

Let's improve the world!

declarative modeling for the masses

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creating worlds

- vision, dream, project...
- time...



creating virtual worlds

- vision, dream, project...
- months of meticulous work and manual fine-tuning

designers and artists

how to help them specify that vision?

how to facilitate that creation process?

Enable MANY more dreams to become reality!

declarative modeling of virtual worlds

- enable designers of virtual worlds to concentrate on stating **what** they want to create, instead of on describing **how** they should model it
- combine the integrated use of **procedural modeling techniques** with a **semantically-rich model** of virtual objects
- more effectively capture designer's intent:
 - throughout the design process
 - while using the virtual world



challenge 1 - *quantity*

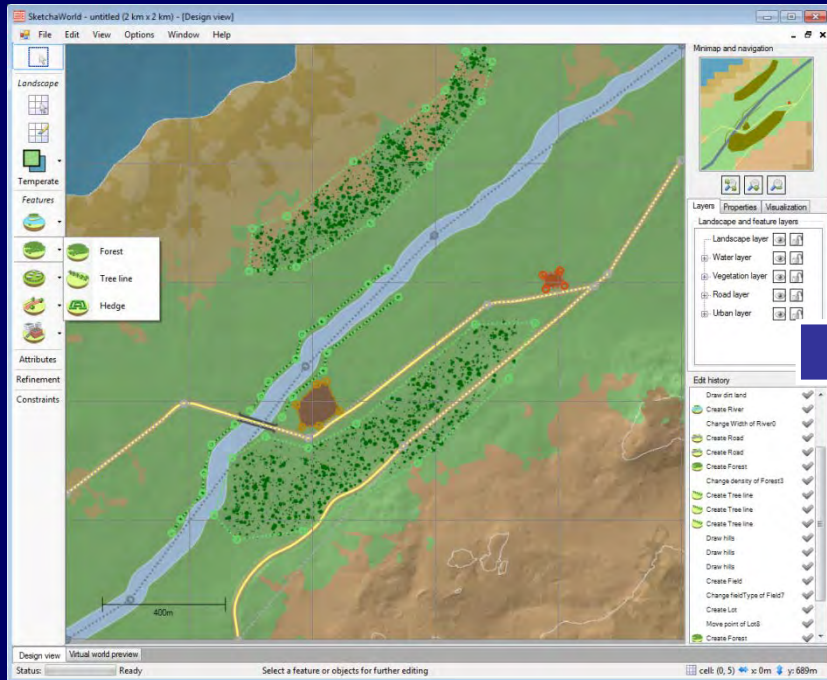
- huge amount of content to create
- many nice techniques, but mostly standalone
- lack of assistance to support that creation

controlled automation (a.k.a. procedural sketching)

- integrate a variety of procedural techniques
- act as an amplifier for designers' creative skills
- provide an intuitive and familiar interaction paradigm

SketchaWorld

- suitable for modeling **complete** virtual worlds
- developed with designers and artists in the loop



www.sketchaWorld.com

challenge 2 - *quality*

- virtual objects are (mostly...) not what they appear to be...
- ...want more? hard-code it all! everywhere! ...again!
- lack of assistance to support that customization

meaningful objects (a.k.a. semantics)

- embed all objects with useful, richer information:
 - behavior, functionality
 - roles, services
 - relationships with other objects
- make all that reusable and 'tweakable'!

houses & stuff...



flavoring scenes (with procedural filters)



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Let's improve the world...

...behind the dikes!



Matthijs Schaap

(just a few) challenges ahead

- offer more expressive power to input design intent
- provide more intuitive and fine control over the output
- better support iterative nature of design
- deploying richer semantics in virtual objects
- effectively help cope with complexity in the virtual world



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Thanks!

