



# Distributed Systems 2017 – Open Project

Liliana Barrios

[liliana.barrios@inf.ethz.ch](mailto:liliana.barrios@inf.ethz.ch)

# Open Project

- Develop your own distributed application
  - Whole project life cycle: Idea → Development → Presentation
  - Restrictions:
    - Distributed application
    - Android must be involved
- New groups of 6 members
  - Ideally merge 2 groups
  - Register new project groups in submission system

# Schedule

03.11.2017 Project start

17.11.2017 Deadline project proposal

15.12.2017 Deadline presentation slides, project logo

17.12.2017 Deadline code

18.12.2017 Presentations and demo session

- Submissions via submission system

# Project Proposal (1)

- Project description and planning
  - Project idea
    - Problem statement, application scenario, motivation, ...
  - System overview, system architecture, components
    - Distributed system components and their interaction
  - Requirements
    - Hardware, software (e.g., libraries, frameworks), 3rd party services, ...
  - Project plan
    - Work packages, schedule, assignment to team members
- Use Latex (template provided)
  - Length: 3-4 pages

# Project Proposal (2)

- Challenges
  - Try to identify the challenges of your project
    - Complex problem to solve → innovative solution approach
    - Complex implementation → good hw/sw expertise required
    - ...
- Project should already be started when proposal is written
  - The further advanced the project is, the better you will find the challenges

# Project Presentation (1)

- 1-minute madness
  - Presentation is limited to 1 minute (hard limit!)
  - Focus on selling your idea
    - What does your App do?
    - Why should someone use it?
- Hints:
  - Practice to stay within one minute
  - One minute is very short!
    - Complications might cost you your minute. Simple is better.

# Project Presentation (2)

- All presentations will be collected and prepared by us
- Submission format: PDF file
  - PowerPoint slides might have formatting issues
- Videos are in general discouraged
  - On your own risk. We cannot guarantee that they will work.

# Demo Session

- Demo session will follow the 1-minute madness
- Similar to an exhibition booth
  - Possibility to discuss with others and answer questions
- Inform us early enough about any special needs
  - E.g., need Internet for your demo?
- All students are required to participate to be graded
  - Contact us in case of schedule conflicts

# Project Name and Logo

- Demo session will take place in the CAB Foyer
  - Logo and name for big screen
  - Name should be reasonably short
- Prepare a project logo
  - Square dimensions
  - Resolution should be high enough to fill a slide
  - Logo should contain project (App) name
  - Submit via submission system

# Grading

- Project proposal
- 1-minute madness presentation
- Project
  - Complexity
  - Implementation
  - Innovation

# Deliverables

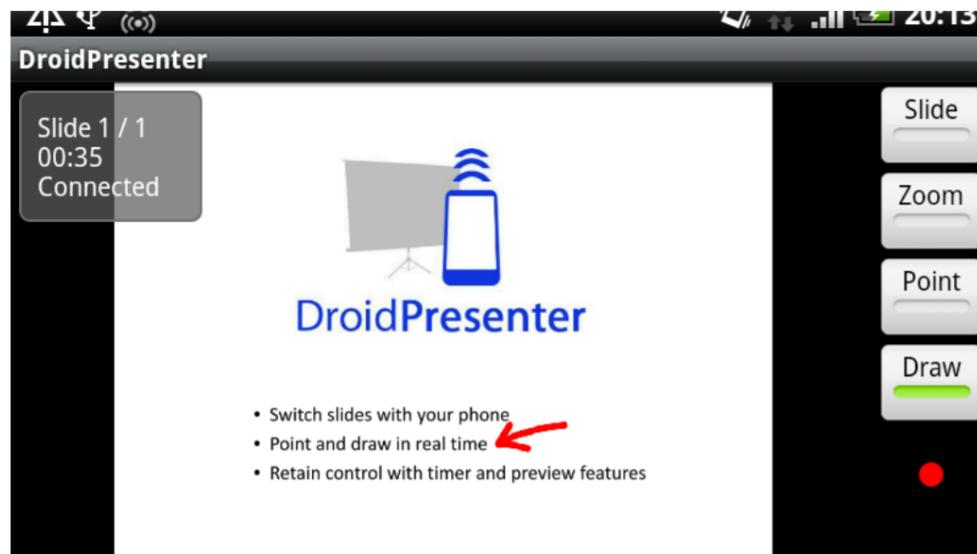
- Project proposal
  - PDF format
  - Deadline: 17 November 2017 11:59 p.m. (midnight)
- Presentation slides, project logo
  - PDF format (slides), PNG format (logo)
  - Deadline: 15 December 2017 11:59 a.m. (noon)
- Code
  - ZIP archive
  - Deadline: 17 December 2017 11:59 p.m. (midnight)

# Some project ideas...



# Multimedia

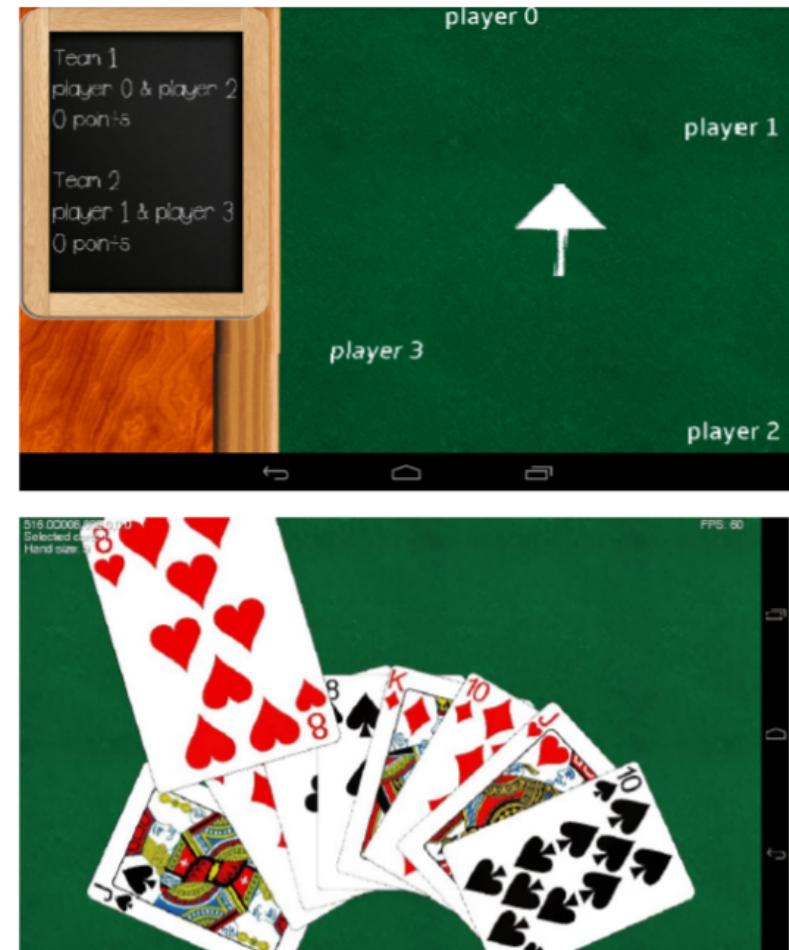
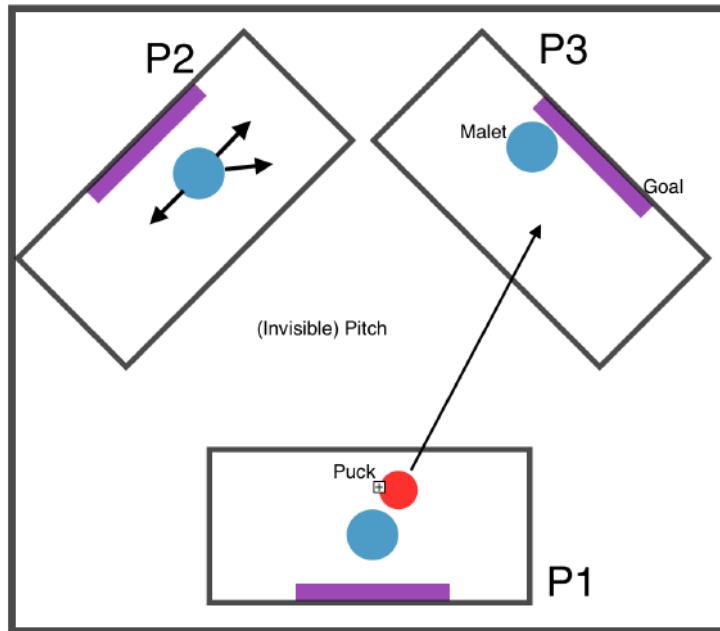
- Music players
- Presenters



*symphony*

# Games

- Airhockey
- Jass



# Consensus problem

- Shopping lists
- Lunch decisions
- Calendars



# Happy programming!

