A Visit to Purdue University Via the Web

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In the summer of 1998, the Department of Computer Graphics began developing a web-based informational and marketing resource for individuals interested in attending and visiting Purdue University’s West Lafayette campus. The result is an interactive campus map that provides information about the various campus buildings using text, photographs and VR movie clips. It also provides the ability to search for specific buildings and locations and an online-guided tour. The site allows the user to navigate the campus using a unique, vector-based graphical user interface. The completed interactive map, titled The Purdue University Virtual Visit, became available in August of 1998. Since that time the university has supported the project through various grants, which has allowed many features to be added. This contribution displays the project and its associated features.