## All You Ever Wanted to Know About Artours But Were Too Afraid To Ask

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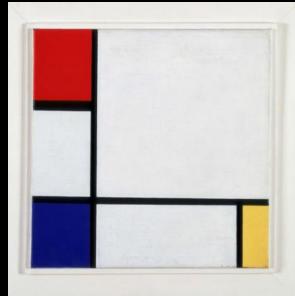


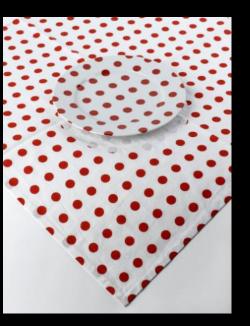


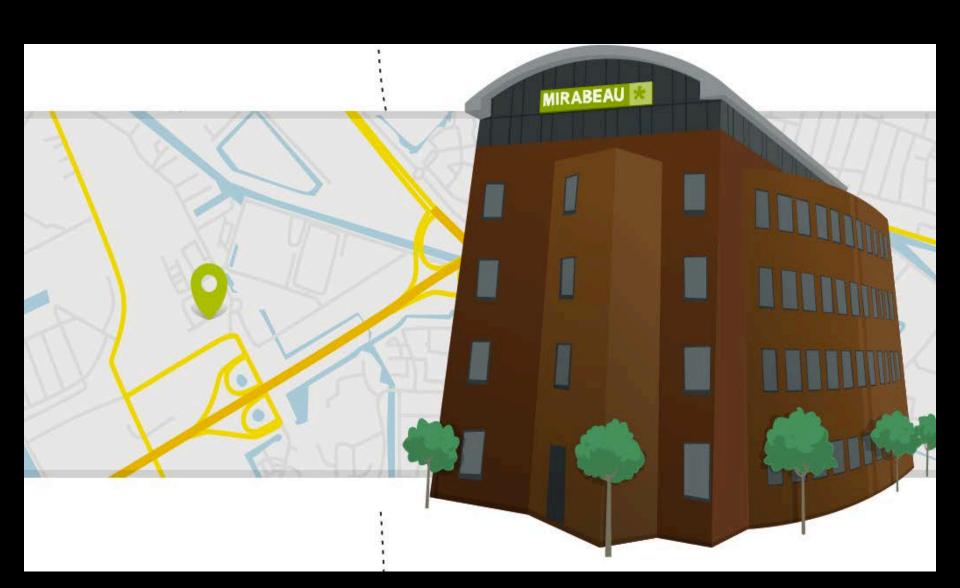














# AHEAD IN A DIGITAL WORLD

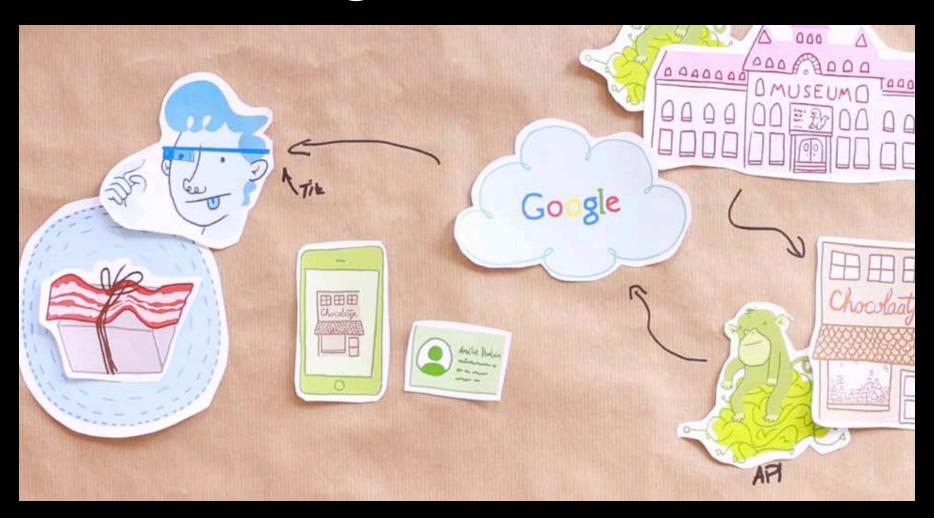




## **ARtours project**



## Google Glass



#### **ARtours**

- January 2010 to March 2012
- Mobile augmented reality
- Budget 450.000 euro
- A plan and a hunch
- A museum that at first did not know what to do with this project

## New platform for visual artists



## New dialogues with new audiences







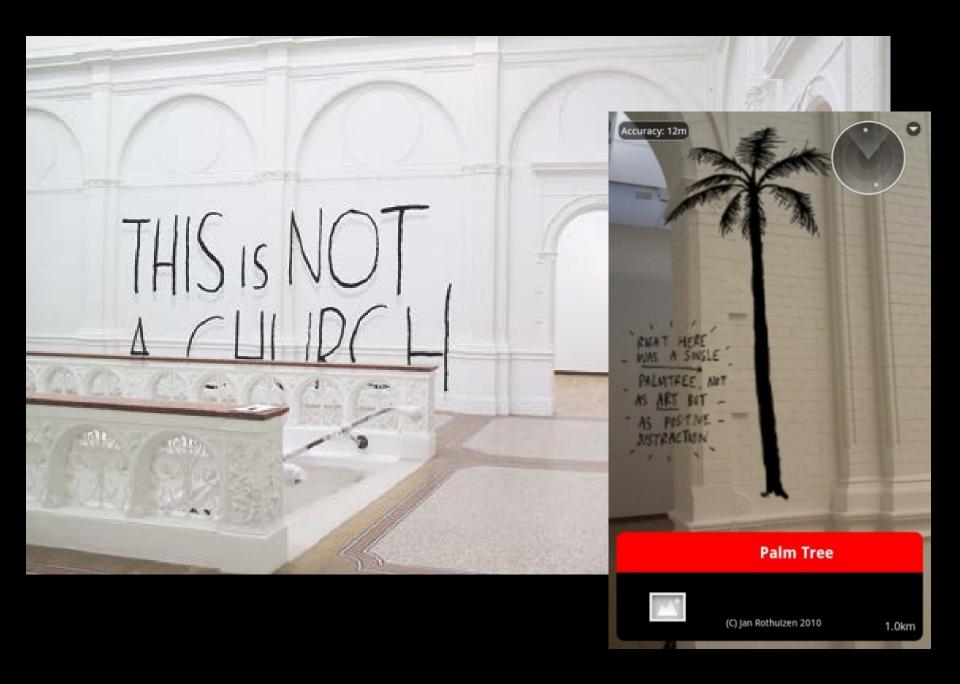


#### What worked?

- Lean and mean, start small
- Work with outside agents who understand the technology
- Match an idea to an event
- Be open and inviting and willing to share

## Guerilla, Artotheque





#### Museum AR

- Offers interesting collisions between virtual (digitized) heritage and real (analog) space;
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  not many artists are using this canvas
- Is a perfect medium for museum innovation and collaboration; Is it? Sharing knowledge yes but collaboration proved to be far fetched
- Generates (and needs!) communication, interpretation and contextualization ('paratouring'). Indeed, it needed too much explanation to make it a good stand-a-lone experience

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### What went wrong?

- We never embedded ourselves in the museum
- We weren't able to fund ourselves properly when the grant ran out
- We didn't get on the directors priority list
- We stopped being a guerilla operation
- Maybe our ideas weren't good enough?



#### What became of it?

- Artours app in the appstore
- A few well executed tours (with little AR)
- Some of our original tours were added
- A pleasant memory of an exciting adventure

#### **ARTOURS APP**

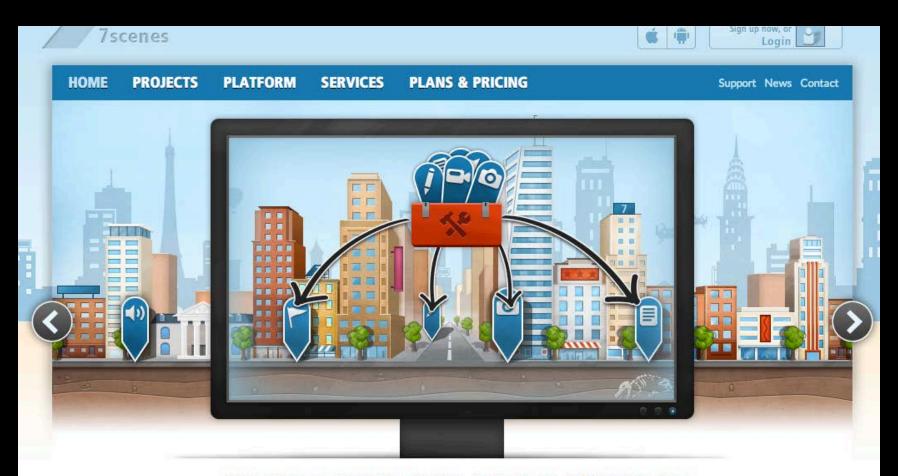
Je kunt in de appstore de Stedelijk Museum *ARtours app* downloaden. Met de app kun je interactieve tours beleven met je smartphone en genieten van de rijke content (video, audio, foto's, verhalen, opdrachten en Augmented Reality toevoegingen) terwijl je door het museum of de straten van Amsterdam loopt. De Tours die het Stedelijk Museum bij de lancering aanbiedt zijn gewijd aan de collectie vormgeving die het museum door de jaren heen heeft verzameld. Daarnaast neemt Timo de Rijk je mee op een tocht door de stad en kun je de nieuwe versie van de ARtour *This is Not a Church* volgen die Jan Rothuizen speciaal voor het Stedelijk Museum maakte.



#### What would I do different?

- Only make small tours, make a lot of them
- Fail quick and fail often; learn and make better experiences
- Stay away from a CMS or platform solutions
- Collaborate with creative industry, especially with young guns
- Challenge that same creative industry to make game-changing technology

### No Platform solution



#### **CREATE TOURS AND GAMES YOURSELF**

Drag & drop videos, photos, sounds, notes, slideshows, challenges and rewards onto locations and publish.

