

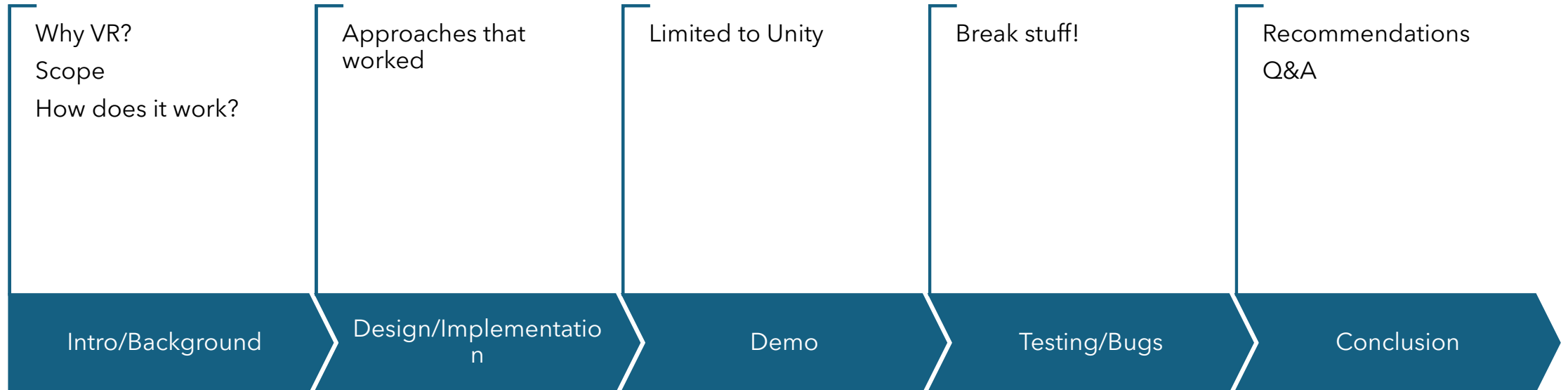
Museum of Network Models

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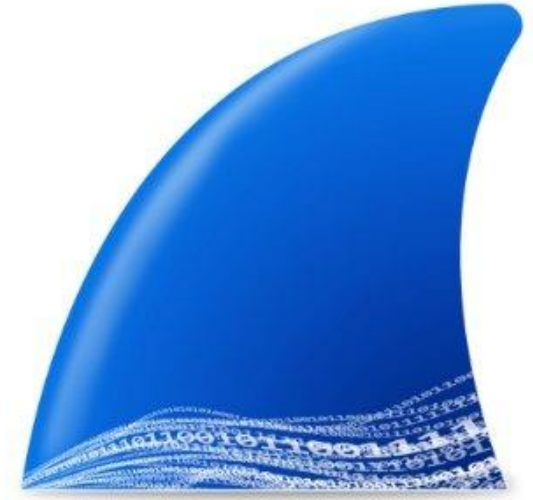


MONM: roadmap



Problem

- Networking is "invisible"
- Relies on analogies
- Concepts too abstract
- Difficult for students to understand



ex. Wireshark capturing packets out of thin air

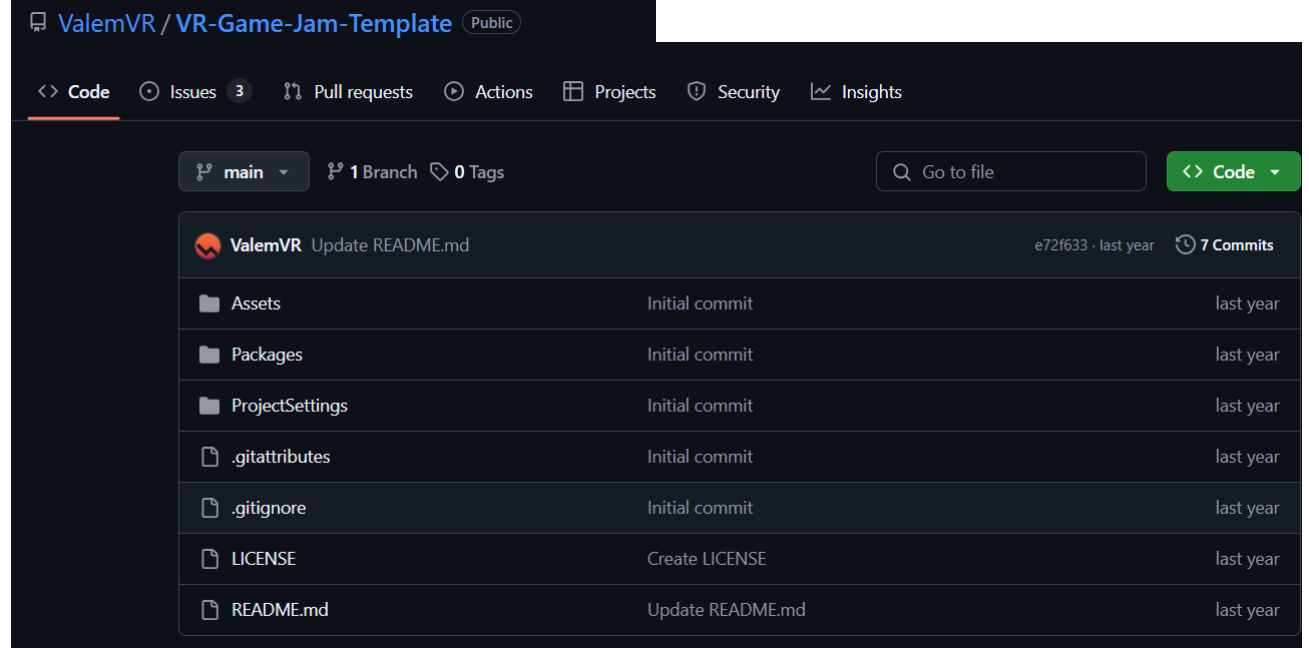
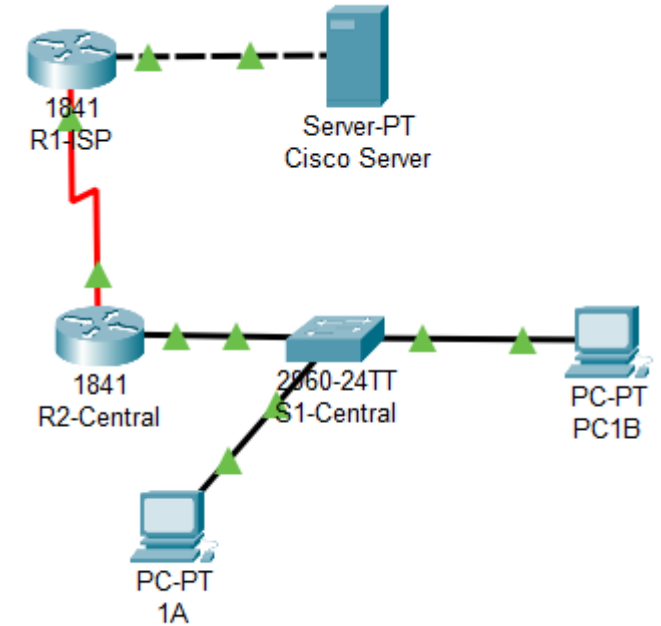
Objectives

- Visualize networking
- Bring analogies to life
- Learn about VR
 - Used in more industries
- Scope changed with problems we encountered



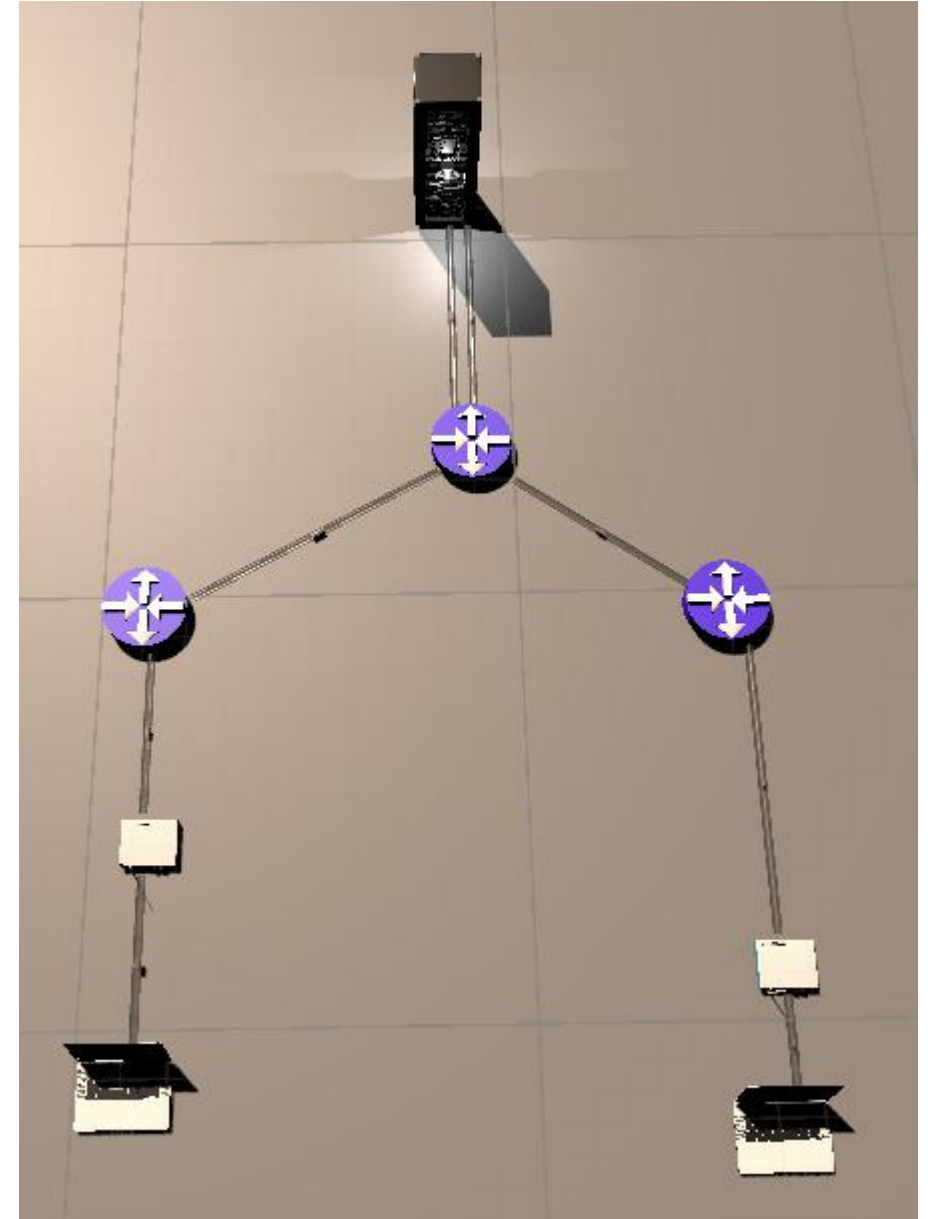
Background and Related Work

- VR projects unrelated to networking
- CISCO is 2D



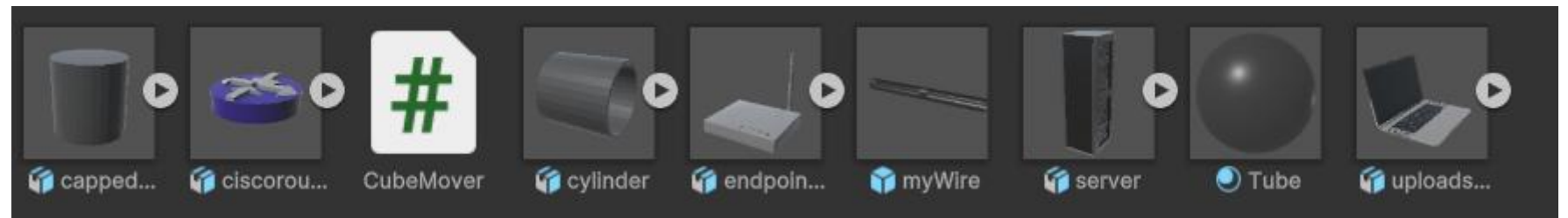
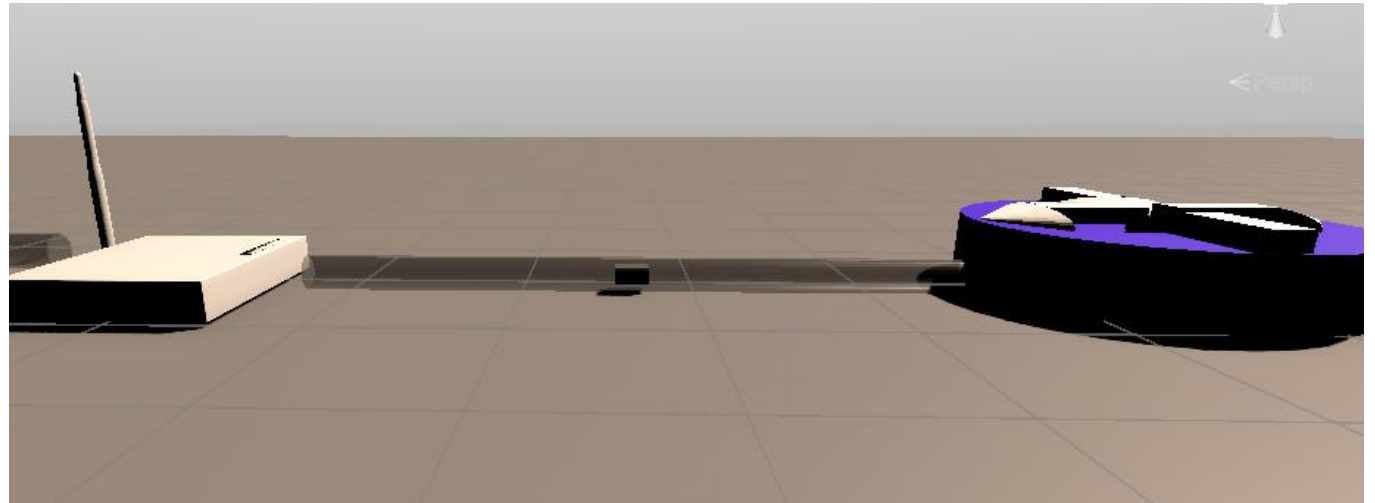
Architecture Used

- Client-Server architecture
- Low-throughput
 - Lag
 - Concise movement



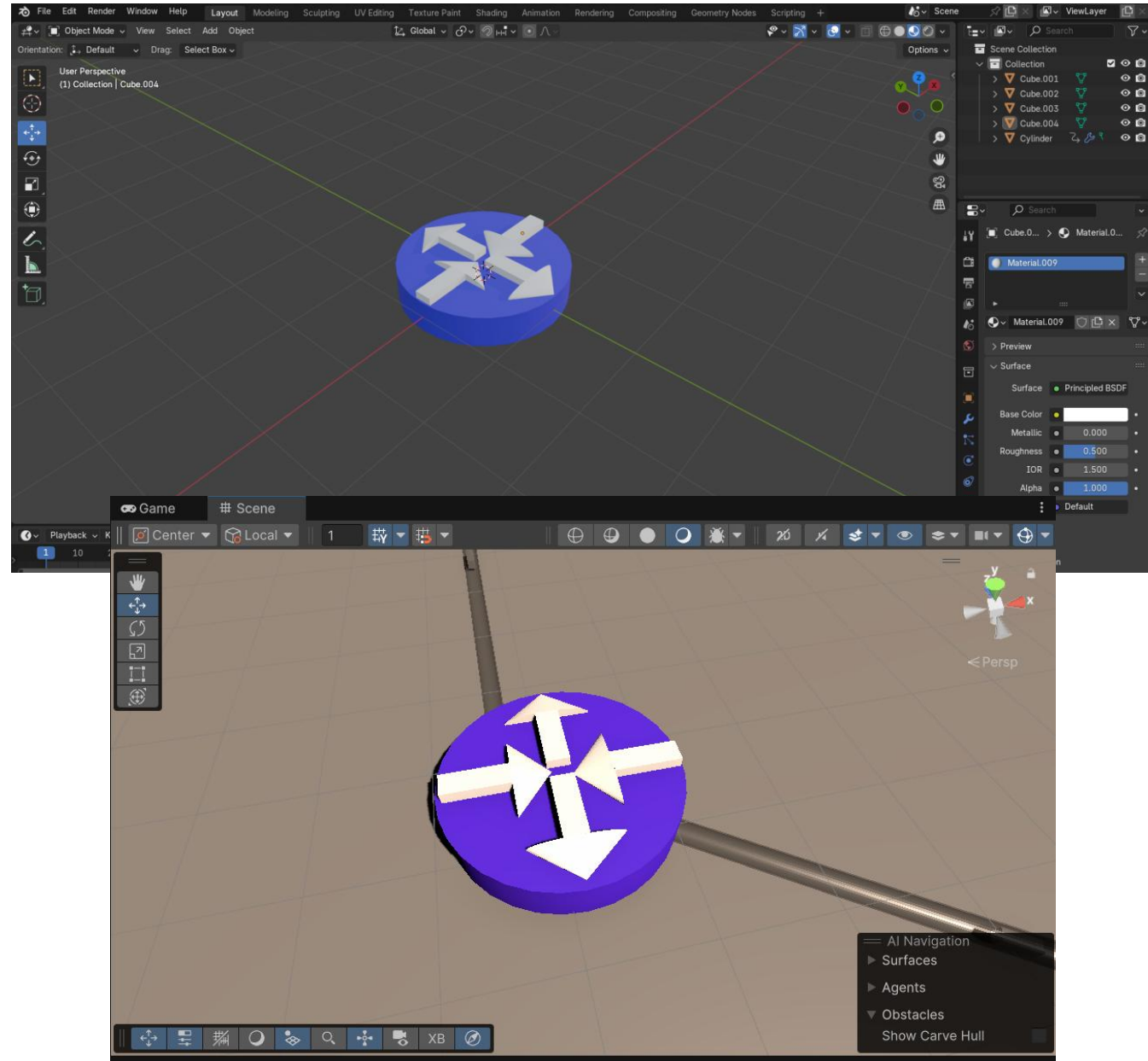
Key Features

- Moving cubes = packets
- Objects use **prefabs**
 - Build just like in CISCO

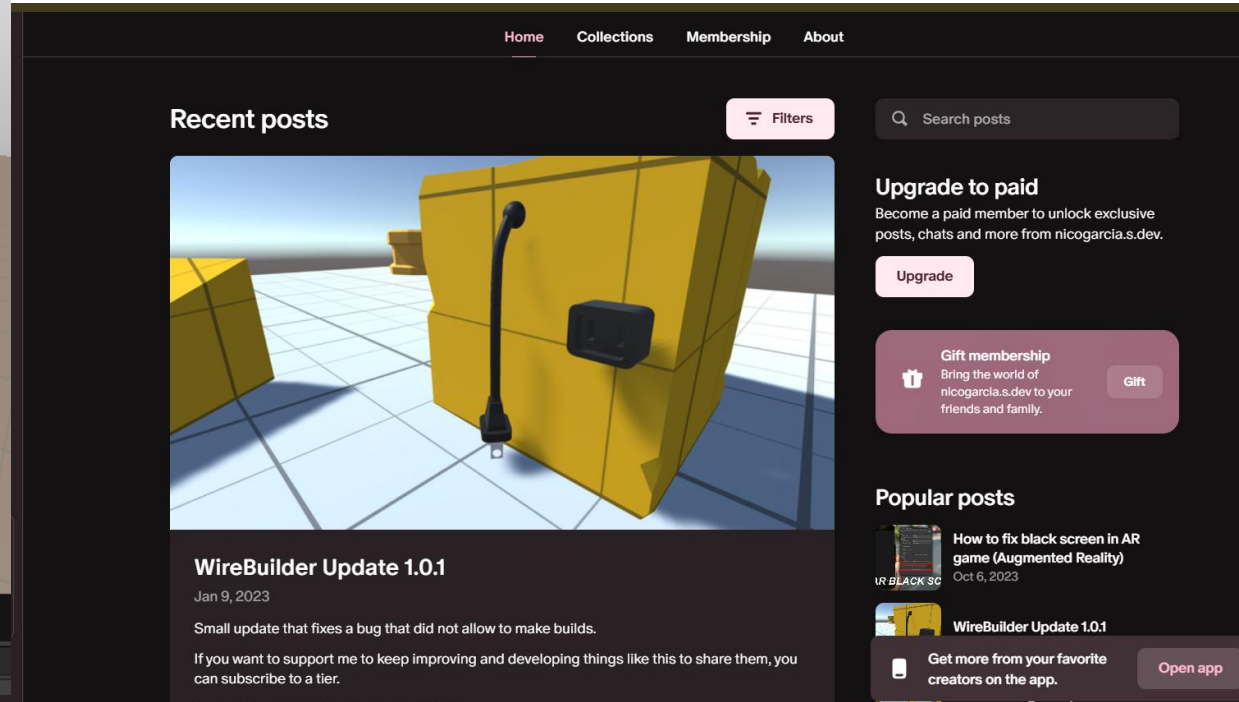
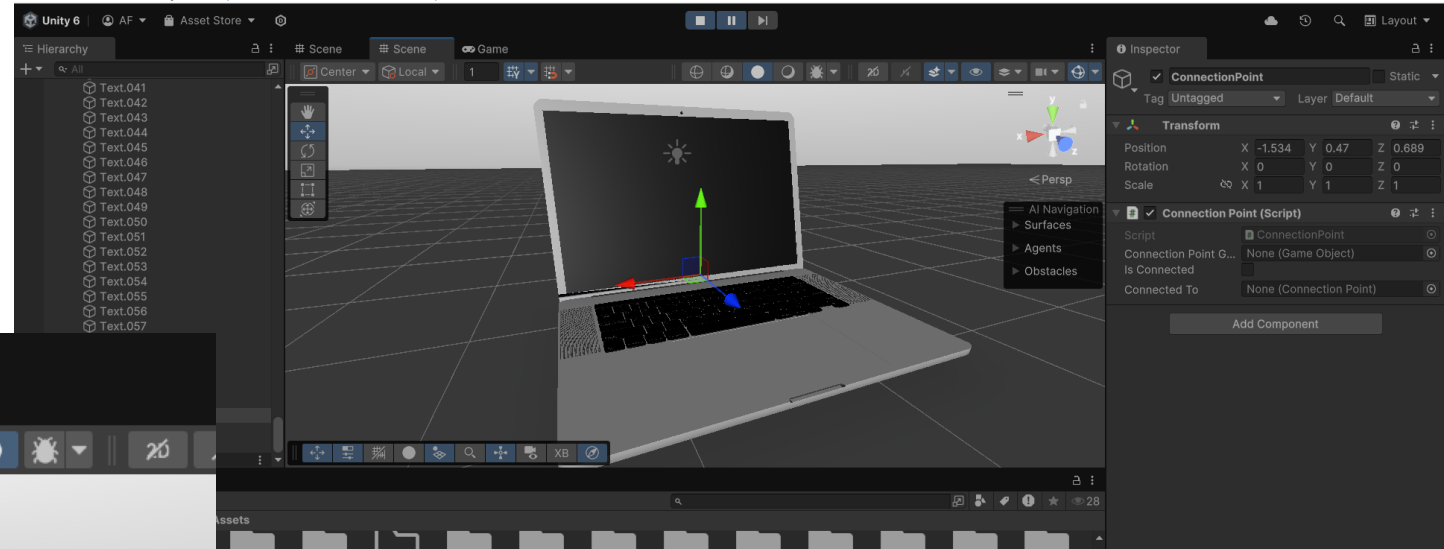
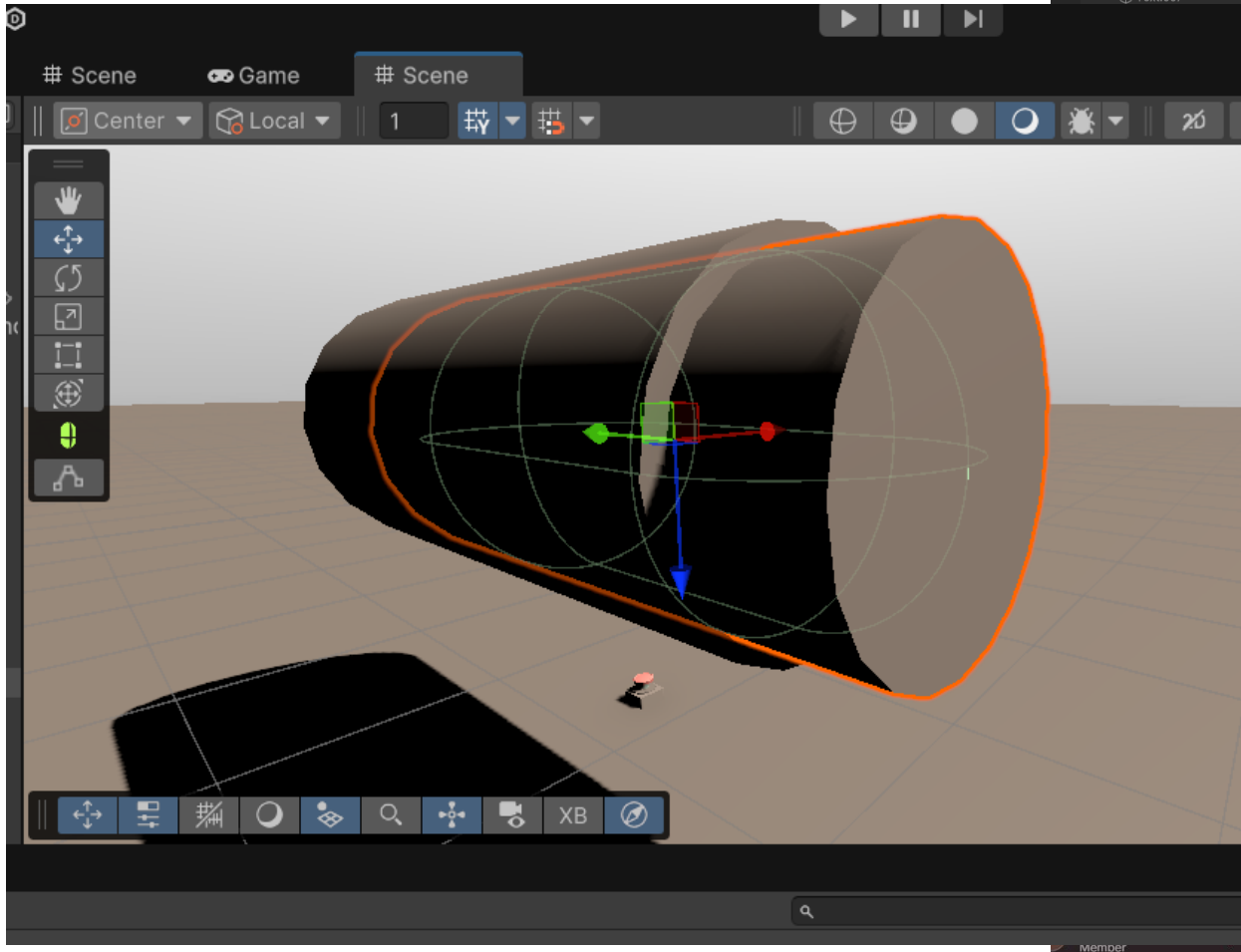


Technologies Used

- Independent platforms were built with **interoperability** in mind
- Blender, Unity, Meta Quest, Android Opensource SDK all support the same file types
- Large design community



Modeling



Scripts (ChatGPT!)

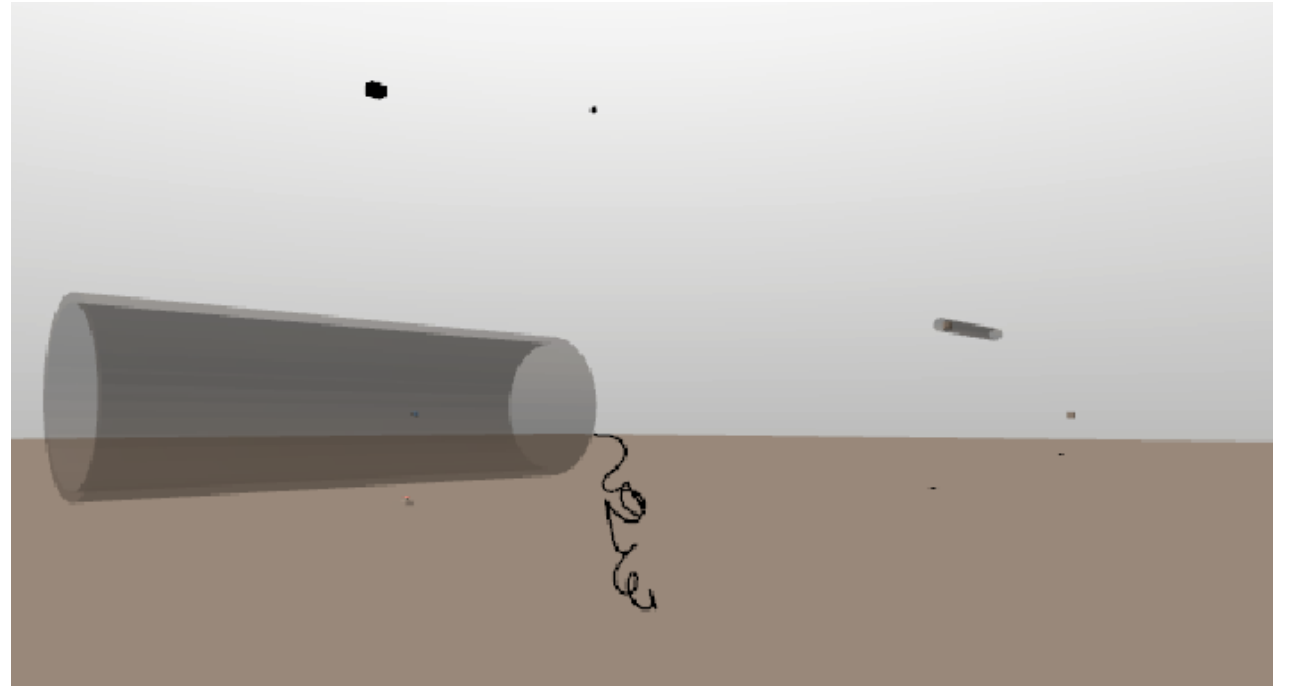
- C#
- Allows for animations
- Manual debugging
- OOP
- Robust .NET/XR libraries

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Assets > Networking_Objects > CubeMover.cs > ...
3 public class CubeMover : MonoBehaviour
23
    2 references
24 void StartMoving()
25 {
26     // Start the movement and move to the starting position
27     transform.position = startPoint.position;
28     isMoving = true;
29 }
30
    1 reference
31 void MoveCube()
32 {
33     // Move the cube smoothly from startPoint to endPoint using Lerp
34     float step = speed * Time.deltaTime;
35     transform.position = Vector3.Lerp(transform.position, endPoint.position, step);
36
37     // Check if the cube has reached the end point
38     if (Vector3.Distance(transform.position, endPoint.position) < 0.1f)
39     {
40         // Stop the movement and reset position after a short delay
41         isMoving = false;
42         Invoke("ResetPosition", 0.2f); // Reset the position after 1 second delay
43     }
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Testing Methodology

- Development area
- Unity Game player
- Lots of breaking stuff
- Failed? Try new approach



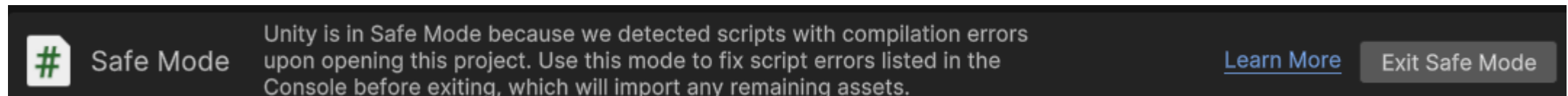
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The project currently uses the compatibility mode where the Render Graph API is disabled. Support for
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Issue –VR/Unity Not Cooperating

- Unity only worked on one computer for a long time
 - Slowed development
- Project wouldn't open in VR
 - Quest 2 minimum GPU requirement
 - **Intel** processors largely unsupported
 - **NVIDIA RTX 2000** ADA Gen laptop GPU

Issue – GitHub Repositories

- Original minigolf template used deprecated code
- Too many references to update
- Had to choose new theme



Conclusion

- Built intuitive way to understand networking
- Modular enough to build own networks
- Recommend using Blender from the start
- Could implement interactive VR elements

Q&A

- Questions?