introduction to omegalib and omicron

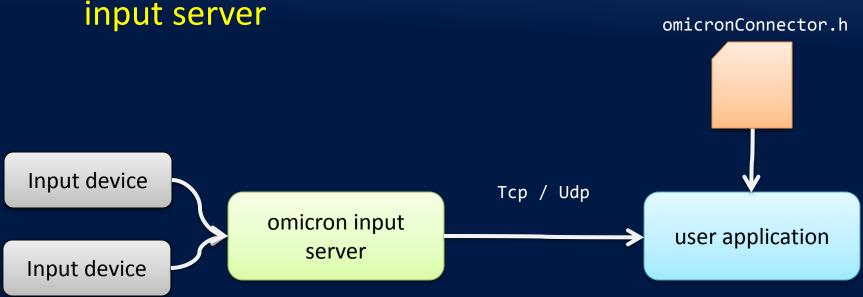
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omicron vs omegalib

- omicron: input management library
 - Can be integrated directly as library or used as input server.





omicronConnector example

```
#include <connector/omicronConnectorClient.h>
using namespace omicronConnector;
int main(int argc, char** argv)
    OmicronConnectorClient<ConnectorListener> client;
    client.connect("127.0.0.1");
    while(true) client.poll();
}
class ConnectorListener
public:
    static void onEvent(const EventData& e) { printf("Received event!\n"); }
};
```



omicron events

- omicron events designed as generic input data containers
 - information about event source
 - service class (wand, gamepad, pointer, ui)
 - Services of same class have similar event generation semantics
 - event type, position, orientation, binary flags
 - variable length extra data
 - can be float array, vector3 array, generic char*
- more information: http://code.google.com/p/omicron-sdk/wiki/EventReference



omicron event services

- event service = source of omicron events
- some built-in event services:
 - VRPN-supported trackers
 - Optitrack native
 - XBox360, PS3, Wiimote controllers
 - PQLabs touch overlays
 - Kinect skeletons
 - ThinkGear
 - iPad app (prototype)
 - SAGE Pointer



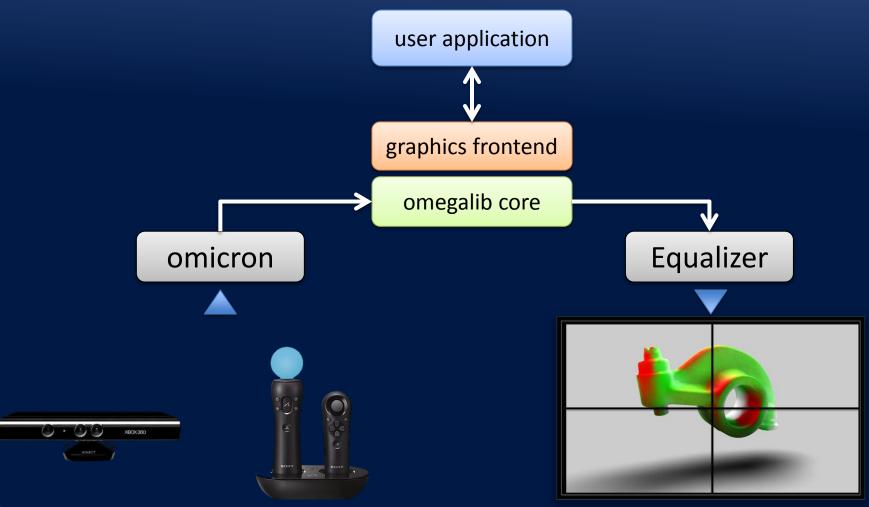
omicron utilities

- omicron also offers utility APIs for app developers (used by omegalib)
 - config file support (libconfig)
 - xml reading/writing (tinyxml)
 - multithreading (tinythreads)
 - tcp client/server API (asio)
 - math library (Eigen)





VR toolkit built on top of omicron (input) and Equalizer (display)



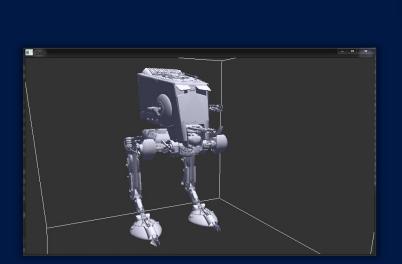


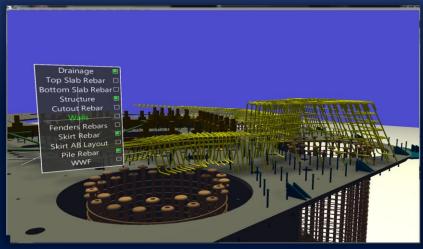


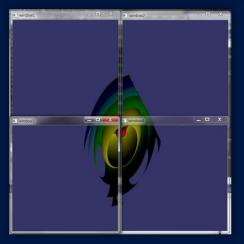
omegalib core = support backend for different graphics frontends

Currently supported frontends:

- OpenSceneGraph
- Vtk
- Plain OpenGL





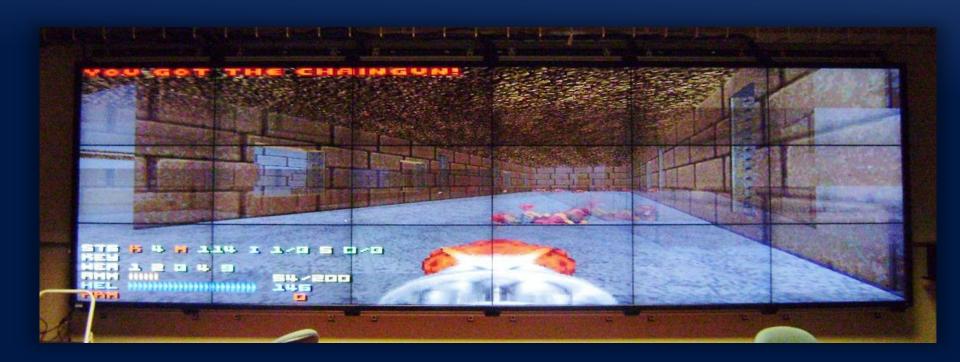






some legacy applications can be ported to omegalib

(https://code.google.com/p/omegadoom/)







- Research direction: multi-application VR
 - run multiple applications inside separate viewports / windows (a la SAGE)
 - Allow applications to switch to 'fullscreen mode' and take over entire display
 - Challenges:
 - Load balancing (equalizer helps a bit)
 - Interaction



That's all folks!

- Links:
 - omicron: http://code.google.com/p/omicron-sdk/
 - omegalib: https://code.google.com/p/omegalib/
 - Equalizer: http://www.equalizergraphics.com/

