

Virtual reality enters the deep end

However, virtual and augmented reality technologies are not limited to industry or SMEs. They are also found in the medical field in a variety of forms. Among the experiences offered by Laval Virtual, the Dolphin Swim Club with its Wild Dolphin Waterproof VR is undoubtedly the most popular. Equipped with a diving mask, to which a smartphone is attached – a Samsung Galaxy S7, waterproof, we were told – you dive into a pool, to feel like swimming next to real dolphins. The latter were filmed 360 ° in their natural environment. The video from which the abstract for the Laval Virtual Demo on YouTube can be viewed in VR or not, is broadcast as in any VR headset: you can look at your head from all sides, but the order is not interactive. Designed primarily for relaxing therapies for depressed, autistic, trisomy 21 or psychiatric patients, this experience is an alternative to real captive immersion.

thrown into the water to better appreciate the value of such an experience. While it was difficult to appreciate the relaxing virtues in the show's conditions, we can nonetheless confirm that it is actually easier to believe in the midst of dolphins when we can swim on the surface water. This actually brings an extra level of immersion – literally and figuratively. On the other hand, a true waterproof VR helmet and better image quality would probably not be superfluous to complete the experiment.

