

## Kickstarting Real-Life Wizard Battles

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Harry Potter fans might soon get a means to hold real-life wizard duels against friends and foes-- the Maguss Wand, a wand powered not by magic but by a receiver badge and a companion smartphone app.



The concept behind the Maguss Wand is actually fairly simple. The wand carries motion sensors and an IR LED, while the badge holds an IR receiver. Users cast "spells" by waving the wand in various patterns picked up by the badge. In turn the badge communicates with the mobile app to keep track of duels and even provide sound effects.

The app also allows users to chose between "practice" and full-on battles, and duels can be held online as well as in person.

Like many other novel devices the Maguss Wand is currently available as a preorder on Kickstarter. Should the crowdfunding campaign exceeen initial funding goals the makers plan to add more app features, including a "complex" RPG-style game.

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