about which direction is more interesting and more fun.

Flaneur is designed for this type of non-target-oriented walk, because its interface helps walkers visually recognize their direction and the fabulous things they are looking for. Also, the web provides innumerable photos related to location data, and many web-based services provide maps, but unfortunately we can't physcially feel those images and maps. For example, you can view a photo of a pyramid on the web, but you can't feel it and determine which direction it is from your position, or how far it is. But with Flaneur, you can physically feel and understand the world's landscapes.

Goal

To provide this interface and function for cell phones.

Innovation

The major technological innovation is Flaneur's interface, which uses a spatial sensor to provide distance cognition and, using facial-recognition technology, enables a first-person point of view.