

Workshop: Create your own cuddly Audio-Tour Guide

"Go on a tour of your local museum taking along your own friendly, cuddly tour guide. Along this amusing tour your guide will let you in on hidden secrets of the objects and the space."



Inside each cuddly toy is an NFC enabled smart phone. Attendees to the workshop record their own short narrative pieces and have the creatures respond as they walk around the space. It's possible to even have the creatures hold a conversation with a museum object.

An ideal session length is ~2 hours. Currently have hardware to run sessions for up to 5 simultaneous groups with each group having 3 or 4 people. (Probably a maximum of 15 people per workshop)

Each group shares in the tasks of:

- writing the script
- recording sounds / narrative
- triggering these sounds automatically on the phone
- placing the NFC tags around the public space (white-tack)
- designing / building a new creature (potentially a separate workshop)

This is very much an exercise in story creation than technology. The technology is the enabler and helps to illustrate how quickly you can make something that appears intelligent with little expertise.

For shorter sessions: the NFC tags can be pre-installed around the space and each group can be given a character (and guidelines) that they are working from.

For more advanced groups: the story can be potentially a 'Choose-your-own-adventure' experience where the user decides where to branch the story.

Note: The technology / clever-part is pre-installed on the phone. WiFi or laptops are not needed to run the session as all the recording and NFC tag configuration is performed on the phone.
