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POF: Performance Optimized Fluid System Requirements Specification

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**1.0 Introduction**

This section introduces the requirement specification document for the Performance Optimized Fluid System. It provides the purpose and scope of the system.

**1.1 Purpose**

Purpose of the requirement specification document is describing the functions and specified requirements for performance optimized fluid systems. The system should help the performance problems while simulation is running by running it faster and occupying less memory in computer.

The aim of the performance optimized fluid system is enhance the performance of the existing fluid simulation system by reconstruct the surface benefiting from research papers(other various research papers applied along the project).It was decided to use unity game engine. However, it can be used another tool program such as unreal engine in order to simulate fluid system.

**1.2 Scope**

The POF system shall help to increase performance for simulating fluids. System reduces the necessary computation operation for particles during the simulation. System approaches as a whole rather than each one of particle. It takes the particles position data and POF system simplifies it the way that requires less computation.

**1.3 Overview**

This document provides a high-level description of the performance optimized particle-based fluid system. It identifies the involved users and helps to define their roles in system. The majority of this document focuses on the specified requirements. System functions are defined by expressing functional and non-functional requirements. NVIDIA flex is simply explained and described its usage. Use case and sequence diagrams are included to make more understandable. User characteristics and constraints specifies that how system can work according to specific circumstances.

**2.0 General Description**

This system is used to provide a high-level description of the system, as well as identify the users involved and help explain their roles.

**2.1 System functions**

The POF system shall retrieve the position data of the particles which is created by NVIDIA flex particle-based fluid simulation system. System detects the required boundaries that particles occupied in three dimensional space. Grids are created after the bounding box. System will detect the surface particles for the specific algorithm and use the hash function for accessing surface particles more effective.

1. **NVIDIA flex**

NVIDIA Flex is a particle-based simulation technique for real time visual effects. It is an outside source tool for our simulation enhancement. We will use NVIDIA flex for creating particles and using particle data to process it for our algorithm. Besides, striving with particle physics is unnecessary for our project because we already aiming enhance the performance of the already existed particle based fluid system by surface reconstruction, not creating a fluid simulation system from scratch. In simulation, a stack of water may be consists of millions of water particles.

1. **Functional Requirements** 
   * 1. Take the particle data from NVIDIA flex: NVIDIA Flex creates the particles and we retrieve the data to another function which will use these data to apply our algorithm.
     2. Find the boundaries: Particles occupies a space in three-dimensional coordinate system. Particles boundaries should be found for the specifying the volume that particles occupy. Simply, boundaries imply an Axis Aligned Bounding Box which is memory efficient way of representing a volume. It is necessary preliminary step for the dividing into small cubes.
     3. Divide into grids: Axis aligned bounding box should have divided into small cubes to analyse the particles and apply the algorithm. According to our researches, it was decided to use ratio of one-eighth of the particle radius
     4. Surface recognition: The algorithm detects surface particles and their cells so that, we can discard inactive cells (for marching cubes of vertices). Because of this method we have more efficient and better performance by discarding unnecessary cells.
     5. Zhu and Bridson: Zhu Bridson is a research paper that explains animating sand as a fluid. However, research paper also mention about it can be used in fluids which is the significant part that we use in our project. Research paper mentions about surface reconstruction from particle and gives the functions and formulas in order to applying the method.
     6. Marching cubes: The algorithm is used for extracting a polygonal mesh of an isosurface from a three-dimensional discrete scalar field. In this project, marching cubes algorithm is used with Zhu-Bridson algorithm. Zhu-Bridson algorithm is used in marching cubes algorithm in order to get better visual outputs.
     7. Performance: This requirement can be accepted as both kind of requirement type. The project does not give this requirement as mandatory, but performance has significant importance to achieve. This requirement explained in non-functional requirements.

**4.1 Non-functional Requirements**

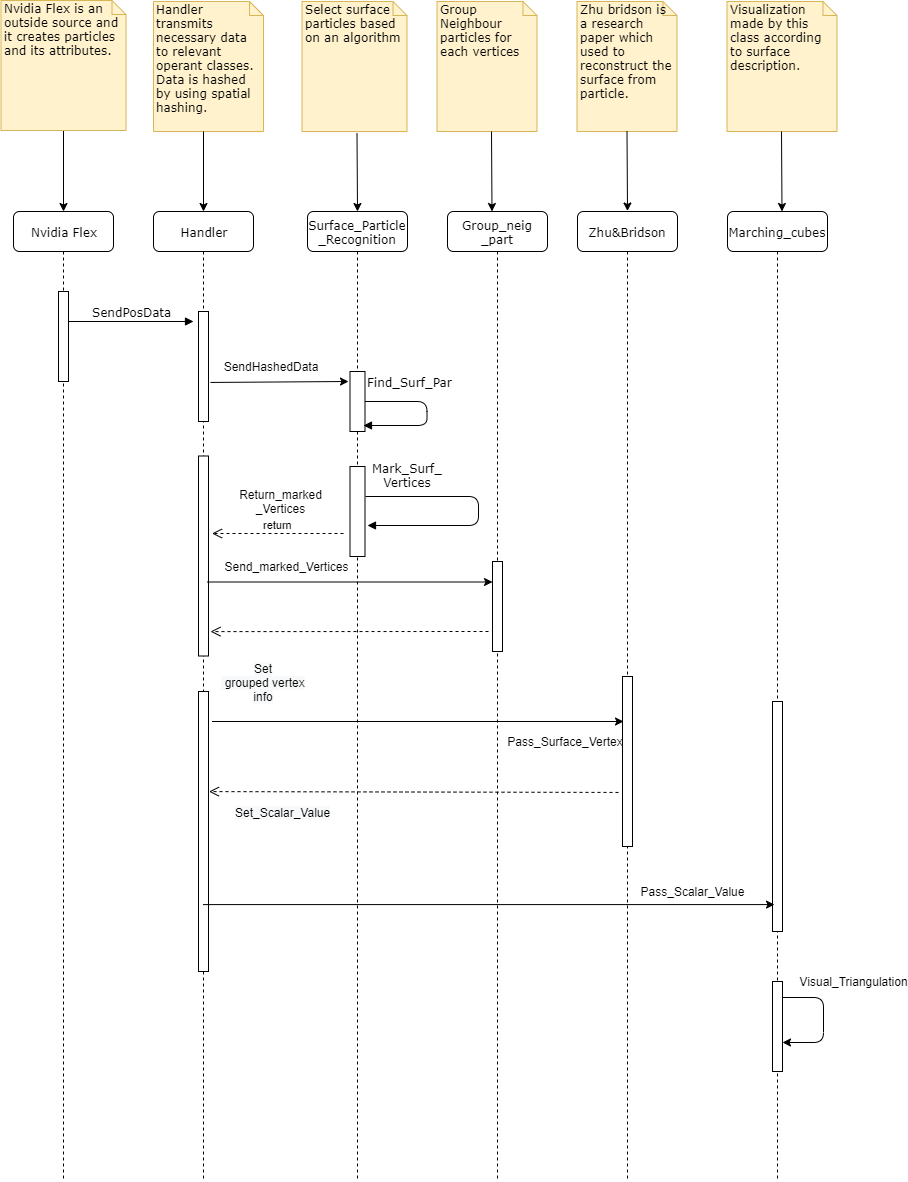
**Performance:** The system performance should be increased at the end of the POF application to the system. Because of the POF system, particle simulation has higher fps rate, or it can be run at lower end devices. The existed methods will be checked whether it can be developed or not.

**Usability:** Similar fluid systems are developed in OPENGL or another various platform. However, our project will be deployed into Unity game engine which is supported on windows and macOS.

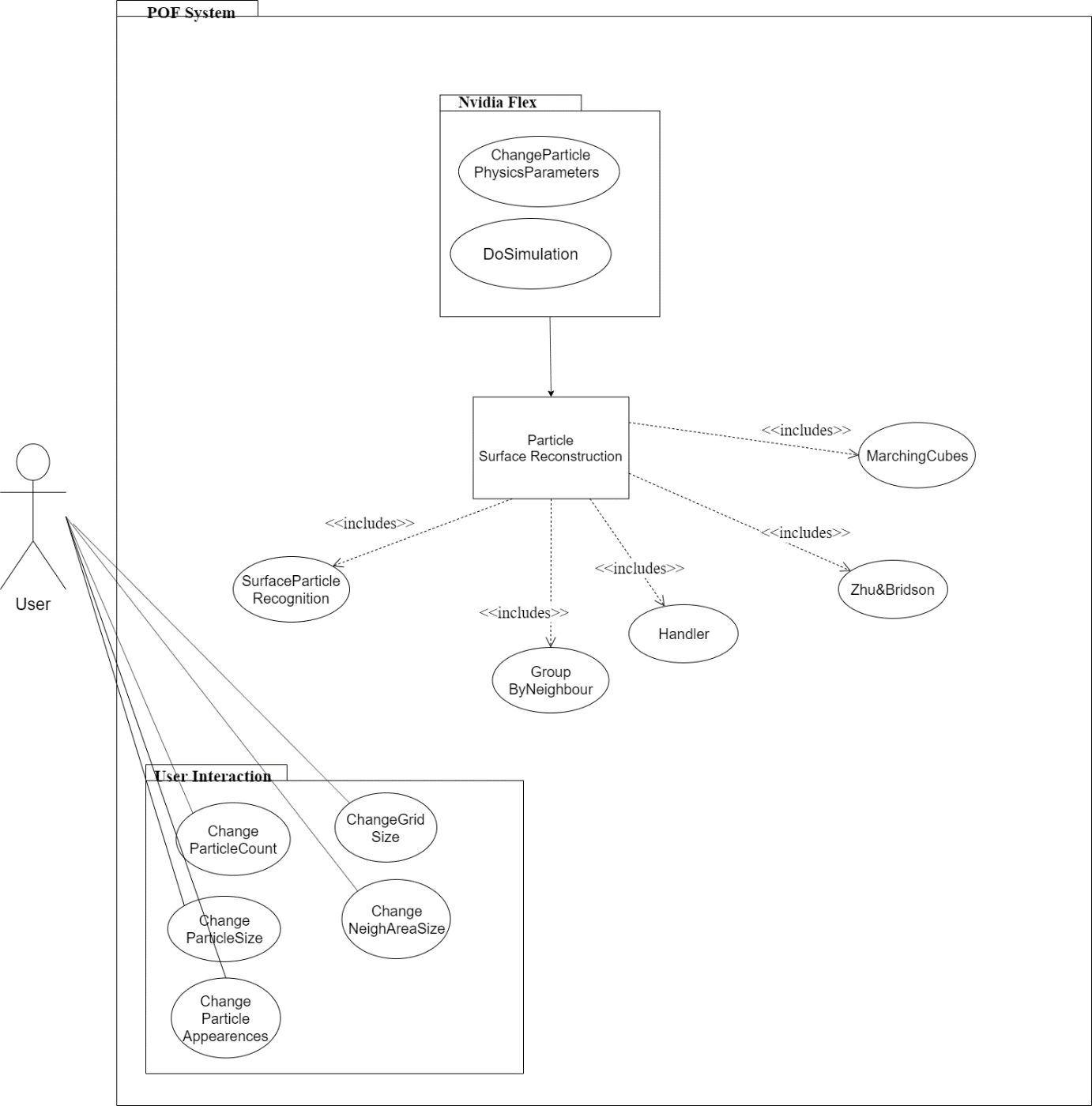
**Efficiency:** The aim of the POF system is efficient memory usage.

**5.0 Diagrams**

**5.1 Sequence diagram**



**5.1 Use case diagram**



**6.0 User Characteristics**

There are two kinds of people who will use our system. The performance optimized fluid system can be used from scientists which they can reverse engineer our system and apply it to another related research and development system however they want it. Besides, it can be used from students who have interest about surface reconstruction topics in college who researches about these issues.

**7.0 General Constrains**

A D3D11 capable graphics card with the following driver versions:

NVIDIA: GeForce Game Ready Driver 372.90 or above.

AMD: Radeon Software Version 16.9.1 or above.

In order to build the demo at least one of the following is required:

Microsoft Visual Studio 2013 or above.

G++ 4.6.3 or higher

CUDA 8.0.44 or higher

DirectX 11/12 SDK

**8.0 References**

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