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The maturation of hand-tracking, body-tracking, gesture recognition, and voice interaction as standard input modalities for XR has removed the requirement for hand-held controllers in many applications. This shift toward natural embodied interaction has significant implications for learning design, accessibility, and the plausibility of embodied cognition claims in immersive environments.

Key Drivers / Contributing Conditions:

- Computer vision advances enabling controller-free tracking
- Meta Quest, Apple Vision Pro, and competitor hardware normalization
- Developer community adoption of hand and body tracking APIs

Tensions Carried Forward to Part II:

- Does natural embodied interaction genuinely engage embodied cognition mechanisms or merely feel more natural?

Linked Scenarios / Strands: STRAND: Embodied Cognition & Learning

Ways of Knowing: Tree · Garden · Lantern

PART II — COMMUNITY EVIDENCE & DIALOGUE TRACK | HT: Natural Embodied Interaction | H2 2026 — Living

T	COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION FORM — HT: Natural Embodied Interaction Submit case examples, methodological challenges, cultural perspectives, and proposed evidence criteria via: https://tally.so/r/ilrn-if-ht-embodied-2026

Part II — Scope and Instructions
This section collects community responses, case examples, and challenges to the Part I foresight snapshot above.
It opens July 1, 2026 and undergoes synthesis review in September 2026, November 2026, and January 2027.
Contributions are submitted via the Tally.so form above and appear in the registers below after editorial review.
The Part I text is not modified in response to Part II contributions; it is versioned at the Annual Handoff review.
Contribution categories: Case Example | Methodological Challenge | Cultural/Community Perspective | Proposed Evidence Criterion
Ways of Knowing accepted: Tree (evidence) | Garden (practice) | Lantern (futures)

Tensions Open for Community Response:

- Does natural embodied interaction genuinely engage embodied cognition mechanisms or merely feel more natural?

Contributor / Date	Category	Way of Knowing	Contribution Summary
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