

# References & More Information

## VR Interface Design Pre-Visualisation Methods

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I'm getting these numbers from the Oculus Unity integration package, in which the cameras' field of view is 106.09° vertically and 94.16° horizontally for the DK2. I realize that it is marketed colloquially as having about a 100° field of view, but I assume this is just an estimated median between the two that is easier to refer to.

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No, I don't think people would likely use a Leap Motion controller for one hand and only one Vive controller in the other, but it does work nicely as a keyboard-and-mouse interaction style for the example.

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