Transforming Gaming and Computer Simulation Technologies across Industries

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Description:

In recent years, digital technologies have become more ubiquitous and integrated into everyday life. While once reserved mostly for personal uses, video games and similar innovations are now implemented across a variety of fields.

Transforming Gaming and Computer Simulation Technologies across Industries is a pivotal reference source for the latest research on emerging simulation technologies and gaming innovations to enhance industry performance and dependency. Features extensive coverage across a range of relevant perspectives and topics, such as user research, player identification, and multi-user virtual environments.

Readers:

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- Player Identification
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