walkitrockit! 2006
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walkitrockit! explores the navigation of everyday space in line with certain trends that exist in urban walking culture. many people living in cities use walking primarily as a form of transport between routine points. travel between these points often follows a similar path by default. increasingly, people are using personal stereo devices during their walks to make personal space more enjoyable. daily walking experiences become a means of exploration while people control the space they are moving through with their personal devices. with walkitrockit, people can explore and experience the urban environment in a new way.

walkitrockit! introduces a tool that encourages increased engagement and exploration in walking. while still enabling people to control their own experience in the urban environment, what if in the attempt to escape the impersonal you were able to reach other people? what if taking control of your journey became something you could share with others? what if your daily walking experience became a means of exploration while you are moving through the urban spaces that can often feel very impersonal.

walkitrockit! records and plays back music playlists in real space. it allows users to either lay down a musical trail for others to walk later, or to walk and explore the musical trails of previous users. during recording, a walkitrockit user creates a playlist of music and then sets out on their journey. as they walk, the music they listen to is linked with their physical location. this information is recorded to the walkitrockit database, where it is stored for later retrieval.

during playback, a walkerrocker walks while the walkitrockit device calculates their location and searches the database for recorded paths that match their position. when a user enters into a recorded path, they enter into the recorded playlist attached to it. the music fades in at the corresponding point in the playlist and continues playback for as long as the user remains on the recorded path.

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