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A Review of Security and Privacy Challenges in Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality Systems with Current Solutions and Future Directions

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Abstract: *Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) systems offer immersive experiences by integrating virtual elements into the real or simulated world, enabling applications in navigation, gaming, healthcare, military, and education. However, these technologies pose significant security and privacy challenges due to their reliance on sensor data, real-time processing, and shared virtual environments. AR systems face risks such as deception attacks, input validation issues, and data misuse, while VR systems contend with concerns around user tracking, motion data security, and immersive feedback manipulation. This review explores these challenges across single and multi-application systems, highlighting risks related to output conflicts, input accuracy, and data access control. Current solutions, such as robust input validation, access control models, and conflict resolution frameworks, are examined. The study concludes by identifying future directions, including the development of advanced interface designs, collaborative sensing applications, and novel privacy-preserving techniques to ensure secure and ethical deployment of AR and VR technologies. The study emphasises that in light of the continuous evolution of AR/VR technologies, it's of extreme importance to take proactive measures to prevent risk from increasing.*

Keywords: Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, Security, Privacy, Authentication, Neuro-cognitive Threats, Encryption, Zero-Trust Algorithm (ZeTA), Data Protection, User Consent..

I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, it's simple to become engrossed in one's online life. One of the best things about the internet is being able to read about things that people can't even reach in real life [1]. The user experience can be enhanced with the use of augmented and virtual reality technologies, which provide a more immersive and lifelike experience [2]. AR is "an image, either direct or indirect, seen in real-time in the actual world that has had virtual, computer-generated data superimposed on top of it" [3]. VR is defined as "a form of media that consists of computer simulations that the user can interact with by sensing their position and activities and then providing feedback to one or more senses, creating the illusion of mental immersion or presence in the simulation". Several sectors are seeing a rise in the use of these technologies; they include healthcare, education, and gaming. A number of areas, including privacy and security postures, remain understudied, despite massive expansion in many other areas[4].

AR and generated a lot of buzz with their suggested definition of AR. There were three parts to the report's definition of AR (see Figure 1): (a) A bridge between the digital and physical realms; (b) interaction in real-time; and (c) tracking and location in three dimensions. Since then, AR has been developing rapidly. In contrast to augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) is a distinct technology that enables users to fully immerse themselves in a virtual environment (VE) [5].

Device support is important to the advancement of AR/VR technology. Heavy computers and massive projectors were commonly employed to display AR/VR effects throughout the early stages of research [6]. In light of the proliferation of portable electronic devices, the portability and attractiveness of smartphones and tablets have led to their widespread adoption [7][8].

Authentication and permission decisions are crucial to security. Typically, determining the user's identity is what authentication is all about. After the user's identity has been verified, the next step is to grant them access to certain resources[9]. It is easy to imagine that in a commercial VR application, particularly one where the user can navigate to different areas within the experience, the authorisation decisions will factor in the user's geolocation and necessitate

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extra authentication to access certain resources. The authentication procedure must now continuously update the authentication object in several dimensions rather than being restricted to a one-time gating event at the point of entry[8].

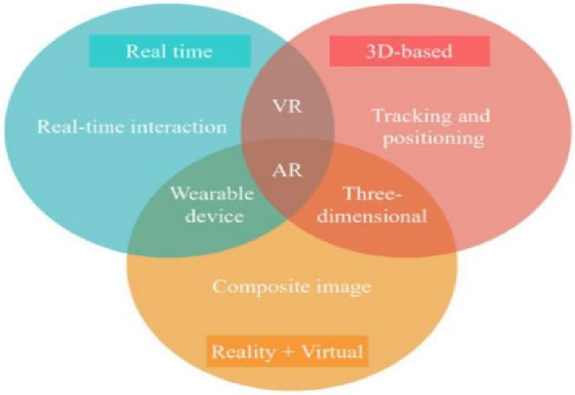

Fig. 1. Three elements of AR/VR summarised

A. Structure of the paper

The framework of the article is as follows: Virtual and Augmented Reality System Security and Privacy is covered in Sections II and III. Section IV outlined the problems with security and privacy in augmented reality and virtual reality systems; Section V detailed the present solutions to these problems; Section VI suggested some directions for future research in these areas; Section VII reviewed the relevant literature; and Section VIII offered the paper's conclusion.

II. SECURITY AND PRIVACY FOR AUGMENTED REALITY SYSTEMS

Augmented reality is the practice of combining elements from both the physical and digital realms to provide users with more comprehensive views of physical objects and environments. The purpose of augmented reality is to provide visually enhanced experiences by augmenting real-world settings and events [10]. Modern augmented reality technologies allow users to digitally alter and interact with data about their physical environment, such as via integrating AR cameras into smartphone apps, recognising objects, and adding computer vision. Data regarding the setting and its inhabitants is superimposed on top of the actual world. Some examples of this data type include virtual [11].

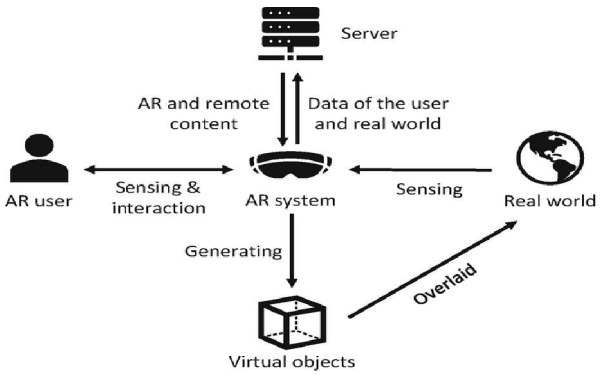

Fig. 2. Security and Privacy of Augmented Reality-system

Their present system for superimposing digital items onto real-world photographs is shown in Figure 2. The four types of input that the augmented reality viewer takes into consideration are as follows: first, a model of the virtual object that needs to be rendered; second, a picture or sequence of images to which the virtual objects are superimposed; third, camera positions to ensure seamless integration; and finally, a model of reality to allow for the physically accurate coexistence of virtual and real objects[11]. AR has just as many practical applications for them. Many examples can be found here:

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- Improved nav systems overlay a route on top of the real-time road image using augmented reality.
- Broadcasters utilise AR to plot lines on the football field to describe and evaluate plays.
- IKEA Place is an augmented reality app from the furniture and homewares behemoth that allows you to visualise how a piece of furniture will appear and fit in your surroundings.
- Instead of wasting concentration looking down, military fighter pilots can view their altitude, speed, and other data on the visor of their helmet using AR technology

A. Different kinds of Augmented Reality*[12]*

Augmented reality (AR) comes in various forms:

- **Projection based AR:** Digital visuals are superimposed on real items in this kind of AR. A digital keyboard or a handheld dialer can be projected onto the desk, and it is interactive. Projecting items that are not interactive but may be positioned and identified in depth are also possible.
- **Recognition-based AR:** Whenever an image or QR code is scanned and brought to life, this is known as recognition-based AR.
- **Location based AR:** This makes use of smart gadgets by identifying their precise positions. This technology utilizes the traveler's position (as determined by their GPS, compass, and accelerometer) to provide pertinent information about what the user is viewing on the screen, allowing them to discover amazing destinations.
- **Outlining AR:** For instance, when parking a car, augmented reality can detect the road's edge and the vehicle's outline due to object recognition technology. Engineering and architecture both make use of this AR technology to plan out structures and their foundations.
- **Superimposition based AR:** AR that relies on superimposition makes use of object recognition to superimpose an augmented view onto an item or a portion of it. A doctor treating a patient with a broken leg, for instance, may use augmented reality to superimpose an X-ray image of the bone on top of a real image, giving the patient a clear picture of the extent of the damage.

B. Security and Privacy Challenges for AR

TABLE I. SECURITY AND PRIVACY CHALLENGES FOR AR TECHNOLOGIES[13][14]

	Single Application	**Multiple Applications**	**Multiple Systems**
Output	Deception attacks Overload attacks Trusted path to reality	Handling conflicts Clickjacking	Conflicting views
Input	Input validation	Resolving focus	Aggregate input
Data Access	Access control for sensor data Bystander privacy	Cross-app sharing	Cross-system sharing

Table I. presents the Privacy and Security Issues Facing AR Systems. They use two dimensions to classify these difficulties: issues that develop in systems with a single application, systems with numerous applications, and systems with several interacting systems, all pertaining to data access, output, and input

1. Output

- User confidence in AR apps that superimpose virtual feedback on top of real-world visual, aural, or haptic experiences is crucial. Malicious apps can leverage devices that give immersive feedback to trick users about the real environment. For instance, a malevolent program in the future could display an inaccurate speed limit over an actual speed limit sign, or even put a false sign where none exists, or purposefully offer an inaccurate translation of actual text in a foreign language. More generally, users may be led astray by such an application into thinking that particular objects exist in the real world or do not.
- Applications in an AR system that supports many uses will share the same output devices, such as screens, speakers, and haptic feedback. Multiple apps competing for access to various output devices might cause

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conflicts, which in turn can compromise security. For instance, a malicious app could attempt to hide the material that another app is displaying (for instance, by visually or aurally masking an accurate translation with an inaccurate one).

- The reality that various AR systems show to consumers may not always align. For instance, depending on their degree of access, different users may see various virtual ads superimposed on actual billboards, or different users may see different content during a presentation (for instance, one person may see top-secret footnotes while others do not). To avoid unintentionally disclosing private information meant solely for themselves, users will need to control mental models of who can see what information due to such opposing viewpoints. Innovative interface design will be needed to address this issue and help people with this task.

2. Input

- There is little question that input validation and sanitisation issues for AR apps will be comparable to those for traditional applications. For instance, signs with deliberately constructed language could compromise a translation tool that processes real-world text. While conventional methods of input validation will most certainly be useful, augmented reality system designers should be cognizant of the fact that it may be useful in this novel context.
- Conventional input techniques, such as a mouse or touchscreen, will probably not be used by users to engage with augmented reality systems. On the other hand, haptic sensors (such as those in gloves) may become more important for users to subtly engage with these systems, alongside voice commands and gaze tracking technology. It will be difficult for the system to determine which program should get input given these input modalities and the presence of numerous running applications.
- The quantity and sophistication of sensor inputs supplied by enabling technologies will grow in tandem with the increasing complexity of augmented reality systems and applications. Novel collaborative sensing applications will emerge as a result of the deluge of user-generated sensor data, and these applications can then feed data back into augmented reality systems. For instance, Google already reports traffic conditions to users' phones based on data collected from their phones [8]. For example, future augmented reality apps displayed on the windshield of an automobile will require this type of data.

3. Data Access

- AR apps may need access to a broad range of sensor data—video and audio streams, GPS information, temperature, accelerometer measurements, and more—in order to deliver their intended functionality. The balance between necessary access for functioning and the risk of data theft or misuse by applications is a significant concern for AR systems, just as it is for desktop and smartphone OSes.
- Similar to conventional operating systems, AR apps are probably going to want to share virtual items amongst themselves and provide APIs to one another. In order to facilitate cross-application sharing, researchers need to investigate suitable access control methods. Traditional access control design lessons can undoubtedly be used here, but new settings and technology can call for other strategies.
- Users will be able to share virtual content with one another using communicating AR systems, in addition to being able to see various content to different users. Take the hypothetical scenario of one user making a virtual document in their own augmented reality system and then opting to share its display with other users' systems. Some sharing might even be implicit; consider an AR system that automatically creates a 3D model of a person in real-time based on the camera feeds of users in the vicinity.

III. SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN VIRTUAL REALITY

The process in a VR environment begins with the user deciding to do something; the user then assigns tasks to the VR engine using input devices, and the VR engine, using SW processing, does the task in real-time while displaying simulation and rendering [15]. The timing of when they light up the photocell sensors on the headset and surrounding each handheld controller allows them to accurately detect the location of the head and both hands. As seen in Figure 3, a user can engage with a virtual environment through a head-mounted device, a head-tracking system, and a motion-

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tracking system [16].

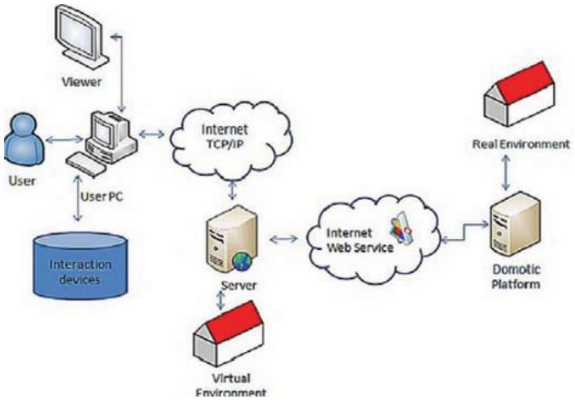

Fig. 3. Virtual reality (VR) system architecture.

The phrase "virtual reality" is used to describe the computer-generated environment that gives users the impression that they are actually present in this three-dimensional space. With its 3D setup, the user can establish contact with alternate realities. Headsets, gloves, limbs, and other pieces of wearable tech that can transmit, receive, and store data are brought to life in this 3D virtual environment. Landscape architecture, medicine, the military, training, exercise, sports, and the air are just a few of the numerous fields that frequently make use of these technologies[17].

A. Characteristics of VR*[12]*:

- **360° as the starting point:** 360-degree images and videos form the backbone of VR display. Stereo formats are supported. The hardware must support 4K or 6K playback.
- **Classical media as content:** Presentation slides incorporate multimedia elements. Some audio files can be used as room ambience, while others can be used to create a three-dimensional sound effect. Video plays during breaks to display specific screen content when the VR headset is not being used. Put 3D animated elements into presentations in real-time.
- **Control & Navigation:** Gazing at the buttons allows the participant to operate all functions without using a hand controller. The user activates VR click by bringing their head into line with the icon and holding their sight fixed on it for one second.

Security and privacy in Virtual Reality (VR) are critical concerns as the technology collects and processes vast amounts of sensitive data, including biometric, behavioural, and location information[18]. VR environments are susceptible to threats like unauthorised access, phishing, malware, and man-in-the-middle attacks, which can compromise user data and system integrity. Additionally, the immersive nature of VR poses unique r[19] risks such as psychological manipulation, digital harassment, and physical safety hazards. Maintaining the protection of VR necessitates its encryption, utilising the multi-factor authentication, and incorporating privacy from the design's stage, compliance to the data protection legislation. However, to build trust and make VR as safe as a real environment as possible the aforementioned challenges should be met as the adoption of VR continues to expand.

IV. SECURITY AND PRIVACY CHALLENGES IN AR/VR SYSTEMS

This section to discusses security and privacy challenges in AR/VR systems:

A. Data Collection and User Privacy

AR/VR devices collect huge amounts of personal and biometric information, such as face, voice, eyes, and body movements. While it is important and helpful to have this data for delivering the immersive experience, it introduces numerous privacy issues [20]. Erroneous use of this privileged data may result in identity fraud, spying, or was vigilantism affecting the individual and financial safety [21]. In addition, the opacity of how this data is gathered and sorted increases the dangers and as such, thorough privacy protection should be used.

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B. Spoofing and Impersonation Attacks

AR/VR systems can also be attacked by having unauthorised access to the sessions or in forging fake avatars. Such impersonation can sometimes deceive the users for the purposes of fraud existence of fake account, wallet or in cases of phishing. For example, an adversary might pretend to be an official contact in an online platform [22], and subsequently deceive users into revealing personal numbers or passwords. Moreover, identity manipulation in interactions in AR/VR develops negative psychological effects, which supports the need to have mechanisms for identity verification.

C. Location-Based Threats

Most AR applications include geolocation data to enhance context sensitivity in decision-making, posing a serious threat of stalking to the users. This access will expose the movement or real-time location of users—posing real physical security threats [23]. This is even more worrisome to users employing AR/VR in common zones or while touring because location data may be exploited unscrupulously. These threats strongly suggest that there must be secure encryptions and access management controls.

D. Malware and Ransomware

Thus, as connected systems, AR/VR devices do not remain invulnerable to malware attacks. Malicious applications can disrupt AR/VR applications and create inauthentic and untrustworthy versions of the applications. Ransomware attacks lock devices and keep them offline, denying users access to certain services until they pay a ransom [24]. For instance, the AR used in a healthcare system with incorporated malware can endanger the lives of patients as important medical data is manipulated.

E. Denial-of-Service (DoS) Attacks

DoS attacks can flood AR/VR systems which makes them unavailable to users as seen in the following ways. This is very dangerous in critical applications for example in a medical simulation or in an emergency scenario where system unavailability can cost lives [25]. By attacking the specified network nodes, or taking advantage of system weaknesses or openings, the AR/VR services being provided to the users may be compromised, this highlights the imperativeness of network and system redundancy.

F. Content Manipulation and Deepfakes

In AR/VR environments, attackers can manipulate real-time content or introduce deepfakes to deceive users. This can lead to people getting wrong information, being duped into parting with their money or their character being dragged in the mud [26]v. For example, a manipulated AR advertisement may take the user to click for duping transactions. The context of such environments intensifies the effects of such attacks since people expect the virtual to be truly representative of the real.

G. Lack of Standardized Security Frameworks

Since there is no stringent standard for security across AR/VR platforms, protection is delivered in a fragmentary manner. These problems create many openings that can be exploited by potential attackers and are difficult to address with one cohesive security strategy [27]. This results in many situations where developers and users have no clear guidelines for achieving data security and privacy, leaving additional errors for the attackers to encroach on. Designing universally applicable but locale-sensitive approaches is needed to overcome this problem, specifically for the AR/VR systems.

V. CURRENT SOLUTIONS TO AR AND VR CHALLENGES

In this section to discusses security and privacy current solutions in AR/VR systems:

A. Encryption and Secure Communication Protocols

A frequent issue of AR/VR systems is the transmission of data, which requires the use of encryption. Later, technologies such as end-to-end encryption protect information against wiretapping and data interception, allowing only

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authorised individuals to access it [28][29]. TLS, SSL and secure APIs are frequently employed as standards for constructing strong communication infrastructure. These measures are the basics of safe AR/VR communication and are set to protect the data and make it secure.

B. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

An MFA enhances user authentication by integrating many ways, including passwords, biometrics, and codes based on the device. This multiple-layering enhances protection against impersonation and unlawful access to a very large extent. MFA can be integrated into headsets and other attachments in AR/VR systems and the added security level will not infringe the user comfort level in any way. This technique ensures that there is at least an extra layer of security that firms can use in a situation when the former is breached.

C. Privacy-Preserving Data Collection

In order to mitigate privacy risks, it is relevant that many of the AR/VR techniques use techniques like differential privacy and federated learning. Differential privacy takes the user data which is processed locally on their devices without sending their data to a central server, the same applies to federated learning [30]. These approaches maintain privacy of the users while at the same time promoting the use of analytics for improvements of AR/VR.

D. Geofencing and Location Data Protection

Geofencing in its turn locks the concept of location data down to trusted applications only, improving security and privacy [31]. The use of encryption to geolocation data it means the movements of a user or the environment surrounding the user are protected from third parties. These measures apply specifically to location-and-position-based AR applications, for example in virtual tourism or navigation, where manipulation of the positioning information would be highly detrimental to personal privacy.

E. Malware Detection and Prevention

Currently, AR/VR devices are under threat of cybercriminals, and malware is one of the most dangerous kinds of threats. Modern-day remediation measures consist of installing anti-virus, intrusion detection systems (IDS) and consistent system updates. These tools point out and safeguard against threats, keeping in mind that devices cannot be compromised by unauthorised exploitation. Continual updates also correct software informatics and the used systems to match the current security standards.

F. Content Verification Mechanisms

Altered information such as deep fake, is very dangerous in immersive environments. AI-generated content verification techniques also assist in identifying and rejecting such fake content in real-time [32]. These algorithms detect simulated object relationships, and, therefore, patterns or flukes in virtual interactions guarantee the legitimacy of displayed AR/VR content. This is especially important for such websites as educational services or professional training since its use may lead to severe consequences.

G. Access Control and Permissions Management

Slicing it fine helps to achieve that only the AR/VR applications that genuinely need it, get the data. If implemented, overly permissive permissions will limit the amount of information a user can access unnecessarily [33]. This practice minimises the attack surface and decreases the possibility of the misuse of the collected data. For instance, it is illogical to allow a gaming application to read data which is in the health option in a connected device. The issue of permissions management would ensure that the functionality achieved by AR/VR supports and corresponds to their expectation while at the same time ensuring that the security is effective[34].

VI. FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN AR/VR SECURITY AND PRIVACY

In this section to discusses security and privacy future directions in AR/VR systems:

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A. Development of Unified Security Standards

It is imperative that specific standards are developed for global application on AR/VR systems in order to lay a foundation to combat the growing issues of security. It allows developers and organisations to provide, as well as maintain optimum security measures that transcend-platform and transcend-device. This would help in standardising these protocols making it easier for users or systems and have secure interfaces. In addition, it means that businesses won't have to spend time fighting for different rules while an absence of standards would mean potential threat sources arising from disparities in terms of practices.

B. AI-Driven Threat Detection

If implemented correctly artificial intelligence and machine learning for threat detection in AR/VR systems can be very effective in real time. All types of analytics that can detect irregularities, including sharply increased data reading or unauthorised activities, will be accomplished more effectively and efficiently than conventional ways. By constantly updating itself with the dynamic threats, the AI-based environment becomes capable of preventing negative incidents and fostering secure immersion for its users. This capability is important as there is increased complexity levels as well as integration of systems that support AR/VR.

C. Integration of Blockchain Technology

There are numerous benefits in which the efficacy of blockchain technology in AR/VR ecosystems in relation with identities and data transactions. If user credentials and transactional data are saved on a blockchain, then systems can increase defence and openness at the same time decreasing the probability of leakage of the data [35]. Further, smart contracts through blockchains can bring efficiency, security and reliability to the processes like content licensing within virtual worlds. This integration can, dare I say, redefine how data is handled in present-day systems and, more importantly, the level of trust that users place in AR/VR systems.

D. Enhanced Biometric Security

Advanced biometrics, such as brainwave patterns and behavioural analytics, can provide robust authentication mechanisms for AR/VR systems. Unlike traditional biometrics like fingerprints or facial recognition, these methods are harder to replicate or spoof, offering enhanced protection against impersonation attacks. Such innovations can ensure that only authorised users access sensitive AR/VR functionalities, strengthening the overall security posture of these systems.

E. Secure Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)

The creation of the specific CDNs for the AR/VR systems can exclude the content's change and guarantee its originality. Such CDNs would incorporate sophisticated SSL and real-time validation in order to safely deliver highly rich content. This is important if users are to develop confidence in the virtual spaces they encounter by making them as hack-proof as possible. High-performance CDNs is a requirement for such applications as virtual training or medical simulations where precision is an essential feature.

F. Ethical and Legal Frameworks

AR/VR technologies still require persistent and robust policies in order for governments and organisations to regulate their ethical application. These frameworks must address critical issues as user consent, ownership of data tightened and liability in the event of abuse. Hence, adhering to measures of ethical conduct helps stakeholders avoid acts of they unethical conduct, including unauthorised data collection or creation of manipulative content. The ethical frameworks would also increase public adoption of the Augmented Reality/ Virtual Reality technologies due to increased trust.

G. Immersive Environment Testing

It is therefore crucial that routine security assessment and vulnerability scanning is done in AR/VR setting. These should be the menacing that would present possible attacks so that resilience of the systems as well as loopholes that are prone to the attacks would be revealed. Thus, using the proactive approach to testing, the developers will be able to

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strengthen AR/VR systems against novel threats. Relentless security assessment and enhancement are necessary to protect users in progressing and engaging virtual platforms.

H. Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA)

To increase the security of AR/VR systems, it is necessary to apply Zero Trust Architecture to reduce the risks from implicit trust. Under ZTA, any interaction from a user, a device, or an application must be authorised and approved. This approach is good because it means all parts of the system, even if internal, are very secure from possible intruder attacks. ZTA aims to offer strong security standards towards AR/VR systems, especially when dealing with delicate information or major processes.

VII. LITERATURE REVIEW

This section presents a review of the literature on the subject of privacy and security in AR/VR systems, including the following works:

In Study, Lebeck et al. (2018) conduct and use a qualitative laboratory experiment through the help of Microsoft HoloLens, which is an augmented reality device. Participating in both paired and individual (though physically co-located) HoloLens activities, our study's 22 participants were divided into 11 pairs. They address important findings by conducting semi-structured interviews to learn about participants' worries about privacy, security, and other issues. For instance, They discovered that users were able to readily immerse themselves in the HoloLens experience, viewing virtual things as real (e.g., avoiding them out of fear of tripping) despite the device's limitations. Access management among users is necessary for managing shared physical areas and virtual material embedded in them. They also find a plethora of security, privacy, and safety issues specific to augmented reality, such as deceiving virtual items that users believe are part of the actual world [36].

In this study, Chen et al. (2018) considered a case study of the privacy and security risks offered by the increasingly popular VR and AR technologies. Using an augmented reality system built on the Samsung Gear VR and ZED stereo camera, they unveil a computer vision-based assault that targets authentication methods on touch-enabled devices. Gear VR users can access their footage using a connected ZED stereo camera. Assuming they are playing a game, an attacker can secretly record their victim entering a password on a touchscreen. At a distance of 1.5 meters from the victim, the attack has a 90% success rate, and within 2.5 meters, it has a reasonably decent success rate[37].

In the Study, Mathis (2021) delves into the ways virtual reality (VR) might enhance the process of creating and testing prototype systems, particularly in the area of usable security (USEC), a subfield of human-computer interaction (HCI) studies. They propose that VR as a research tool can complement current paradigms in USEC by doing two things: 1) letting researchers examine systems and user behaviour in settings where it would be difficult to do so (e.g., because of ethical or legal constraints) and 2) enhancing evaluations that are limited to lab-based physical replications[38].

In Study, Florea et al. (2019) details the incorporation of VR/AR clients into an existing living lab to augment a user engagement tool. In order to compare the clients, ran a user experience research with fourteen people. Based on our research, the virtual reality client was deemed novel, user-friendly, amusing, and enjoyable. The augmented reality client, on the other hand, came across as both playful and empowered[39].

In this study, Gandhi et al. (2021) in-depth analysis of different distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks that have the potential to impede numerous critical and sensitive services and to decline the overall performance of more recent services that rely only on network connections. A plethora of commercial IoT, cloud, and AR apps offer limitless data access. It is important to handle DDoS assaults with caution and to create a new generation of algorithms to counteract the effects of non-repudiation attacks[40].

In this study, Noah, Shearer and Das (2022) examined the privacy and security implications of widely used AR and VR technologies. IKEA Place AR, Hololens, Oculus Rift, Google Glass, Valve Index, HTC Vive, Raptor AR, Psious (Amelia), Magic Leap, Epson Moverio, and Magic Leap were among the top ten augmented reality and virtual reality devices and apps that they discovered. Device authentication, user profiling, access control, database security, and other related platforms were the primary areas of focus during their comprehensive security and privacy examination[4].

In this Study, Ratajczak, Riedl and Matt (2019) outlined the critical procedures and tools required to build the AR4C app. Particularly covered are the details of data interchange between BIM and Unity, as well as the incorporation of

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LBMS into BIM and AR4C. The argument concludes with a discussion of the implemented and planned functionality. Results from laboratory testing of the AR4C application prototype were encouraging[41].

In this study, Alam et al.(2017) showed that the mobile end can now do the difficult duties that were previously only done on the fixed infrastructure. Research obstacles include creating systems that can transmit data in real-time, analysing data in real-time from various sources, interacting with numerous users at once, creating complicated user interfaces, making them portable and wearable, and developing low-power embedded systems with local intelligence. In the context of difficult work conditions, this effort is a component of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network (EDUSAFE) project, which aims to investigate the potential of AR/VR for both predetermined and unplanned maintenance tasks[42].

The following Table II. provide existing work comparing Security and Privacy Challenges in Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality Systems with Current Solutions.

Table II: Comparative analysis of related work on AR and VR Systems

Reference	**Topic**	**Key Findings/Contributions**	**Technology /Methodology**	**Application/Use Case**	**Performance Metrics**	**Challenges and Future Directions**
[37]	Security and privacy in VR/AR	Introduced a computer vision-based attack using an AR system (Gear VR with ZED stereo camera) to capture password inputs.	AR system, computer vision	Security breach on touch-enabled devices	90% success rate at 1.5m; good success within 2.5m	Strengthening input security; Developing multi-layered authentication protocols.
[36]	Security and privacy in AR	Explored user experiences with Microsoft HoloLens; identified security, privacy, and safety issues unique to AR, such as deceptive virtual objects.	HoloLens, semi-structured interviews	AR user experience study	Raised concerns over shared space access and misleading virtual content	Enhancing user awareness and developing better access control mechanisms.
[38]	Usable security (USEC) in VR	Argued that VR can enhance USEC research by providing realistic study environments and improving evaluations constrained by physical conditions.	VR platform	HCI research and usability testing	Potential to bridge ethical and practical research challenges	Adapting VR environments to a wider range of security study cases.
[39]	User experience in AR/VR	Compared VR and AR client experiences; found VR client as innovative and entertaining, AR as playful and empowering.	VR and AR clients, user experience study	Living lab tool extension	Positive user feedback for both platforms	Enhancing user engagement and testing scalability in different use cases.
[40]	DDoS threats in IoT/AR	Described the impact of DDoS attacks on network-based services and highlighted the need for new mitigation algorithms.	Network-based analysis	IoT, cloud, and AR applications	Need for new algorithms to counter non-repudiation attacks	Developing adaptive, real-time defence systems for varied applications.
[4]	Security	Evaluated security and	Various	Security	Comprehensi	Standardising

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	and privacy evaluation	privacy of 10 popular AR/VR devices focusing on user authentication, access control, and data security.	AR/VR devices (Hololens, Oculus, Google Glass, etc.)	and privacy review	ve analysis of security practices	cross-device security protocols; Introducing AI-based threat detection.
[41]	Development of AR applications	Detailed data exchange between BIM and Unity, integration of LBMS, and AR4C functionalities.	BIM software, Unity, AR4C prototype	User involvement tool	Positive feedback from lab tests	Ensuring cross-platform compatibility and expanding field deployment capabilities.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) systems have revolutionised numerous industries, offering transformative applications in areas such as entertainment, healthcare, and education. However, their widespread adoption is accompanied by critical security and privacy challenges stemming from the integration of real-time data, sensor-based interactions, and shared virtual spaces. This review has highlighted key risks, including input validation vulnerabilities, data misuse, and user tracking concerns, while discussing current mitigation strategies like robust authentication protocols, data encryption, and conflict resolution mechanisms. Despite these advancements, significant gaps remain, necessitating future research into privacy-preserving designs, adaptive security frameworks, and collaborative sensing innovations to safeguard user trust and ensure the ethical use of AR and VR systems. Addressing these challenges will be pivotal in shaping the secure and sustainable evolution of these technologies

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