

Reality Capture: Make it Work for You

Bringing the Remote World to Your Desktop using Reality Capture Technology

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Define "Reality Capture"

Provide overview of Reality Capture technologies

- Terrestrial
- Aerial
- Underwater
- Mobile survey technologies

Present examples of applications of reality capture technologies Discuss the benefits and uses of the technology on various projects





What is Reality Capture?

Using digital hardware and software technology to quickly and cost-effectively make an accurate record of existing surroundings for design, construction, and related purposes.

Data Collection

Photos

Videos

Point Clouds







Data Collection

- Topographic mapping
- Orthomosaic mapping

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Thermal Imagery

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360° Panorama and Immersive Environments

Capture Technologies

Terrestrial vs Mobile



Terrestrial Capture

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- Record existing conditions of vertical structures and their surroundings.
- Requires a team to physically move a unit from point to point
- Obtains detailed X, Y and Z point data



Mobile Capture Technologies

- Vehicle Mounted Mobile Mapping
- Remote-Controlled Devices "Drones"
 - Aerial
 - Nautical
- Non-Vehicle Mounted Mobile
 Systems



Vehicle Mounted Mobile Mapping



Remote-Controlled Devices ("Drones")

Types: Aerial (UAV) and Nautical Uses: Inspection, design, mapping

Aerial Drone Equipment

DJI Phantom 4 Pro RTK





Propeller Aeropoints

Aerial Capture







Aerial – Project Record

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Preconstruction 5/4/2020

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Pavement Removal 5/12/2020

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Aerial Capture – 2D Visual Photogrammetry

- Mapping
- GIS
- Design Applications



Aerial Capture - 3D

- Site Contours
- 3D Point Cloud
- 3D Textured Mesh

Aerial Capture – 4K

Project Progress
Inspection
Design Consideration
Community Outreach

Name of

Nautical Drones





- Capture topographic data below the water surface
- Digitally record depth, distance, temperature
- Bring 3D data into design

Nautical Capture and Investigation

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Indoor Non-Vehicle Mounted Mobile Capture

- Devices used to record existing conditions of vertical buildings and their surroundings
- Best for indoor use, though can be used outdoor
- Capture 80,000+ sf in 4 hours



Non-Vehicle Mobile Capture Devices

<u>Cart</u>

- Roll-able capture device
- Facilities larger than 50k sq ft
- Moderate scanning of outdoor facilities

Pack

- Wearable capture device
- Mid-sized facilities
- Complex, narrow environments



Outdoor Non-Vehicle Mounted Mobile Capture

"Spherical Imagery"

- Modular Immersive Mapping System (MIMS)
- Common data source: Google Streetview
- Linear infrastructure
 - Streams
 - Transmission lines





Equipment and Components

Main Components for Data Collection:

- Platform 'vehicle' of collection (backpack, kayak, automobile etc.)
- LG 360 Camera
- Positioning device GPS antenna/receiver
- Time source android phone



Integrated Reality Capture

Point clouds High resolution images Control points for survey grade accuracy Collaborative software





Application Examples

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- Large Sewer / Condition assessment
- Water Storage Tank / Concrete repair
- Large Pump Station / Interferences
- WRRF Headworks / Scan to 3D design
- CSO Retention Treatment Basin Construction Support
- Stormwater Detention Basin Inspections Existing conditions
- Streams spherical imagery
- CSO Retention Treatment Basin
 Public Outreach



Large Sewer – Condition Assessment



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Water Storage Tank – Concrete Repair



Large Pump Station - Interferences



- 90' Dia Pump Station
- 2 Day Capture/Turnaround

Benefits of Reality Capture Systems

- Indoors or outdoors
- Efficient and speedy capture
- Single, immersive & collaborative cloud environment
- Records in dangerous or difficult to access facilities
- Stakeholder access to "current conditions" remotely
- Asset management and O&M applications





Benefits of Reality Capture Systems

- Yearly subscription to maintain in the cloud
- Download and store offsite for warehousing/archiving
- Data portability



Headworks – Scan to 3D Design Model



CSO Retention Treatment Basin – Construction Record

- - 3 Million Gallon Basin
 - Drone/Wearable Mobile Capture
 - 2 Day Capture/Turnaround



Basin Inspections

• Collect bathymetry & aerial data for wet basins



Bathymetry Data Collection



Bathymetry & Aerial Data Delivery

Bathymetry – .csv File

• Comma (or character) separated value

Aerial – LAS converted to Raster file format

• Examples of Raster file formats can include JPEG and TIFF

Lots of data generated

- Consider "cloud" storage
- Example: <u>www.Pix4d.com</u>

Using Basin Inspection Results



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Spherical Imagery

Collection Methods for Streams

- On foot shallow stream
- UAV Drone deep streams, high velocities,
- Kayak deep streams, low velocities



Spherical Imagery Data

- Raw data individual images and GPS location points
- Final dataset a shapefile
- Images are paired with GPS location data by timestamp



Spherical Imagery Data cont.



- Unprocessed imagery "rolled out" in 2D space
- Processed Imagery hosted online
- Each point has own URL stored in attribute field

Processed imagery:

https://dp4479dqtum7u.cloudfront.net/home/WadeTrim/20 1904/tour1510.html?startscene=313&startactions=lookat(8 7.47,21.45,140,0,0);

Stormwater Model Development



 Roughness value assignment for stream channel and banks

Asset Inspections

 Preliminary condition assessments for client stormwater assets from desktop





Streambank Erosion

Weathering of concrete

CSO Retention Treatment Basin – Public Outreach



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