

CLAIMS:

1. A interactive system, comprising one or more processors configured to:
receive a first signal indicative of an activity of a user within an environment;
receive a second signal indicative of the user approaching an animated character head; and
provide information related to the activity of the user to a base station control system associated with the animated character head in response to receipt of the second signal to facilitate a personalized interaction between the animated character head and the user.
2. The interactive system of claim 1, comprising an identification device positioned within the environment, wherein the identification device is configured to generate the first signal in response to detection of an identifier supported by a wearable device of the user.
3. The interactive system of claim 2, wherein the identification device comprises a radio-frequency identification (RFID) reader, and the identifier comprises a RFID tag.
4. The interactive system of claim 1, comprising an identification device positioned proximate to the animated character head, wherein the identification device is configured to generate the second signal in response to detection of an identifier supported by a wearable device of the user.
5. The interactive system of claim 4, wherein the identification device is coupled to the animated character head.
6. The interactive system of claim 1, comprising the base station control system, wherein the base station control system is configured to display an indication of the activity of the user on a display screen for visualization by a handler.

7. The interactive system of claim 1, comprising the base station control system, wherein the base station control system is configured to process the information to determine a recommended animation for the animated character head, and to display the recommended animation on a display screen of the base station control system for visualization by a handler.
8. The interactive system of claim 1, wherein the information comprises a recommended animation for the animated character head.
9. The interactive system of claim 1, comprising the base station control system, wherein the base station control system comprises an input device that is configured to receive an animation selection input from a handler and a communication device that is configured to communicate the animation selection input to the animated character head.
10. The interactive system of claim 9, comprising the animated character head, wherein the animated character head comprises one or more respective processors that are configured to receive the animation selection input and to control one or more actuators of the animated character head based on the animation selection input.
11. The interactive system of claim 1, comprising the base station control system and the animated character head, wherein the base station control system and the animated character comprise respective audio communication devices that enable a handler operating the base station control system to verbally communicate with a performer wearing the animated character head.
12. An interactive system, comprising:
one or more identification devices configured to detect an identifier supported by a wearable device of a user;
one or more processors configured to:

monitor activities of the user within an environment based on respective signals received from the one or more identification devices; and

output a respective signal based on the activities of the user to an animated character head, thereby causing the animated character head to present an animation that is relevant to the activities of the user to facilitate a personalized interaction between the animated character head and the user.

13. The interactive system of claim 12, wherein the one or more identification devices comprise one or more radio-frequency identification (RFID) readers, and the identifier comprises a RFID tag.

14. The interactive system of claim 12, comprising a computing system, a base station control system, and the animated character head, wherein the computing system comprises the one or more processors that are configured to monitor the activities of the user, the base station control system is configured to receive information indicative of the activities of the user from the computing system, the base station control system comprises an input device that is configured to enable a handler to select the animation based on the information indicative of the activities of the user, and the base station control system comprises the one or more processors that are configured to output the respective signal to the animated character head.

15. The interactive system of claim 12, wherein at least one of the one or more identification devices is coupled to the animated character head and is configured to generate a respective signal in response to detection of the identifier supported by the wearable device of the user.

16. A method, comprising:
receiving, at one or more processors, a signal indicative of a user approaching an animated character head;

accessing, using the one or more processors, information related to a prior activity of the user; and

providing, using the one or more processors, the information related to the prior activity of the user to a base station control system associated with the animated character head in response to receipt of the signal to facilitate a personalized interaction between the animated character head and the user.

17. The method of claim 16, comprising receiving, at the one or more processors, another signal indicative of the prior activity of the user.

18. The method of claim 17, comprising receiving the another signal from an identification device that is configured to detect an identifier supported by a wearable device of the user.

19. The method of claim 16, comprising receiving the signal indicative of the user approaching the animated character head from an identification device that is configured to detect an identifier supported by a wearable device of the user.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the identification device comprises a radio-frequency identification (RFID) reader, and the identifier comprises a RFID tag.

21. The method of claim 16, comprising, using one or more respective processors of the base station control system, processing the information to determine a recommended animation for the animated character head, and displaying the recommended animation on a display screen of the base station control system for visualization by a handler.

22. The method of claim 16, comprising:
receiving, at one or more respective processors of the base station control system, an animation selection input from a handler; and

transmitting, using a communication device of the base station control system, the animation selection input to the animated character head.

23. The method of claim 22, comprising, using one or more respective processors of the animated character head, controlling one or more actuators of the animated character head based on the animation selection input.