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rare uk 1487 posts 29-Apr-04 07:03:54	First day back at work after parental leave and I need something to keep me busy. I found this thing. Apparently it's free online, but if you want to be a "street player" you have to pay 3 quid. I think I will check it out - it kicks off at 15:00 and goes on till 21:00

"Uncle roy all around you is where espionage movies become interactive; where the console game breaks onto the streets. It is a game that pitches online players around the world alongside players on the streets of a real city.

Street players use handheld computers to search for Uncle Roy. They use the map and incoming messages to move through the streets to find a secret destination. Online players cruise through the virtual city, listen in to the street players and assist them to find the office. As you play, you are introduced to a new interactive landscape in which you are less passive than you think: would you put your trust in a stranger?

Using the latest wireless technology, Uncle Roy All Around you overlays a virtual city onto the real city and allows communication and cooperation between the two. It uses this as a metaphor for the intimate, secret city that exists as traces within the mundane urban world. Over the course of the game, players are introduced to a new experience of the city.

Uncle Roy all around you premiered at the institute of contemporary arts in London in June 2003 and will be presented at Cornerhouse in Manchester in collaboration with digital summer in April 2004. It is a collaboration between blast theory and the Mixed Reality Lab, University of Nottingham, with support from BT Exact, Arts & Humanities Research Board, Equator and the Interdisciplinary Arts Department of Arts Council England through the national touring programme. "

Edit: added game times

Edited by rare uk at 07:05:50 29-04-2004

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| Ajay 147 posts 29-Apr-04 07:37:44 | That looks intruiging. So, the online players know exactly where to send the street people to already, and are there prizes up for grabs? Even if not, it's an interesting exercise in how far you can trust a complete stranger to give you accurate directions. Have absolutely no knowledge of Manchester myself though, so I'll leave it for now.

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rare uk 1487 posts 29-Apr-04 07:55:20	*Ajay wrote:* *Have absolutely no knowledge of Manchester myself though, so I'll leave it for now.*

Yeah but you are not doing the running ;).

I have registered and will try it from 15:00 to about 18:00, and see what happens.

Hey I might get Lutz or Mike_Hunt as my gimps...er I mean "street playaz"

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| Ajay 147 posts 29-Apr-04 08:01:16 | Online could be good fun. And it's probably best not to volunteer to run around Manchester until we find out who, or what, this sinister 'Uncle Roy' is...

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| Hyoushi 1744 posts 29-Apr-04 08:02:46 | On a side note, "Street Player" is the only good Chicago song.

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| elevenses 286 posts 29-Apr-04 08:08:33 | Was'nt this idea a tv show afew years ago? Got very vague memories of something simialir on C4...possibly

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| rare uk 1487 posts 29-Apr-04 08:09:38 | *Ajay wrote:* *Online could be good fun. And it's probably best not to volunteer to run around Manchester until we find out who, or what, this sinister 'Uncle Roy' is...*

LOL, send them into some dodgy areas

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