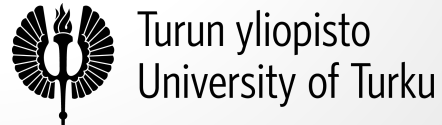


# Louhisaari Stories

## Augmented Reality Cinema in a Historical Setting

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# Louhisaari Manor

- Medieval estate
- Main building from 1650s
- Owned by aristocratic Fleming and Mannerheim families
- Year-round residence for Count Carl Erik Mannerheim and his family in the 1820s and 1830s
- Creation of the English landscape park
- Opened as a museum in 1967





# Presenting the Past

- Historical and fictional characters
- Connecting the history of the estate to a wider context of aristocratic lifestyle and everyday life in the countryside
- Facts and fiction based on facts, i.e. historical possibilities
- Understanding through information and engagement





# Experience

- Immersive, markerless augmented spaces
- Large visual augmentations
  - Almost augmented virtuality
- More akin to theater than video game







# Content Production

- Cost-effective workflow
- Character generation, motion capture, visual script writing
- Iterative workflow to find the suitable level of detail in stylised visuals
- Dialogue audio recordings

The screenshot shows the Twine software interface. The top bar indicates the current story is 'K2-1 Tapaa Josefiinan'. The left sidebar shows the project structure, including 'Luostarinmäki', 'Settings', 'Global Variables', 'Flow', and 'Näytös 1'. The main canvas displays a flowchart with nodes for characters Josefiina Grönberg and Frans, connected by arrows representing story paths. The nodes contain text and stage directions. The bottom status bar shows 'Insert menu text'.

# Usability

- Clutter free UI
- Buttons for pausing the scene
- Separate information screen
  - Map
  - Synopsis of scenes
  - Dialogue log
  - Historical information about characters



Tapahtumat

Puhelogi

Hahmogalleria

Ohje

Asetukset

Kartta



**August Erik Mannerheim** 1805 – 1876 oli kreivi Carl Erik Mannerheimin neljäs lapsi. August pääsi ylioppilaaksi 15-vuotiaana vuonna 1820. Alusta asti oli ollut jo selvää, ettei Augustista ole sotilasuralle, eikä kunnianhimoiselle virkauralle. Hän opiskeli muodon vuoksi ja ajautui edelleen muodon vuoksi säälliseen virkasuhteeseen. Vuonna 1826 hän suoritti virkamiestutkinnon ja toimi auskultanttina Turun hovioikeudessa veljensä tapaan. Samaisen vuoden syyskuussa hän ryhtyi palvelemaan Keisarillisen kanslian ja Suomen valtiosihteerinviraston ylimääräisenä kanslistina Pietarissa, jonne asettui pysyvämmiin keväällä 1827. Augustin oma kiinnostus kohdistui lähinnä estetiikkaan mutta myöhemmin hän toimi mm. pankinjohtajana Helsingissä.

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# Challenges & Solutions

- Large outdoor areas
  - Changing seasons, lighting, moving vegetation
  - Long distance to tracked features, many objects between them and the viewer
- Manually editing the point clouds
  - Removing unneeded points
- Carefully selecting the areas for augmentations





# Conclusions

- Shift from technology to content in AR productions during the next few years
- Current tools already enable creating immersive, narrative and cinematic AR experiences
- Even credible and engaging representations of the past are possible

# Thank you!

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