The Gemini Observatory Virtual Tour

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For the past 4 years, the production of the Gemini Virtual tour has evolved from a modest interactive CD-ROM tour of the Gemini Observatory into a multi-faceted, multi-media education and outreach product. The current version (3.0) includes internet accessible science updates, a custom screen saver-generator, an observing module using real Gemini data and several educational games and activities.

Recently the entire text elements of the tour have been translated into Spanish (formerly only English was available) with plans to translate into additional languages over the next 2 years.

This poster will describe the technologies used to create the tour, our feedback from users and our experiences using the tour as a kiosk in public spaces.