

## Google gives glimpse of Internet glasses

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The Google France offices pictured in 2011. Google gave the world a glimpse of its vision for letting people look at life through Internet-tinted glasses.

Google on Wednesday gave the world a glimpse of its vision for letting people look at life through Internet-tinted glasses.

A video posted at a <u>Project Glass</u> page at Google+ social network confirmed the rumor that the technology titan is working on eyewear that meshes the online world with the real world.

"We think technology should work for you -- be there when you need it and get out of your way when you don't," members of the project team said in a Google+ post.

"A group of us from Google X (Labs) started Project Glass to build this kind of technology; one that helps you explore and share your world."



Images showed people wearing eyeglasses with stylish silver frames that featured tiny cameras and on-lens displays to discretely show information such as walking directions, weather forecasts or messages from friends.

Built-in microphones let wearers command the Internet-linked glasses by speaking.

"We took a few design photos to show what this technology could look like and created a video to demonstrate what it might enable you to do," Google said, stressing that the glasses were a concept far from being brought to market.

"We're sharing this information now because we want to start a conversation and learn from your valuable input."

The project team invited people to express ideas for the glasses at the Google+ page.

Google co-founder Sergey Brin is deeply involved with the California company's X Labs, best known for its work on a self-driving car.

A YouTube video of <u>legally blind Steve Mahan "driving" an autonomous</u> <u>Google car</u> in his California neighborhood has been viewed more than 1.2 million times since it was uploaded on March 27.

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