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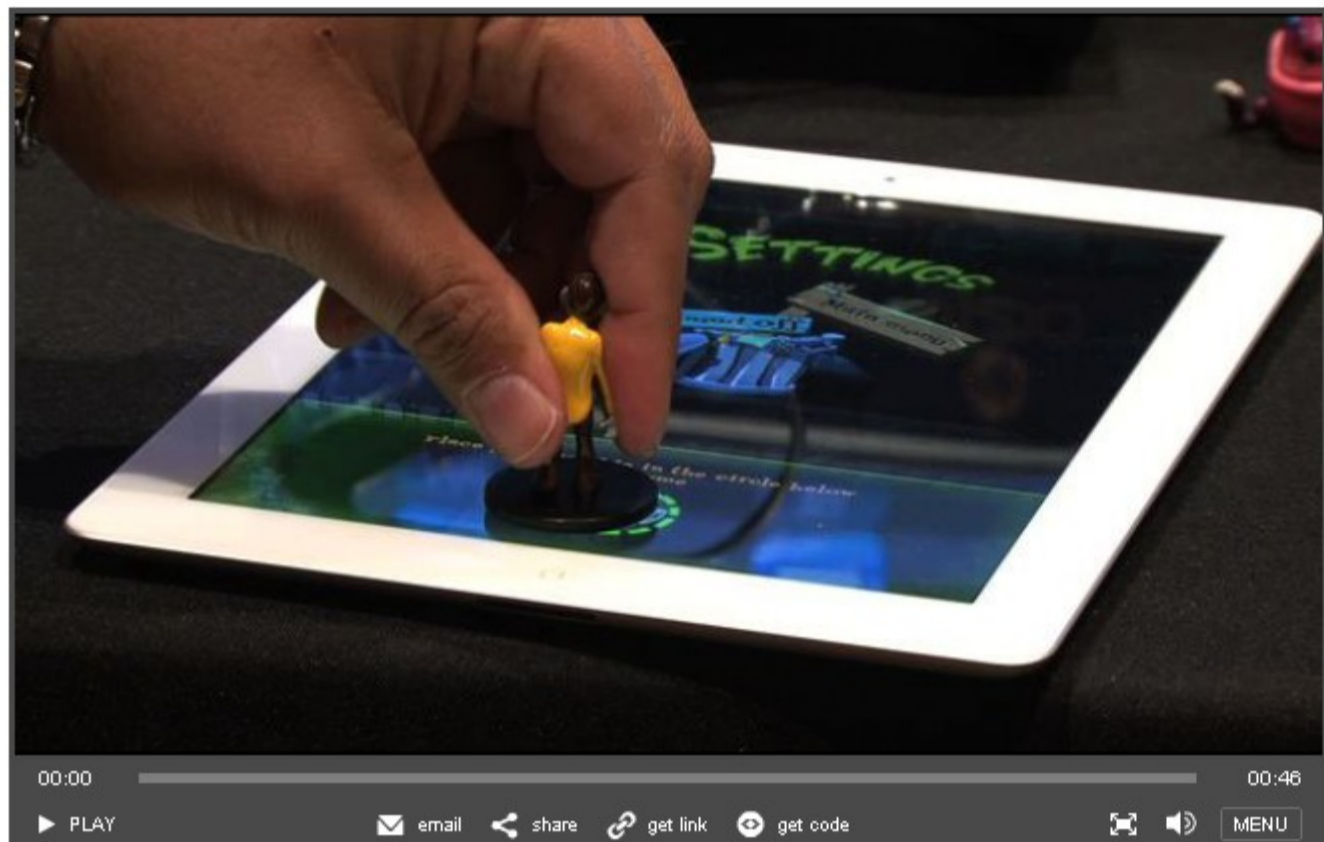
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LAS VEGAS — Kids have it so good these days. Sure, they can use their "imagination" to play games, but now traditional fantasy play can be augmented by mobile devices for even more textured experiences.

Wowwee's AppGear takes advantage of this new paradigm. Kids can use this line of collectible toys to interact with their mobile devices through dedicated apps, providing an augmented reality experience using a device's camera. Five games will be debuting in early 2012: Foam Fighters, App Commander, Zombie Burbs, Alien Jailbreak and Mysterious Ray Gun.

With Foam Fighters, you attach a small foam airplane to your iDevice, and scenes of sky and sea are projected onto your real-world environment. With the plane within the sight of your device's camera, you navigate through the air, shooting at enemy planes coming at you. In App Commander, your iOS or Android device slots into a physical toy gun, and you shoot at robots and other enemies who appear "in the real world."

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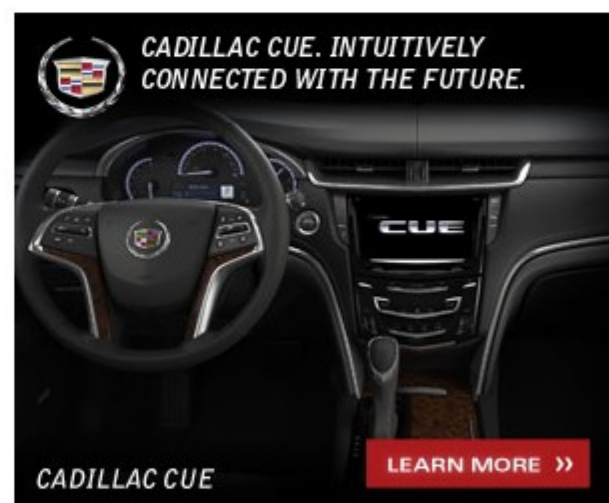
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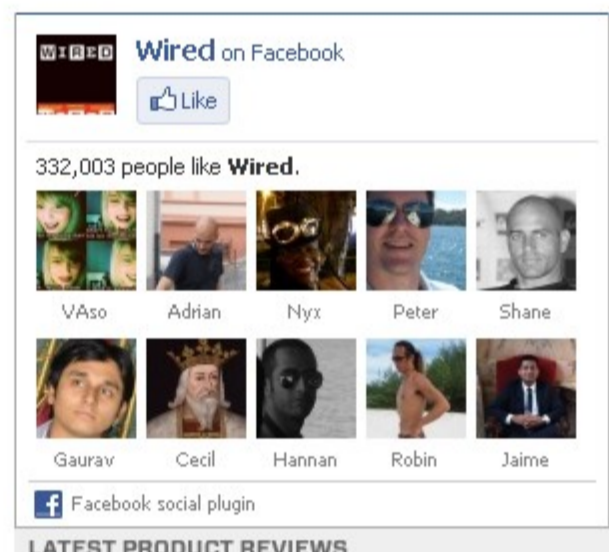
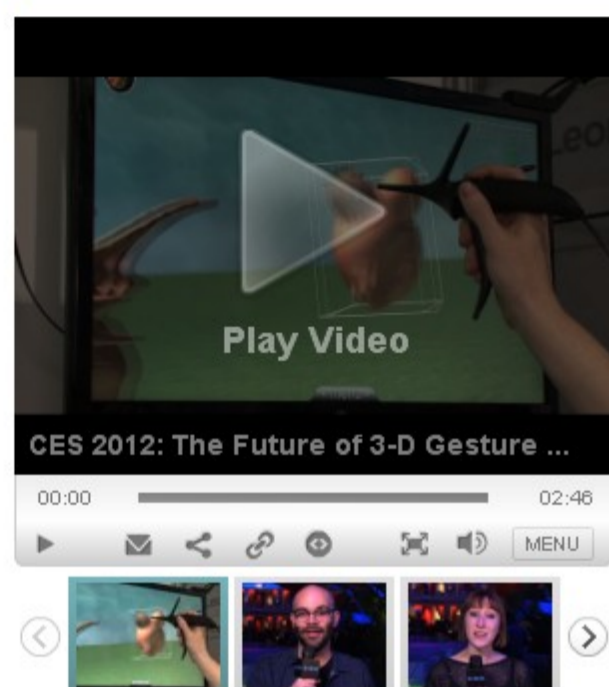


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