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INDUSTRIAL HEADSET GIVES WORKERS' ONSITE AR ACCESS

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The hands-free computer fits on safety helmets and helps companies increase productivity and improve worker safety

Spotted: US-based [RealWear](#) has created a [wearable industrial headset](#) that connects workers to augmented reality (AR) programs on worksites. The heads-free is the [first of its kind in the industry](#), according to the company.

[RealWear](#) says the wearable [improves productivity and safety in the workplace](#). It offers three different types of headsets, which snap on to hard hats and provide on-site access to AR apps and other programs. The sets are voice-controlled and project to a small virtual Android tablet right below eye level. The [headset can be flipped back or removed](#) when it is not needed.

The company builds [the headsets as well as the basic software](#). It also allows third-party developers to build apps for the headsets. Currently 120 apps run on the headsets.

[RealWear](#) recently raised [\\$80 million \(€71 million\)](#) in a [Series B equity and debt round](#). It has raised a total of [\\$100 million \(€89 million\)](#), according to [Geekwire](#).

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Takeaway:

RealWear's success underscores the expanding niche for AR headsets in construction and industry. Other manufacturers have struggled to find the right commercial market for AR glasses and headsets. But the technology is being widely used in the workplace. US-based construction technology startups raised nearly \$3.1 billion in 2018, up from \$731 million in 2017, TechCrunch reports. Springwise has recently spotted innovators using AR to create specialised headsets for everyone from bricklayers to surgeons and firefighters.