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# Computer Vision in the Kinect for Windows

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**KINECT**<sup>™</sup>  
for Windows<sup>®</sup>



# Thank You...

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- WGARI Committee
- CNPq, CAPES, Brazilian taxpayers...
- Microsoft
- Family and Friends...

# Before I Forget...

- Lots of people helped to created the content of this presentation...
  - Not only from K4W, but also DPE, Xbox, MSR, etc.

# Diversity for WGARI 2012

- 3D reconstruction
- Agriculture
- Augmented Reality
- Geology
- Iris recognition
- Morphing
- Video navigation
- C, C++
- iOS, LAMP, Windows
- LibSVM
- Matlab
- OpenCV
- OpenGL
- Point cloud

# From Software Top 100 - 2011

| #  | Company             | Software Revenue (\$ million) | Software Revenue Growth | Total Revenue (\$ million) | Software Revenue Share |
|----|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | Microsoft           | 54,270                        | 10.6%                   | 67,383                     | 80.5%                  |
| 2  | IBM                 | 22,485                        | 5.1%                    | 99,870                     | 22.5%                  |
| 3  | Oracle              | 20,958                        | 12.8%                   | 30,180                     | 69.4%                  |
| 4  | SAP                 | 12,558                        | 10.5%                   | 16,654                     | 75.4%                  |
| 5  | Ericsson            | 7,274                         | -4.2%                   | 30,307                     | 24.0%                  |
| 6  | HP                  | 6,669                         | 7.9%                    | 126,562                    | 5.3%                   |
| 7  | Symantec            | 5,636                         | 1.3%                    | 6,013                      | 93.7%                  |
| 8  | Nintendo            | 5,456                         | -19.8%                  | 13,766                     | 39.6%                  |
| 9  | Activision Blizzard | 4,447                         | 3.9%                    | 4,447                      | 100.0%                 |
| 10 | EMC                 | 4,356                         | 10.0%                   | 17,015                     | 25.6%                  |
| -  | -                   | -                             | -                       | -                          | -                      |
| 28 | Apple               | 1,358                         | 11.5%                   | 75,660                     | 1.8%                   |
| 57 | Intel               | 751                           | 54.8%                   | 43,623                     | 1.7%                   |
| 79 | Google Inc.         | 543                           | 42.5%                   | 29,321                     | 1.9%                   |
| 84 | Totvs               | 478                           | 11.4%                   | 681                        | 70.2%                  |

# Earlier Today...


2) Graph matching

Structural pattern recognition

Shape = parts + relations

It is important to:

- Decompose shapes
- Characterize parts
- Measure relations
- Represent the shapes
- Match representations



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# SHIP • IT

EVERY TIME A PRODUCT SHIPS, IT TAKES US  
ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE VISION:  
EMPOWER PEOPLE THROUGH GREAT  
SOFTWARE ANY TIME, ANY PLACE AND ON  
ANY DEVICE. THANKS FOR THE LASTING  
CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE MADE TO  
MICROSOFT HISTORY.

*Steve Ballmer Bill Gates*

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**KINECT**

for Windows

Version 1.0

February 1, 2012

Microsoft  
**BizTalk**  
**Server 2002**

December 5, 2001

**Microsoft**  
**Business**  
**Solutions**

Business Portal 1.0

April 15, 2003

Microsoft®  
**Office Solution Accelerator**  
**for Proposals**

Version 1.0  
October 16, 2003

Microsoft  
**Office**  
Information Bridge  
Framework  
Version 1.0  
June 30, 2004

Microsoft  
**Office**

November 3, 2006

Microsoft® Research  
**AutoCollage**  
July 25, 2008

Microsoft® Research  
**AutoCollage Touch**

June 30, 2009

**Microsoft** Hardware

FY'11 Ship Cycle  
Keyboard Product Line  
Mouse Product Line  
Webcam Product Line

# Microsoft





# Wizard of Oz and the Scarecrow

- *"..., everybody can have a brain. That's a very mediocre commodity. ... Back where I come from, we have universities, seats of great learning, where men go to become great thinkers. And when they come out, they think deep thoughts and with no more brains than you have. But they have one thing you haven't got: a diploma."*

# Dangerous Generalization...

## Physics

- Theory Unification  
+ String Theory
- Collaboration
- Publications

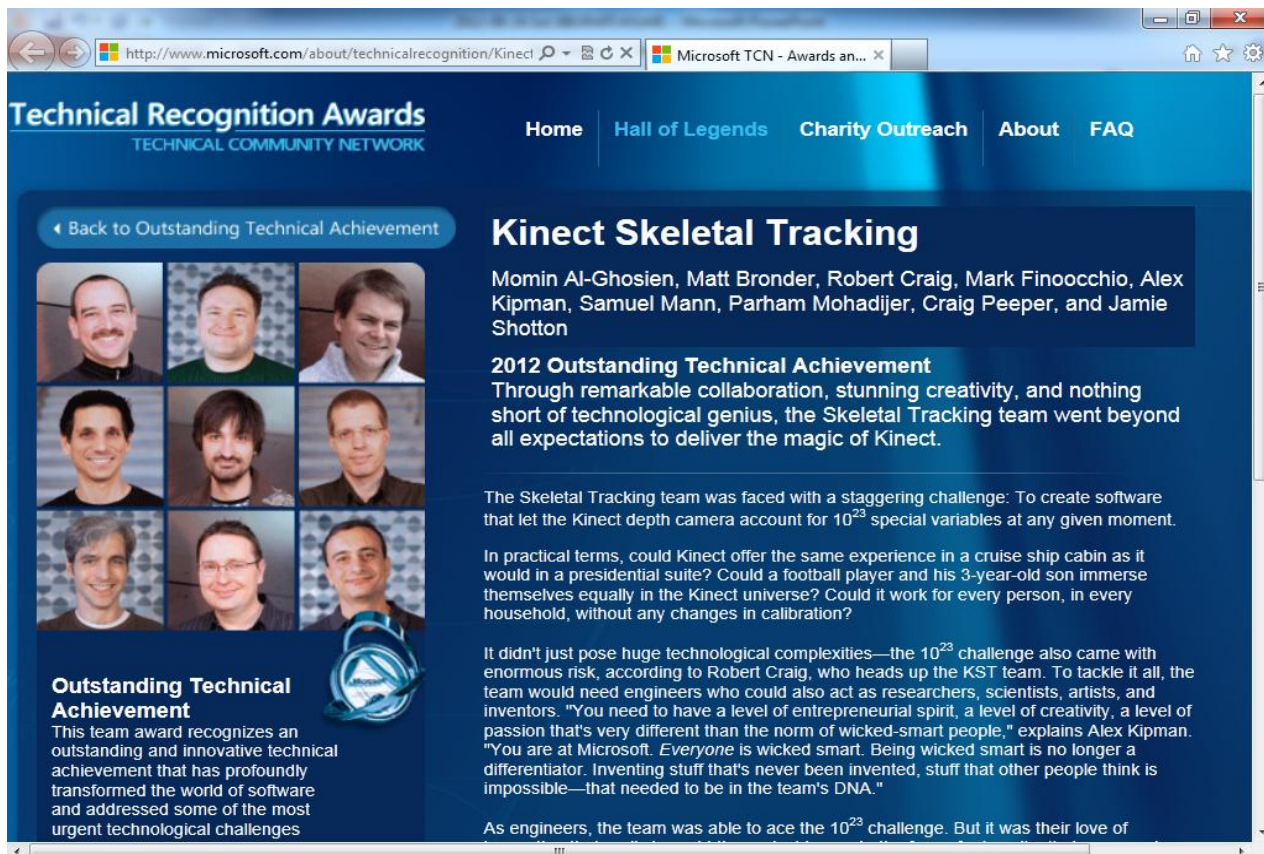
## Computer Science

- “Natural User Interface”  
+ Cloud Computing
- Competition
- Patents



# The Kinect... for Windows

# The Computer Vision Task v1.0



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.microsoft.com/about/technicalrecognition/Kinect>. The page is titled "Technical Recognition Awards" and "TECHNICAL COMMUNITY NETWORK". The navigation bar includes links for Home, Hall of Legends, Charity Outreach, About, and FAQ. The main content area features a section for the "Kinect Skeletal Tracking" team, which includes a grid of nine team member portraits, a list of names, a description of their 2012 Outstanding Technical Achievement, and a detailed paragraph about the challenges they faced in developing the Kinect software.

Technical Recognition Awards  
TECHNICAL COMMUNITY NETWORK

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## Kinect Skeletal Tracking

Momin Al-Ghosien, Matt Bronder, Robert Craig, Mark Finocchio, Alex Kipman, Samuel Mann, Parham Mohadjer, Craig Peeper, and Jamie Shotton

### 2012 Outstanding Technical Achievement

Through remarkable collaboration, stunning creativity, and nothing short of technological genius, the Skeletal Tracking team went beyond all expectations to deliver the magic of Kinect.

The Skeletal Tracking team was faced with a staggering challenge: To create software that let the Kinect depth camera account for  $10^{23}$  special variables at any given moment.

In practical terms, could Kinect offer the same experience in a cruise ship cabin as it would in a presidential suite? Could a football player and his 3-year-old son immerse themselves equally in the Kinect universe? Could it work for every person, in every household, without any changes in calibration?

It didn't just pose huge technological complexities—the  $10^{23}$  challenge also came with enormous risk, according to Robert Craig, who heads up the KST team. To tackle it all, the team would need engineers who could also act as researchers, scientists, artists, and inventors. "You need to have a level of entrepreneurial spirit, a level of creativity, a level of passion that's very different than the norm of wicked-smart people," explains Alex Kipman. "You are at Microsoft. *Everyone* is wicked smart. Being wicked smart is no longer a differentiator. Inventing stuff that's never been invented, stuff that other people think is impossible—that needed to be in the team's DNA."

As engineers, the team was able to ace the  $10^{23}$  challenge. But it was their love of

**Outstanding Technical Achievement**  
This team award recognizes an outstanding and innovative technical achievement that has profoundly transformed the world of software and addressed some of the most urgent technological challenges

# Environment Differences...

## Xbox

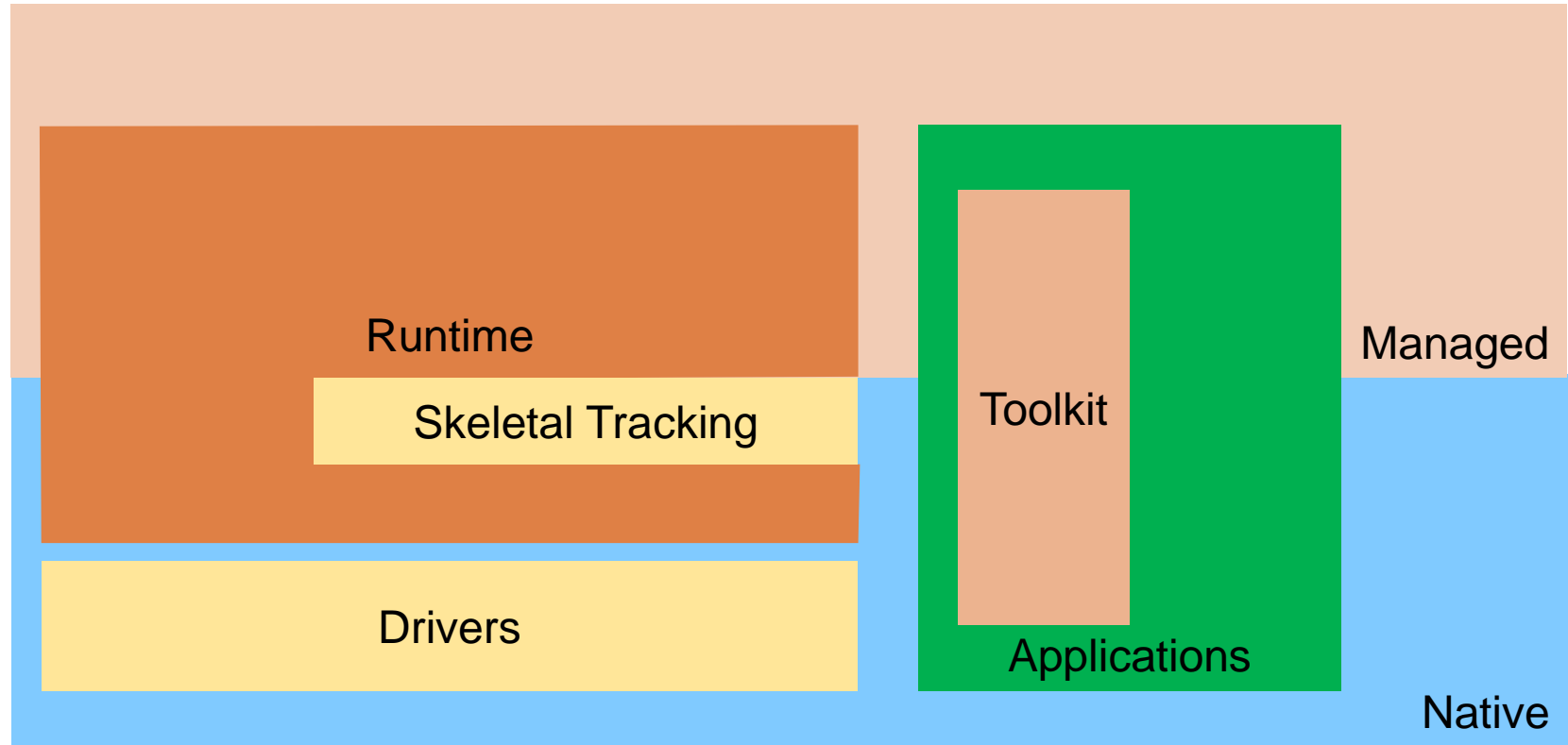
- Known CPU: PPC
- Known bus
- 1 device per machine
  - Only 1 supported
- Known architecture
- Known GPU
- Selected audience
- Mainly games

## Windows

- Intel, AMD, ...
- USB 2.0+
- Multiple devices
  - 1 per USB controller
- Win32, x64
- V1: no GPU requirement
- General audience
- Unbounded scenarios...

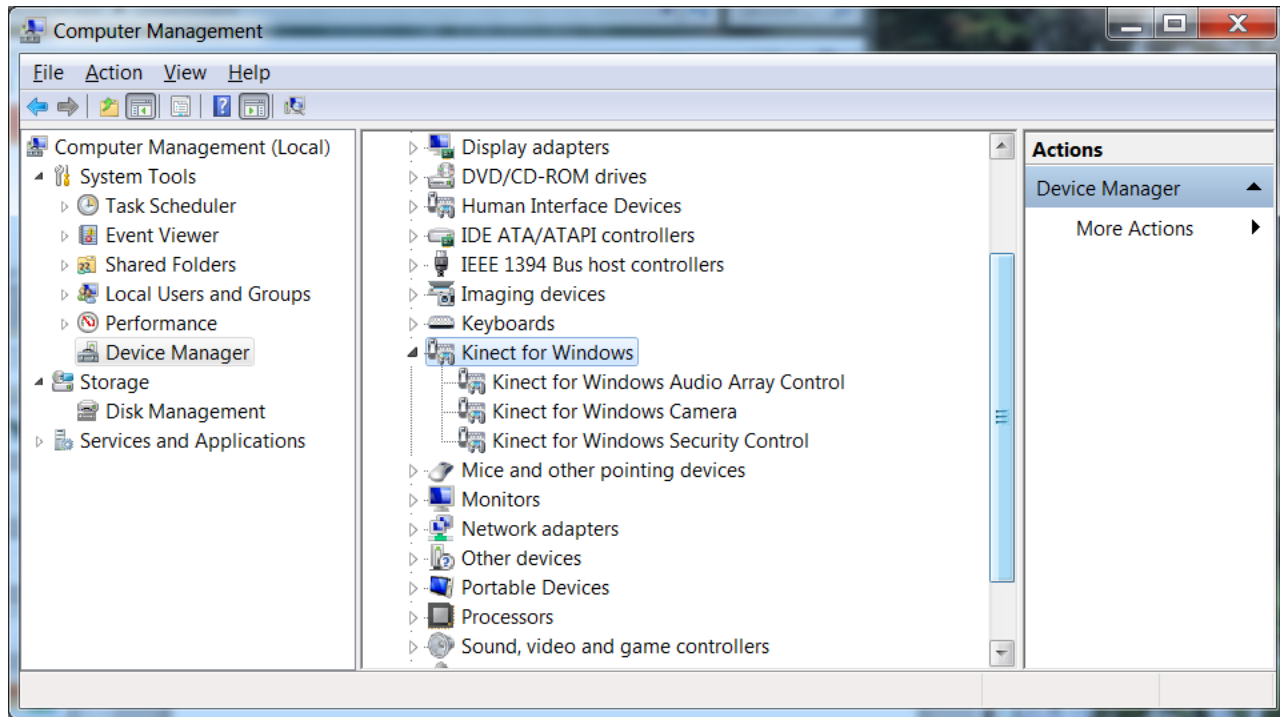
# Demo

# K4W SDK Block Diagram





# Drivers



# Runtime

- Sensor discovery, initialization and notification
- Frame delivery supports event-based notification and polling models
- Emphasis on low-latency, low per-frame allocations
- Supports virtual sensors, including test tools and Kinect Studio

[All](#)[Components](#)[Docs](#)[Samples: C#](#)[Samples: C++](#)[Samples: VB](#)[SDKs](#)[Tools](#)

## Release Notes and Online Resources

Web page with known issues and links to any updated or new resources.

[Documentation](#)

**Difficulty:** Beginner

**Language:** C++, C#, VB



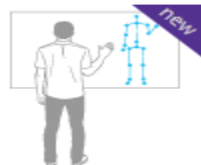
## SDK Documentation

The Kinect SDK API reference compiled help.

[Documentation](#)

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Language:** C++, C#, VB



## Human Interface Guidelines

Guidelines on how to design interactions and interfaces for Kinect for Windows applications.

[Documentation](#)

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Language:**



## Kinect Studio

Kinect Studio enables recording and playback of Kinect sensor data to enable better testing and debugging of your application code.

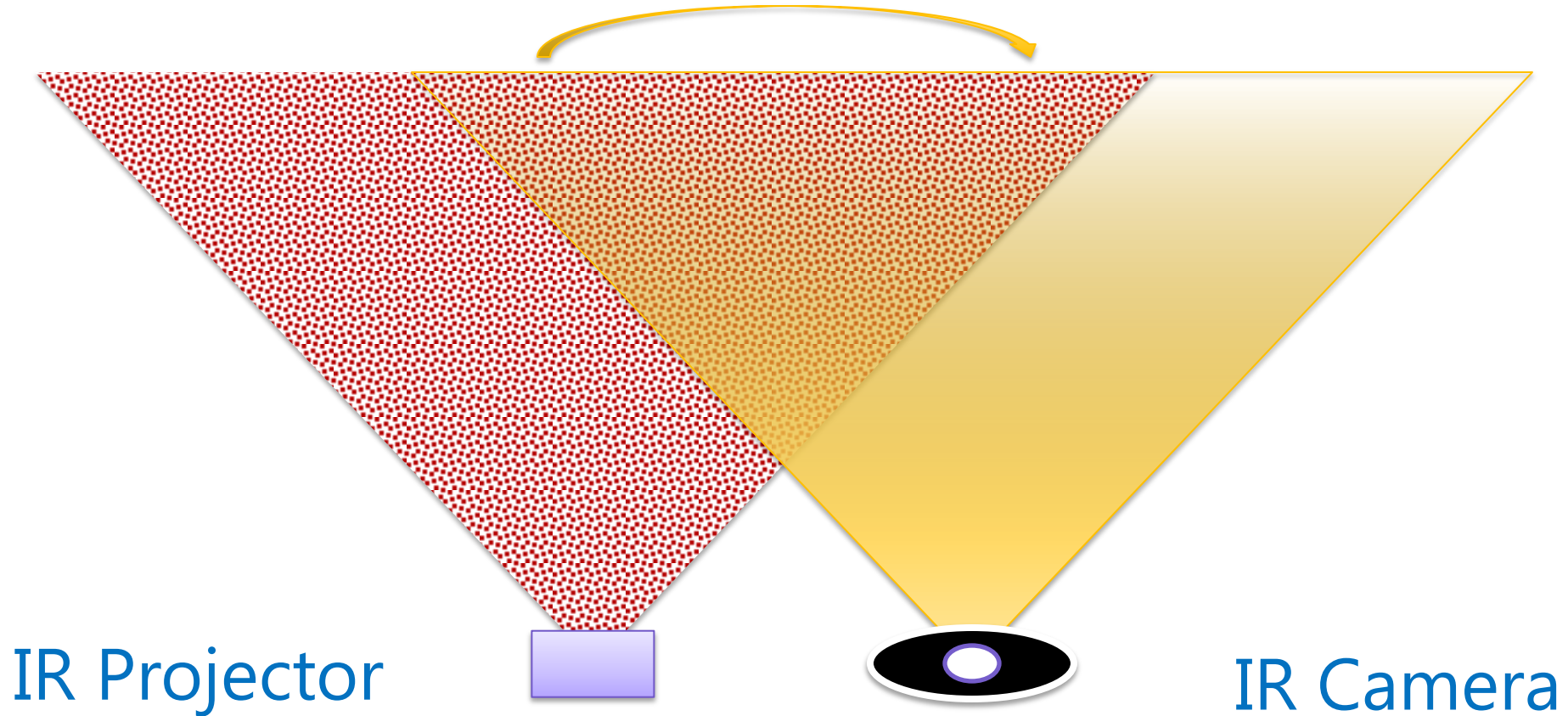
[Documentation](#)

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

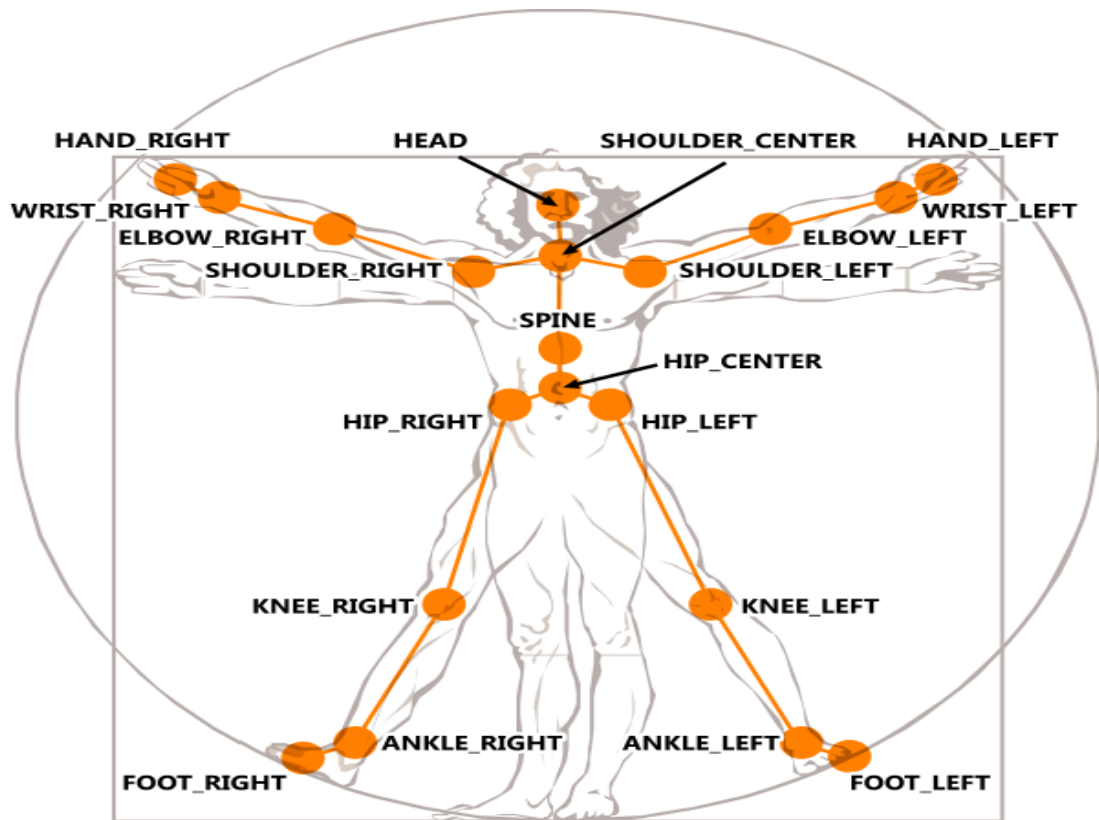
**Language:**

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# Skeletal Tracking – Source Input



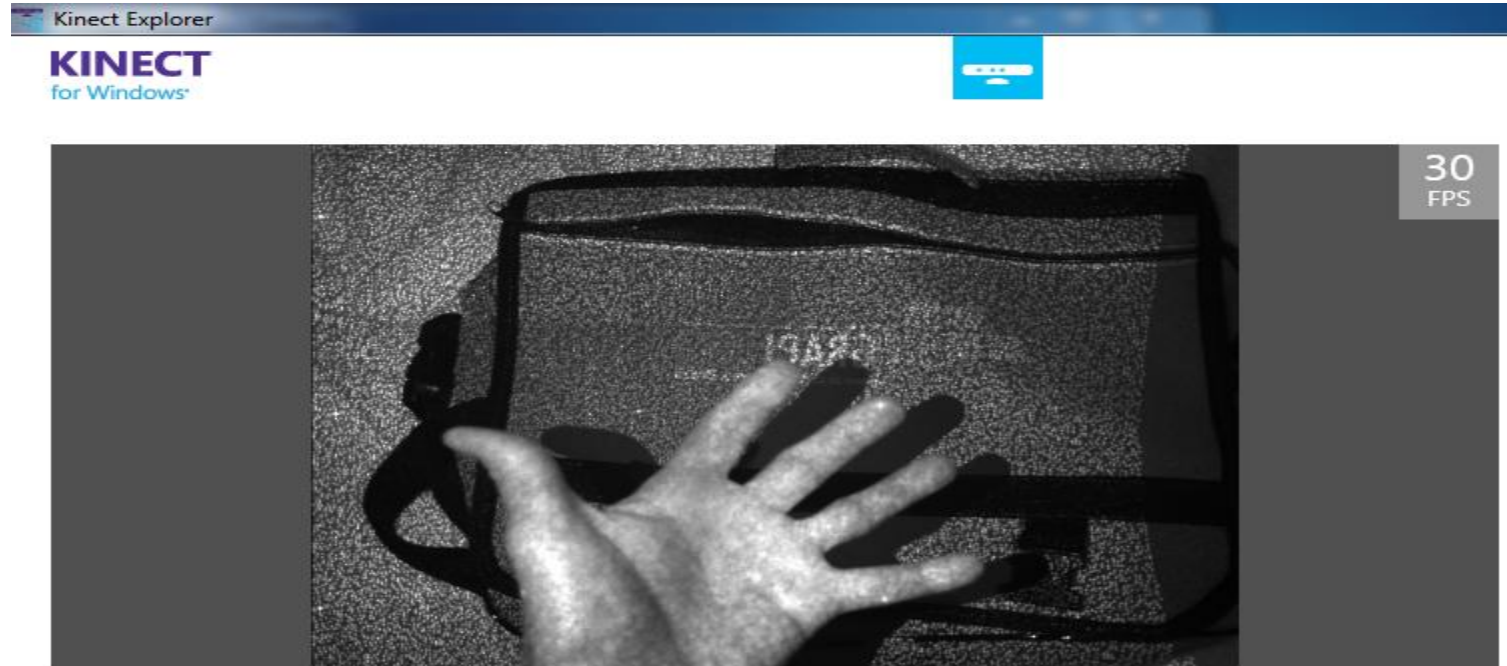
# Skeletal Tracking - Output



# K4W Skeletal Tracking Pipeline

- Stages
  - Depth Source
  - BGR
  - Exemplar
  - Centroids
  - Model fitting
- Data Objects
  - Depth frame
  - Player Mask
  - Classification Map
  - Centroids Tree
  - Skeleton Data

# Depth Computation



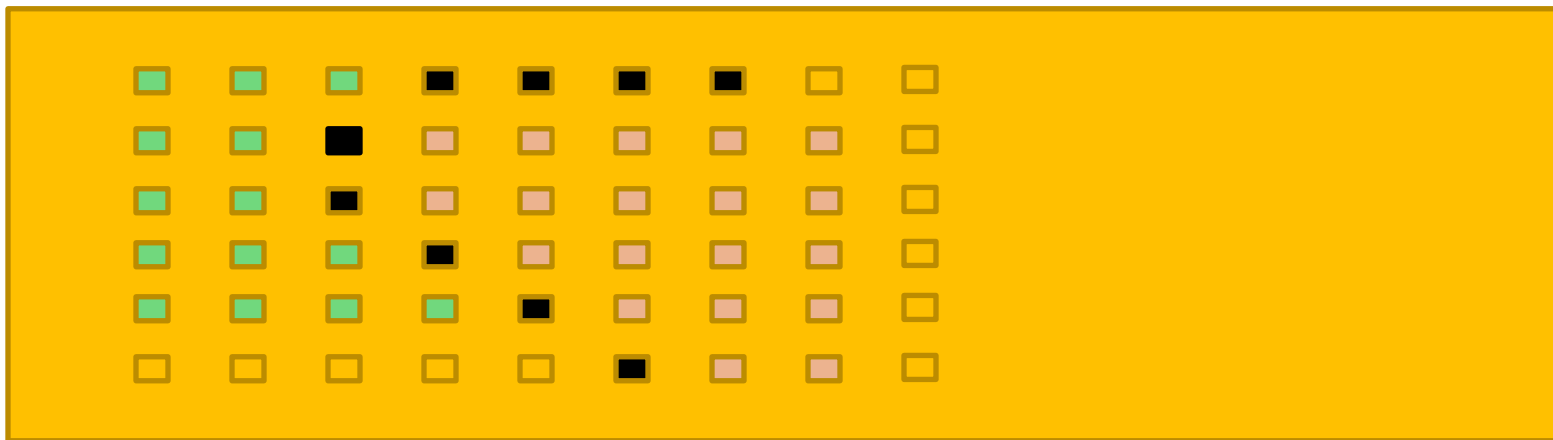
# Depth Map



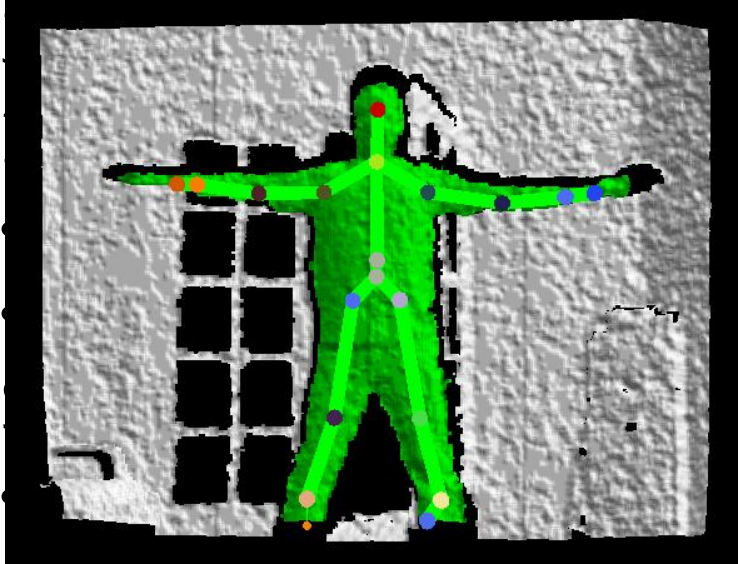


# Generating Islands

- Voxels without any connections to either left or top neighbor define boundaries between islands.



# Output: Depth and Segmentation Map



- 1 – skeleton 0
- 2 – skeleton 1
- ...

# Real-Time Human Pose Recognition in Parts from Single Depth Images

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Toby Sharp

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Alex Kipman

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## Abstract

*We propose a new method to quickly and accurately predict 3D positions of body joints from a single depth image, using no temporal information. We take an object recognition approach, designing an intermediate body parts representation that maps the difficult pose estimation problem into a simpler per-pixel classification problem. Our large and highly varied training dataset allows the classifier to estimate body parts invariant to pose, body shape, clothing, etc. Finally we generate confidence-scored 3D proposals of several body joints by reprojecting the classification result and finding local modes.*

*The system runs at 200 frames per second on consumer hardware. Our evaluation shows high accuracy on both synthetic and real test sets, and investigates the effect of several training parameters. We achieve state of the art accuracy in our comparison with related work and demonstrate improved generalization over exact whole-skeleton nearest neighbor matching.*

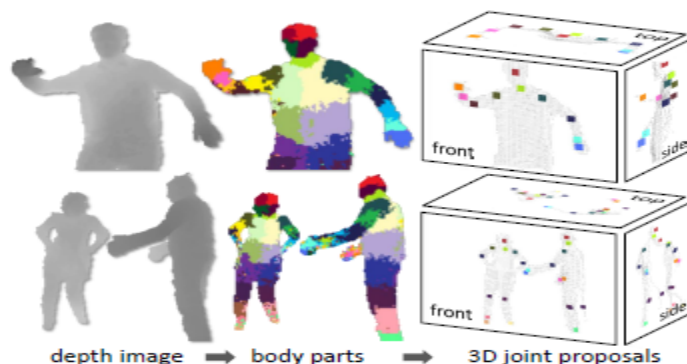


Figure 1. **Overview.** From an single input depth image, a per-pixel body part distribution is inferred. (Colors indicate the most likely part labels at each pixel, and correspond in the joint proposals). Local modes of this signal are estimated to give high-quality proposals for the 3D locations of body joints, even for multiple users.

joints of interest. Reprojecting the inferred parts into world

# Machine Learning Classification

- Input
  - Point cloud: pixels in 3-D space
    - Focus on player masks
- Classification problem
  - Which body part each point belongs to?
- Features?
  - Arrangement of body parts in space

# Training and Features



Figure 2. Synthetic and real data. Pairs of depth image and ground truth body parts. Note wide variety in pose, shape, clothing, and crop.

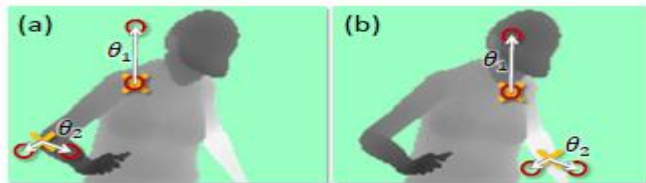
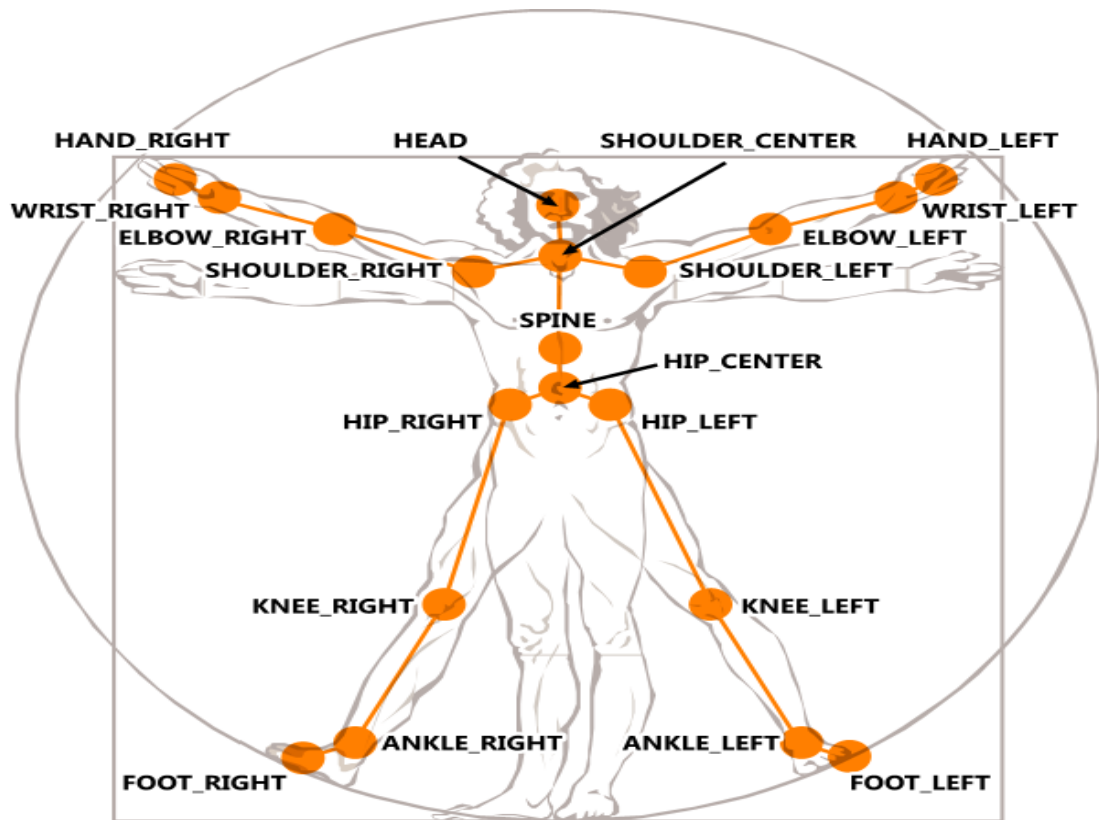


Figure 3. Depth image features. The yellow crosses indicates the pixel  $x$  being classified. The red circles indicate the offset pixels as defined in Eq. 1. In (a), the two example features give a large depth difference response. In (b), the same two features at new image locations give a much smaller response.

# Let's See It Working...

- Video from CVPR 2011 paper
  - *Real-Time Human Pose Recognition in Parts from Single Depth Images*  
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# Skeletal Tracking - Output



# Known Issues (Future Work)



# Conclusions

- Doing software for living is  $<10\%$  coding
- Successful software results from knowledge of several areas
- Developing software is far easier than developing software teams