Magic Key



To open the doors of the World with a simple blinking

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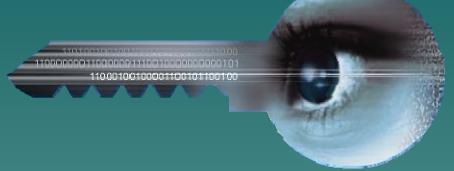
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Summary

- User and system requirements
- Technical issues
- Practical examples
- Conclusions





User requirements

- A simple system to be used by anyone who can control head movement
- A system that makes using the computer as similar as possible to its use by people who control their arm movements
- A system that allows the use of any computer application without having to configure it
- A system that is quickly learned and which needs no memorization
- A system that is physically independent from its user
- A low-cost system that does not require special equipment





System requirements

- Computer (Pentium 4 CPU at 3.0Ghz)
- Adapted Web Cam
- Near infrared light (840nm, 0.4w, 22°,
 - 1.35mW/cm2 at 50cm)





Technical issues

- True real time mouse positioning by absolute head movement
- Resolution at pixel level
- High stability of mouse movement





Technical issues

- All possible clicks by blinking the eyes
 - -Simple click (left or right eye)
 - Double click
 - Auxiliary click (complementary eye)
 - Dragging
 - ◆By closing the eye
 - ◆By "pressed button"
- Very low level of involuntary clicks





Technical issues

- 30 images/second at 640*480
- About 10% of CPU time (including 7% for image acquisition on Pentium 4 at 3.0GHz)
- Very tolerant at different light conditions and user's anatomy
- Three ways of configuration
 - —Auto (permanently active)
 - —Semi-auto (by pressing space)
 - Manual





Practical examples

Internet

Paint

Task Manager





Conclusions

- Total mouse control with high cursor speed and precision
- Simple and absolute control of all types of clicks
- Making use of existing technology with ordinary low-cost equipment
- Very adaptable to the user's characteristics
- Tested under real conditions



