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- Overview
 - Goal: *Global Standards among real and virtual world*
 - ITEA2 project (EU) 2008-2011
 - 35 Partners: Philips(co), OrangeLabs, Utrecht University,...
 - Chosen platform: SecondLife + OpenSim
 - Use cases:
 1. **Virtual Travel** → *Spanish consortium develops a virtual travel in the Canary Islands*
 2. Serious gaming for Ambient Assisted Living
 3. Virtual Traces of Real Places
 4. Social presence: Mixed Reality and Virtual Presence
 5. Decision making on spacial problems

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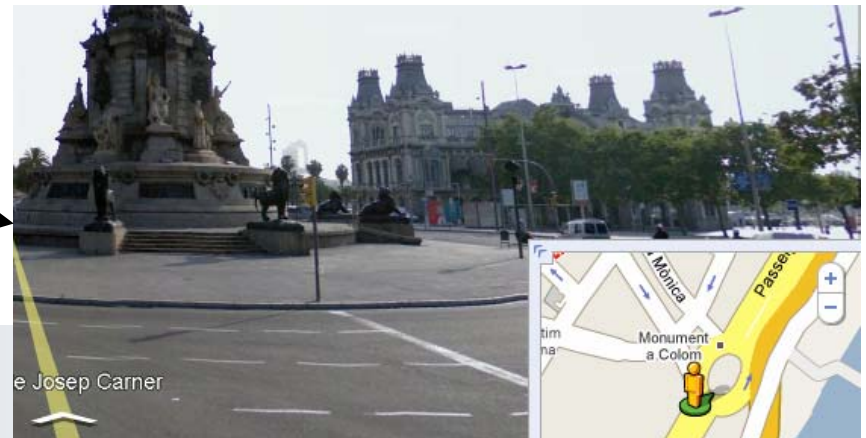
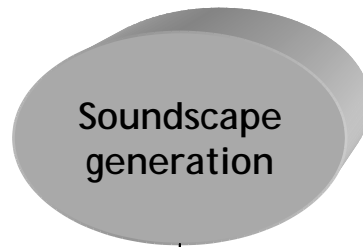
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- MTG research:
 - Soundscape Generation & Streaming
 - Sound Search tool for virtual objects

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■ MTG research I: Soundscape Generation & Streaming

- Each location of the virtual Las Palmas will have a specific soundscape stream.
- Soundscapes are generated in a sound server (hosted at UPF), and are streamed to the SL clients using shoutcast protocol.
- Soundscapes are automatically generated from existing sound repositories using various synthesis techniques, from audio mosaicing to texture-synthesis.
- Other applications include Google StreetView, Architecture Models,...



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- MTG research II: Sound Search tool for virtual objects
 - Semi-automatic web-based tool for retrieving sound samples to be attached to virtual objects.
 - The use of Sound Design taxonomies will assist the user in the search process, together with automatic audio classification techniques.
 - The FreeSound repository (www.freesound.org) will be used.
 - Retrieved sounds can be easily integrated in the current SL or OpenSim audio architecture, by attaching sounds to objects.

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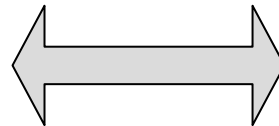
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Research:

- Sound design taxonomies
- Automatic classification
- Automatic segmentation

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