

Statement of Need

Airport security in the US has increased dramatically since September 11th. While many measures were in place before the terrorist attack, they were less obvious to the untrained eye. Now, all of the blinds have been removed and the show of force at major airports is astonishing. While no one doubts the necessity of overt security measures, for those who do not understand what is going on, the airport can become a daunting place.

Toward this end, we would like to produce a multimedia system which explains and educates children, 11-16, about airport security. This application should mimic the on-board safety videos seen on aircrafts except be tailored towards children. Essential to this process is educating children on what to look for as sometimes their sense of perception is better than adults. A "Hogan's Alley" type of assessment should be offered at the end of the application to test some of the basic tenets explained in the application. Finally, we would like to use this demo for long haul, overseas flights. Therefore, one international country must also be reviewed (although no evaluation is needed).