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**Abstract:**

Can Pozyx, a highly accurate positioning solution based on UWB, be used to create a virtual reality game that represents the user with real-time positional data in-game?

In this project, we look into how to obtain positional data, model a network protocol for transferring the data to the players, and create a virtual reality-based game that shows the data.

In developing the project, the pragmatic paradigm presented in Essence will be utilized to encourage innovation and divergent thinking in the development process.

The results show that while Pozyx provides high accuracy, the refresh rate that we were able to achieve using it was not fast enough for a real-time experience.

It is concluded that combining Pozyx with a technique like dead reckoning would possibly improve the experience.



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# Terms and abbreviations

Terms and abbreviations used in the report:

**Pozyx** : The hardware used for positioning.

**AR** : Augmented reality.

**UWB** : Ultra-wide bandwidth.

**TWR** : Two-way-ranging.

**MVP** : Minimum viable product.

**OSI** : Open systems interconnection.

**GDOP** : Geometric Dilution of Precision.

**TCP** : Transmission Control Protocol.

**UDP** : User Datagram Protocol.

**Zeroconf** : Zero Configuration Networking.

**DoD** : Definition of done.

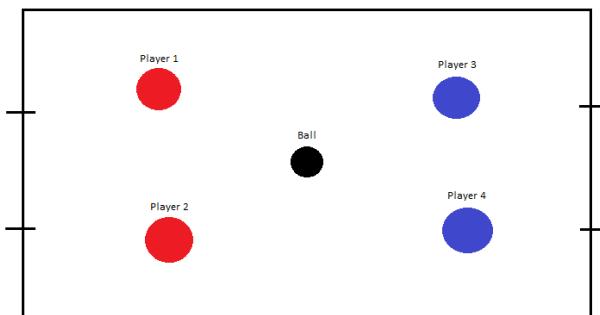


# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Project idea

The idea for this project is to create a location-based competitive game using augmented reality (AR). Two teams will compete against each other to score the most goals using a ball. Each player will be equipped with a smartphone-based virtual reality headset, and these will display the playing field from a top-down 2D view. To achieve this, each player's position needs to be tracked as well as where the ball is located on the field. In the top-down view, each player needs to see the positions of the other players and the ball. They also need to see their position on the playing field and where the goals are. The players should be able to set a number of goals they need to score to win before beginning the game.



**Figure 1.1:** An illustration of the playing field

In Figure 1.1, an illustration of the playing field for the game is shown. There are goals at each end of the field, and the teams score goals by getting the ball between the goalposts. An alternative version of the game is suggested where, instead of goals at each end of the field, there would be virtual goal zones seen in the game which the teams need to bring the ball into. These zones could even change locations as the game progressed.

### 1.1.1 Technical requirements for the project

Multiple pieces of hardware will be required to realize the vision of the game. First of all, each player must have a headset to hold their smartphone such that they can view a virtualized version of the playing field while playing. In order for the data to be synchronized between the players, they will also need to be equipped with a positioning device, which can transmit their location to the other players. This transfer of information will require a networking solution so that the virtualized playing field is synchronized between the players.

### 1.1.2 Problems to consider

The project idea proposes some problems that will need to be solved for the game to work. We will need to consider which technologies to use for the development of the visual aspect of the game which should show a top-down view for each player. As it is something we do not have experience with, it would be preferable if it is not necessary to have to build it from scratch. We will also need hardware that can track the positions of players and the ball. This must be accurate and update quickly such that the players do not run into each other, otherwise the game will not work. Another problem to consider is how the ball should be displayed in a 2D view. For the players to be able to find the ball on the field, it either has to be quite large to make it easier to find from the top-down view, or the game will need some metric to display how far the ball is from the ground. The game will also need to track when the ball has crossed the goal line and then give feedback to the players. Another problem to solve is how to keep the positional data synchronized across all the players' devices, as it will be difficult to play the game without accurate data.

## 1.2 Designing for mobile devices

Designing for mobile devices requires that certain questions be clarified. One of these questions is what type of device is being designed for, such as tablets, phones, or wearables. Along with the type of device, certain things must be taken into account, such as the design language that is appropriate for the device, the way the device is interacted with, how to facilitate touch interaction, as well as the different people expected to use the software being designed. The main reasoning for having to think about design in this way is that users are not perfect. They will not use the design the way the developers intended, they are different and use different devices, they are not designers themselves and they are unforgiving. Ultimately, the users are not the problem, the design is. In order to take this into account, we will establish requirements by looking at the context within which the game will be used and define a minimum viable product in section 1.3. We will also define prototypes for the design and finally evaluate it in the discussion section in section 7.5.

## 1.3 Minimum viable product

To be able to evaluate the game with users as fast as possible, we establish a minimal viable product with functional and non-functional requirements. In section 1.2 we explained how context is an important part of designing a mobile application. Before establishing the requirements, the context will thus be analyzed.

### 1.3.1 The context for the application

In terms of context, there is a distinction between *Context* and *context*. *Context* enables better understanding of a thing by adding information to it [6]. In order to provide *Context*, certain questions can be answered:

- What problems are you designing a solution for?
- Who are the users, what is known about them and how will they interact with the design?
- What interaction is happening?

The problem the solution is designed for is the question of how to use Pozyx in order to create a virtual reality-based game. The users will be from within a broad range, though they will requirement access to a positioning system, narrowing the range down. The interaction happening is that the users will be able to define rules for the game, join it on a mobile phone and then play.

Providing *context* requires examining the mode, medium or environment in which the task is performed [6]. It concerns itself with the requirements that need to be fulfilled in order for the *Context* to work. Questions related to this are:

- Are there restrictions in environments?
- How are different devices present in different situations?
- Are there any prerequisites for interacting with the devices?

In terms of environments there is a restriction in that an internet connection will be necessary. Outside of this connection, the game can be played both indoor and outdoor. Since the game aims to incorporate a virtual reality-based aspect, the different devices present are mainly just phones for the players to view and play the game. Finally, there is a prerequisite for interaction in that the size of the field needs to be known in order to facilitate an accurate representation of movement in a given space.

### 1.3.2 Functional requirements

These functional features are essential to make the game work and are the core features of the game.

- Must be possible to start the game.
- The system must be mobile.
- Must be able to connect to the server from the clients.
- The users must be able to see their current positions.
- The users must be able to view the playing field, the goals, the players, the ball position, and the current score on their mobile device through VR goggles.
- A team must be able to win the game based on their score.
- The game must be dynamic, which includes:
  - Support an arbitrary number of players.
  - Size of the playing field can be set to a preferable size by the user.
  - Set how many goals needed to score to win.

### 1.3.3 Non-functional requirements

These requirements are more difficult to evaluate than the functional requirements and to test it a usability test must be conducted.

- The design of the field must be pleasant for the user to look at through a VR headset.
- The users should receive enough updates so that the positions of the players represent their real position.
- The design of the system should support the context defined above in subsection 1.3.1.

## 1.4 Mobility

As a part of the study regulation it is emphasized that the system needs to be mobile. The core of the project idea as described in section 1.1, is that the players are mobile and easily can use their smartphone and Google Cardboard to view the game. To achieve this form of mobility, the system needs to handle wireless communication between users and calculate the location of players by the use of sensors.

We also desire to have the entire system as being mobile, so that you would be

able to set up the game at most locations, either indoors or outdoors. This can however more challenging, as some type of location-based service has to be used, which will require some type of connection between users to be able to communicate. Setting up the game at different locations also requires more knowledge about the game from the user, than the regular player would have, as the users has to set up the sensors at correct positions to measure the distance between the components.

## 1.5 Our process

This semester our process has been inspired by the **Essence** process taught in the Software Innovation course. We have been working with a ScrumBut approach during previous semesters, but we decided that we wanted to try to improve our process by taking inspiration from a different process this semester.

However, we have chosen to keep sprints, stand-up meetings and retrospective meetings from Scrum as these can complement Essence. To make the report fit this format, it has been split into 5 sprints that fit the length of the semester, with each sprint lasting three weeks, except for sprint 5 which will only last two weeks. The main aspect of Essence we drew inspiration from was the team organization.

### 1.5.1 Team organization in Essence

Within the team organization, in Essence, roles are used to create heterogeneity in teams, to ensure diverse points of view and to ensure cohesion despite diversity. The focus of these roles is to increase learning with personal interaction by sharing insights and experiences. The roles also try to ensure that the team understands the problem domain, and that it sees the potential solutions in the technology domain.

The roles are persistent as a rule of thumb, meaning that a member will have the same role for the duration of the project. The roles in Essence are compatible with agile software development, making it possible to combine Essence with other processes like Scrum.

There are four roles in Essence:

- Child
- Responder
- Challenger
- Anchor

The role of *Child* can ask any questions and make propositions that are in opposition to previous decisions. The rest of the team is not allowed to criticize the *Child*, but they are however allowed to ignore their suggestions. The *Child* is one of the main

sources of ideas and other perspectives on the project.

*Responders* are the developers in the team, and are usually the majority within the team. *Responders* work closely together with the *Challenger*, so that the most important features are developed first.

*Challenger* is the customer or customer representative. The challenger can be compared to the *Product Owner* in Scrum. This role formulates and explains the challenge, prioritizes features and accepts the solutions. There can be more than one Challenger, but if there are they must agree on the product vision.

The *Anchor* is the one responsible for leading evaluations, but does not decide the consequences. If necessary, the *Anchor* can intervene and remove threats to the team's ability to develop ambitious responses. A potential threat could be something that results in productivity issues.

### 1.5.2 Roles in practice

We have divided the roles described in subsection 1.5.1 between the members of the group. One member has the *Challenger* role, meaning that they are accountable for prioritizing the tasks in the backlog. The process of prioritizing tasks is further described in the following section. Another member has the *Anchor* role, and is responsible for changes to the process as well as in charge of leading the stand up meetings, retrospectives and evaluations of the process. The rest of the group functions as *Responders*, which is the role for the developers of the project. The *Child* role fluctuates between members of the group. Everyone can add suggestions to improve an idea and give other perspectives on the project.

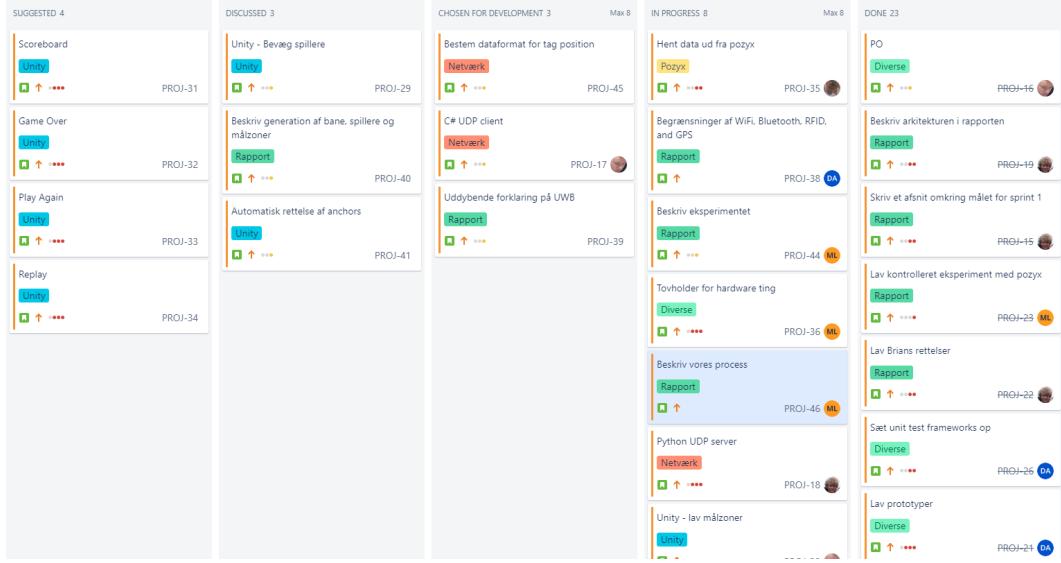
Due to our team size, the challenger and anchor will also work as developers during the duration of the project.

### 1.5.3 Prioritizing tasks

Our backlog is saved as a board on Jira which is a project management tool, an example of the backlog can be seen on Figure 1.2. The leftmost column is the *Suggested* column. Everyone can make suggestions for tasks that they find useful for the project. After each stand-up meeting, the challenger will present new suggestions that seem relevant to work on in the near future. This presentation will include the definition of done (DoD), and all members of the group will then vote on how valuable it is for the project and how time-consuming it is. The priority of a task is then calculated as *reward-time*, which is an arbitrary number to indicate how important it is.

The challenger then chooses the most important features from the *Discussed* column, often based on the highest priority, as *Chosen for Development*. Responders then have the opportunity to take tasks from this column and move it to the next

column *In progress* when they start working on it. When the task has been completed, reviewed and merged into the develop branch, it is automatically moved to the column *Done*.



**Figure 1.2:** The board for tasks.

#### 1.5.4 Pair reviews

Everything undergoes a formal review before it is added to the project in order to ensure quality. This involves ensuring that the code is functional, implements the DoD, is readable and makes sense, as well as accompanied by tests for parts of the system that might need it. For report tasks, two reviewers are assigned to review and approve it before it can be merged. For coding tasks, two people are likewise assigned to review it, but the review has to be done as a pair, meaning that they have to physically sit together and go through the code on a shared screen. These pair reviews are a good way to share knowledge about the implementation through the group, as people have to understand it to be able to discuss it. During previous semesters people have reviewed the code separately, which led to fewer comments as the code was not discussed between reviewers.



# Chapter 2

## Sprint 1

### 2.1 Sprint goal and introduction

The goal for this sprint is to explore the project idea and look for possible solutions to some of the problems that the project idea introduces. In this sprint, we want to learn more about visualizing the game for the users so they can see themselves in the game as well as the playing field.

We will look into using Pozyx to define the corners of the playing field as well as get the players' positions in an accurate way with fast updates, and to determine whether or not Pozyx is even viable for use in the context of this project an experiment will be conducted where we look into the accuracy of the positional precision of the tags. As this is the first sprint of the project, the main focus is to gain more knowledge about the various aspects of the project and to gain a shared vision amongst the group members as to how the game should work. This initial shared vision will be achieved by making prototypes of the game as well as architectural diagrams of how different components in the game will work together.

### 2.2 Prototypes

The first step in the project is to arrive at a common vision about the layout and functionality of the system. To accomplish this, a series of wireframe prototypes were created. A wireframe is a lo-fi prototyping technique where you create a grey box schematic that outlines the primary features of the user interface, unlike hi-fi prototypes which generally have a higher amount of detail and are used to test the interaction with the application. The primary focus of these prototypes is not to be used for implementation, but rather for comparing opinions about how the flow in the system should be created. Since the user interface is mostly focused on the mobile devices that the players will be wearing, it was decided that the host computer should simply have a text-based interface, as seen on Figure 2.1.

In terms of design considerations we considered the distinction between skeuomor-

phic and flat design. Skeuomorphism is a term that describes interface objects that mimic their real-world counterparts in how they appear and are interacted with [7]. This design style is used to give context to users and ease them into using the design. Flat design, on the other hand, rejects 3D elements, which are likely to be used for skeuomorphic design, and focuses on rendering objects in a flat minimalist form. The design we want to create for the game is a balance of these two styles. While connecting to a game and finding a lobby, the design should be flat. When the game is being played however, we adapt to a more skeuomorphic design to give the player an impression of what they are looking at and how to play.

```

Terminal
> Amount of players:
4

> Position of anchor 1 (mm)
0 0 600

> Position of anchor 2 (mm)
0 10000 1800

> Position of anchor 3 (mm)
10000 0 1800

> Position of anchor 4 (mm)
10000 10000 1800

> Ball tag ID
0x86ef

> Player 1 tag
0x6492

> Player 2 tag
0x6421

> Player 3 tag
0x6145

> Player 4 tag
0x9fe2

>Confirm selection? (Y / N)
Y

Waiting for player connections.. (IP: 192.168.1.53)

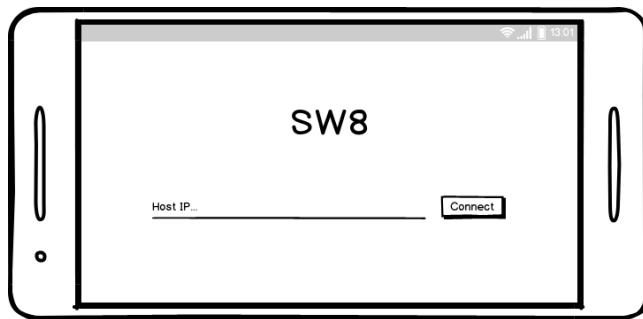
Player 1 / 4 connected (Given tag: 0x6492, Team: Blue)
Player 2 / 4 connected (Given tag: 0x6421, Team: Red)
Player 3 / 4 connected (Given tag 0x6195, Team: Blue)
Player 4 / 4 connected (Given tag: 0x9fe2, Team: Red)

> All players connected, start game? (Y / N)
Y

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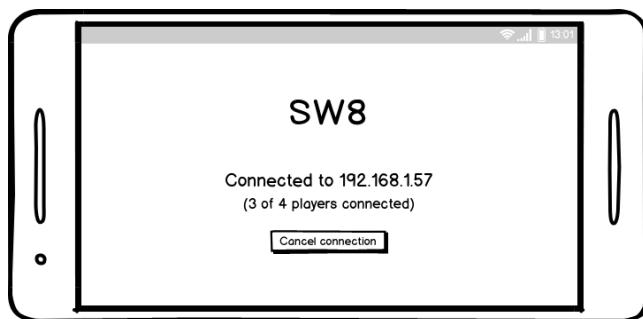
**Figure 2.1:** Prototype of hosting interface

When a user starts the application, they will be greeted with an input field, where they will specify the IP address of the host machine, as seen on Figure 2.2.



**Figure 2.2:** Prototype of game menu

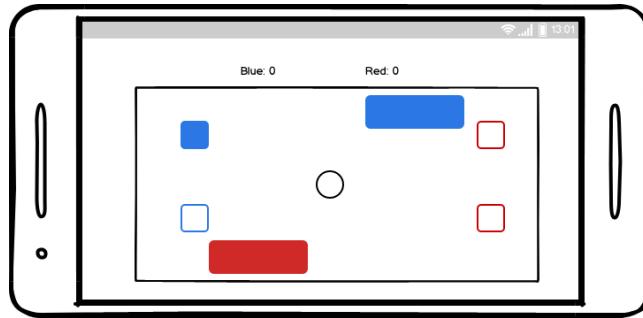
After inputting an IP and confirming, they will be redirected to a page where they can see how many users have connected to the host, as seen on Figure 2.3.



**Figure 2.3:** Prototype of screen where a user has connected to the host

When all users have connected, the host can start the game, and they will now see the virtual game field, as seen on Figure 2.4. In this prototype, the players' icons are represented by small squares and the goals are represented by larger rectangles and have the same color as the players they belong to.

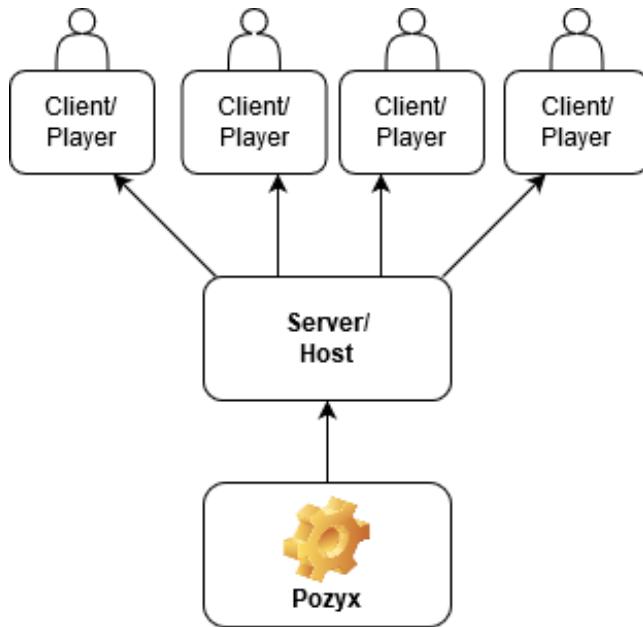
The current player's icon is highlighted by having a solid color, whereas the other players are just shown as outlines. The players are divided into two teams which are represented by the color of the player icons. In the middle of the screen is the ball in a designated starting area to make the game fair for both teams. This prototype iteration does not reflect the intended skeuomorphic design very well, since it is a lo-fi prototype. However, care will be taken to for example make the field green during design, and having the ball represented by a regular ball design in the game.



**Figure 2.4:** Prototype of in-game screen

### 2.3 Architecture of the game

In addition to the prototypes, which served as a broad overview of how the flow in the application should be, we will look at the overall architecture of the different components involved in the game from a more technical perspective.



**Figure 2.5:** The different components of the game

In Figure 2.5 we see an illustration of the initial idea of how the different components of the game are going to work together. The arrows in the diagram show the flow of data in the game. The Pozyx component is responsible for providing the positional data to the host, this will be described in further depth in section 2.4. Each client-/player is equipped with one of the tags that track their positions on the field. The playing field's dimensions will be set to match the distances between the anchors.

The host has the positional data for each client, but it will also need to know which of the tags each client is equipped with, such that it can continuously transfer positional data to the clients. This information will also include which of the tag ids belong to which clients. Each client will be running an instance of the game, and with the use of the positional data, it will render the playing field, the ball and each of the players. The host is responsible for checking if the ball has crossed the goal line and it should then provide this information to the players. In general, the clients' instances of the game should only be responsible for rendering.

Any game logic should happen on the server-side to make sure that the game is synchronized for each player.

## 2.4 Pozyx

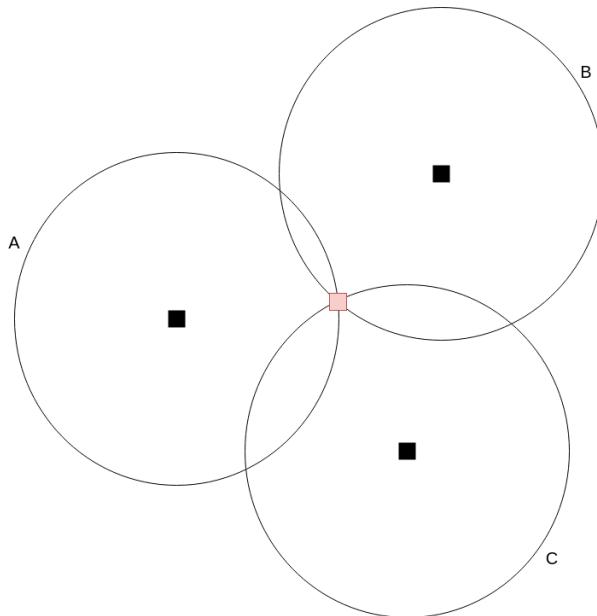
Since positioning is a major part of the project, it is important to have accurate positioning information. Pozyx is a hardware/software solution that is used to provide positioning with an accuracy of down to 10 cm [10]. It makes use of ultra-wide band (UWB) in combination with machine learning for positioning, which according to their documentation is more precise and efficient than traditional positioning systems such as WiFi, Bluetooth, RFID, and GPS.

Since the two major requirements for positioning in this project are precision and a high update rate to ensure that the players can have reliable data available, the Pozyx system seems like a good place to start.

The Pozyx tags support update rates of up to 125 Hz for a single tag [10]. The Creator system from Pozyx is sold with 4 anchors and 5 locatable tags. An anchor is a stationary sensor used by the moveable tags to get their exact position.

### 2.4.1 Finding the location of anchors

A trilateration method is used for finding the position of a given tag using the anchors. This method uses basic geometry to estimate the position by measuring the distance to the anchors of which we know the position. With this distance estimate, it is possible to draw a circle with a given radius. If we use two anchors, we will have two intersection points which are the possible positions of the tag. This means that to find a two-dimensional location, we will need at least three anchors, which will lead to only a single point where all three circles intersect, as seen on Figure 2.6.



**Figure 2.6:** An example of trilateration using three anchors

The issue with this approach is that the measurements are not perfect, which might cause the circles to not intersect at exactly one point which will make the positional data seem to jitter.

#### 2.4.2 Using UWB

To find the position of the tags, Pozyx makes use of radio waves. Radio waves travel at the speed of light, so by dividing the time of travel between anchors with the speed of light, the distance between them can be found.

Because the speed of light is so fast the time measure needs to be very accurate to get the correct distance. To achieve this the anchors make use of UWB [12]. UWB is a technology for transmitting data over a wide bandwidth usually wider than 500 MHz. The Pozyx sensors use exactly 500 MHz which means they just qualify as a UWB system. Because the bandwidth is this wide it makes the wavelength very short, and by combining multiple sinusoidal signals with slightly different frequencies the Pozyx tags can create a pulse with a peak which is very narrow. Measuring a narrow peak results in a more accurate timing, allowing the Pozyx to be much more precise than other technologies like Bluetooth and WiFi. High bandwidth means faster data transfer, which most people would prefer, but if everyone were to use the same frequency the signals would interfere with each other, therefore the use of high-frequency signals is tightly regulated[11]. To reduce the amount of interference the regulations say that UWB systems may only transmit at very low power. This means that a UWB transmission can not travel very far and therefore the chance of it interfering with another system is very low. Because of this we are not able to

build huge playing fields with the limited amount of anchors we have if we also want it to be precise or even playable. Building a playing field that is too big could cause some tags to not reach all anchors and therefore not calculate a position. This could be combated somewhat by having more anchors, but as will be explained in 2.4.4 the slave tags might not be able to communicate with the master tag because the distance between them is too large.

### 2.4.3 Alternatives to UWB

Having a high accuracy is essential for the users' experience since a low accuracy could result in the in-game information being incorrect or just too imprecise to make it a joyful experience. While Pozyx uses UWB for positioning, it is interesting to take a look at the primary alternatives to indoor positioning and to see if any of them can compete with Pozyx' high accuracy [10].

#### GPS

The obvious alternative for positioning data is GPS, which is frequently used for outdoors positioning. In optimal outdoor situations, GPS can provide accuracy within 4.9 meters [21]. However, the GPS positioning accuracy can be degraded due to buildings, bridges, and trees, making it a sub-optimal choice for indoor positioning.

#### Wi-Fi

Since the project already utilizes networking for data transfer, Wi-Fi may be worth considering to decrease the number of technologies needed. However, Wi-Fi only provides an accuracy of between 5 and 15 meters depending on the hardware chosen for access points and clients.

In addition to this, iOS devices are blocked from using Wi-Fi for indoor navigation purposes, since it usually makes use of a technology called fingerprinting, which only functions with Android devices due to technical restrictions [13].

#### Bluetooth

Using Bluetooth for indoor location is similar to how Pozyx works with anchors and tags. Instead of anchors, Bluetooth beacons are able to send out signals with a range of up to 30 meters [14]. With Bluetooth, you get a significantly higher accuracy compared to GPS and Wi-Fi. In the optimal settings, this solution can provide an accuracy of up to one meter. Unlike Wi-Fi, this solution would work on both iOS and Android devices.

#### RFID

Finally, we have RFID which uses radio waves to wirelessly transmit the identity of an object. Unlike the other solutions, RFID offers high accuracy, but a very limited

range of less than a meter [15].

For a game like what we are building, it would be possible to use RFID for the location of the ball to check which player is currently holding it, but due to the limited range, it would not make sense to use it for localizing the players.

## Conclusion

Generally, using Pozyx with their UWB technology for tracking the position of the players and the ball appears to be the most optimal solution.

### 2.4.4 Two-way-ranging

We are using the Pozyx Creator Kit Lite which uses the Two-way-ranging (TWR) protocol for positioning [22].

A tag calculates its position by communicating with the anchors one by one, getting the distance from the anchor to itself. Once it has the distance from 3 anchors it can compute its position utilizing trilateration.

If multiple tags are being used at once, one tag is made the master tag and the other tags become the slave tags. The master tag instructs the slave tags to report their position to the master tag one by one. The master tag is then usually connected to a computer that can use the position data. This technique does not scale well as all the slave tags have to be within the radio range of the master tag so spreading them across huge areas is not possible. Instead of a tag being the master it is possible to use an anchor.

This makes it easier to have a computer attached, as the anchors are stationary, unlike the tags.

## 2.5 Unity introduction

As defined in section 1.1, this project aims to create a location-based augmented reality game. This means the project has to have a game component - an application to display the objectives of the game, the play area, and the players. To create this, a game engine can be used, such as Unity.

A game engine is a piece of software that provides creators with the necessary set of features to develop games quickly and efficiently [26]. This means that a game engine is a collection of reusable components, abstracted away from the game developer. This can include tools to help with, for example, graphics, physics, networking or audio. These tools would expose certain functionality to a developer to make use of, and hide the specific implementation details for that functionality, ensuring the developer can focus on more pressing issues. Unity supports the C# language for development [23].

The Unity game engine supports development for different game platforms. Of particular interest to this project is the support for both **Android** and **iOS** devices, as well as **Google Cardboard** [24].

Unity was chosen for the development of the game aspect of this project since this facilitates that a greater amount of time can be spent on the other aspects of the project rather than the low-level details of game development, and it allows for easier inclusion of multiple platforms.

## 2.6 Networking

The following section will examine the different possibilities regarding transmitting player position data from the Pozyx tags to the Unity applications used to visualize the game.

### 2.6.1 Possible networking solutions

Unity will be used for the creation of the game aspect of this project as described in section 2.5. Unity includes a proprietary networking solution known as UNet [25]. This solution allows developers to use a high-level API, giving access to commands that cover many common requirements for multiplayer games, without worrying about the low-level details.

Since the solution is developed alongside the actual game engine, it has a higher level of integration with the Unity Editor and Engine, which allows for certain components and visual aids to aid the building of the game. As of the beginning of this project, the UNet solution has been deprecated for a while, and the Unity developers are actively working to create a new system to replace it.

The current UNet iteration is usable but will be removed in the future. Other third-party solutions for Unity-based games also exist, such as Photon Engine. Photon provides functionality for the developers to make use of to create multiplayer games in the same way as UNet, exposing higher-level functionality. Photon supports multiple platforms outside of just Unity, with both Android and iOS support [8].

The advantage of using a library that is built for Unity such as UNet or Photon is that it is easy to set up with the Unity engine compared to a solution built from scratch. UNet provides a higher level of abstraction with functions to control the networked state of the game, send and receive packets between server and clients and much more.

UNet and Photon also allow for "client-hosted" games that act like lobbies. So any client can host a game that other clients can connect to. This allows the clients to send and receive data between each other [25]. A disadvantage of these libraries is that they are generalized and thus would not be able to achieve the same efficiency as a custom solution tailored to the specific needs of the game.

ZeroMQ is also a possible solution. ZeroMQ is an asynchronous packet library. It can carry packets across various transport formats and is available in many different programming languages [31]. It aims to be a high-performance library to be used in distributed or concurrent applications that are reliable. According to the getting started guide provided by ZeroMQ, certain issues tend to arise when developers attempt to create a networking solution using sockets [32]. These are:

- How to handle I/O?
- How are dynamic components handled? What happens if a component disappears temporarily?
- How are packets represented? Different sizes and different content can change representations
- How are packets that cannot be delivered immediately handled?
- Where should packet queues be stored?
- How are lost packets handled?
- What if the network transport changes, for example, TCP to UDP?
- How do packets get routed? Can the same packet be sent to multiple peers?
- How to write an API for another language?
- How to represent data such that it can be read between different architectures? How much of this should be the packet system's job?
- How do network errors get handled?

These issues are mostly applicable to general solutions that need to accommodate changing requirements or be reusable. However, for this project, not all of these issues are relevant. In terms of problems to overcome, this project should only be concerned with handling dynamic components, handling lost packets, routing packets and handling network errors.

If a player closes the game application it can lead to dynamic component issues. A packet can be lost during the playing of the game. Packets should be delivered to all players to ensure that they all have the same information. Finally, a player might suddenly disconnect from the network.

The alternative to making use of a pre-existing solution is creating a custom solution. A custom solution entails a need to establish a familiarity with the required knowledge to construct such a solution. A custom solution would involve sockets, which are a network API that allows programs to communicate with each other [5].

### 2.6.2 Choosing a solution

There are certain pros and cons associated with both approaches of using either a pre-existing solution or a custom solution. Table 2.1 shows some of the considerations made when deciding an approach for this project. The criteria that were considered when evaluating which solution to use were:

- Customizability
  - How much we can customize the solution to our specific use case. If the customizability is low the project needs to be built around the networking solution, whereas if the customizability is high the networking solution can be customized to our needs.
- Requirements
  - How much knowledge about the subject is needed to use the solution.
- Optimization
  - How much optimization are we able to do ourselves if we use this solution.
- Learning reward
  - How much will we learn if we use this solution.

	<b>Pre-existing Unity-based</b>	<b>Custom</b>	<b>ZeroMQ</b>
<b>Customizability</b>	Consists of a set of pre-defined functionalities	Can have any functionality implemented	Has pre-defined functionalities, but these are lower level than a pre-existing solution
<b>Requirements</b>	Familiarity with the solution	Familiarity with the knowledge required to implement a usable solution	Needs familiarity with a mix of pre-existing and custom solutions
<b>Optimization</b>	Lower-level details are obscured, optimized for general use	Lower-level details are freely available, can be optimized for a specific purpose	Focuses on performance, but the solution is general
<b>Learning reward</b>	Most of it is already implemented, so the learning reward is low	Learning reward is high because we have to implement everything ourselves	Have to customize some of it ourselves, so we will have to get familiar with the subject

**Table 2.1:** A comparison of the pros and cons of the possible solutions

Based on these considerations, it was decided that a custom solution should be created to handle networking in this project. This choice was based on two major factors: the lack of transparency in a pre-existing solution as well as the need for fast communication and the opportunity to learn more about networking at a low level. For the game to be playable and enjoyable, the location data collected by the Pozyx system needs to be transmitted to all the clients as quickly as possible such that they always have an up to date view of the positions of the players.

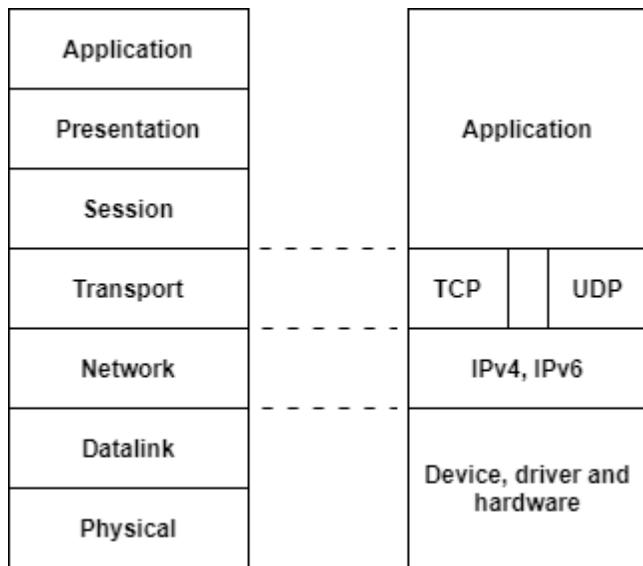
To achieve this, it would be preferable to build a solution capable of performing the minimum amount of work as quickly as possible. Pre-existing solutions cannot be guaranteed to do the minimum amount of work as lower-level details are obscured from the developers. With a custom solution, the data sent across the network can be guaranteed to be exactly what is needed.

ZeroMQ was also a possible choice based on the performance needs, but its generalized approach concerning itself with reusability and issues unlikely to be a big factor in this project meant it was dismissed, in favor of a custom solution in which the problems defined in the previous section are handled. Additionally, we have not previously worked with networking at a low level, but wanted to learn more about

it, and decided that working without a framework would provide the best learning experience.

### 2.6.3 Introduction to sockets

In order to construct a network solution, a familiarity with the layers of a network is needed to gain an intuition of what sockets are. A common way to describe these layers is through the *open systems interconnection* (OSI) model for communication. This model is illustrated in Figure 2.7, along with approximate mappings of the technologies used for each layer.



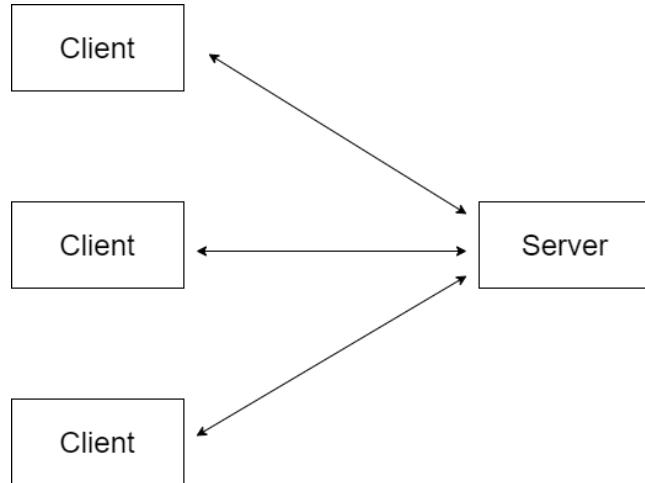
**Figure 2.7:** An illustration of the OSI-layer, and the corresponding technology for each layer.

As shown, the relevant layers for the purpose of creating a networking solution through sockets is the third and fourth layers, transport and network. The network layer is handled by the IPv4 and IPv6 protocols, which will be discussed in subsection 2.6.6, and the transport layer is handled by either TCP or UDP, which is described in subsection 2.6.4.

The reason for the gap between TCP and UDP is to illustrate that it is possible to bypass this layer and use IPv4 or IPv6 directly [5]. Sockets provide the interface from the upper application layers to the transport layer. The upper layer handles details about the application, and the lower layers handle details relating to communication.

Programs that communicate across a computer network need an agreement on how those programs will communicate. This is known as a protocol. Generally, before defining the design details of the protocol, a decision should be made as to which program is expected to initiate communication. One way of defining this is through the client-server architecture illustrated in Figure 2.8. This split is used by most

network-aware applications [5]. The most common method of initiating communication when using the client-server architecture is to have the client initiate requests. This tends to simplify the protocol and the programs themselves [5].



**Figure 2.8:** An illustration of the client-server architecture with multiple clients

#### 2.6.4 TCP and UDP

The following section introduces two different protocols for the transport layer - Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP). Both of these protocols use a network-layer protocol known as IP, which can be either the protocol IPv4 or IPv6.

##### TCP

TCP provides connections between clients and servers. A TCP client establishes a connection with a given server, then it receives or sends data to that server across the network and closes the connection. TCP provides reliability by making sure that every packet that is sent is received by the receiver. When TCP sends data, it requires an acknowledgment from the receiver that the data has been received. If it does not receive such an acknowledgment, TCP automatically retransmits the data and then waits for an acknowledgment for the retransmission. After a certain number of retransmissions, TCP gives up.

Based on the implementation TCP will typically attempt to send data for 4-10 minutes. This does not guarantee that the receiver will receive the data, but the guarantee is that it will deliver the data if possible, or notify the user that the connection has been broken without an acknowledgment from the receiver. To know how long to wait for acknowledgments, TCP contains algorithms to estimate the *round-trip time* between the client and server dynamically. It also performs these estimations continuously, as the result can be affected by variations in the network traffic. TCP

sequences data by associating bytes and sequence numbers.

For example, if an application writes 2048 bytes to a TCP socket, it would be sent in two segments, with the first containing data with the sequence number 1-1024, and the second containing data with the sequence number 1025-2048. If they arrive in the wrong order, the receiving TCP reorders the segments based on the sequence numbers before passing the data to the receiving application. If the receiver receives duplicate data this can also be detected through the sequence numbers, and the duplicate data can be deleted.

TCP provides flow control by telling clients how many bytes of data can be accepted at any time, known as the window. The size of the window decreases as data is received, and increases as the receiver reads data from its buffer.

## UDP

UDP is a simple transport-layer protocol [5]. An application writes a packet to a UDP socket, which gets encapsulated in a UDP datagram, which further gets encapsulated in an IP datagram and then sent to the destination. A datagram is a self-contained entity of data carrying information to be routed from the source to the destination nodes without reliance on earlier exchanges between the nodes and the transporting network [9].

A UDP datagram is not guaranteed to reach its final destination, nor is it guaranteed that order will be preserved across the network, or that datagrams arrive only once. This means that the UDP protocol is unreliable. If a datagram is lost on the network and not delivered to the UDP socket, it will not be automatically retransmitted. UDP also does not provide an acknowledgment that datagrams were received, sequence numbers to ensure data can be ordered, *round-trip time* estimation or timeouts.

UDP has no notion of flow control, meaning a fast UDP sender can transmit data at a rate the receiver is unable to keep up with. As such, it does not provide the same reliability as TCP. If reliability is a requirement, it has to be built through features such as timeouts, retransmissions and adding acknowledgments from the receiving end. A UDP datagram has a length, which is passed to the receiving application along with the data. UDP is considered connectionless, as there does not need to be a long-term relationship between a UDP client and the server.

A UDP client can create a socket and send a datagram to a server, and then immediately send another datagram on the same socket to a different server. A UDP server can receive several datagrams on a single UDP socket, each from different clients.

## Choosing between UDP or TCP

Windowed flow control might not be necessary for transactions where both ends agree on the maximum size of a request or a reply [5]. For this project, the most important type of packet is the player location data. This packet will always be

formatted in the same way, and as such, a maximum size can be agreed to mean the flow control aspect of TCP is not needed. Another aspect of TCP that is not needed for this project is the automatic retransmission of packets. While this can provide reliability, it is of no importance for the game.

The players of the game are only concerned with the most recent updates of their position. As such, if a packet were to not be received, it would not make sense to continually delay subsequent packets to attempt to retransmit a oacket containing position data that is more and more likely to be outdated.

For the position data to be as recent as possible, the packets should be sent as frequently as possible. It is also not necessary to provide an acknowledgment that the packet has been received. The receiving applications should simply update their locations to comply with the most recently received data. The sender should not be concerned that a packet was received, it should just continue to send the next packet, which is likely to be more recent. Duplicate packets also do not pose much of an issue. If the applications were to receive the same location data multiple times, it would not impact the overall functionality of the program, rather just the speed at which the next updates would be received.

UDP has no connection setup or teardown costs. UDP only requires two packets to exchange a request and a reply, whereas TCP requires about 10 packets [5], if a new TCP connection is established for each exchange. In terms of transaction time, the minimum time for a UDP request-reply is the round-trip time + server processing time, and the minimum time for TCP is  $2 \times$  round-trip time + server processing time [5].

Because of the limited scope and uniformity of what is going to be transmitted via the networking solution, a lot of the features included in TCP are unnecessary. UDP is slightly faster because of its lack of reliability and other benefits but might require some extra work to implement some of the functionality that is missing when compared to TCP if this were to become necessary. Because of the reasons discussed, UDP seems to fit the needs of this project more than TCP and is the protocol chosen for the networking solution featured in this project.

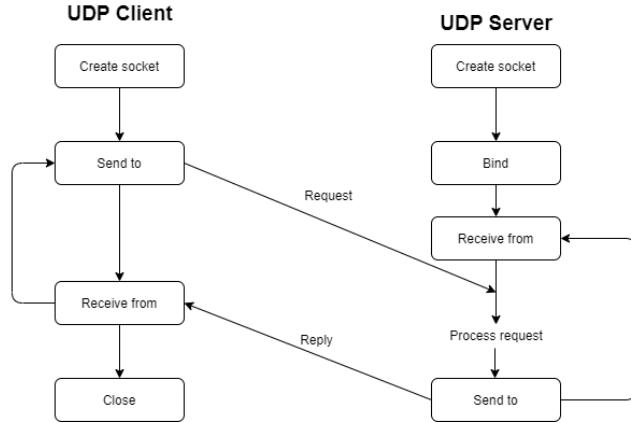
An issue with the choice of UDP could present itself in that packets are not guaranteed to arrive in order. It could pose a problem if a player in the game received a packet with recent location data, and then another packet afterward with outdated data. This could cause the player objects in the game to be at positions in which they were in the past, but not currently in the present.

### 2.6.5 Introduction to UDP sockets

UDP is a connectionless, unreliable datagram protocol. Figure 2.9 shows an illustration of the client-server architecture using UDP. The client-side creates a socket and sends a request to the server as illustrated.

Once the request has been sent the client transitions to a state of awaiting a reply. Once the reply is received the client can send another request, or the socket can

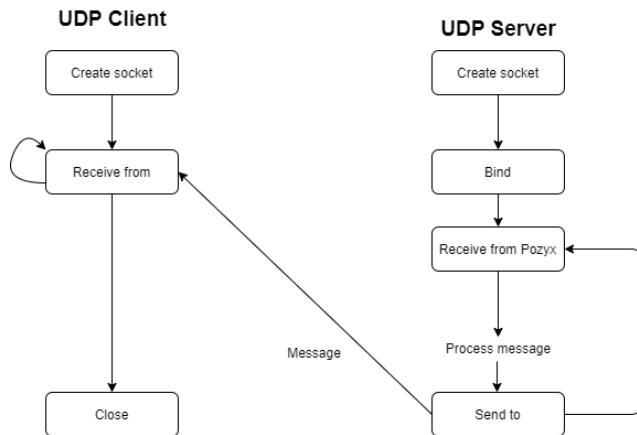
be closed. The server side also creates a socket, and then binds the socket to a port. Once bound, the server can await a request from the client. When a request is received, the server processes it, and then sends it to the client after which it can return to awaiting requests.



**Figure 2.9:** An illustration of the client-server architecture with UDP

For the purpose of this project, it might not be optimal to have client request the server. The server does not need information from the client or acknowledgment, meaning the clients do not have to send packets. As such, it might be better to use a publisher-subscriber approach.

The server would then act as a publisher, constantly sending packets to the clients that would be subscribed to the publisher. An illustration of this concept using UDP can be seen in Figure 2.10.



**Figure 2.10:** An illustration of a publisher-subscriber architecture with UDP

Possible issues with using this architecture is that there would need to be a way to ensure all clients receive a sufficient amount of packets, and that the receivers are

not overloaded with packets.

### Transmission in UDP

When working with UDP, there are three types of possible transmissions: Unicast, multicast or broadcast. Unicast is a one-to-one communication with a single source sending information to a single receiver, while a broadcast transmits the information to all nodes on a network.

The benefit of unicast is that it has been in use for a long time and utilizes well-established protocols, it is known from applications like HTTP, FTP, and Telnet [4]. For this project, however, the major drawback of unicast is that to transmit the packet to multiple nodes, it has to send multiple unicasts packets addressed to each receiver, which also requires us to know the exact IP address of each destination device.

Looking at broadcast, we can instead transmit the information to all nodes on a network, which ensures that all nodes on the network receive the packet. This could be useful if we only had the players of the game on our network, but since they might be connected to a larger network with a large number of clients, this could lead to the data being sent to clients that are not a part of the ongoing game session.

Luckily, we have multicast in the middle of the two extremes, where you do not send from one client to another or one client to all others.

Instead, the data is sent to as many destinations as express an interest in receiving it [4]. This one-to-many approach seems suitable for this project since it would intuitively lead to better bandwidth utilization and does not require the receivers' addresses to be known.

#### 2.6.6 IPv4 and IPv6

Both IPv4 and IPv6 provide packet delivery service for TCP and UDP. The major difference in IPv4 and IPv6 is the addresses they use. IPv4 uses 32-bit addresses, whereas IPv6, being a newer version, uses larger addresses of 128 bits [5]. IPv4 addresses are usually written as four decimal numbers separated by ". ". This is known as *dotted-decimal notation*.

Each decimal number represents one of the four bytes of the 32-bit address. The first of the four numbers represent the address type. IPv6 addresses are usually written as eight 16-bit hexadecimal numbers [5]. The higher-order bits of the 128-address imply the type. For this project, this should not have a significant impact, and either can be used.

#### 2.6.7 Format of data

As it is necessary to send data over the network, the format of the data must be decided upon. The network format for player position and goal position is `0xyyyyxxxxiisstt`, where `t` is the type, `s` is the timestamp, `i` is the ID, `xxxx` is

the  $x$  position and  $yyyy$  is the  $y$  position. The format can be seen for the player positions on Table 2.2. The format is little-endian, as the most significant byte is the one related to type, which is placed at the end. The abstract syntax for these packets is:

- Type of the packet
- Timestamp
- ID associated with the packet
- X position
- Y Position

The format for both is identical, the only difference between them is the type of the packet and the context of the IDs. The abstract syntax for field anchor position is nearly identical, as the same information is required, but the field anchor format does not require a timestamp. For player position and field anchor position packets the  $x$  and  $y$  position is the location of the player or anchor. For the goal position format the  $x$  and  $y$  position is the center of the goal, where the size of the goal is set to have a length equal to 20% of the shortest side of the playing field.

The IDs for each syntax represent different things. The IDs for Table 2.2 are for each anchor, whereas ID for players is either the player tag or the ball tag, and the ID for the goal position packet identifies the team. The type is represented at the right hand side of the hexadecimal so that it is faster to decode and to switch on which type it is. After the type the timestamp is placed, which is used to detect outdated data as a sequence number. The timestamp is an integer value ranging between 0 and 255 such that when it hits 255 it resets to 0 to be able to continuously send timestamps, regardless of game length. The downside to this approach is since UDP does not guarantee delivery of packets, it may not go straight from 255 to 0 every time. To counter this, 0 to 20 is considered as newer sequence numbers than 235 to 255 so that the system is allowed to miss up to 20 packets near the end, to ensure that it does not end up being locked until the values reach the high range again.

It was decided to use a size of respectively 16 and 8 bits so that it is straightforward to work with in the C# language, because it is the same size as some variable types in C# and hereby easy to type cast. Given the highest unsigned number that can be in two bytes is  $2^{16} - 1$ , the maximum value for the  $x$  and  $y$  positions is 65.535.

The goals scored has a different format of `0x1100sstt`, where  $t$  is type,  $s$  is timestamp, 00 is the score of team 0 and 11 is the score of team 1. This format can be seen on Table 2.3.

POSY (y) (0-65.535)	POSX (x) (0-65.535)	ID (i) (0-3)	TIMESTAMP (s) (0-255)	TYPE (t) (0)
16 bits	16 bits	8 bits	8 bits	8 bits

**Table 2.2:** Format for player positions

TEAM1SCORE (1) (0-100)	TEAM0SCORE (0) (0-100)	TIMESTAMP (s) (0-255)	TYPE (t) (3)
8 bits	8 bits	8 bits	8 bits

**Table 2.3:** Format for goals scored.

## 2.7 Experiment with Pozyx

To determine the accuracy of the Pozyx tags an experiment was conducted. The primary goal of the experiment was to test the accuracy, but a secondary goal of the experiment was to determine the frequencies of updates for each tag.

### 2.7.1 Purpose

According to research regarding latency in VR [29] and interactive systems [19], the number of movement errors increase as the latency increases. An example of this is when a tag is moved, and the tag first sends a new position after 3 seconds, then the movement error could be high as the user does not know their exact position for these 3 seconds. According to experiments with VR, the motor performance and sense of body ownership start to decrease at latencies above 75 ms.

This means that the optimal results from these experiments would indicate that the Pozyx system can send position updates fast enough which allows the system to operate with a latency of less than 75 ms between their physical movement and the in-game reflection of this movement.

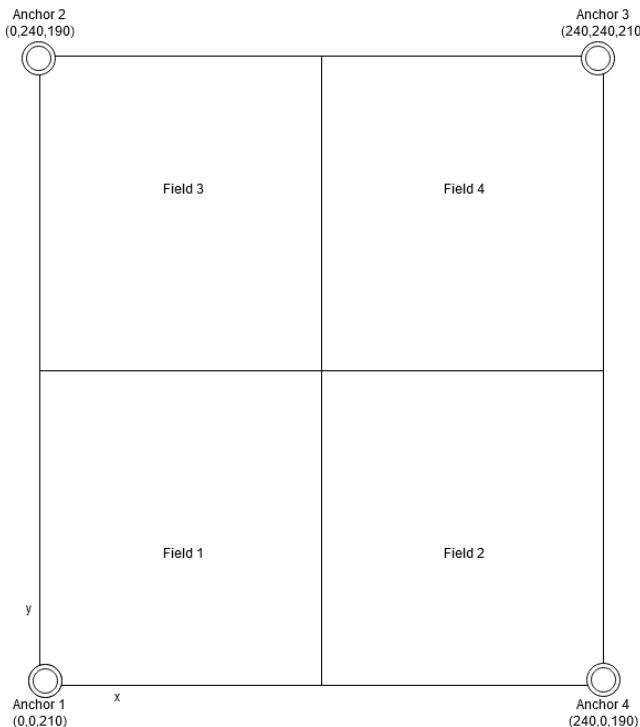
### 2.7.2 Setup

The tags were set to transmit with the highest bitrate with the longest preamble length and with the ranging mode set to precise [3].

According to the documentation, these values lower the tags update rate to about 9hz which is then divided by the number of tags used in the system as described in subsection 2.4.4. As the main goal of the experiment was to test the accuracy these settings were chosen to give the most accurate positioning. The settings can be changed at a later point to try to increase the update rate to a level where the latency for the users is acceptable.

The experiment was set up as shown on Figure 2.11. The experiment was conducted indoors on our campus in the building Novi 9. The anchors 0x676e (anchor 1) and

`0x6e2b` (anchor 2) were mounted on a wall 240 centimeters apart, and the remaining anchors `0x6738` (anchor 3) and `0x676c` (anchor 4) were mounted on a bulletin board. The number of centimeters accompanying the hexadecimal number of each anchor is the height at which the anchor was mounted during the experiment. Different heights were chosen as Pozyx documentation suggests that not all anchors should have the same height [30]. The reason for this is the principle of geometric dilution of precision (GDOP), which can cause the error on range measurements to be amplified.



**Figure 2.11:** The setup of the experiment with the anchors and the height at which they were placed in the corners. The hexadecimal number is the anchor, and above that is the height at which the anchors were placed.

The fields were created by a whiteboard on which lines were drawn every 10 centimeters to know the actual position as seen on Figure 2.12. This whiteboard was moved intermittently to act as respectively fields 1, 2, 3, and 4.



**Figure 2.12:** The whiteboard with the drawn positions.

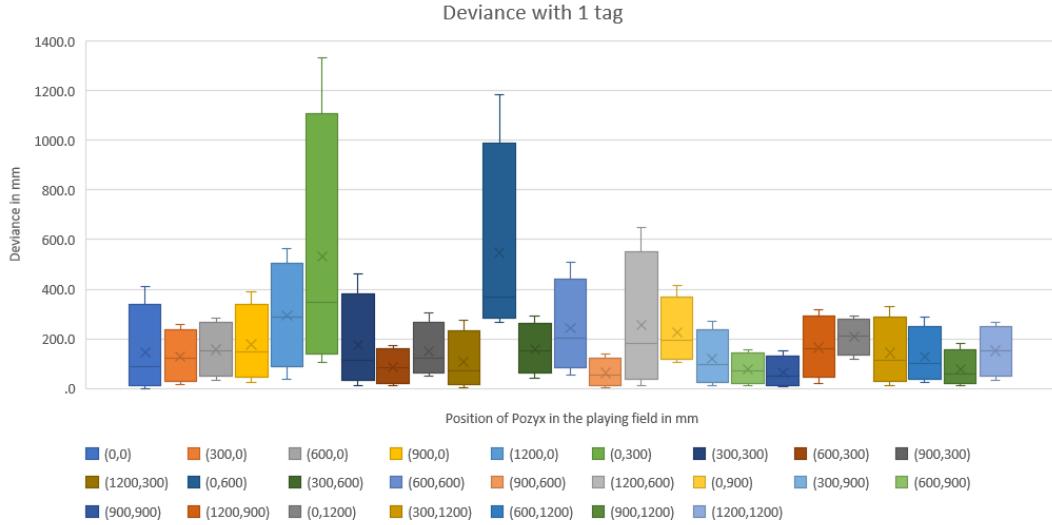
The procedure for the experiment was based on this whiteboard. The whiteboard would be placed in one of the fields defined in Figure 2.11, and the tags would be placed in certain positions on the board and record the accuracy with which the position was reported. The tags would be placed in a position, remain there for five seconds, then be moved to the next position over the next five seconds and remain in this position for five seconds before being moved again. This procedure was repeated until a satisfactory number of measurements had been made. This amount was usually 5 measurements. Once one field had been tested, the whiteboard was moved to the next field, as seen on Figure 2.11, and the process was repeated.

### 2.7.3 Analyzing the data

In A the data for the experiment can be seen. For each test the average grid was calculated, and the minimum and maximum values for  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  were found. The min and max values were noted, as they may be useful for future analysis. The  $z$  values were very inconsistent throughout the entire test, and due to this and the  $z$ -axis being largely irrelevant to the game, we will not focus on analyzing them. Because of this, it was decided to only calculate the deviance between the actual position and the measured position in the  $xy$ -plane.

#### Precision with 1 tag

When testing with only one tag the average of all deviations was 15.20 cm.



**Figure 2.13:** A box plot showing the dispersion of measured positions with 1 tag

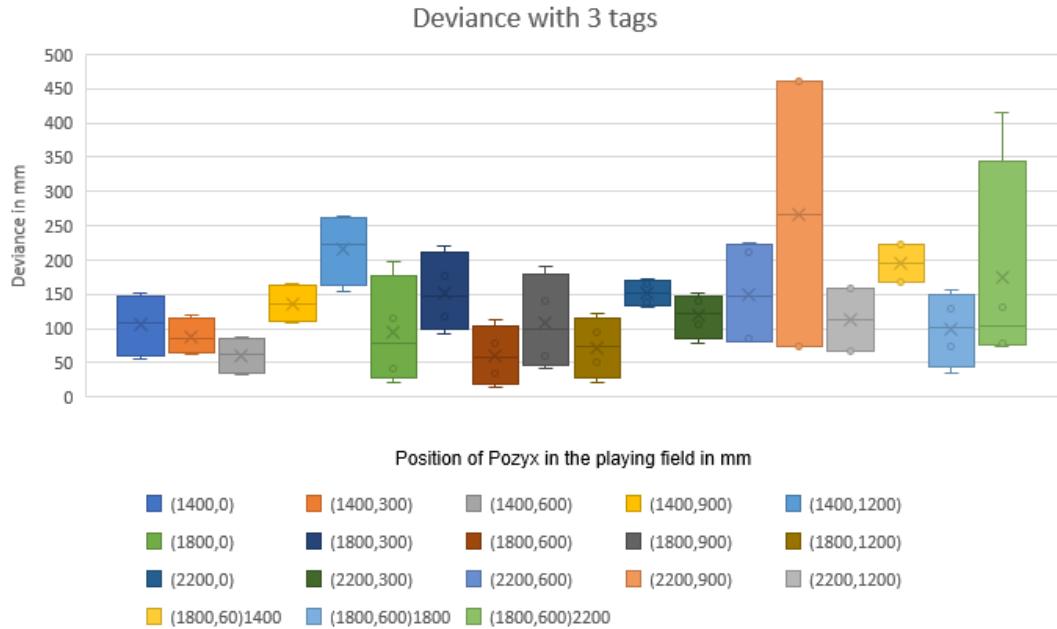
As can be seen on Figure 2.13, some measurements can be quite far off the actual position. On the *x*-axis you can see the actual position of the tag in mm compared to the playing field. The *y*-axis shows the amount that the measurements were off the actual position in mm. Each measurement set has its own box and whiskers. The box shows the measurements within the first quartile and third quartile. Within the box the *X* denotes the second quartile which is equal to the median and the flat line denotes the average value of all the measurements. Extending from the box is the lower and upper whiskers where the lower whisker shows the measurements below the first quartile and the upper whisker shows the measurements above the third quartile. The end of the lower whisker is the lowest deviance measured in the set, likewise the end of the upper whisker is the highest deviance measured.

Interestingly it is the measurements closest to the *x*-axis that are the most inaccurate, we will discuss why in subsection 2.7.4. The measurement with the highest deviance was recorded when the tag was in position (0,3000) where the measured position was 1.3 meters off. The average deviance of all the measurements from that position was only 36.5 cm, however. The highest average deviance of all the positions was 39.5 cm in position (0,6000). When running with one tag the average amount of measurements were 12.368 per second.

### Precision with 3 tag

For this part of the experiment, the accuracy was tested with three tags. The tags were positioned at three different x-coordinates. 1400, 1800 and 2200 were chosen as the *x* coordinates and the *y* coordinate was moved up by 300 mm each time starting from 0 and going up to 1200. The average amount of updates from all the tags per second were 1.83, less than 10 percent of the amount of updates when only one tag

was used. The amount of updates were very different between the different tags, as the one with the highest update rate had an average of 3.4 per second and the lowest only 0.92.



**Figure 2.14:** A box plot showing the dispersion of measured positions with 3 tags

On Figure 2.14 all the measurements from the 3 tag experiment can be seen. The 3 last sets of measurements are from when all the tags were placed close to each other at the same point. The trailing number after the coordinate is which tag the set of measurements belong to, (1800,600)1400 denotes the tag used for the measurements along the line where  $x$  equals 1400.

This was done to see if they would affect the precision of each other. Based on the data it seems they might have a small effect on each other but not enough for it to be a problem. The biggest deviance in the test was only 46 cm off compared to 1.3 meters in the 1 tag test which seemed interesting, but could be because the measurements in the 3 tag experiment were made in the middle of the playing field compared to at the edge in the 1 tag experiment.

**Tag 0x6763** This tag was positioned 1400 mm along the  $x$ -axis. The overall average deviation for this tag was 11.9 cm and it made 1.16 measurements per second. No measurements were further away than 26.3 cm from the actual position and the biggest average deviance for a set of measurements was only 22.26 cm.

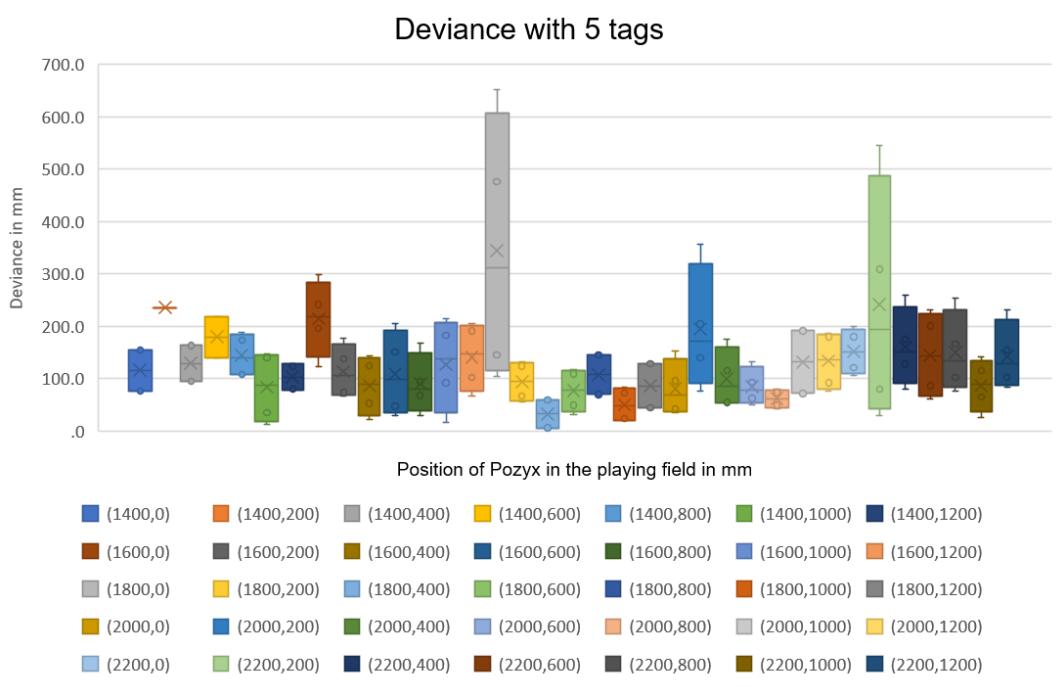
**Tag 0x690F** This tag was positioned 1800 mm along the  $x$ -axis. This tag was only 9.2 cm off on average and had by far the highest average update rate at 3.4 Hz.

Like the previous tag it also did not have any measurements with large deviances. The furthest measurement was 22.1 cm off and the worst average deviance for a set was 15.09 cm. This was by far the best performing tag in this experiment regarding both precision and update rate.

**Tag 0x602E** This tag was positioned 2200 mm along the  $x$ -axis. The overall average deviation for this tag was 14.48 cm and an update rate at 0.92 hz. For the first three points the results seemed fairly accurate, however, the grid (2200, 900) had a large deviation of 22.43 cm. That set also had the measurement with highest deviance with 46.0 cm.

### Precision with 5 tag

The tags were positioned at five different x-coordinates. 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000 and 2200 were chosen as the  $x$  coordinates and the  $y$  coordinate was moved up by 200 mm each time starting from 0 to 1200 mm. The data for precision with five tags can be seen on Figure 2.15.



**Figure 2.15:** A box plot showing the dispersion of measured positions with 5 tags

Like the experiment with 3 tags, seen on Figure 2.14, there were no huge outliers like in the first experiment where some measurements were off by more than a meter. But two instances were still seen as further off than the average.

**Tag 0x602E** This tag was positioned 1800 mm along the  $x$ -axis. The average deviation for this tag was 12.99 cm and the average update rate was 0.83 Hz. This was the tag that had the worst measurement on coordinates (1800, 0) which was off by 65.1 cm and the worst average deviance of a measurement set with 31.7 cm. Besides that the other sets were among the most accurate.

**Tag 0x6763** This tag was positioned 1400 mm along the  $x$ -axis. For this tag, the average deviation was 12.75 cm and the average amount of data points per second was 0.6. At 1400, 200 the tag only returned one measurement and at (1400, 600) there were only two measurements completed during the 5 second period the tag was in that position. The tag was overall very precise with all measurements within 23.6 cm of the actual position.

**Tag 0x690F** This tag was positioned 1600 mm along the  $x$ -axis. Tag 0x690F had an average deviation of 12.39 cm and an update rate at 2.11 Hz. This update rate was much higher than tag 0x602E, 0x6763 and 0x6979, and equal to 0x6915 even though they all had the same settings.

**Tag 0x6915** This tag was positioned 2200 mm along the  $x$ -axis. The average deviation of tag 0x6915 was 14.74 cm, and it had an update rate of 2.11 Hz as well. This tag had a few spikes when measuring on coordinate (2200, 200), where the average deviance was 20.99 cm and the worst measurement was 54.6 cm off.

**Tag 0x6979** This tag was positioned 2000 mm along the  $x$ -axis. The average deviation of this tag was 10.46 cm and the average update rate was 1.23 Hz. This tag was pretty average with no big deviations. Its worst measurement set had an average deviation of 18.34 cm.

#### 2.7.4 Possible influences on the test

One thing that could have affected the tags is that a whiteboard was used as a measure for positions. As there is metal in the whiteboard this could have affected the precision of the tags. Metals are conductors, which can lead to the signal having less power and reduced range, and the signal might spend extra time trying to get through the metal. Since Pozyx positioning relies on calculating the time of flight, having the signal spend extra time traveling reduces accuracy [27].

If we look at the  $z$  coordinate in the test experiment data, it can be seen that  $z$  fluctuates a lot more than the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates. The max  $z$  coordinate for multiple experiments is often more than 3 meters and the average  $z$  coordinate is also often 1 meter higher than the actual coordinate. This could be due to the height difference between the anchors not being sufficiently large which can affect Pozyx' ability to measure the height of the tags.

During the test with 1 tag, the 0 value of the  $x$  coordinate coincided with the wall. This could have been an influence on the positioning result in that it could increase uncertainty, as it was difficult to center the tag over the  $x$  coordinate since the coordinate collided with the wall. Also, the wall could have created interference with the signal and there might have been metal or wires going through it which could have affected the signal.

While the experiment was running the tags could throw errors instead of giving a position if something went wrong. Mainly during the multi-tag tests, some tags would report back with errors such as unable to get firmware version, flash memory corrupted or an error message saying there was no error. At that point in the experiment, it was not clear whether it was a hardware error with some of the tags or if it was code related. The tags would throw these errors randomly and then measure their position normally at the next update. This resulted in some of the tags having periods of update rates of less than 0.2 Hz. It was decided that further investigation into this issue should be conducted at a later point.

### 2.7.5 Conclusion on the experiment

Our conclusion of this experiment is that the precision is satisfactory, but the update rate is not optimal as that does not meet the standards of the refresh rate needed with the current settings.

We also need to consider the spikes in the coordinates, such that the user does not jump around on the screen, even though the user might not be moving. A good solution would be to use an algorithm to correct the data.

The results of this experiment shows that a three-dimensional game is not viable with the errors that we had on the  $z$  coordinate. This is most likely due to the height difference between the anchors only being 20 cm. If we, later on, choose to make use of the  $z$  coordinate, then it is necessary to conduct another experiment with the Pozyx with different, larger height differences, but as it currently is only a two-dimensional game it is not necessary.

It also seemed like some tags were not able to send as many measurements as others. Consistently throughout the experiments tag 0x690F was the best tag regarding update rate, sometimes having an update rate almost 3 times faster than the other tags. This was caused in part due to some tags seemingly having a slower update rate, but also because some of them would report errors instead of measurements randomly. This is something that will be investigated.

## 2.8 Sprint 1 conclusion

This section concludes the preceding chapter on sprint 1. It will conclude what knowledge was gained based on the sections of the chapter, and discuss a retrospective of the sprint as a whole, and what changes were made to the progress for upcoming sprints.

### 2.8.1 Overview of completed tasks

section 2.1 outlined the goals of the sprint. The sprint focused on exploring the project idea. Wireframes were constructed in section 2.2 in order to create a more uniform vision of the project. These generated a vision for how the users would interact with the game, and how the game aspect would look.

In section 2.3 a rudimentary overall architecture for the project was outlined. We defined an architecture in which data would be transferred from the Pozyx components to a host and then to the players of the game. section 2.4 gave an introduction to the Pozyx technology to be used for the tracking aspect of the project. Several alternatives for finding anchor locations were proposed, and UWB was defined as the best solution. section 2.5 gave an introduction to the game engine to be used for building the project. section 2.6 explored the possibilities for communication between the different parts of the architecture, settling on using a custom UDP based solution. Finally, section 2.7 defines an experiment conducted in order to determine the accuracy of the Pozyx system, concluding that the accuracy was acceptable for the use of this project.

### 2.8.2 Retrospective on the process

Initially, the project made use of a more scrum-inspired process, which consisted of smaller sub-sprints of one week composing the larger sprints defined as sections in this report. Each week had a backlog of tasks to be completed that week, evaluated on a story point-based system. During this sprint, this was changed to the process outlined in 1.5. The shorter sprints were phased out, and instead, a more constant backlog was kept, from which to choose tasks. We held a retrospective on this process at the end of the sprint. The developers liked not having the smaller sprints and decided to do reviews in pairs going forward. To ensure pull requests would be reviewed quickly, a rule to check for pull requests every morning was set in place. The waypoints were assigned to tasks in the process was questioned, as the way it was done lead to some bias towards tasks that took a short amount of time to complete. It was decided that creating a weight to influence the tasks in a way to avoid this bias was a good idea.

# **Chapter 3**

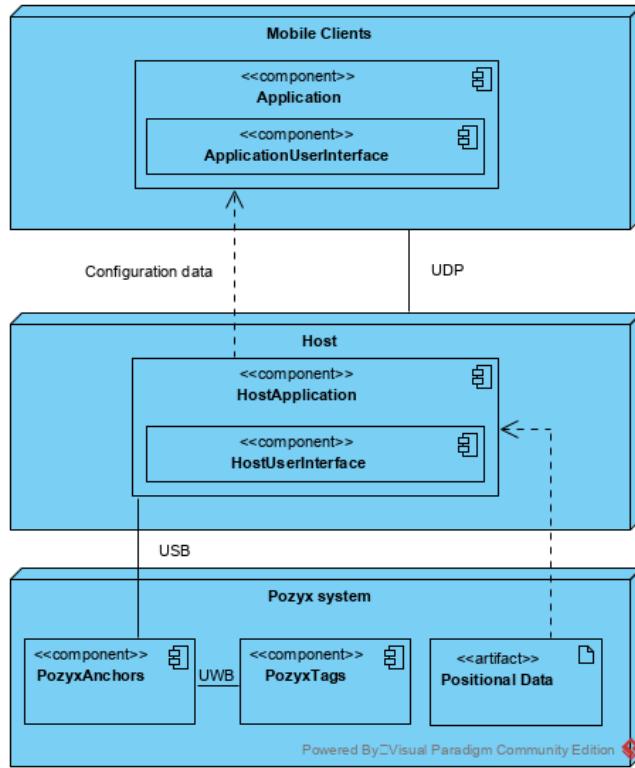
## **Sprint 2**

### **3.1 Sprint goal and introduction**

The goal for this sprint is to explore the networking side of the project and implement initial versions of the UDP client and server based on what was learned in section 2.6. Additionally, the first version of the game should be created, which should allow players to see the game through a VR headset and show the players moving based on the positions of the tags.

### **3.2 Deployment Diagram**

In section 2.3 the different components of the system were introduced in Figure 2.5. A deployment diagram is constructed in this section in order to further elaborate on the different components. The deployment diagram can be seen on Figure 3.1.



**Figure 3.1:** A deployment diagram for the system.

A deployed system will contain three nodes:

- Pozyx system
- Host
- Mobile Clients

Nodes are represented by cubes, and are entities that execute components. The Pozyx system node contains two components. These are the anchors and the tags needed to generate positional data with the Pozyx hardware. The system contains multiples of anchors and tags. These Pozyx components generate artifacts in terms of positional data for the location of the players and the ball. Anchors and tags are associated through a UWB connection in order to generate these artifacts. The host node is dependent on the positional data artifact, as the component receives the positional data and transforms it for communication. Positional data is transferred from the Pozyx system to the host through a USB association. One anchor is associated with the host application component, and this anchor is responsible for collecting data from all tags. The host application component contains a user interface component, which is the interface that the person using the host component will interact with, in the form of a console application for the early version of the system. The host node is

associated with the clients through a UDP connection in order to communicate both the positional data and the configuration data to perform game setup. As such, the mobile client application component is dependent on the host application component, since it requires the configuration data. The mobile clients also contain user interface components, which is how the users interact with that part of the system. This user interface is the virtual playing field generated in Unity that the users view in the headset.

### 3.3 Accessing games on the network

Different methods of transmission were discussed in subsubsection 2.6.5, and multicasting was selected as the optimal solution for this project. In order to make proper use of this in an eventual deployment of the game, it would not make sense for the users to input the IP address to which they want to connect. As such, a way to access hosted games without this needs to be implemented. In order to support multiple games being played at the same time, the system also needs to properly make use of multicast groups based on the game being joined. Clients should only receive data from one specific host in their specific multicast group.

To do this, the game must include some form of LAN discoverability. One way of achieving this is to have clients broadcast a packet to available hosts via the LAN when they are searching for a game. The hosts then reply, if they are available, with data for a multicast group, and the client can then join that group. Another method could be to make use of Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP), which is a communications protocol used on IPv4 networks to establish multicast groups. The IP address 224.0.0.1 is a notable IPv4 address reserved for IP multicasting, which is the multicast group address for all hosts on the same network [16]. All hosts should join that group on start-up, and hosts could then send a packet to the group to signal that they are looking for an available game.

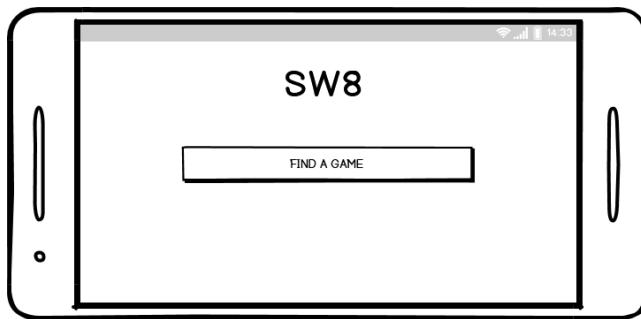
Another way would be to have the host continually broadcast packets that it is available for players. This would, however, lead to the host needing to repeatedly send packets as long as the game it is hosting has available slots for players or has not started. This would likely be a less elegant solution than having players that are searching for a host sending the packet. Having the players send a packet to the multicast group address for all clients is the preferable solution, as it will avoid unnecessary overhead caused by broadcast packets being sent to unrelated machines on the network.

Another option is to make use of the Zero Configuration Networking (Zeroconf) protocol. Zeroconf is a protocol that allows for browsing of available services. This can be used to facilitate IP multicasting in a way relevant for the game, where the host could make the service available and send the packets to all interested clients.

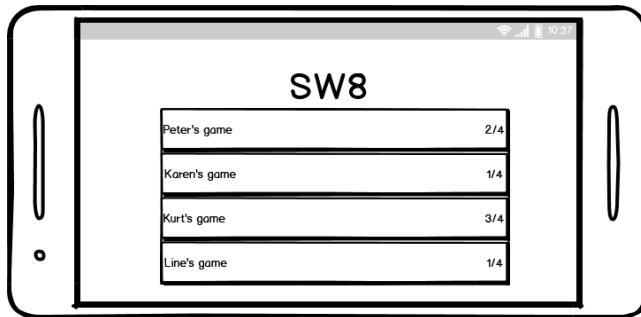
Zeroconf selects an IP address within a relevant range, and then claims that address if available. It will then create a name for the host device, such that it is not necessary to remember and type numerical addresses. Services can then be made available for discovery [2].

In order to select a game to join as a client, the game would need a game selection screen. Figure 2.2 and Figure 2.3 show the initial prototypes for joining a host based on their IP and waiting for the game to begin.

If a lobby were to be implemented, Figure 2.2 would need to be updated, and there would need to be an extra step before Figure 2.3 could be shown. Figure 3.2 and Figure 3.3 show new prototypes for this purpose. Choosing a lobby on Figure 3.3 would lead to Figure 2.3.



**Figure 3.2:** Prototype of the game menu when players can choose a game to join.



**Figure 3.3:** Prototype of a lobby menu. Available games are shown as well as the number of players. Players can choose one to join.

### 3.4 UDP implementation

In this section, we will delve into the implementation details of the UDP client and host. As described in section 3.2, the system will consist of a host computer which receives positional data from Pozyx and transmits it to the players using IP multicasting.

## Host

The main functionality of the host is to transmit positional and game state data from the Pozyx tags to the clients via multicasting. The first setup step of this is to connect the host to an IP address on the network dedicated to multicasting, as described in section 3.3. For the time being, this is hardcoded to be 224.3.29.71:10000. After this initial setup, the host will continuously run through a loop where it updates the ball position, player positions and increments the timestamp. Each update consists of three steps: Getting the positional data from Pozyx, transforming it to fit the format described in subsection 2.6.7 and transmitting the data to the clients, as seen on Listing 3.1.

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```

1 def update_ball_position(self):
2     """Broadcasts the updated ball position"""
3     ball_tag = self.setup.ball_tag
4     position =
5         self.multi_tag_positioning.get_position(ball_tag)
6     message =
7         self.formatter.format_player_position(self.time_stamp,
8             0, position.x, position.y)
9     self.multicast_sender.send(message)

```

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**Listing 3.1:** Updating ball position

## Client

Like the host, the client joins the multicast group on the specified IP. While the host continuously sends positional data, the client's job is to receive and react to the data that is being sent to the multicast group. This is done by creating an asynchronous callback, which ensures that the data receiver is called whenever data is being transmitted, which is seen on the first three lines of Listing 3.2. Once the `Receive` function is called, it saves the received bytes to an array and starts listening for new data before it starts working with the data. This was done to ensure that new packets would not be blocked if it takes too long to handle the data. In the current version, the receiver will simply log the data to the Unity console, but in future versions, it will be able to call the appropriate functions based on the type of data it has received.

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```

1 public void StartListening()
2 {
3     uClient.BeginReceive(new AsyncCallback(Receive), null);
4 }
5
6 public void Receive(IAsyncResult res)
7 {
8     // Represents a network endpoint as IP address and port
9     number.

```

```

9      IPPEndPoint RemoteIpEndPoint = new
10     IPPEndPoint(IPAddress.Any, portNumber);
11
12     // Receives the message as an array of bytes, then ends
13     // communication with the remote endpoint.
14     Byte[] receiveBytes = uClient.EndReceive(res, ref
15       RemoteIpEndPoint);
16
17     // Restarts communication again to receive a new datagram.
18     uClient.BeginReceive(new AsyncCallback(Receive), null);
19
20     // The bytes that were received are converted to a string,
21     // which is written to the unity debug log.
22     string returnData =
23       System.Text.Encoding.ASCII.GetString(receiveBytes);
24     datagramMessage = returnData;
25     datagramSender = "Address: " +
26       RemoteIpEndPoint.Address.ToString() + ", port: " +
27       RemoteIpEndPoint.Port.ToString();
28   }

```

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Listing 3.2: Receiving data from host

## 3.5 Sprint 2 conclusion

This section concludes the preceding chapter on sprint 2. It will conclude what knowledge was gained based on the sections of the chapter, and discuss a retrospective of the sprint as a whole, and what changes were made to the progress for upcoming sprints.

### 3.5.1 Current product

To give an overview of the progression of the project this section will provide an overview of what has been created during the sprint. This overview will be split into two categories, to reflect the structure of the project: Networking and game.

#### Networking

The network aspect has been a big focus this sprint and has led to a better understanding of how the data should flow through the system (section 3.2), and how the knowledge from sprint 1 about networking can be used to automatically find on-going games on the local network (section 3.3).

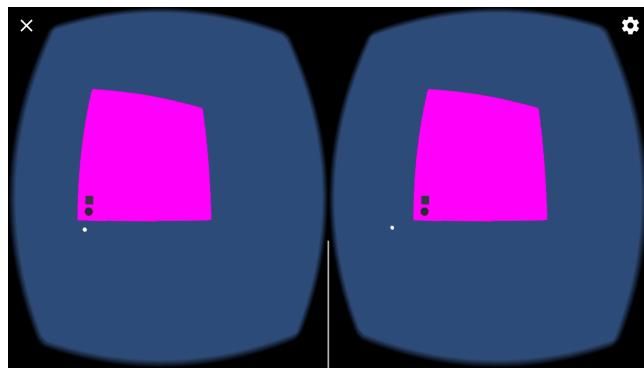
From an implementation perspective, this sprint has introduced an initial version of the UDP host which is capable of transmitting Pozyx location data from the host computer to the game clients. For the host, an initial console-based setup has been created, where the user can input the number of players, the location of the

anchors as well as specify which tags are used in the game. Additionally, the host can automatically re-order the list of entered anchors to ensure that they are sent to the clients in a clockwise manner, such that Unity can create a playing field mesh based on the coordinates.

## Game

For the game aspect of the project, the most crucial parts have been implemented this sprint:

First of all, the game has been set up to support VR glasses by splitting the game view into two halves, one for each eye, as seen on Figure 3.4.



**Figure 3.4:** The first implementation of VR

The game supports moving the players upon receiving new information from the host, but the connection between the two was not coupled together in this sprint. Finally, an algorithm was implemented to generate the goal zones and ensure that they are placed fairly on the playing field.

### 3.5.2 Retrospective on the process

The process required some unexpected pivots in the second sprint due to the coronavirus, which lead to the university being locked down for a period.

The daily group work was moved from the physical group room to a virtual setting facilitated by Discord. One of the major differences was that it was previously possible to sit down and do the pair reviews in the morning, which meant that reviews could be completed quickly and easily. While we tried to still get the pair reviews done first thing in the morning, there was a noticeable delay before the new features were reviewed and merged. Another minor change was how we assigned points (cost, reward, priority) to tasks. This worked out fine online, as people could simultaneously post their chosen number in a chat, as opposed to showing a number of fingers while sitting around a table.

Since most of the project work is managed on Jira and completed by individual

group members, there was not a noticeable change in the amount of work getting done. A side effect of working with only voice chat was occasional difficulty in reaching the other members when their help was needed since they might be temporarily away from the computer, or too distracted or focused to be paying attention to the voice chat. This also resulted in some information not getting spread to the entire group, as not everyone may have been listening while a discussion was happening, which led to minor confusion in further discussions on the subject.

Like at the end of sprint 1 (section 2.8), a retrospective was conducted by the anchor to reflect upon how the process was working out. In addition to discussing the progress of the project, the following points were brought up:

### **How does the process with Jira work?**

Currently, it seems like the challenger is the only person adding suggestions to the backlog, after some discussion it turned out that multiple members thought that this was intentional, and did not know that they were also supposed to contribute with their suggestions for the project. This has been clarified, and all members are now aware that they are fully encouraged to add suggestions to the Jira when they come up with ideas for the project.

### **Should we use pair programming more?**

Right now, the only work done in pairs is the pair reviews. It was decided that utilizing pair programming for larger programming tasks would be beneficial to decrease the amount of time spent on it and allow for more perspectives on implementation. Whether or not a task should be done with pair programming will be decided as a part of the task discussions that take place after the daily standups if there are new tasks in the suggested column.

### **How do we give better estimates about when a task is done in daily standups?**

Generally, the biggest reason that it is difficult to estimate how much remains of a given task, is that the definitions of done are not precise enough. To combat this, it was decided to remove the prioritization of tasks where we would assign a reward, cost, and priority. Instead, the discussion will be about what a good and specific DoD is for the given task to ensure that everyone is on the same page. The hope with this approach is that discussing the DoD will give new perspectives to a given task, and shift the focus from how long it will take to complete the task to exactly what needs to be done. A possible by-product of this shift of focus is that the in-depth discussion will result in discovering new tasks that need to be completed.

### **How do we feel about daily standups?**

Everyone is generally pleased with the daily standups, but there is a tendency to focus more on what has already been done rather than what is currently being worked on. To prevent this, a new format for the meetings has been proposed:

- What have I been doing? (short)
- What am I working on now?
- When will my task be completed?
- What is my current challenge?
- Do I need help or reviewers?

After each member has presented these four points, we will go through the new tasks in the suggested column and define a DoD for them. Finally, we went through all tasks that had been completed in the sprint to ensure that everything that had been implemented was also documented in the report, to ensure that the knowledge is shared between all members of the group.



# Chapter 4

## Sprint 3

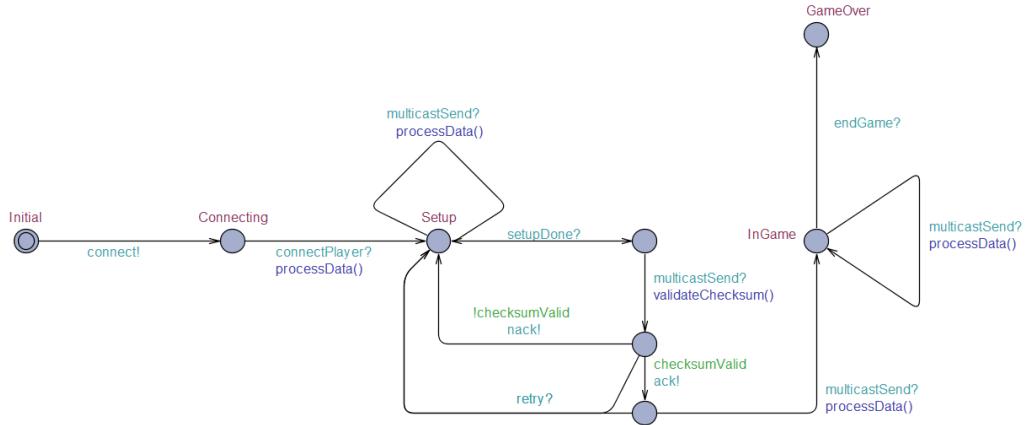
### 4.1 Sprint goal and introduction

The main goal for sprint 3 in terms of implementation is to achieve a minimum viable product (MVP), as described in section 1.3. To do this, the game should be able to receive positional data from the Pozyx system. This data should then be formatted and used to update the positions of the players. On top of this, the host should be able to calculate when a player has entered the opposition's goal with the ball, and notify the players that a goal was scored. Finally, a win condition should be implemented such that a game can end, such as one team reaching three goals scored.

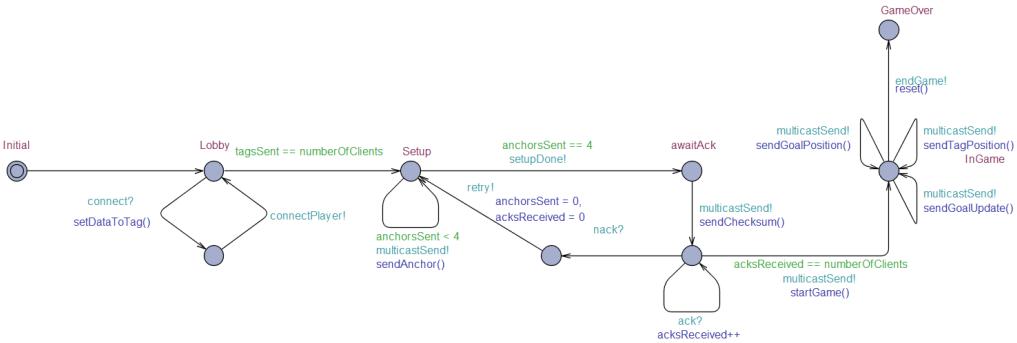
### 4.2 UPPAAL modelling

To illustrate how the UDP protocol should work in detail a UPPAAL model was constructed consisting of two templates: The host and an arbitrary amount of clients. If you are not familiar with UPPAAL, please refer to C as a quick start guide on how to read the models.

This first iteration of the model is not intended for heavy model checking, but rather to take a higher-level look at how the protocol is intended to work. The two templates can be seen on Figures 4.1 and 4.2.



**Figure 4.1:** First iteration of the UPPAAL client template.



**Figure 4.2:** First iteration of the UPPAAL host template.

#### 4.2.1 Walkthrough of the model

The model for the client is fairly straight forward, it starts in an **initial** location which indicates that the client is not yet trying to connect to the host. The connection happens on the edge from the initial location to the **connecting** location. In the model, this is represented with the client utilizing the channel `connect`, and waiting for the host to synchronize by listening to the same channel. When the synchronization happens, the host will execute the `setDataToTag()` function, which updates the data it is transmitting, and uses the channel `connectPlayer!` to inform the client that connection is now ready. The client will call a function `processData()` to read the content of the buffer and react accordingly. These steps will happen until the amount of `tagsSent` is equal to the number of clients specified in the configuration.

## Setup

The next location for both the host and client is **Setup**, which is the point where the host will transmit the anchor positions and ensure that all clients have consistent data. The host will attempt to send the anchors one at a time with the `sendAnchor()` function until it has sent all 4 anchors to the clients. Unlike the `connect` and `connectPlayer` channels, this happens on a broadcast channel, which allows multiple clients to receive the data at once to simulate the use of multicasting. Since there is a chance that not all clients have received the four anchor coordinates correctly, the host will broadcast a checksum and have the clients either acknowledge or negative-acknowledge that the checksum is equal to the checksum of the data they have received. In case any client returns a negative-acknowledge (using the channel `nack`), all clients will go back to the setup and receive the anchor coordinates again until all clients send acknowledgments.

## InGame

Finally, both the client and host will go to the **InGame** location to imply that the game is now happening. To simulate asynchronous tasks, the host will continuously take a non-deterministic choice between sending a goal position, a tag position, a goal update, or ending the game. Meanwhile, the client only has two choices: Process data received on the multicast or wait for the game to end.

## Code aspect

Behind the model, there are a series of variables and functions to make it all work. In the global declarations the number of clients is specified, as well as an integer array called `data`, which is used as a buffer to transmit data between the host and clients, to simulate the internet connection in the real implementation. The array has space for 5 elements to conform to the data format specified in subsection 2.6.7, such that the first element in the array will always be the type, which allows the client to act based on that when `processData()` is called. The concrete implementation of `processData()` can be seen on Listing 4.1. For this iteration of the UPPAAL model, updating player and goal positions are not implemented, since it did not seem like a significant detail to the model.

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```

1 void processData(){
2     int type = data[0];
3     if(type == 0){
4         int anchorId = data[1];
5         anchorsX[anchorId] = data[2];
6         anchorsY[anchorId] = data[3];
7         anchorsReceived++;
8     } else if(type == 1){
9         // Player position

```

```

10 } else if(type == 2){
11     // Goal position
12 } else if(type == 3){
13     // Score update
14 } else if(type == 4){
15     // Tag received
16     tag = data[1];
17     playerId = data[2];
18 } else if(type == 5){
19     // Setup checksum
20 } else if(type == 6){
21     // Start game
22 }
23 }
```

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**Listing 4.1:** Processing Data in UPPAAL model

Likewise, when the host has to send data, it will update the first element of the buffer and fill in the relevant data in the other elements.

### Checksum

A checksum will be calculated on the client for checking whether or not the client has the correct setup information, and based on the checksum that the host broadcasts, the players will return either an acknowledge or negative-acknowledge.

This checksum is simply calculated as the sum of all four anchor coordinates, as seen in Listing 4.2.

```

void sendChecksum(){
    int checksum = 0;
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < 4; i++){
        checksum += anchorsX[i];
        checksum += anchorsY[i];
    }
    data[0] = 5;
    data[1] = checksum;
}
```

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**Listing 4.2:** Calculating checksum in UPPAAL model

#### 4.2.2 Updates to the network protocol

A good side-effect of generating the UPPAAL model was that it required some reflection upon the network data format specified in subsection 2.6.7. This resulted in

some minor refactoring of the format.

First of all, the format for sending a field anchor position had a timestamp as a part of the packet. Since the anchors will only be sent once, it does not make sense to timestamp it so this has been removed. The updated version of the data format can be found in B.

Additionally, three new packets, seen in Table 4.1, Table 4.2, Table 4.3, have been specified: Sending a player tag, sending an acknowledgment, or sending the signal to start the game.

PLAYER_ID (p) (1-4)	TAG_ID (i) (0-65.535)	TYPE (t)
8 bit	16 bit	8 bit

**Table 4.1:** Format sending player tag.

ACK (a) (0-1)
8 bit

**Table 4.2:** Acknowledge or negative-acknowledge.

TYPE (t) 6
8 bit

**Table 4.3:** Game start.

The reason that Table 4.2 does not have a type is that it is the only packet that will be sent from the client to the host, so it will only need to contain a signal for the host to know whether the checksum is correct or not.

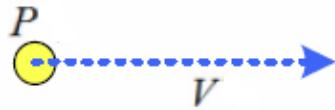
### 4.3 Dead reckoning

The accuracy of the representation of the players as well as the ball is important for the game to function well. Since these positions are sent over the network, they might not always be the most recent positions, since there could be delays or packets could be lost.

Dead reckoning is a technique that is used to predict where a game object is at a given time based on its last known position, velocity, and acceleration. It is often used for networking games where packets about the object's kinematic state are continuously being sent from the server to the clients. The kinematic state of an object includes its position, velocity, acceleration, orientation, and angular velocity [20]. If

the client misses a packet or they are not being sent often enough to have a new update for each frame, the representation of the object will jerk across the screen instead of having smooth and consistent movement. That is where dead reckoning can be used to predict an object's movement to make it appear more believable. For the game we are building, it is important that each player's and the ball's positions are very accurate for the game to function properly.

It is not possible to have a new update for each frame, zero packet losses, or zero latency. Therefore dead reckoning is needed to achieve a believable representation of the ball and the players' movement [20].

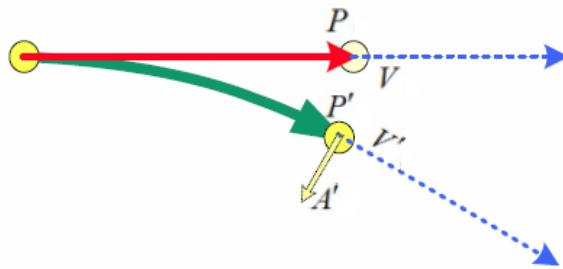


**Figure 4.3:** Linear player movement.

Figure 4.3 shows an example of a player's movement in the game. This movement proceeds from an initial position  $P$  along a vector  $V$ . In this example, dead reckoning would be a linear problem where the position, velocity, and acceleration can be used to predict where the player will move to in the future. The dead reckoned position for a specific time  $Q_t$  in this example can be calculated by:

$$Q_t = P + VT + \frac{1}{2}AT^2$$

where  $P$  is the position,  $V$  is the velocity,  $A$  is the acceleration and  $T$  is the time [20].



**Figure 4.4:** A new update about the player's state is received from the server.

In Figure 4.4 a new update about the player's kinematic state is received. Initially, the player position was calculated through dead reckoning based on  $P$  and  $V$  as

following the red arrow. However, the new update shows a right turn, along the green arrow, denoted by  $P'$ ,  $V'$ , and an acceleration in the direction of the turn,  $A'$ . This results in conflicting realities when compared to the dead reckoned position calculated from the previous example. In the new update, the player has turned right and a new dead reckoned position must be found, but this time it becomes a lot trickier since a believable curve must be created from where the player was thought to be and where the player is estimated to be based on the new information. Representing the new position  $P'$  immediately would result in the player warping across the screen which would not be ideal. Instead, the player is represented at  $P$  where the player was thought to be, and the player should then move towards a new dead reckoned position, calculated with the information from the new update [20].

#### 4.3.1 Projective Velocity Blending

Calculating the curve that the player's movement needs to follow requires a good algorithm that is not too CPU intensive. The algorithm must work well for a segment of a curve that passes through two points, those being the player's current position  $P$  and the estimated future location  $P'$ . The recommended approach for this problem is projective velocity blending [20].

Projections are created for the current kinematic state and the last known kinematic state and then these are blended together.

$$P_t = P + VT_t + \frac{1}{2}A'T_t^2$$

(Projecting from last dead reckoned position)

$$P'_t = P' + V'T_t + \frac{1}{2}A'T_t^2$$

(Projecting from last known)

$$Q_t = P_t + (P'_t - P_t)\hat{T}$$

(Combination of the two)

Here,  $T_t$  is how much time has elapsed since  $T_0$  which is the time at the last known position, which would be the beginning of the curve.  $T_1$  is the time when the player reaches the end of the curve.  $\hat{T}$  is a normalized time value where  $0.0 \leq \hat{T} \leq 1.0$  and should represent how far along the curve the player is.

From these calculations we get the dead reckoned location  $Q_t$  at the specified time. The reason that  $A$  is used in both projections is that it will converge to the player's true path much faster and it reduces oscillation, compared to when using  $A$  when

calculating  $P_t$ . However, these calculations will still give inadequate results since the player's movement will have bad oscillations. These are caused by the changes in velocity,  $V$  and  $V'$ , when new updates are received from the server. To account for this, a linear interpolation between the old velocity and the last known velocity is computed, which creates a blended velocity  $V_b$ . This velocity is used in the projection from where the player was when a new update is received. This is what is known as *projective velocity blending* [20].

$$V_b = V + (V' - V)\hat{T}$$

(Velocity blending)

$$P_t = P + V_b T_t + \frac{1}{2} A' T_t^2$$

(Projecting from last dead reckoned position)

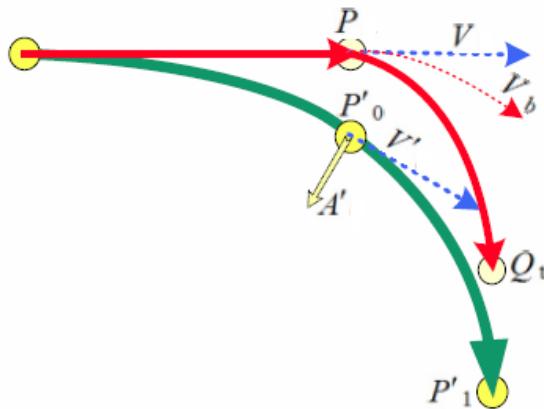
$$P'_t = P' + V' T_t + \frac{1}{2} A' T_t^2$$

(Projecting from last known position)

$$Q_t = P_t + (P'_t - P_t)\hat{T}$$

(Combination of the two)

This should reduce the oscillations in the player's movement significantly.



**Figure 4.5:** Shows the the curve for the dead reckoned position  $Q_t$  when making use of projective velocity blending.

Figure 4.5 shows the red curve that the player should follow to reach the dead reckoned position  $Q_t$ .  $P$  is where the player is currently represented.  $P'_0$  is a recent position received from the server, and  $P'_1$  is the most recent position received from the server. This illustrates how the dead reckoned position  $Q_t$  converges on the actual positions, shown through two different updates of the position. The green curve is the one that the player actually follows, while red is the dead reckoned curve.

This technique would be ideal to implement in the game if we find that the representation of the players' movement is inconsistent and in need of improvement.

## 4.4 Goal generation

The first implementation of goal generation was done entirely in Unity. This meant that the goal generation and detection were handled on the client-side. The idea was to limit the amount of data that needed to be sent across the network. It was then decided that new goal zones should be generated in random locations after a goal had been scored, and by generating it on the client-side it could cause the game state to be different between different players. Issues could be caused by players not receiving all the necessary ball positions to observe a goal or by generating goal zones in different places. One way to solve this was by giving all clients the same seed at the start of the match to generate random positions so that the goal zones would be in the same positions across all clients. The concern about this solution was that the goal detection could still have issues if some of the positional data for the ball would not arrive at the same time or at all. In the end, it was decided to move all the goal zone generation and goal detection to the server-side and utilizing TCP so that the data would be consistent across all clients.

### 4.4.1 Server-side

On the server-side, the size of the goal is calculated based on a percentage of the shortest edge of the playing field. This size is used to calculate where the center points of the goal zones can be placed as the corners of the goal zones should not exceed the playing field edges. The goal zone will always be a square where all edge lengths are of equal length and the playing field should always closely resemble a rectangle. The first goal zones are always set at a certain point on the playing field, after which the goal zone positions are randomly generated. The randomly generated goal zones will always mirror each other and will not spawn too close to the middle of the playing field. The goal zones will also never change sides so if a goal zone is initially generated on the left of the center of the playing field it will stay on that side for the duration of the game. Whenever a goal is scored, new center points are generated for both goal zones and then sent from the server to all connected clients.

#### 4.4.2 Client-side

On the client-side, the new center points are received along with the goal size. Based on this data, the corners of the goal zones can be calculated. The corners are calculated in the clockwise order. This is done to make it easier to apply the mesh which is the visual component in Unity that renders the goal zone so that the players can actually see it. The mesh can only be rendered in triangles and the mesh is only visible from one direction, meaning if you see the mesh from the back it will be invisible. Because of this, each goal zone has to be split up in two triangles that together create a square, and the corners of the triangles need to be in the correct order or the goal zone can not be seen from the players' perspective.

### 4.5 Using mock data for testing

Throughout the development of the game, the ability to continuously test new changes was needed. Because of the lockdown, it became difficult to do testing with the Pozyx hardware and therefore another solution was required. The solution was to create some mock data that could be used to get the field, the players, and the ball to be rendered on the screen. The mock data is stored on the host side and then sent to the clients to test the formatting of messages and the overall flow of the game. When using mock data, a small function was created to get a new random position for each of the players and the ball to allow for simulation of movement. The function returned the the players' or ball's current position plus a step of random size in a random direction. By doing this it was possible to check if data received from the host was correct and, for example, test that the goal score was incremented when a goal was scored as well as new goal zones being created and sent. The use of mock data allowed the group to continue development without having access to the Pozyx hardware, while still being able to test the new implementations of tasks which proved to be very beneficial.

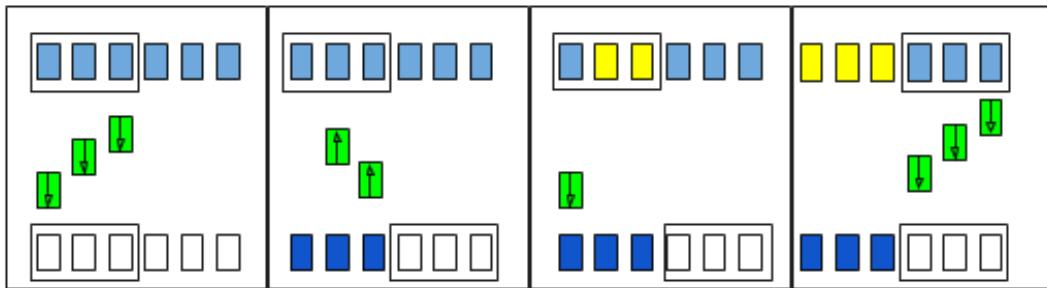
### 4.6 Sliding window protocol

In subsection 2.6.7 it was decided that the format of timestamps would be an integer from 0-255, where 0 to 20 would be considered as newer timestamps than 235 to 255. However, if all the timestamps from 0 to 20 were lost, there would not be any updates until it has iterated through all other timestamps and back to 0. To find a better solution to this problem the sliding window protocol was researched.

Sliding window protocols are often used where reliable data is required, which means making sure that all data points are received. This protocol uses window sized buffer space, where the window is a fixed number and the sender will send this number of the packets or bytes to the receiver [17]. Whenever the sender has sent the same number of packets or bytes as the size of the window, it waits for acknowledgements

that the receiver has received the packets or bytes before sending additional ones. Each packet or byte gets a sequence number and the acknowledgement that is sent back also contains the sequence number. By doing this the receiver can keep track of the packets, remove duplicates, identify missing packets and know which order is the correct one.

On Figure 4.6 there is an illustration of a sliding window, where the window size is three. In the first frame, three packets are sent to the receiver, in the second frame the receiver has acknowledged all three packets, but the first acknowledgement fails. The sliding window for the receiver has moved its window, but as the sender only has received acknowledgements from the second and third packet, it is unable to move its window and instead sends the first packet again in the third frame. In the fourth frame the first packet has been acknowledged, and therefore the sliding window is moved for the sender and the sender is now able to send new packets.



**Figure 4.6:** Sliding window protocol illustration where the top is the sender and the bottom is the receiver.

Reliable data in the format of goal zones and goal score is important for this project, however the reliability of player positions are not important. The reasoning for this is explained in subsubsection 2.6.4. With the **Sliding Window** protocol a player position would be retransmitted if it previously failed, and this position would now be outdated because the player might have moved since then. This means that a sliding window protocol could be used for the game critical aspects transmitted over a UDP connection, such as the format of goal zones and goal scores.

## 4.7 Sprint 3 conclusion

This section concludes the preceding chapter on sprint 3. It will recapitulate the knowledge that was obtained based on the sections of the chapter, and discuss the retrospective meeting that was held at the end of the sprint.

### 4.7.1 Current product

To give an overview of the progression of the project this section will provide an overview of what has been created during the sprint. This overview will be split into two categories to reflect the structure of the project: Networking and game.

#### Networking

The major focus of the network part of this sprint was to generate an initial UPPAAL model to visualize the flow of data. This initial model is based on the assumption that packets are not lost and timeouts will not happen for simplicity. Creation of this model lead to some revision to the network protocol as described in subsection 4.2.2. In addition to the UPPAAL model, the ideas behind dead reckoning were examined in relation to this project. The technique was deemed relevant to implement if the representation of the players' movement is inconsistent, which will be delved further into when the game is connected with the actual Pozyx location data.

#### Game

The biggest change regarding the game this sprint was the addition of goal zones. The goal zones were previously generated on the client, but to ensure a consistent game state across all clients, this has been moved to the host and will be transmitted over the network instead. This meant that the major focus for the game in this sprint was refactoring how goals were displayed, as described in section 4.4.



**Figure 4.7:** The current game status with goals and textures. This is a work in progress photo taken in Unity. The green rectangle is the playing field, and the smaller squares on either side are the goal fields. The birds and rhinos represent players, and the ball represents the ball being used for play.

Additionally, some temporary textures have been added to the game to get rid of the pink playing field and square players. These new textures can be seen on Figure 4.7.

#### 4.7.2 Retrospective on the process

The ideal outcome of this sprint was an MVP of the product, but unfortunately, this was not achieved due to various problems. First of all, there was a series of problems with merge conflicts in auto-generated files in Unity, which lead to the agreement that only one pair of group members should work on Unity at a time to avoid unsolvable merge conflicts. This lead to a major delay in the Unity development.

Additionally, due to the COVID-19 lockdown, we did not have an opportunity to test the system properly with external users to get their feedback on the current product, as well as what to focus on for the last two sprints. In addition to discussing the progress of the process, the following points were brought up:

##### **How does the process with Jira work?**

The process has generally been improved since the last retrospective, not having to spend time assigning priority points to every task is nice. The challenger expressed that he would appreciate if more people contributed to the backlog suggestions since it can be difficult to continuously come up with new tasks.

##### **How has pair programming been working?**

Implementing the pair programming practice has been good for productivity. However, it has been hard to coordinate at times, since it requires two people to be free at the same time for a pair programming task to properly start. In the future, a single person should start with the development, and when someone is available to join at a later point they can do so.

##### **How is the daily stand-up working?**

While the new format proposed in the last sprint's retrospective was effective for a few days, it was quickly forgotten. To keep the stand-ups effective, the anchor should be better at enforcing the format to make sure that everyone knows who needs help, and what people are currently doing.

##### **How are the reviews going?**

The pair review format for code reviews does not seem to be working too well since it is usually procrastinated until the next morning because one of the two reviewers is busy with something else.

The single-person reviews are also lacking at the moment, where people forget to check what they are assigned to. It is suggested that people regularly go to the front page of GitHub and check the "Recent Activity" which shows the pull requests you are assigned to. It is also suggested that it is possible to ask people to review your code or text right away if it is important that it gets merged. This is mostly if the task is blocking other tasks and thus is of great importance.

### Closing comments

Finally, we went through all the tasks that had been completed in the sprint to make sure that everything that was deemed important was described in the report. It worked well since it helped create an overview of the status of the project and figure out what to do next.

# Chapter 5

## Sprint 4

### 5.1 Sprint goal and introduction

As a fully functional MVP was not achieved for sprint 3, the main goal for sprint 4 in terms of implementation is to finish such an MVP. The main lacking feature from the sprint 3 iteration is a lack of functionality to move the player as Pozyx data is received, as well as scoring goals and winning the game. These functionalities form the basis of the sprint 4 implementation goals. Another goal for sprint 4 is to perform an initial test of the system in a real setting, in order to discover potential issues that can be revised in the final sprint.

### 5.2 Updating the networking protocol

During implementation of the networking protocol outlined in section 4.2, problems related to the implementation of acknowledgements in the UDP based connection for game critical data were encountered. Section 4.2 defines the way the protocol was envisioned to work based on the choice made in section 2.6, where UDP sockets were selected as the type to be used for this project.

With the inherent unreliability of UDP due to the lack of reliable packet delivery, and the importance of certain data being transmitted to players, it would be necessary to implement an acknowledgment from clients that they had received crucial data relating to the setup of the game, as defined in section 4.2. During the implementation of this, issues were encountered when sending the acknowledgment packet from the client to the host.

As the sockets should make use of multicasting, as defined in subsubsection 2.6.5, our theory was that the clients should just be able to send packets to the same multicast group, and have the host receive that packet, with a type that specified that the packet was an acknowledgment that could be either positive or negative, structured in the same way as described in subsection 2.6.7. However, the host had issues receiving the packets, where the packet would be sent to the multicast IP, but never

received by the host.

This prompted a discussion regarding how to remedy this issue, as a new approach seemed necessary. Three main alternatives were considered:

- Split the networking into two distinct phases - setup and in-game data
- Expand the packets being sent to include the crucial data on all packets sent
- Introduce a TCP element to make use of its reliability for game critical data

### **Splitting networking into two distinct phases**

This approach aims to create a clear delineation between the crucial data that requires acknowledgment from clients and the data for which acknowledgments are unnecessary. This was roughly the original approach, as shown on Figure 4.2, which illustrates how the host would wait in a setup state until acknowledgments had been received from all clients, and then the game would start.

This presents issues in terms of the multicast grouping, in which the host was unable to read packets sent through the group. This could be remedied by having a separate multicast group in which clients could send acknowledgments. While the host was sending out the information, a client could check if it had received the correct information, and if not, send out a negative acknowledgment for a while before timing out, to attempt to receive the information again.

Eventually all the clients would be sending positive acknowledgments.

However, a limitation exists with this approach: when scoring a goal, it is crucial that the goalzones are moved. This change of goal position would take place during the in-game phase, and receiving the information about the location of the new goal zone is crucial, such that all players know where to score. As such, the phase split loses some of its purpose, as an acknowledgment would need to be sent from clients during the playing phase.

### **Expanding packets**

In addition to the data defined in B, crucial data could be appended to all packets sent during play. This would mean that whenever any packet was received, it would include the required information, and no acknowledgment would be necessary as the clients normally will receive some packets if they are continuously sent. This would have the detriment of increasing the size of each individual packet. While the packets are currently not large enough to where this is likely to cause a problem, creating minimal packets is still a worthwhile goal in order to increase the speed of transmission and decoding.

## Introducing TCP

On top of the currently described UDP approach to sending packets to ensure recent data is used for positioning while the game is played, a TCP socket connection between the host and clients could be implemented. As described in section 2.6, TCP includes reliability. This reliability ensures that every packet sent will be received by the client, through built-in acknowledgments and retransmissions. This would remove the need for clients sending UDP acknowledgments for game crucial data, and also make the implementation of a sliding window as described in section 4.6 for UDP unnecessary. Because of the reliability, and needing established connections, TCP packets could potentially be slower to transmit. This would be the case if the TCP connection had to retransmit a packet. Retransmitting a packet involves waiting for a timeout, which incurs the larger overhead in comparison to UDP. As one of the focuses for the project is creating a networking solution capable of continuously updating positional data at a rate that makes the in-game positioning feel like real-time, this is not an ideal solution for transmitting the data when the game is being played. We performed a PMI (Plus Minus Interesting) analysis, as taught in the

	Plus	Minus	Interesting
TCP	Reliable Built-in acknowledgements Two way communication	Slower than UDP More overhead because of reliability and two way communication	For critical packets that concern the state of the game TCP ensures that all players receive the update.
UDP	Faster than TCP Less overhead because it is a one way communication	Not reliable No built-in acknowledgements	Because UDP does not ensure that the clients have received the correct packets it can send updates faster than TCP.

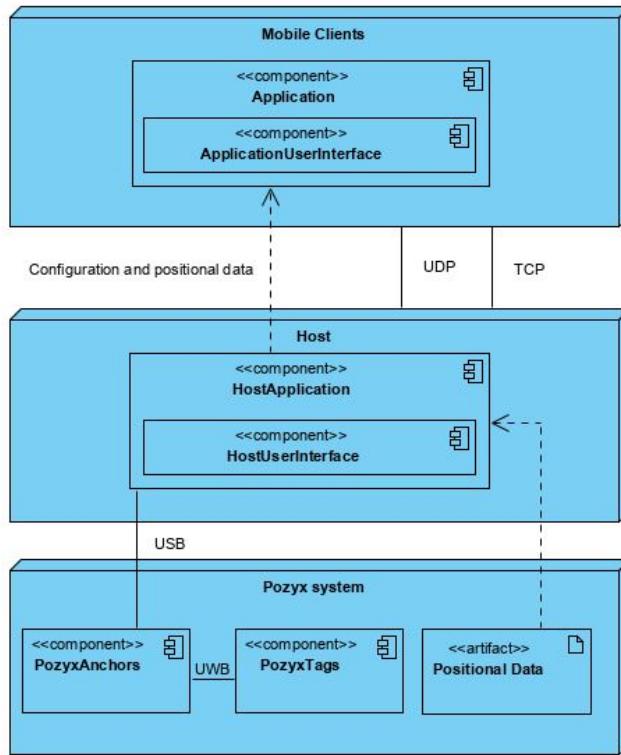
**Table 5.1:** PMI analysis of TCP and UDP

Software Innovation course, on both protocols to outline the strengths and weaknesses of TCP and UDP which can be seen in Table 5.1. As can be seen on the table, both approaches have specific use cases where they are useful, and in our case we have use cases for both TCP and UDP. As such, a combination is proposed - TCP for crucial data, and UDP for positional data. The issue described above relating to goal zones can also be remedied through a combination. Rather than send location for the new goal zones while the game was being played and waiting for an acknowledgment, this data could be sent on the TCP connection as well, to ensure it arrives.

## Final choice of updating

Based on the three alternatives to remedy the issues encountered, introducing a separate TCP connection between the hosts and the clients to handle crucial data that requires acknowledgments seems like the ideal choice. It avoids the confusion inherent in the unreliability of UDP requiring manual handling of acknowledgments, and

avoids communication back and forth while allowing fast update times for positional data through the UDP connection. Facilitating these changes would entail a slight change in the deployment diagram shown in Figure 3.1. An association would have to be added between the host and client nodes indicating the new TCP connection, which is shown on Figure 5.1. The dependency between the host and client application has also been updated to indicate that the client depends on both configuration and positional data.



**Figure 5.1:** A slightly revised deployment diagram for the system.

### 5.3 Receiving information

With the networking protocol in place, we will define how the data is received on the mobile clients.

The `in-game` scene in Unity has an `empty` object which handles receiving data from the UDP and TCP clients. Having two separate clients allows them to run concurrently, so the UDP client does not block the TCP client or vice-versa.

## UDP client

Handling the datagrams on the UDP client is simple as it can currently only receive a packet with type 0 as defined in B, which is a packet containing a position for a Pozyx tag.

The datagram is received in the format 0xYYYYXXXXIISSTT where 0x indicates hex and the rest of the identifiers are:

- Y : Y position of the tag
- X : X position of the tag
- I : Id of player
- S : Timestamp
- T : Packet type

When this datagram is received, we start by parsing the hexadecimal to a long datatype. Since one hexadecimal corresponds to four bits we can get the type of the packet, which is the last two hex values of the datagram by typecasting it to a byte as seen on line 13 in Listing 5.1.

---

```

1 private void DatagramHandler(string datagramMessage)
2 {
3     // Remove 0x from string before parsing
4     if(datagramMessage.ToLower().StartsWith("0x"))
5     {
6         datagramMessage = datagramMessage.Remove(0, 2);
7     }
8
9     long data;
10    byte type;
11    if (long.TryParse(datagramMessage,
12                      System.Globalization.NumberStyles.HexNumber,
13                      System.Globalization.CultureInfo.InvariantCulture, out
14                      data))
15    {
16        type = (byte)data;
17        switch (type)
18        {
19            case 0:
20                UpdatePlayerData(data);
21                break;
22            default:
23                Debug.LogError("This type of message is not
24                                handled on UDP");
25                break;
26        }
27    }
28 }
```

```

24     else
25     {
26         Debug.LogError("Network data could not be parsed");
27     }
28 }
```

---

**Listing 5.1:** Processing datagrams in UDP client

The next step in processing the data is calling the appropriate function as seen in the switch. In this case we will take a look at the `UpdatePlayerData`, which is seen in Listing 5.2.

```

1 private void UpdatePlayerData(long data)
2 {
3     // bit shifting the hex value and typecasting to byte to
4     // get the values.
5     byte time = (byte)(data >> 8);
6     byte id = (byte)(data >> 16);
7     ushort x = (ushort)(data >> 24);
8     ushort y = (ushort)(data >> 40);
9
10
11    if (CheckTimestamp(time))
12    {
13        if (id == 0)
14        {
15            gameStateHandler.ballPosition.x = x;
16            gameStateHandler.ballPosition.y = y;
17        }
18        else
19        {
20            // Player id starts at 1 while the playerposition
21            // array is 0 indexed. Decrementing id so that
22            // they line up.
23            id--;
24            gameStateHandler.playerPositions[id].x = x;
25            gameStateHandler.playerPositions[id].y = y;
26        }
27    }
28 }
```

---

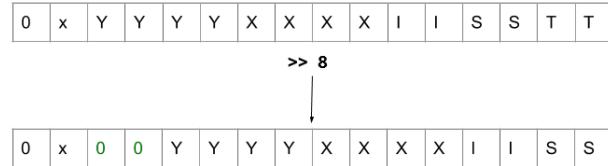
**Listing 5.2:** Updating player data in UDP client

The next step in processing the data is to read the actual content of the packet sent. This is done by utilizing the fact that all parts of the packet have a size corresponding to a type in C#. The datagram is read from right to left using the right bit shift operation. When a hexadecimal is bit shifted 4 bits to the right every decimal in the hexadecimal is moved one decimal to the right as illustrated on Figure 5.2.



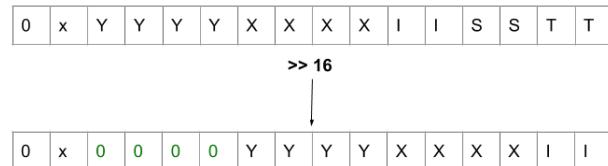
**Figure 5.2:** Right bit shifting a hexadecimal by 4 bits.

This can be utilized to read the different parts of the packet that the client received. The first part that is read from the packet is the type of the packet. In the packet the decimals representing the type are followed by two decimals representing the timestamp. Because one digit corresponds to four bits, the packet has to be right bit shifted by 8 bits to move the timestamp to the back of the hexadecimal as illustrated on Figure 5.3.



**Figure 5.3:** Bit shifting the packet to the right by 8 bits to get the timestamp to the back.

The packet can then be typecast to a `byte` to extract the timestamp from the packet. The next part that is read from the packet is the player id. Decimals representing the player id are followed by four decimals representing the x and y positions. In order to get the player id to the back of the hexadecimal the packet has to be right bit shifted by 16 bits, illustrated on Figure 5.4.



**Figure 5.4:** Bit shifting the packet to the right by 16 bits to get the player id to the back.

Because the player id is represented as two decimals it can be decoded from the packet by typecasting the packet to the `byte` datatype in C#. This is done for each part of the packet where the packet is bit shifted to the right by the combined size of the previously read parts and then typecast to a datatype that has the same size as the part of the message that is being read.

## TCP client

The principle behind the TCP client is much like the UDP client, where the type is read as a byte and then a switch statement ensures that the data is handled by the correct function. However, since TCP is sent as a stream, all packets have been prefixed with numerical values to indicate the length of each packet. This means that the client cannot simply wait for a new packet, read it and act according to the type. Instead, the client will read the first two bytes of the stream and then read the incoming amount of bytes indicated by this numerical value, allowing the program to handle packet of varying length.

## 5.4 Updating the UPPAAL model

As mentioned in section 5.2 the approach to handling the network data has changed from being purely UDP to a combination of UDP and TCP. This led to the previous UPPAAL model specified in section 4.2 being outdated, and having to be updated to fit the new requirements.

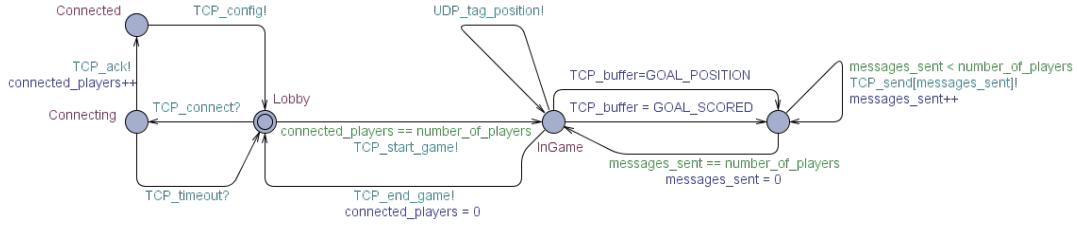
Additionally, the previous model focused mostly on the flow of the program and did not properly take the network part of the system into account. In this new model, the system will consist of four parts: The host, which is meant to represent the Python program that the game facilitator uses, an arbitrary number of clients who have connected to the game, and the UDP and TCP connection between those. We created a simple application-level model to get an overview of the system and a more extensive model that also models parts of the TCP communication between the host and the client. The application-level model will be described first in order to get a general overview of the flow of the system.

### 5.4.1 Application-level UPPAAL model

There are two templates in this model which are **Host** and **Client**.

#### Host

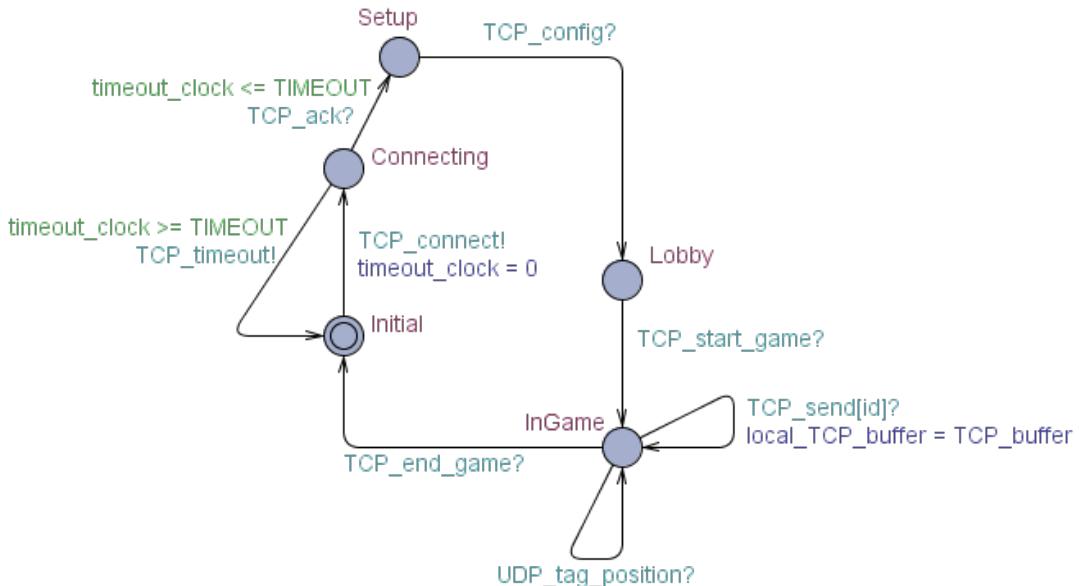
The **Host** template can be seen on Figure 5.5. The **Host** starts in the **Lobby** and waits for all clients to connect. Everytime a **Client** connects the **Host** transitions to **Connecting**. It then either acknowledges the connection or waits for the **Client** to timeout. When the connection is acknowledged it transitions to **Connected**, sends configuration data to the **Client** and transitions back to the lobby. When all clients have connected the **Host** transitions to **InGame** and signals to all of the connected clients that the game is starting through **TCP\_start\_game!**. While **InGame** the **Host** can either send tag position through UDP, send goal position and goal scored through TCP or end the game through TCP and transition back to **Lobby**.



**Figure 5.5:** The Host template of the abstracted UPPAAL model.

## Client

The Client template can be seen on Figure 5.6. The Client starts in the **Initial** location, it then tries to connect and transitions to **Connecting**. While in **Connecting** it waits for an acknowledgement from the Host. If it does not receive an acknowledgement before the timeout limit it outputs a **TCP\_timeout!** and transitions back to **Initial**. Otherwise, if the Client receives an acknowledgement from the Host, it transitions to **Setup** and waits for the Host to send configuration data. When the Client receives the configuration data it transitions to **Lobby** and then waits for the game to start. When the Host starts the game, all clients that are in **Lobby** transition to **InGame**. From there, the Client waits for the Host to send packets. It can receive either a TCP or UDP packet, which makes it transition to **InGame** again, or it can receive a packet that the game has ended which makes it transition to **Initial**.



**Figure 5.6:** The Client template of the simplified UPPAAL model.

### 5.4.2 Full UPPAAL model

The more extensive UPPAAL model will now be discussed and the templates in it will be described, starting with the system declarations of the model.

#### System declarations

---

```
system UDP_host, TCP_host, TCP_client, Host, Client;
```

---

**Listing 5.3:** System declarations

The project consists of five templates: `Host`, `Client`, `TCP_client`, `TCP_host`, `UDP_host` seen in Listing 5.3. As mentioned above, the `Host` and `Client` templates are meant to represent the interface that users interact with when using the system. In this new version of the model, the inclusion of `TCP_clients`, `TCP_hosts`, and a `UDP_host` allows us to model the behavior of the network aspect of the system.

#### Global declarations

The global declarations (seen on Listing 5.4) for the system have two purposes: Setting game and simulation specific options, such as how many clients should be instantiated, or how long the TCP client should wait for a response before declaring the connection as timed out.

To facilitate data transfer between the templates, the model makes use of global buffers. Each place in the `TCP_buffer` array corresponds to a buffer related to a `Client` or `Host` process so that (`Client(0)`) will read from index 0 of the array, (`Client(1)`) will read from index 1 and so on. The `host` variable is saved as an alias to know which space in the buffers is reserved for packets from clients to the host. Since the `UDP_buffer` is supposed to correspond to a multicast, it is simply saved as an integer instead, which will hold the information that any client listening to the multicast will receive. Finally, a series of channels are defined. The channels are used to synchronize between the different processes and will be further explained when going into details about each template.

---

```
const int number_of_clients = 4;
const int time_limit = 2;
const int host = number_of_clients;

typedef int[0, number_of_clients - 1] id_t;

// Each TCP instance has their own entry in the TCP buffer. The clients have the entry at index = their id and the host has the last index.
int TCP_buffer[number_of_clients + 1];
int UDP_buffer;
broadcast chan read_UDP_buffer;
```

```

chan tcp_sync[number_of_clients], ack_sync[number_of_clients],
ack[number_of_clients], send_message[number_of_clients],
timeout[number_of_clients];

chan TCP_send[number_of_clients], TCP_connect[number_of_clients],
TCP_connected[number_of_clients], TCP_client_connected,
read_TCP_buffer[number_of_clients];

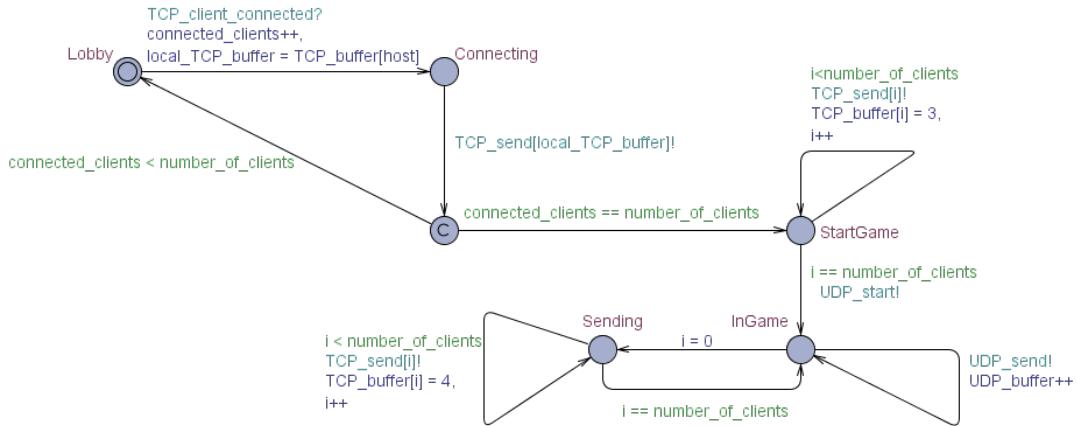
chan UDP_start, UDP_send;

```

**Listing 5.4:** Global declarations

## Host template

The **Host** has three variables that are declared in Listing 5.5 which are: `connected_clients` which it uses to keep track of how many clients have connected, `local_TCP_buffer` which is where the content of the global TCP buffer is copied into and `i` which it uses to keep track of how many packets it has sent. The template seen in Figure 5.7 can be divided into three sections. In the first section the host waits for the clients to connect through TCP. Every time a **Client** has connected the **Host** receives a `TCP_client_connected?` synchronization and `connected_client` is incremented. When all of the clients have connected the **Host** moves on to the next section. In this section the **Host** uses the `TCP_send!` synchronization to notify each **Client** that the game is starting through TCP. Finally the **Host** is `InGame` and continuously sends packets to the clients. This is done through either `TCP_send!` or `UDP_send!` which are the TCP and UDP channels respectively.

**Figure 5.7:** The Host template of the UPPAAL model.

```

int connected_clients = 0;
int local_TCP_buffer;

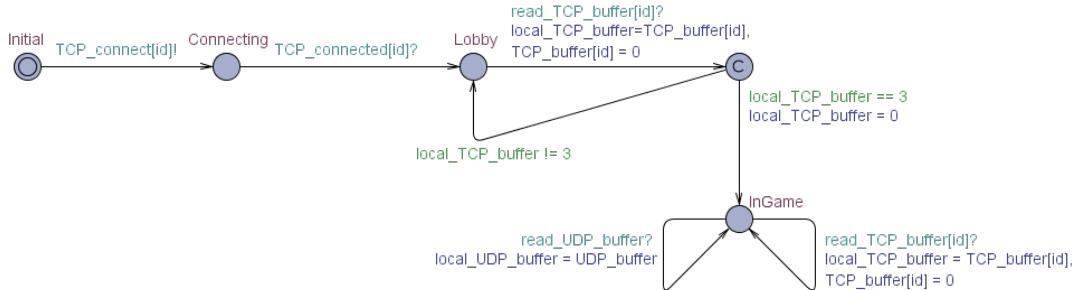
```

```
int i = 0;
```

**Listing 5.5:** local Host declarations

## Client template

Like the **Host** template, the **Client** has a local declaration for saving the data it reads from the global buffer. Since it is desirable to have a variable amount of instances, the template has an **id\_t** parameter called **id**, to allow instantiating multiple client processes. The **Client** has four named locations, as seen on Figure 5.8, which correspond to the states that the actual implementation can be in. First off, the process starts in an **Initial** location, which then uses the **TCP\_connect[id]!** to make the **TCP\_client(id)** start connecting through TCP and transition to **Connecting**. The **Client(id)** receives **TCP\_connected[id]?** synchronization when the **TCP\_client(i)** has connected and it then transitions to the **Lobby** location. Everytime it receives a **read\_TCP\_buffer[id]?** it means that the **Host** sent a packet. It then transitions to an in-between location and then either transitions back to **Lobby** or to **InGame** depending on what packet is received. The in-between location is a committed location. This is done so that the **Client(id)** has to transition from it immediately instead of waiting. Finally, there is the **InGame** location, which is where the client will be located most of the time during the simulation. This indicates that the client is now in a game, and can continuously receive information about the game state through the **read\_UPD\_buffer?** and **read\_TCP\_buffer[id]?** synchronizations.

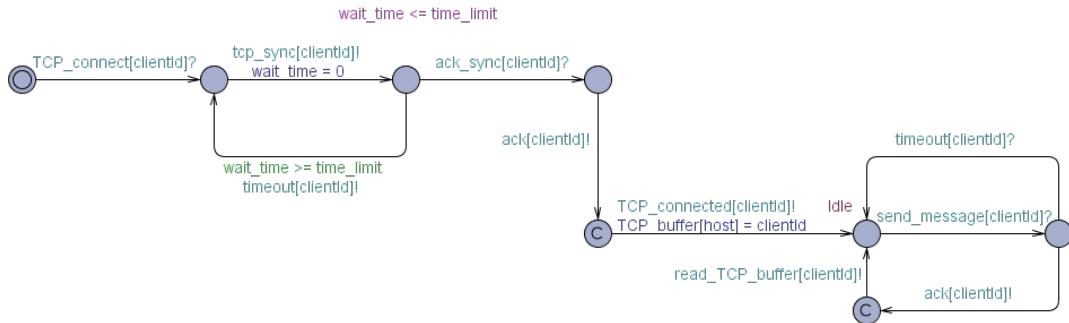


**Figure 5.8:** The Client template of the UPPAAL model.

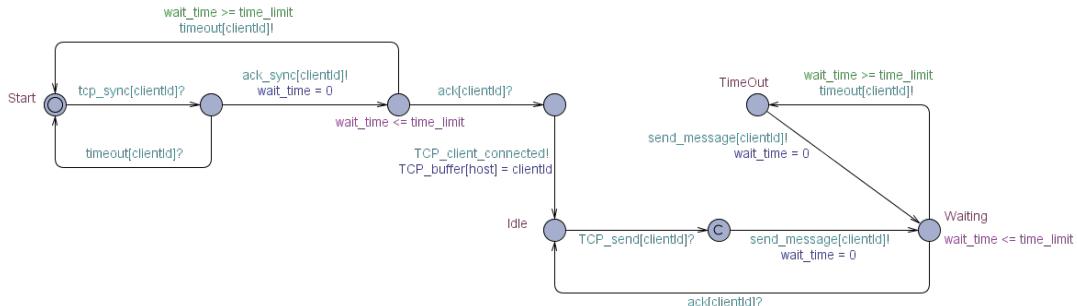
## TCP host and client templates

The **TCP\_Host** and **TCP\_Client** were designed such that there will be a single process of both respectively for each client process that exists. This was designed to model the connection that is established between the host and a client. Like in the **Client**, this happens by having a **clientId** as a parameter for when the process is instantiated. As seen on Figure 5.9 and Figure 5.10, the TCP templates will stay in a **Start** location until **TCP\_client** receives an **TCP\_connect[id]?** synchronization from

a **Client**. The **TCP\_Host** and **TCP\_Client** will then begin to initialize a 3-way handshake to ensure that both parties are ready for transferring data between them. Once the handshake has been completed, the **TCP\_Host** will send a packet to the **Host** to inform that a new player has been connected via the **TCP\_client\_connected!** synchronization, and then enter an **Idle** location to indicate that it is ready to send packets. Likewise, in the **TCP\_Client**, after the handshake is completed it will inform the **Client** that a connection has been successfully established through the **TCP\_connected[id]!** synchronization, and transition to the **Idle** location where it is ready to receive packets.



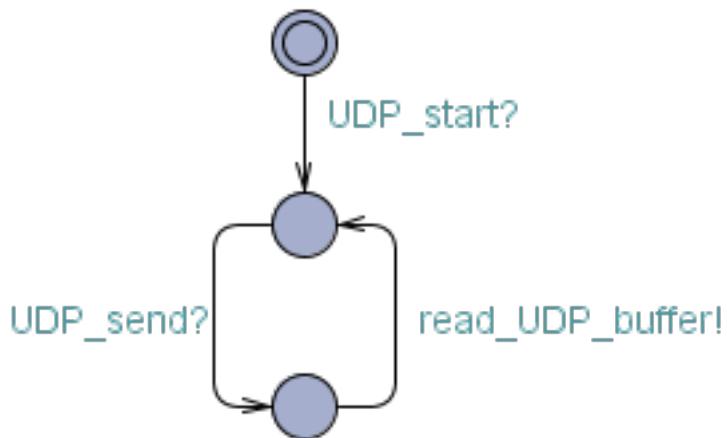
**Figure 5.9:** The **TCP\_client** template of the UPPAAL model.



**Figure 5.10:** The **TCP\_host** template of the UPPAAL model.

## UDP host templates

The final template seen in Figure 5.11 is the **UDP\_host**. It is very simple as it waits until the **Host!** communicates that the game has started through **UDP\_start?**. When the **UDP\_host** has started it waits for a **UDP\_send?** synchronization from the host and then notifies the clients through the **read\_UDP\_buffer!** synchronization that they should read the global buffer.



**Figure 5.11:** The UDP\_host template of the UPPAAL model.

### 5.4.3 Verification of the models

In UPPAAL it is also possible to perform verifications on the model to ensure that some properties hold true for the model. This is done by creating a query that the UPPAAL engine can then verify on the model. It is then possible to get a trace of that query that either proves or disproves the query. To demonstrate this a query was verified on the application-level model and the full model. The property that was verified was `E<> Host.InGame` and `forall(i:id_t) Client(i).InGame`. This query checks if there exists a trace where at some point the property holds true that the host is in the `InGame` location and all of the clients are in the `InGame` locations. The traces that we get from the verification is the shortest trace that satisfies the properties defined.

#### Verification of the application-level model

The property held true for the model an the trace that was produced can be seen on Figure 5.12. As can be seen on the trace, all of the clients go through the process of connecting without timing out. When all of the clients have connected, the `Host` starts the game through the `TCP_start_game` synchronization and the host and all of the clients transition to the `InGame` location.

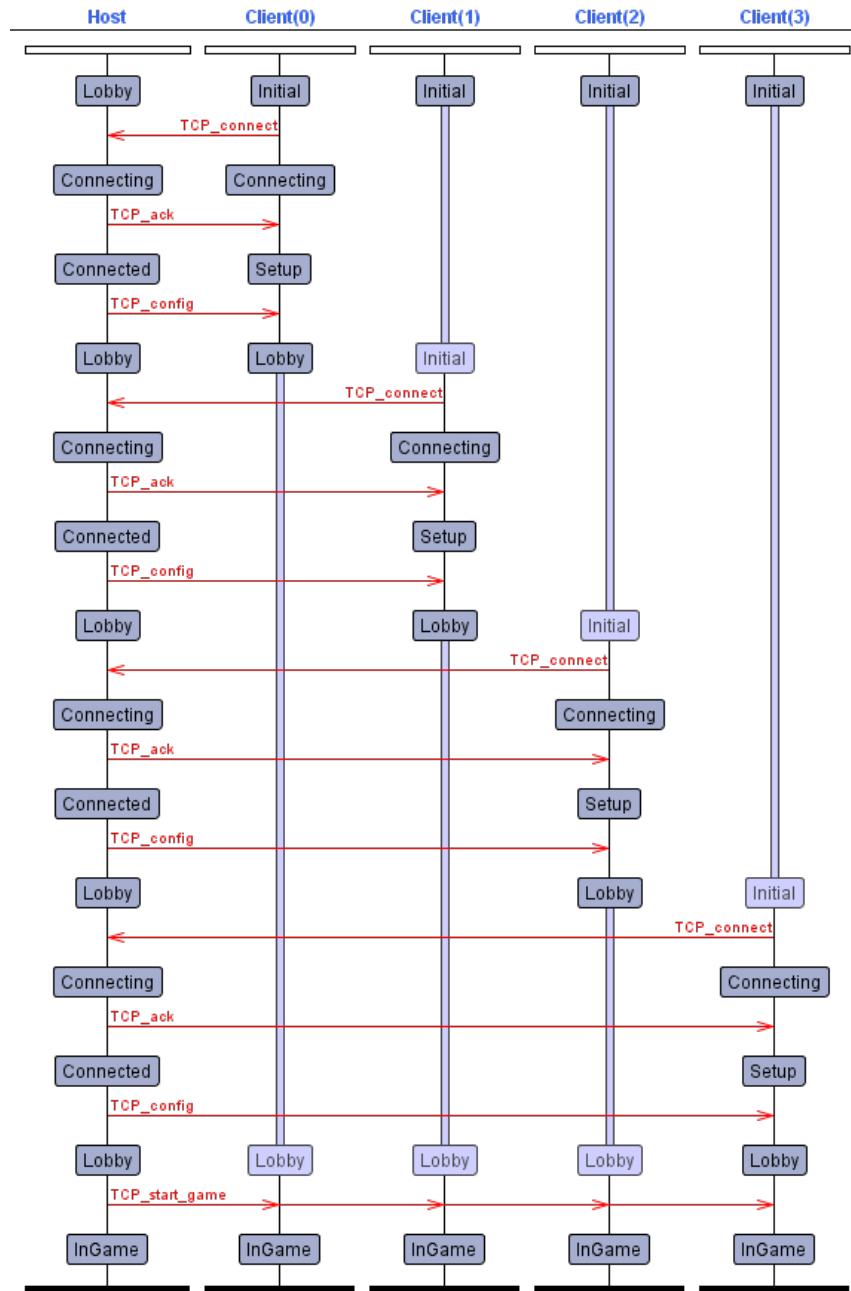
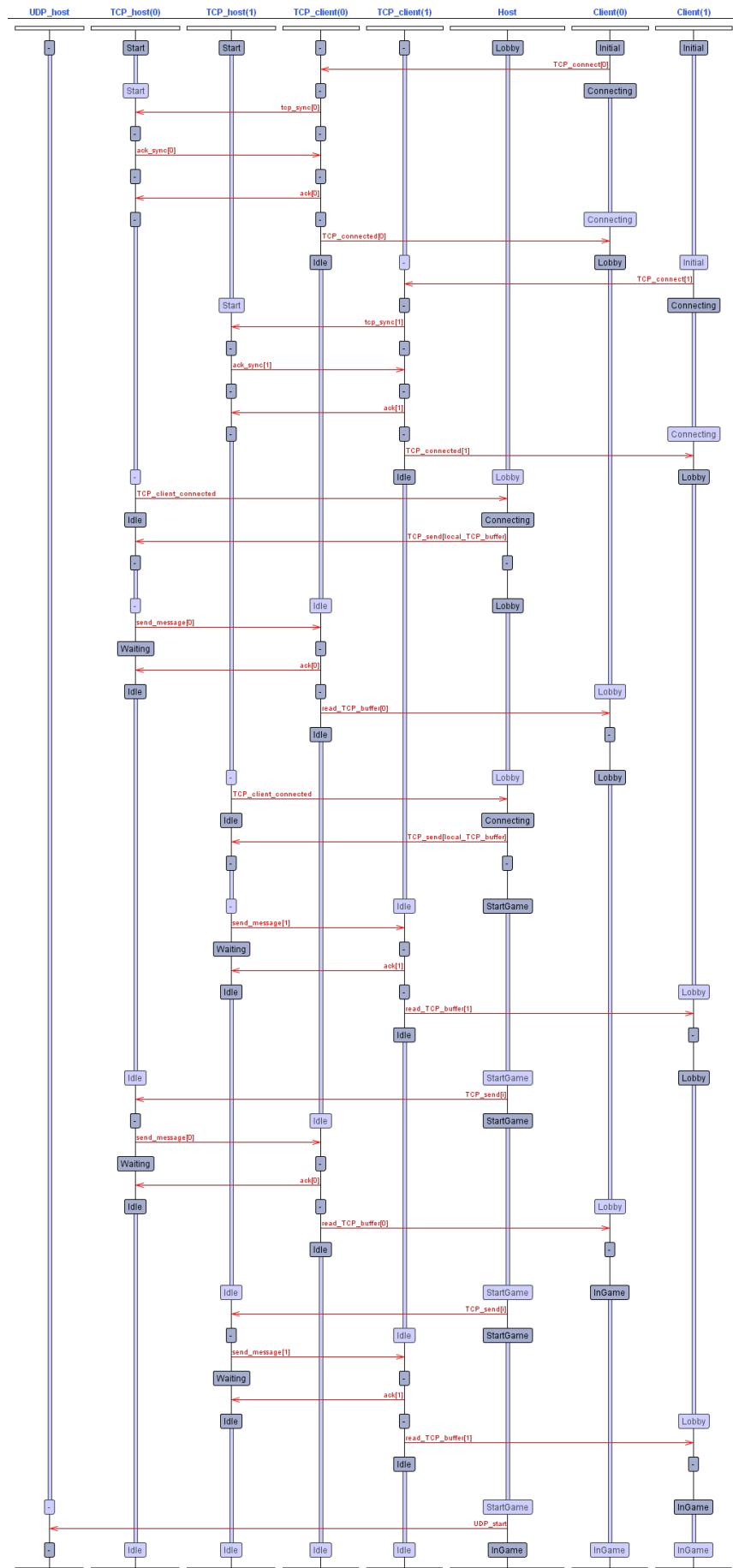


Figure 5.12: Verification trace of the application-level model.

### Verification of the Full model

The property also held true for the full model and the trace can be seen on Figure 5.13. As can be seen in the trace all of the clients connect through the three-way handshake. All of the clients successfully transition to **Lobby** without any timeouts.

When all of the clients have connected the host makes all of the clients transition to **InGame** through TCP. After all of the clients have transitioned to the **InGame** location the host also transitions to **InGame** and the game starts.



**Figure 5.13:** Verification trace of the full model.

Both of the traces end in the same state, but there is a difference in how they get there. While the application-level model has simplified communication between the host and the client the full model trace also expresses some of steps that are done in the TCP communication. It models how the three-way handshake works and how TCP messages are sent between the host and the clients to ensure that the clients and the host receive the messages sent. This allows us to verify if some TCP specific mistakes happen in the system.

#### 5.4.4 Conclusion

The models introduced in this section were mostly used to create an overview of the network protocol and the flow of the game. All the verifications done on the models were done to verify that the models were behaving as expected and not to test the actual system. It might have been useful to use the models to verify the actual implementation of the network protocol and the flow of the application, but this was deemed to not be a priority for the project. So the models were only created to function as a visual representation of the application and the network protocol and to ensure that we had a unified understanding of how the flow of the system should be.

### 5.5 Camera handling

There were some complications with handling the camera in Unity. Since the playing field can have a varying size the camera needs to be able to fit the whole playing field on the screen such that it can be rendered. Another problem is the usage of VR goggles that allow the player to manipulate the camera's view by looking in different directions. This can cause the playing field to go out of the player's view, which is a problem since they can then no longer see their position.

The way this is solved is by always having the playing field and its attached game objects face the direction of the camera. This is achieved by giving the playing field the same rotation as the camera. By doing this, the player will always see the playing field in the same position in the 3D space no matter which direction they look. But this solution is not enough, since the playing field will not have the same position in the 3D space as the camera. It must be a certain distance away from the camera, based on its width and height, to allow it to be rendered. Because of this, a new position must be calculated for the playing field in relation to the direction of the camera.

---

```

1  newPosition = playingFieldTransform.transform.position +
               playingFieldTransform.transform.forward *
               distanceFromCamera;
2  transform.position = newPosition;
3  transform.rotation = mainCamera.transform.localRotation;
```

---

**Listing 5.6:** Calculating and setting the position and rotation of the playing field

As seen on Listing 5.6 the new position is calculated by adding the playing field's initial position relative to the camera, which is the `playingFieldTransform.transform.position` variable, with an offset vector. The offset vector is calculated by multiplying `playingFieldTransform.transform.forward`, which is a normalized vector pointing in the camera's looking direction, with a certain distance defined through the `distanceFromCamera` variable, which is how far the field should be from the camera. These calculations are done in the `Update` method which is called for every frame rendered in the game.

For the `distanceFromCamera` calculation, the camera needs to be far enough away from the field to fit it in its far clipping view. The far clipping view is the maximum distance from the camera that 3D objects will be rendered.

---

```
1   distanceFromCamera = 1.2f * size * 0.5f /
    Mathf.Tan(mainCamera.fieldOfView * 0.5f *
    Mathf.Deg2Rad);
```

---

**Listing 5.7:** Calculation of the distance between the camera and field.

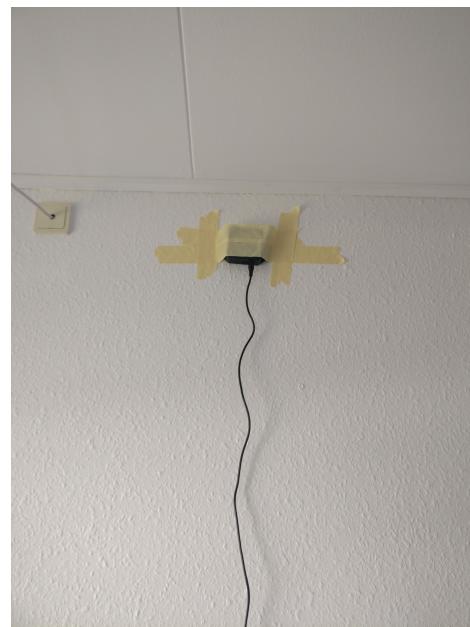
This is a simple trigonometry problem where a triangle is formed between the camera, the center of the field and the top of the field. The height of the field and the angle of the camera's field of view are the known values, and the distance between the camera and the center of the field can be found. Half of the side opposite to the camera is divided with the tangent function of half of the field of view angle converted to radians. The calculation is seen in Listing 5.7. An additional arbitrary value of `1.2f` is multiplied with the distance to allow the whole field to be seen in VR with some additional free space around the edges of the field.

## 5.6 Initial test on May 7th

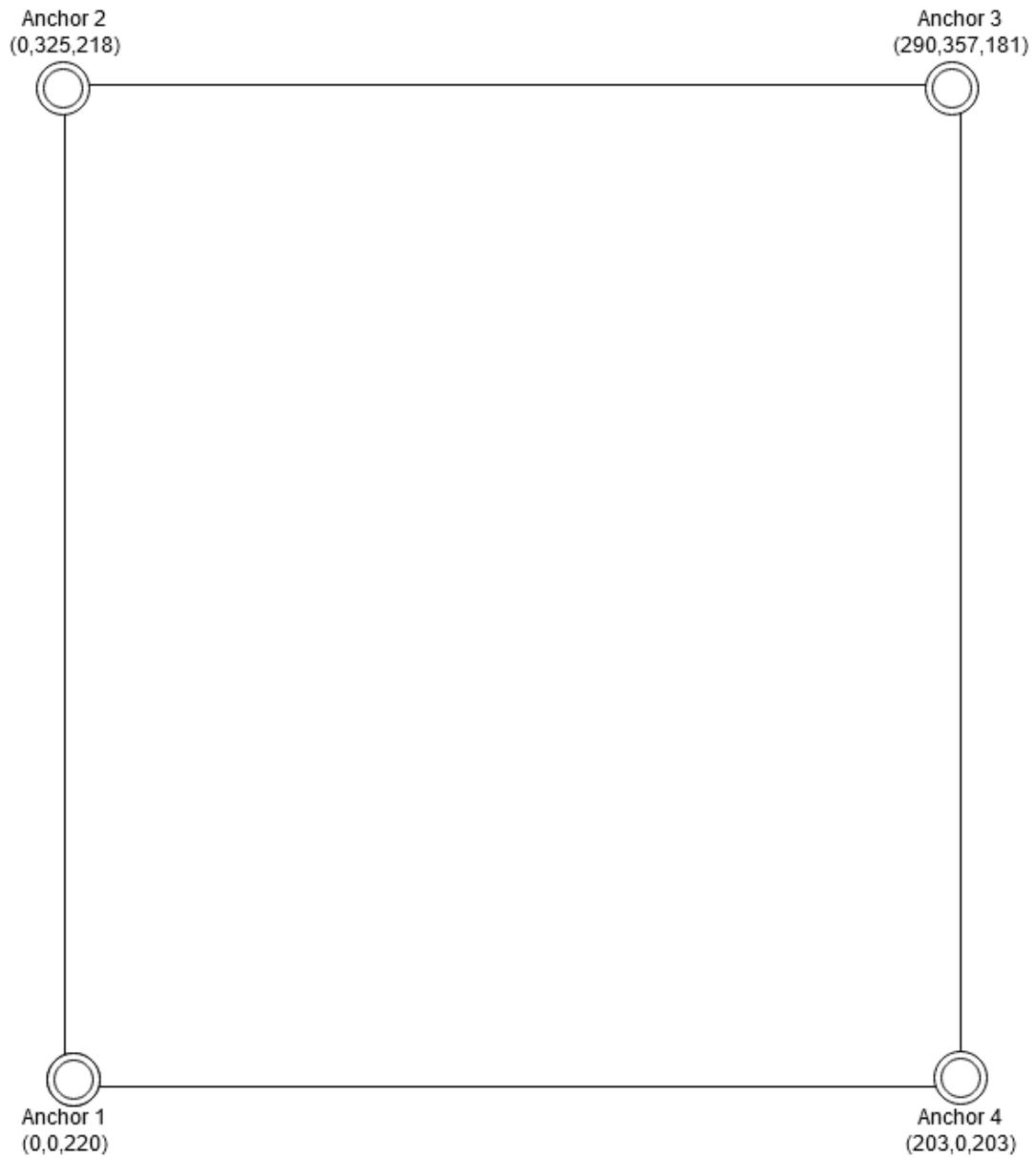
On May 7th the group met up to perform the first real test of the system, aiming to try out the full experience of the game, using the VR goggles to view the game and using the Pozyx system to generate positional data based on the movement of the players. This test was conducted with the goal of exposing issues with the state of the system, as well as simply test whether or not it would be playable, meaning the player characters would move in a regular fashion without jerking around the screen. A testing area was constructed in order to conduct the test. One part of this area can be seen on Figure 5.14, while Figure 5.15 shows how we mounted the anchors onto a wall for the setup. The final area was documented, with the details shown on Figure 5.16. The documentation of distance is necessary for the host to know how to input the anchor positions in the setup of the game, and the anchors are placed



**Figure 5.14:** A view of the room used for the test. Two anchors can be seen on the sides.



**Figure 5.15:** A single Pozyx anchor has been attached to a wall.



**Figure 5.16:** A paper defining the setup, noting height of anchors, anchor tags and distance between anchors.



**Figure 5.17:** The VR goggles used to hold and view the phone.

high on the walls, to increase the chance of receiving a good signal [30]. In order to view the game, the test made use of four sets of VR goggles, shown on Figure 5.17

### The results of the test

The overall goal of this test was to play the game in a two versus two fashion. This test, however, did not quite accomplish that goal. Leading up to the test, members of the group had communicated regarding a smaller-scale test, only involving a single person, that would test that the Pozyx system generated data and passed it along to Unity. This seemed to work, so the actual test was carried out with more people. There had been a miscommunication however, as the smaller scale test was carried out on test data, making use of predefined data that had been used during development. When the day of the test came, it turned out this would be the first test with real data based on an actual game setup. This led to the encountering of several bugs.

The first, and most time consuming, was caused by some firmware issues with the Pozyx anchors which lead to the computers not being able to communicate with the Pozyx anchors and tags using the USB connection, delaying the test until they had been updated. When this was fixed, a new bug was encountered when trying to send the host configuration data to the players, where some type conversions were missing that transformed the user input from strings to the appropriate format for calling the Pozyx library. From the host program, there was also a minor usability issue where there was no specific information regarding the unit which should be used when inputting information about anchor positions, so the user would not know whether to use centimeters, millimeters or meters, which could cause some confusion. Finally, once four players were able to connect and receive configuration data from the host, the game launched for the players, but they were immobile, not moving on the field

based on the Pozyx data.

Further research into this bug revealed that it was another problem with the Pozyx system, where it would repeatedly report  $(0, 0, 0)$  positions with actual positioning data in between.

Most of these Pozyx issues had not previously been identified since we, up until this point, had been using mock data, and had not set up the Pozyx since conducting the experiments in section 2.7. For the VR part of the system, there was an issue where the blue goal zone would flicker when the player moved their head, while the red zone did not, even though they are implemented in the same way.

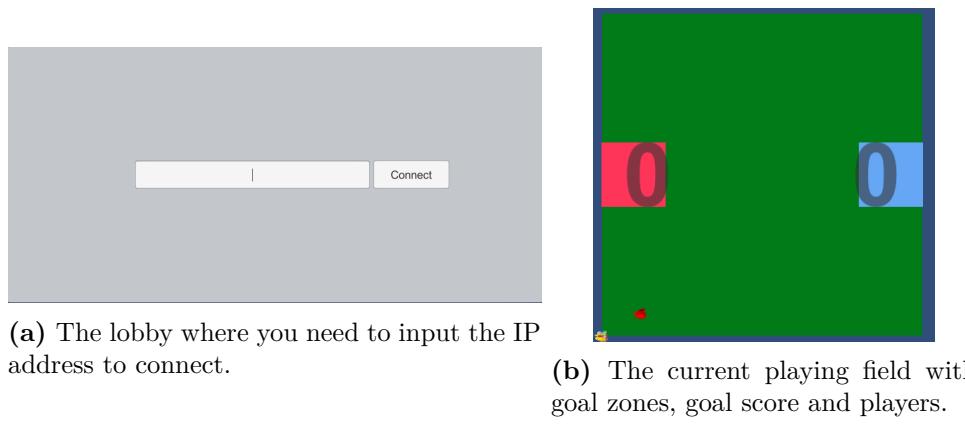
As such, while the test did not achieve the original goal, it still exposed certain bugs that are essential to fix for the upcoming sprint.

## 5.7 Sprint 4 conclusion

This section concludes sprint 4 and will summarize the progress that has been made on the game and discuss the retrospective meeting conducted at the end of sprint 4.

### 5.7.1 Current product

The two current states of the game can be seen in Figure 5.18. We are currently able to connect to the host in the lobby, as seen on Figure 5.18a, which will lead to Figure 5.18b when the host has started the game.



**Figure 5.18:** The current state of the game

## Pozyx

There are not many Pozyx programming tasks left, but there are some bugs that need to be fixed during the next sprint.

During the initial test of the program described in section 5.6 several exceptions occurred, which were caused by the input data not being correctly formatted. This

should be fixed in the following sprint. Problems with the firmware were also discovered in the initial test, where Pozyx would not send positional data to the host, but only coordinates of (0, 0, 0).

### Game

If the problems with Pozyx get fixed, the game should have implemented the majority of the requirements defined for the MVP in section 1.3. However, in the current iteration of the game, the teams are unable to win the game. This is a highly prioritized Unity task, which we intend to implement in the last sprint.

### Networking

To be able to win the game, it is necessary for the host to be able to send a packet that the game has ended to the clients. Therefore a packet needs to be specified for this purpose to be implemented along with the ability to win a game. The host also needs to send information about the number of goals a team needs to score before they win the game, which requires the packet containing player data to be updated to also include goal amount.

#### 5.7.2 Retrospective on the process

This subsection will elaborate on the retrospective meeting that was held on May 12th.

##### How does the process with Jira work?

The process with Jira will change with the last sprint. For previous sprints there was a *Suggested* column and a *Discussed* column, but in the upcoming final sprint the *Discussed* column will no longer be used. Tasks will either be moved to *Chosen for development* or a *Future work* column that was added, rather than go through the *Discussed* column. The next sprint will be the last, and therefore it is necessary to prioritize it differently. Either the task has to be completed, or it has to be documented in *Future work*.

##### How has pair programming been working?

Pair programming works well, but there are some challenges with online pair programming in Unity. The main challenges are that, when testing, it is required that the game is compiled to an android device, which is more difficult to share with the other programmer unless they both compile the game.

##### How is the daily stand-up working?

When the members of the group do not have a task, the daily stand up seems pointless, as they do not have much to say. To change this, at the start of the day the

developers should have five minutes to look at possible tasks for the day and pick one, so that they have the opportunity to discuss that during the stand-up meeting.

There was also a comment that estimations of completed tasks were inaccurate. Whenever someone estimated during a stand-up that they would have a task completed by the end of the day, it would often not be completed in time for the next stand-up. The developer would then give the same estimation, saying it would now be done by the end of the day, and the pattern could repeat. In order to remedy this, and attempt to ensure that the estimations could become more accurate, the developers should have to specify the reasons why they did not complete the tasks, if they exceeded the estimated duration of the tasks given in a stand-up meeting. It is suspected that a possible cause of some of this lazy estimation could be that the motivation for certain tasks might be low, and to help this we will introduce pair report writing for larger report tasks, such that the developer pair can help keep each other accountable.

### **How are the reviews going?**

The group members are now more aware of doing the reviews after it was discussed in section 4.7, so reviews often get done at the same day or in the morning the next day.



# Chapter 6

## Sprint 5

### 6.1 Sprint goal and introduction

With the test results from the previous sprint, the main goal for this final sprint is first and foremost to correct the bugs that were discovered. Since this is the last sprint, and it is a week shorter than the previous sprints due to time constraints, the focus is shifted from implementing major new features to polishing the currently existing features and prepare the system for a final test.

### 6.2 Limiting the amount of UDP transmissions

As the game was being tested we encountered a problem with the amount of UDP packets that were being transmitted. Initially there were no limitations to the number of packets sent, and the server would transmit as many as it possibly could. This would overburden the internet connection and could cause it to crash. To account for this, a simple form of *Congestion Control* was implemented where a limit was set for how many packets were able to be transmitted per second. *Congestion Control* is the act of modulating network traffic to prevent senders from overwhelming the network, which is typically done by reducing how many packets are sent [33]. Pozyx can send updates on tags at a rate of approximately 60 per second [3]. Since UDP packets are not guaranteed to arrive at the destination, the limit for transmissions needs to account for this. If a limit of 120 is set, every new update from pozyx will be transmitted twice, allowing each new update to, in a sense, be retransmitted if it were to be lost. This is a form of *Forward Error Correction*, where redundancy is introduced to avoid the need for requesting retransmission of packets [18].

---

```
1     self.time_now = time.time()
2     if(self.time_prev != None):
3         self.bytesAheadOfSchedule -=
            self.ConvertSecondsToBytes(self.time_now -
```

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```

        self.time_prev)
4    self.time_prev = self.time_now
5
6    self.bytesAheadOfSchedule += 7
7    if(self.bytesAheadOfSchedule > 0):
8        time.sleep(self.ConvertBytesToSeconds(self.bytesAheadOfSchedule))
9
10   # Send message to all clients listening on the
11   # multicast_group
11   self.sendto(message, self.multicast_group)

```

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**Listing 6.1:** Implementaion of the limit on the amount of packets that can be sent per second

The code in Listing 6.1 is from the `send` function of the UDP socket. This code is run each time a UDP packet is sent. Initially the current time is stored, and the time difference between the current time and the time when the previous packet was sent is converted to bytes. The variable `bytesAheadOfSchedule` keeps track of whether or not too many bytes are being sent per second. Since the size of the packets sent with UDP is always the same size, being 7 bytes, `bytesAheadOfSchedule` is incremented with 7 for each packet sent section 2.6. If `bytesAheadOfSchedule` is above 0, too many packets are transmitted and the server should wait a bit before sending the next packet using `time.sleep()`. By doing this for each call to the `send` function, the number of packets sent per second can be limited to 120 per second.

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```

1  def ConvertSecondsToBytes(self, numSeconds):
2      return numSeconds*self.maxSendRateBytesPerSecond
3
4  def ConvertBytesToSeconds(self, numBytes):
5      return float(numBytes)/self.maxSendRateBytesPerSecond

```

---

**Listing 6.2:** function for converting seconds to bytes and bytes to seconds

The conversion functions between bytes and seconds are seen in Listing 6.2. `maxSendRateBytesPerSecond` is defined as the the maximum number of packets that can be sent per second, 120 in this case, times the size of the packet in bytes which is 7. The conversion is then simply a case of either dividing the number of bytes provided with `maxSendRateBytesPerSecond` which gives the amount of seconds the system should sleep. `ConverSecondsToBytes` is used for figuring out the number of bytes `bytesAheadOfSchedule` should be decremented with. The parameter passed to this function is the number of seconds that passed between the current and previous call to the `send` function.

### 6.3 Evaluation on May 18th

The evaluation of the system and all of its components took place on the 18th of May. This was conducted as the previous test had not managed to explore the functionality

of the game as described in section 5.6. In the time between the two tests, the majority of the discovered bugs were fixed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the test was conducted using the group members as testers, and only one person from outside the group. It would have been preferable to get external users to participate in the test, but this was obviously not a viable solution due to the circumstances.

### 6.3.1 The setup

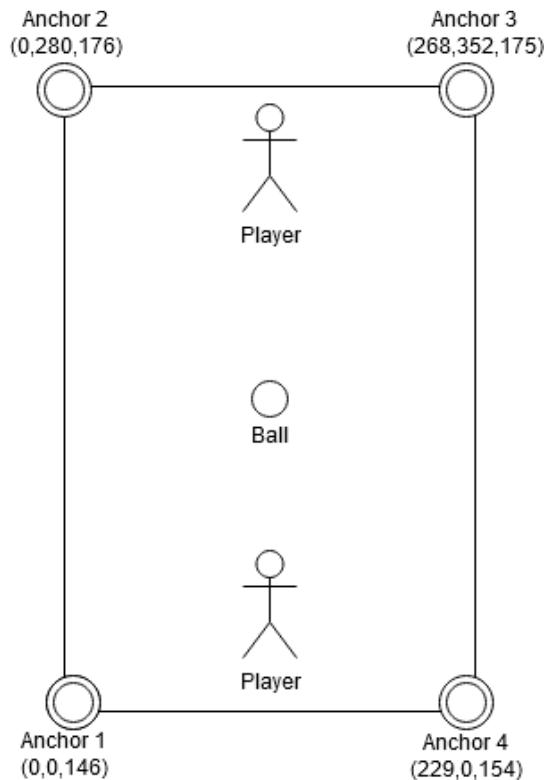
The test was carried out in two phases, one inside and one outside. The playing field was shaped like a rectangle for both tests, much like the previous test on the 7th of May as described in section 5.6. An example of the setup can be seen on Figure 6.1.

### 6.3.2 Method and structure

The test was largely unstructured, and was to an extent conducted as a big bang test. Ideally, this test would have been conducted as a usability test, but as the group already had expert knowledge on how to operate the program, it is not possible to test the setup and the usability of the game. Had a usability test been conducted, it would have been focused on the usage of the system as a player, meaning that a group member would have been in charge of setting up the Pozyx system and running the host computer. The reason for this is that extensive knowledge about Pozyx is required to set up the game correctly, and that the host program has not been optimized for usability. Neither of which are things that test subjects would be expected to be able to do. Instead, they would have been given a short introduction about the game to see if they could understand and play the game, and the group would be present as observers. Finally, at the end of the usability test, an interview would be conducted to get them to elaborate on their experience, with a special focus on how to make it more user friendly. Further work into the preparation of a usability test has not been made, as it was deemed impossible to properly conduct the test due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 6.3.3 Indoors test

In the indoor test, the anchors were positioned as follows:



**Figure 6.1:** The setup for the indoors playing field. The coordinate at the anchors are in cm.

During the indoor test it was discovered that two of the Pozyx tags did not correctly send positional updates even though they reported that everything was okay during the setup phase. The tags would keep sending error codes that they could not identify themselves or that they could not find enough anchors to calculate their position. As the two tags continuously kept reporting errors even when being run on a code example made by Pozyx themselves it was decided that it most likely was a hardware issue and would not be trivial to fix.

The tests were instead successfully carried with one player on each team instead of the intended two players on each team. The Pozyx positional updates arrived in a timely fashion, and the players were able to play against each other as intended with the remaining two player tags. An issue in terms of playability was discovered, however. If the playing field was suitably small, it was difficult for players to pass each other during play. A picture of the gameplay in progress can be seen on Figure 6.2.



**Figure 6.2:** Test in progress indoors.

They could simply just block each other, preventing goals from being scored. Another point of interest was the inclusion of a physical ball in the design of the game, represented by a single Pozyx tag. The reason a tag was used to represent the ball is that it seemed unlikely that the tag would be able to send positional data reliably and correctly enough if the tag were to be inserted into a ball since simply blocking the tag with a finger was enough to block any outgoing signals from it. Additionally, inserting a tag into a ball and kicking it around could potentially damage the tag if it was not properly fastened securely in position. Instead, the players were given their player tag and a small power bank to hold in their hands as seen on Figure 6.3, and the ball was attached to a larger power bank such that the players could easily distinguish the two tags even with a VR headset on.

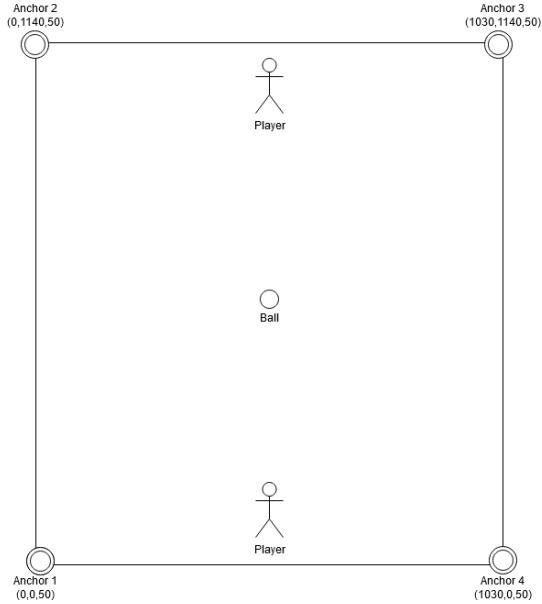


(a) The player tag and a power bank. (b) The ball tag and a power bank.

**Figure 6.3:** The tags used to show positions of players and the ball.

For the iteration of the game used for the test, there was no automatic transferal of the ball when players collided, and this is not possible with a physical ball. As such, an extrinsic had to be implemented for further tests. When colliding, the players would swap possession of the ball, and the player who previously had the ball would count down for a few seconds to allow the new player to gain some distance. Once this rule had been implemented, the game could be played as intended.

### 6.3.4 Outdoors test



**Figure 6.4:** The setup for the outdoor playing field. The coordinate at the anchors are in cm.

In the outdoor test only three tags were used, the two player tags and the ball tag. The setup for the outdoor test can be seen on Figure 6.4. The field was constructed by placing the anchors on top of chairs placed in a rectangular shape, as can be seen on Figure 6.5.



**Figure 6.5:** The setup of an anchor in the outdoor test.

These anchors were connected to laptops or power banks to ensure no components would run out of power during play. The game worked fine overall during the outside test, but the testers experienced that the tags sometimes stopped updating for several

seconds. Looking at the debug information available on the host laptop, it was easily seen that it periodically did not send any new positions to the clients, pointing towards a problem with the Pozyx hardware. The updates of the players' positions would also not update as frequently some times and this could cause the movement of the players to appear quite janky, and resulted in less positional accuracy compared to the indoor test. A picture of the gameplay outdoors can be seen on Figure 6.6.



**Figure 6.6:** Game in progress in the outdoors setup environment.

### 6.3.5 Would this meet the users' requirements

As we were unable to test on more than one person due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, it is limited how much information was gained from external users. The external user did, however, have a few comments on the test:

- It is impossible to see where you are positioned if you are outside the playing field.
- It is very unclear which goal is yours.
- It would be good if it was possible to see which direction you are turning.
- The update rate was quite slow in the outdoors test and the players are jumping from one position to another

Even though the game has a few lacking features, the user was entertained during the test of the game.

### Possible solutions

There are two primary ways to solve the players not being able to see their position if they are outside the playing field. The first would be the practical approach, where the field has a physical border to let the players know that they are at the edge.

Alternatively, it would be possible to add some padding around the in-game playing field, so the players can still see themselves until they are a given distance away from the field.

To let the players know which goal is theirs, the player avatars could be colored according to their team color, or the goals could be colored according to their team's avatar.

Letting the players see which direction they are facing could be solved by getting their tag orientation from Pozyx. To ensure that the tag is always facing the same way as the user, the tag can be mounted on top of the VR headset as seen on Figure 6.7.



**Figure 6.7:** Possible placement of Pozyx in future versions.

Finally, the problem with the update rate being slow is hard to fix, since it is a hardware limitation of Pozyx. However, it would be possible to implement dead reckoning to improve this. To make the players move more smoothly from one position to another, linear interpolation can be used for rendering the move.

## 6.4 Improving the movement of objects in the game

The evaluation test of the game in section 6.3 revealed a problem connected to the slow update of the players' and the ball's positions. The slow update rate made the movement of game objects jerky, meaning it was difficult for the players who were testing to have a real-time feeling of their position. As discussed in section 4.3, dead reckoning could be a possible solution to this kind of problem. A requirement for dead reckoning is to have information about the acceleration and velocity of the different game objects. Since the host was not able to provide this information to the clients, and due to time limitations, another solution had to be implemented. Instead, the

Unity function `lerping` was used, which finds the linear interpolation between two points. By doing this, the movement of game objects can be animated between two positional points. To achieve this the time when a new positional update is received needs to be stored for each of the game objects.

---

```

1 // Distance moved equals elapsed time times speed
2 float totalTimeSinceLastUpdate = (float)(DateTime.UtcNow -
3     gameStateHandler.timeAtLastUpdateBall).TotalSeconds;
4 float distCoveredBall = totalTimeSinceLastUpdate *
5     gameStateHandler.ballSpeed;
6
7 // Fraction of journey completed equals current distance
8 // divided by total distance.
9 float fractionOfJourneyBall = distCoveredBall /
10    gameStateHandler.journeyLengthBall;
11
12 // Set our position as a fraction of the distance between
13 // the markers.
14 var vector2CoordinatesBall =
15     Vector2.Lerp(gameStateHandler.prevBallPosition,
16     gameStateHandler.newBallPosition,
17     fractionOfJourneyBall);

```

---

**Listing 6.3:** Calculating the position of the ball

Lerping is calculated on the client-side and the code in Listing 6.3 calculates the position of the ball for each frame. For each frame, the time since the last update was received is calculated in seconds. This value is multiplied with the speed of the ball to get the distance that the ball has covered between the last position and the new position. Then the fraction of the journey is calculated by dividing the distance covered with the total journey length. This value is then provided to the `Vector2.Lerp()` function as well as the old and new position which then calculates the current position of the ball. The speed of the ball is dynamic in the way that it is calculated using the length between an old and new position and dividing that with the time it took between receiving the last two updates.

Through testing with mock data, it shows that calculating linear interpolates for each frame results in a much smoother movement for each object in the game, which creates a more pleasant view for the players, as well as creating a more immersive and real-time feeling to the game.

## 6.5 Final Unity structure

Two scenes have been created in Unity: *StartMenu* and *Main*. This section will give an overview of these two scenes, and show the game objects that have been used in this project.

### 6.5.1 Start menu

The start menu is the lobby and the game objects within the scene can be seen on Figure 6.8.

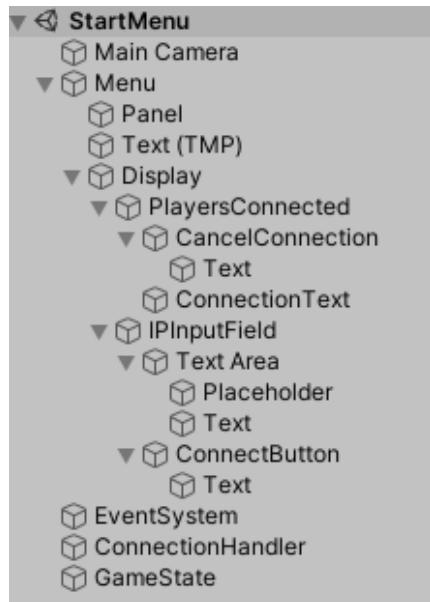


Figure 6.8: The game objects in the start menu.

The five main game objects are the **GameStateHandler**, **ConnectionHandler**, **EventSystem**, **Menu**, and the standard **Main Camera**.

The **GameState** contains a simple script with information relating to the state of the game, such as anchor positions, player positions and other different variables used when the game starts. It also contains another script called **DontDestroy**, which ensures that the game object does not get destroyed when changing scene, such that information received while on the menu can be accessed during play in the game.

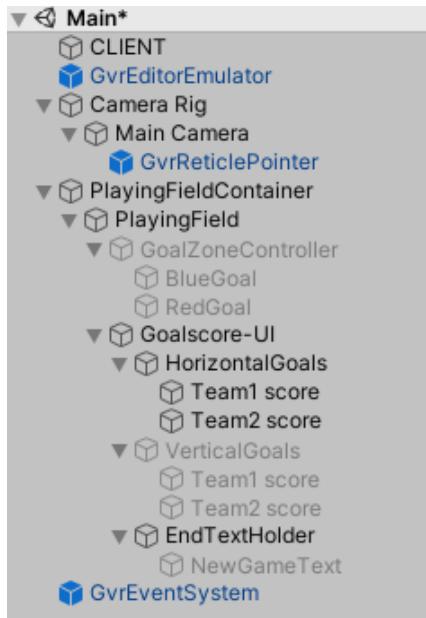
**ConnectionHandler** contains the scripts **DontDestroy** and **TCPClient**. The **TCPClient** receives the information from the host and adds the information received to the **GameState**.

**Menu** has multiple game objects as children, which are used to specify how the UI should look. **Menu** also has a script which disables virtual reality in this scene. The menu is not intended to be in virtual reality, as the IP address has to be inputted. The **ConnectButton** and **CancelConnection** buttons use an **OnClick** feature in Unity, where it calls a function to either connect or cancel the connection, which also changes the UI to reflect this.

The **EventSystem** supports sending events to objects based on input as clicks on buttons or typing in the text field.

### 6.5.2 Main scene

The main scene is the game scene with the playing field. The primary objects in the main scene are `CLIENT`, `PlayingFieldContainer`, `Camera Rig` and `GvrEventSystem`. These can be seen on Figure 6.9.



**Figure 6.9:** The game objects in the main game scene. The grey game objects are not active and the blue are prefabs.

The `CLIENT` contains the script `UDPClient`, which instantiates the UDP client and receives player and ball positions. This script is previously described in section 5.3. The `PlayingFieldContainer` only has `PlayingField` as a child and has the script `CameraFollow` attached. This script ensures that the playing field is always in the center of the camera. The `PlayingField` has two children, where one of them is the `GoalZoneController`, which is used to generate the playing field and make sure that the entire field is visible by the camera. The other is the `Goalscore-UI`, which is used to display the current score of the game. The playing field has two scripts attached, `FieldGenerator` and `PlayingFieldOffset`. `FieldGenerator` creates the playing field from the coordinates in the `GameStateHandler`, which was instantiated in the lobby. `PlayingFieldOffset` is used to change the center coordinate of the field, so that it has the same  $x$  and  $y$  position as the camera. This is a requirement because of the way meshes are rendered in Unity. Rather than being aligned by their center, they are aligned by default by their bottom left corner. As such, to keep the playing field in view, it must have this offset.

# Chapter 7

## Discussion

The following chapter will discuss various aspects of this project, investigating what has been accomplished and what could be improved. The chapter will look at the process used for development, the overall theme of mobility in relation to the project, the final design of the application, some considerations about using UDP and TCP, the testing of the system, compare the end product to the previously established MVP, and finally describe the future work.

### 7.1 Reflecting on the process

The process used during the development of this project was described in section 1.5, combining elements of Scrum and Essence. Development was segregated into five sprints, defining the different iterations of the system. These sprints served as a guideline for when to have sprint retrospectives and enact changes in the process. Each retrospective would cause slight alterations to the process.

Initially, tasks were estimated based on planning poker. However, we found it difficult to properly estimate a lot of the tasks, as this project concerned itself with an area of expertise we were not familiar with. This led to the inclusion of an Essence based version of estimating in sprint 1. This version of estimation was also scrapped, as described in section 3.5, due to it seeming biased towards shorter tasks and estimation not being accurate. This led to the method of simply having a group-based discussion about the DoD of a task, and ensuring everyone understood it. This DoD based task assignment worked well for the final sprints. It avoided spending unnecessary time on planning poker on top of discussing tasks and made the developers more productive.

Another aspect improved by the retrospectives was the stand-up meetings. At the beginning of the project these tended to be unfocused and not provide the necessary information, and were not conducted daily. This led to the introduction of a certain set of questions, defined in section 3.5, which helped to ensure the developers stayed

focused and provided the necessary information to facilitate productivity. Along with the questions, the stand-up meetings were changed to be conducted daily, which further facilitated the developers staying focused.

### 7.1.1 Evaluation of Essence

One of the main things that was used from Essence was the roles. While Essence includes things like potential and filters for the pre-project, and other pre-project tools, these were not introduced until the pre-project phase of the semester had passed, and were deemed less meaningful to use at these stages. Potentials and filters are about finding potential components used for the solution, and then narrowing down to a few concrete components.

Additionally, since not all group members took the software innovation course where Essence was presented, it took a lot of work to relay the information since the remaining group members would essentially have to learn the curriculum of another course on top of the ones they were already following.

Our experience with the Essence roles was that they were quite similar to the roles present in the well-known Scrum approach. The challenger, in Essence, has a similar role as a product owner, the anchor as the scrum master, and the responder corresponds to being a member of the development team. The primary addition that Essence has to roles is the addition of the child role. This role was supposed to be a fluctuating role which allowed group members to come with feedback and encourage divergent thinking.

However, since many of the pre-project parts of Essence were skipped, the child role did not make a lot of sense and quickly ended up becoming a joke to suggest silly ideas rather than a useful tool.

Had we known about all parts of Essence before starting the project, there is a large possibility that it would have been significantly more useful, and that going through the pre-project aspects would have helped in increasing the quality of the final system. These aspects will not be described in further depth, as we choose not to use them in our project. This assumption is based on the theory that having a clearer idea about the direction and encouraging more in-depth discussions before making choices would have resulted in different choices along the way.

One of the primary motivators behind using Essence over Scrum is the focus on innovation, where it is encouraged to shift direction along the way, while still staying within a pre-defined problem domain. While we attempted to keep this approach in mind, it was difficult due to the strict time constraint that prohibited us from making major changes in the focus, since we would still have to consider the study regulations and whether we could change focus and still be done in time for every

possible pivot. An example of where we decided to pivot despite the cost involved was in section 5.2 where the networking protocol was almost entirely reworked from being purely UDP to being a mix of UDP and TCP. Another part of the project where the use of Essence shines through is the sprint-based structure, which allowed for easy pivoting without requiring extensive rewriting of the report. This structure also shows how the project has progressed and changed throughout the semester, rather than just presenting the final version. One of the bad experiences about the structure of the report is that it is more difficult to insert sections into the report. If something is completed in a sprint, but is written about later, it can be difficult to decide where to insert the section. We also suspect that the coherency of the report might be lower than if the standardized report structure were to be used.

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## 7.2 Reflecting on mobility

This system achieves the goal of mobility in two separate ways. The main aspect of the system as a whole is the game itself. This game is developed for mobile devices and achieves mobility in the sense that the application can be used by clients in many different locations, rather than being restricted to a certain location. One issue with this, however, is the Python-based host application. This application is currently developed for use on a computer, meaning it is not as mobile as the game counterpart. It is not fully restricted to a certain location, however, as it can be executed on a laptop which can be moved to the location of the playing field.

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The game requires an internet connection to be played. This could also limit mobility, but during the test described in section 6.3 the game was played outdoors using a mobile network. Doing so facilitates both indoor and outdoor play, further improving the mobility of the system in the sense that it can be used in different conditions. Another way this system achieves the mobility aspect is that when in use, the game requires players to be mobile. While players are mobile when using the system, the Pozyx system is used to provide a service in regards to location information which is communicated wirelessly by the underlying network protocol.

## 7.3 UDP and TCP for the protocol

When the socket type to be used for the program was initially chosen in section 2.6, a large emphasis was put on the rate at which we could send messages. The sending rate also affected a lot of the other decisions made for the networking protocol, such as keeping messages as short as possible. The goal was to facilitate sending as many messages as possible. However, once testing began, it became obvious that this might not have been the fully correct approach. While running the host with mock data, it was possible to more or less crash our connections.

In order to fix this, we implemented some message throttling, described in section 6.2,

based on the maximum amount of updates from the available Pozyx system. Keeping this limiting of messages in mind, the aspect of sending messages rapidly loses some of its importance, leading to some of our earlier considerations not being optimal. This might have led us to implement a TCP aspect earlier in the project, avoiding having to spend some of the time attempting to implement UDP acknowledgments.

## 7.4 Comparing the final product to the MVP

In section 1.3 an MVP was defined for a viable game solution, split into functional and non-functional requirements.

### 7.4.1 Functional requirements

The functional requirements defined the core features of the game. The first three requirements are defined as starting the game, connecting clients and the server, and users viewing their position. All of this is accomplished through the network protocol defined in B, specifically TCP message 3 for game start and UDP message 0 to update player positions. Connecting players is done through the lobby screen based on IP. The next few requirements deal with actually playing the game, requiring the player to be able to view a playing field, goals, the players, the ball, and current score, as well as being able to win a game based on their current score. This has all been accomplished in the Unity game, as shown in. Finally, the game should be dynamic, allowing for an arbitrary number of players and goals to win as well as different sizes of playing fields. This is partly accomplished. The game supports an arbitrary number of goals to win, however, in terms of players there is currently a maximum capacity of four players in a single game. This is communicated by the host to the clients through TCP message 6 in B. The playing field scales based on the user input, meaning that requirement is supported, but fields have to be shaped like a rectangle or a square in order to support the current implementation of generating new goal zones.

### 7.4.2 Non-functional requirements

The non-functional requirements would ideally be evaluated through a usability test. Such a test could not be conducted properly due to the circumstances. Instead, a more unstructured test was conducted in section 6.3 with the group. However, the non-functional requirements state that the game should be pleasant to look at and not cause discomfort for players, and there should be enough updates to represent the real positions of the players. None of the testers experienced nausea or discomfort during the playing of the game, indicating that the first requirement was likely achieved. There were only six testers however, which is likely not enough testers to determine this completely. The testers could have been outliers, or there could be possible outliers who would find the playing of the game uncomfortable. As explained in section 6.3, there were some slight issues in terms of updates when playing the game

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outside. Occasionally, updates would stop being sent for a period of several seconds. This caused the game to be interrupted. The reason for this issue has not been pinpointed, and it could have been caused by an unstable connection to the mobile network. Another reason for this could be players turning the tag upside down since Pozyx works the best when it is turned properly [30], or simply the signal being obscured if the tag is kept in the pocket of a player. In order to combat these issues, we implemented linear interpolation as described in section 6.4.

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## 7.5 The final design

no lobby, bad

do this when design intro is done and final screenshots have been taken

## 7.6 Testing the system

The first full-scale test of the system and all its components took place on May 7th, as described in section 5.6. This was late in the overall process of the semester, and showed certain flaws with the system that should have been caught earlier, as development was being done on the different parts of this system. The overall purpose of this test was initially to document flaws with the usage of the program, but it turned into a test to ensure the components worked together. This obviously delayed the testing of the actual running of the program.

This was not ideal. The preparation for the test was not sufficient, and it led to wasting the time of some of the developers that could have been spent performing other tasks while the components were tested together. An obvious solution to this problem would be to do more integration testing as the project was progressing and new components became ready for testing. A complication with this is that this system uses Pozyx for positional data, and due to the corona outbreak, the group members were prohibited from meeting physically. One person still had access to the required Pozyx components however and could have performed the integration tests.

The person with access to the Pozyx system did test the system a few times, however, due to miscommunication, this was mainly done with mock data rather than actual data for a setup used to play the game. This was the main reason we thought it would be possible to test the running of the program on May 7th, as we thought the program was ready. The communication should have been more clear, and more care should have been put into continuous testing of the system. These issues led to the necessity of conducting a second test, described in section 6.3, for which more care was put into preparation to ensure the generation of results.

## 7.7 Scalability

During the semester, the game was mainly tested with mock data due to the lock-down. In the actual tests of the system, as described in section 6.3, two of the Pozyx tags stopped working after a firmware update and could not be used for getting positional data. This also means that the game has only been tested with two and four players. However, the game should easily be able to scale up to an arbitrary amount of players given that the hardware is available. The biggest problem with scalability is in terms of larger fields since the anchors only have a range of up to approximately 20 meters. To have a field larger than this, the game will need to support placing anchors along the edge of the playing field, rather than just in the corners, in order to extend the possible range. This is currently not supported and will require some refactoring of the system since the field is currently generating the field based on the four anchors, which would need to be changed to a system where it is told where the four corner anchors are. Additionally, this may lead to some increasingly irregularly shaped playing fields, which may require another algorithm to generate the goal positions.

## 7.8 Future work

This section will discuss the aspects of the project that were not implemented, but were deemed to improve the system as a whole if implemented.

### Dead Reckoning

Dead Reckoning is a technique described in section 4.3 used to smooth out player movement over networking through predicting their next position. As described in section 6.3, there were some issues with players jerking around the screen, rather than having smooth movement. This was subsequently improved through the implementation of linear interpolation through Unity, as described in section 6.4. To improve the real-time feeling even further, and thus also the player experience, dead reckoning could be a possible target for implementation in the future.

### Zeroconf

Zeroconf was briefly discussed as a zero configuration management protocol in section 3.3 as an alternative to having players enter the IP of the host they wanted to connect to. Manually typing the IP of the host is not a viable solution for a deployed game in use in diverse locations. As such, introducing a lobby system through the use of Zeroconf would enhance the usability of the game for players. During the course of the project, some developers attempted to implement a lobby system using this technology. A working implementation on an android application was made, however, certain incompatibility issues were encountered when attempting to integrate this with Unity. After attempting to correct these without luck, it was decided

that the time spent on this aspect was not worth it for the creation of the MVP. Ultimately, this functionality is needed for future versions of the game, and should be pursued.

### **Replay functionality**

While discussing the scope of the project, a replay functionality was considered but quickly deferred until later as a non-essential aspect of the game. This replay functionality would be able to showcase highlights of a game when a game had completed, such as showing goals or certain interesting moments. This would be an interesting feature for the players of the game, and could help make playing the game more fun. As such, it would be an interesting feature to add in a possible future work scenario.

### **More aspects to the game**

Several other aspects to make the game more interesting were also discussed in the same vein as the replay functionality. An example of this could be certain power-ups spawning on the field. The first player to interact with the power-up would receive some sort of benefit for a certain amount of time. However, this was also not deemed an essential part of the MVP, and has been deferred as possible future work. Another aspect that could enhance the game is the inclusion of the possibility to use a virtual ball. Not restricting the ball to being a physical object would allow for the game to interact with the ball, and it would remove the chance for the players to be unable to find the ball while wearing VR goggles if it goes off the playing field. Currently, the game does not visually show any changes based on the z-axis either, only supporting a 2D view. As such, the physical ball could also get lost to the players even on the playing field, as they have no way of knowing the location of the ball on the z-axis. A virtual ball could avoid this by simply not checking the position on the z-axis for the players and basing the acquisition of the ball on the x and y axes. Players could also attempt to abuse this by holding the ball in a specific position while carrying it, which the opponents would not be able to see based on the current view. section 6.3 also described how a manual rule had to be implemented during the test, in which players were required to hand over the tag representing the ball when coming into physical contact with the opposition. A virtual ball would not need such a rule, as it could be done in the game.

### **Supporting non-rectangular playing fields**

Currently, the generation of playing fields in unity make use meshes, which are triangles. The triangles combine to form the square playing field. Goal zone positions are generated based on the assumption that the playing field is a square or rectangular, which could be improved to facilitate fields of different shapes, such as if the users were to input a field in the shape of, for example, a trapezoid. Including such field

shapes was deemed to not be of the utmost importance for this project, but it is a possible improvement to support oddly shaped playing locations.

### Show the direction the player is facing

Currently players are represented as either a rhino or a bird in the game. The player controls one of these characters, and the one the player is in control of is slightly colored to give an indication that it is the one the player should focus on. Outside of the positional updates that occur as the game is being played, there is no indication of where the player is facing, or which direction the player is going. An improvement to the game would be to have a small arrow, or another indicator, for each player, showing the current direction of movement for that player, to give a better sense of where they are moving. This was discussed and described in section 6.3.

# Appendices



## **Appendix A**

# **Results for experiment**

This appendix contains the results for the experiment described in section 2.7. Unless explicitly denoted otherwise, all positions are in centimeters and relative to the bottom left corner of the testing field, which is denoted as  $(0, 0)$ .

## Experiment with one tag

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(0,0)	(8.8, 0.2, 113.5)	(0.0)	(34.0)	(-23.1)	(11.0)	(0.0)	(346.5)
(30,0)	(37.0, 9.1, 180.8)	(26.9)	(51.2)	(0.6)	(21.3)	(74.7)	(336.3)
(60,0)	(70.8, 9.9, 221.1)	(55.7)	(84.3)	(-3.6)	(28.1)	(84.0)	(325.4)
(90,0)	(100.2, 5.7, 263.1)	(83.4)	(108.9)	(-37.3)	(21.5)	(79.3)	(322.6)
(120,0)	(135.6, -22.6, 270.3)	(116.1)	(172.1)	(-56.3)	(14.0)	(48.2)	(305.0)
(0,30)	(24.2, 36.1, 199.0)	(11.6)	(57.0)	(25.6)	(67.7)	(28.4)	(334.1)
(30,30)	(66.9, 30.7, 193.5)	(56.8)	(77.1)	(19.3)	(40.2)	(66.0)	(324.3)
(60,30)	(100.6, 24.6, 292.2)	(83.1)	(109.5)	(0.2)	(33.0)	(88.2)	(318.8)
(90,30)	(121.7, 35.5, 291.4)	(104.8)	(136.8)	(14.1)	(53.3)	(64.3)	(313.3)
(120,30)	(31.2, 22.9, 242.8)	(9.0)	(107.1)	(-49.2)	(57.0)	(24.5)	(357.6)
(0,60)	(29.6, 39.1, 128.7)	(-11.9)	(105.7)	(6.3)	(113.2)	(-23.1)	(356.6)
(30,60)	(39.2, 60.1, 116.8)	(5.7)	(53.0)	(49.7)	(83.8)	(69.9)	(334.9)
(60,60)	(64.9, 77.5, 255.2)	(47.0)	(89.0)	(52.4)	(101.9)	(45.9)	(339.3)
(90,60)	(91.2, 64.0, 120.4)	(80.7)	(98.8)	(56.8)	(70.7)	(70.6)	(320.3)
(120,60)	(110.3, 52.3, 127.4)	(74.3)	(143.9)	(13.8)	(76.8)	(62.2)	(314.4)
(0,90)	(17.0, 90.3, 122.4)	(4.9)	(30.1)	(73.8)	(122.9)	(47.9)	(334.1)
(30,90)	(37.7, 90.2, 242.5)	(19.4)	(54.0)	(69.7)	(102.2)	(61.4)	(330.6)
(60,90)	(65.6, 89.7, 105.4)	(54.1)	(75.3)	(83.4)	(98.8)	(82.7)	(317.6)
(90,90)	(88.0, 91.8, 92.2)	(80.9)	(95.7)	(75.2)	(99.2)	(82.1)	(304.4)
(120,90)	(107.5, 84.8, 90.8)	(88.1)	(126.9)	(73.2)	(95.0)	(65.0)	(314.8)
(0,120)	(20.8, 119.4, 67.5)	(11.6)	(28.9)	(112.5)	(131.4)	(59.5)	(74.4)
(30,120)	(33.7, 114.9, 213.4)	(15.9)	(53.2)	(87.8)	(138.6)	(52.7)	(333.1)
(60,120)	(66.0, 127.4, 281.4)	(45.1)	(83.2)	(111.4)	(143.1)	(82.2)	(310.9)
(90,120)	(89.4, 120.7, 92.8)	(76.3)	(98.3)	(111.9)	(132.0)	(76.5)	(314.2)
(120,120)	(134.1, 121.8, 86.3)	(112.2)	(145.4)	(100.2)	(133.4)	(61.9)	(337.4)

**Table A.1:** Table with grids for experiment with 1 tag. Tag: 0x690F

Position	Amount of data points	Average deviation
(0, 0)	58	9.92 cm
(30, 0)	65	12.29 cm
(60, 0)	54	15.76 cm
(90, 0)	65	14.74 cm
(120, 0)	62	28.85 cm
(0, 30)	59	36.56 cm
(30, 30)	64	11.65 cm
(60, 30)	61	8.40 cm
(90, 30)	67	12.82 cm
(120, 30)	53	7.95 cm
(0, 60)	65	39.56 cm
(30, 60)	61	15.32 cm
(60, 60)	60	20.34 cm
(90, 60)	65	5.39 cm
(120, 60)	66	18.90 cm
(0, 90)	65	20.10 cm
(30, 90)	63	10.28 cm
(60, 90)	59	7.23 cm
(90, 90)	59	5.39 cm
(120, 90)	65	15.23 cm
(0, 120)	65	21.12 cm
(30, 120)	57	11.71 cm
(60, 120)	59	11.10 cm
(90, 120)	67	5.87 cm
(120, 120)	62	15.26 cm

**Table A.2:** Average deviation for each position with tag 0x690F

## Experiment with three tags

### A.0.1 Tag 0x6763

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(140,0)	(141.7, -8.4, 268.2)	(134.5)	(147.7)	(-15.1)	(1.6)	(79.1)	(325.5)
(140,30)	(140.1, 31.4, 124.0)	(134.1)	(150.4)	(23.1)	(39.1)	(77.5)	(306.6)
(140,60)	(133.7, 59.1, 162.7)	(131.3)	(137.0)	(57.3)	(61.2)	(87.5)	(310.0)
(140,90)	(126.5, 88.5, 90.8)	(123.8)	(129.2)	(86.7)	(91.9)	(87.8)	(96.1)
(140,120)	(118.6, 117.6, 86.1)	(113.7)	(128.9)	(109.3)	(121.0)	(80.2)	(91.7)

**Table A.3:** Table with grids for experiment with three tags. Tag: 0x6763

Position	Amount of data points updates	Average deviation
(140, 0)	7	10.8 cm
(140, 30)	6	8.79 cm
(140, 60)	6	6.47 cm
(140, 90)	5	13.72 cm
(140, 120)	5	22.26 cm

**Table A.4:** Average deviation for tag 0x6763

### A.0.2 Tag 0x690F

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(180,0)	(184.0, -2.0, 239.3)	(172.6)	(192.7)	(-10.7)	(18.2)	(86.6)	(304.9)
(180,30)	(184.9, 18.4, 165.5)	(174.5)	(202.1)	(9.3)	(29.1)	(79.7)	(298.1)
(180,60)	(179.9, 57.8, 155.3)	(173.7)	(187.1)	(49.6)	(67.5)	(84.9)	(307.2)
(180,90)	(174.6, 95.1, 198.1)	(167.0)	(187.0)	(85.8)	(104.6)	(85.7)	(320.5)
(180,120)	(175.4, 116.8, 82.6)	(168.6)	(180.5)	(108.5)	(122.7)	(74.0)	(94.5)

**Table A.5:** Table with grids for experiment with three tags. Tag: 0x690F

Position	Amount of data points updates	Average deviation
(180, 0)	17	8.46 cm
(180, 30)	17	15.0 cm
(180, 60)	17	5.45 cm
(180, 90)	17	9.91 cm
(180, 120)	17	7.09 cm

**Table A.6:** Average deviation for tag 0x690F

### A.0.3 Tag 0x602E

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(220,0)	(234.1, 5.4, 324.5)	(232.7)	(236.1)	(2.8)	(8.2)	(323.9)	(325.4)
(220,30)	(229.5, 28.2, 264.3)	(216.7)	(234.4)	(22.3)	(37.1)	(90.9)	(298.2)
(220,60)	(223.6, 46.1, 214.6)	(215.5)	(231.3)	(40.5)	(53.4)	(105.9)	(288.1)
(220,90)	(203.4, 78.6, 237.7)	(190.0)	(213.4)	(55.1)	(94.2)	(67.2)	(329.2)
(220,120)	(216.4, 119.1, 162.7)	(204.2)	(226.4)	(113.5)	(124.5)	(80.8)	(322.4)

**Table A.7:** Table with grids for experiment with three tags. Tag: 0x602E

Position	Amount of data points updates	Average deviation
(220, 0)	5	15.18 cm
(220, 30)	7	11.76 cm
(220, 60)	5	15.30 cm
(220, 90)	3	22.43 cm
(220, 120)	3	10.08 cm

**Table A.8:** Average deviation for tag 0x602E

## Experiment with five tags

### A.0.4 Tag 0x602E

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(180,0)	(173.8, -30.0, 125.8)	(168.3)	(180.1)	(-65.1)	(0.0)	(93.7)	(277.2)
(180,20)	(182.1, 25.4, 160.4)	(175.2)	(189.9)	(16.9)	(32.3)	(79.4)	(309.8)
(180,40)	(183.5, 41.3, 90.9)	(179.6)	(185.5)	(39.6)	(42.2)	(84.4)	(97.9)
(180,60)	(186.6, 63.4, 97.5)	(181.2)	(190.2)	(62.2)	(65.7)	(92.7)	(100.3)
(180,80)	(188.4, 74.2, 229.4)	(186.7)	(190.8)	(70.3)	(81.9)	(98.3)	(295.3)
(180,100)	(183.8, 101.9, 146.4)	(181.7)	(186.9)	(99.9)	(104.8)	(89.3)	(314.0)
(180,120)	(176.9, 125.5, 172.2)	(169.3)	(183.3)	(123.9)	(127.1)	(96.1)	(317.3)

**Table A.9:** Table with grids for experiment with five tags. Tag 0x602E

Position	Amount of data points updates	Average deviation
(180, 0)	7	31.70 cm
(180, 20)	6	9.23 cm
(180, 40)	3	4.09 cm
(180, 60)	5	7.61 cm
(180, 80)	3	11.28 cm
(180, 100)	4	4.38 cm
(180, 120)	3	7.90 cm

**Table A.10:** Amount of data points with 5 seconds and the average deviation for tag 0x602E

### A.0.5 Tag 0x6763

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(140,0)	(142.0, -9.4, 229.3)	(132.7)	(147.1)	(-14.2)	(0.0)	(102.3)	(295.7)
(140,20)	(123.0, 3.7, 76.8)	(123.0)	(123.0)	(3.7)	(3.7)	(76.8)	(76.8)
(140,40)	(139.9, 26.8, 94.1)	(136.5)	(142.5)	(24.1)	(30.6)	(92.4)	(95.7)
(140,60)	(123.4, 65.0, 96.0)	(120.8)	(126.0)	(59.7)	(70.4)	(93.4)	(98.7)
(140,80)	(133.1, 70.4, 83.5)	(124.9)	(140.7)	(67.6)	(75.8)	(70.9)	(94.2)
(140,100)	(139.2, 90.6, 88.6)	(138.7)	(139.9)	(85.4)	(99.5)	(77.5)	(94.7)
(140,120)	(137.9, 110.4, 88.8)	(136.3)	(140.1)	(107.6)	(113.2)	(86.6)	(91.2)

**Table A.11:** Table with grids for experiment with five tags. Tag 0x6763

Position	Amount of data points updates	Average deviation
(140, 0)	3	12.32 cm
(140, 20)	1	23.55 cm
(140, 40)	3	13.44 cm
(140, 60)	2	17.91 cm
(140, 80)	4	13.30 cm
(140, 100)	4	9.55 cm
(140, 120)	4	9.98 cm

**Table A.12:** Amount of data points with 5 seconds intervals and the average deviation for tag 0x6763

### A.0.6 Tag 0x690F

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(160,0)	(174.4, -13.1, 249.4)	(153.6)	(181.6)	(-29.1)	(8.9)	(83.1)	(319.9)
(160,20)	(169.6, 20.8, 87.3)	(165.1)	(177.6)	(11.2)	(29.5)	(77.5)	(98.0)
(160,40)	(164.4, 35.4, 130.4)	(154.3)	(172.9)	(26.8)	(45.8)	(84.4)	(313.3)
(160,60)	(168.2, 62.4, 131.8)	(161.8)	(180.5)	(55.3)	(69.6)	(91.8)	(297.5)
(160,80)	(163.7, 86.9, 96.3)	(158.9)	(166.8)	(79.0)	(96.2)	(90.5)	(105.9)
(160,100)	(166.8, 95.3, 222.9)	(155.1)	(177.5)	(79.1)	(117.9)	(68.7)	(323.2)
(160,120)	(162.1, 133.1, 153.3)	(155.1)	(166.1)	(124.5)	(140.0)	(74.3)	(315.9)

**Table A.13:** Table with grids for experiment with five tags. Tag 0x690F

Position	Amount of data points updates	Average deviation
(160, 0)	11	22.05 cm
(160, 20)	11	10.74 cm
(160, 40)	11	9.31 cm
(160, 60)	11	9.51 cm
(160, 80)	10	8.44 cm
(160, 100)	10	12.75 cm
(160, 120)	10	13.71 cm

**Table A.14:** Amount of data points with 5 seconds intervals and the average deviation for tag 0x6763

#### A.0.7 Tag 0x6915

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(220, 0)	(229.9, 4.9, 233.6)	(214.6)	(246.5)	(-6.9)	(15.7)	(72.4)	(318.3)
(220, 20)	(227.5, 14.8, 151.4)	(221.7)	(233.4)	(3.0)	(30.8)	(87.7)	(296.1)
(220, 40)	(228.6, 42.4, 111.9)	(221.6)	(237.5)	(31.9)	(58.0)	(90.6)	(286.5)
(220, 60)	(227.5, 61.0, 132.9)	(220.5)	(241.1)	(43.7)	(75.2)	(87.1)	(293.6)
(220, 80)	(222.8, 77.6, 86.2)	(218.4)	(235.3)	(60.2)	(90.3)	(75.3)	(91.9)
(220, 100)	(220.2, 92.2, 165.6)	(180.5)	(228.8)	(51.3)	(115.2)	(22.4)	(342.8)
(220, 120)	(222.4, 108.4, 105.6)	(215.6)	(228.7)	(97.7)	(115.5)	(73.9)	(319.7)

**Table A.15:** Table with grids for experiment with five tags. Tag 0x6915

Position	Amount of data points updates	Average deviation
(220, 0)	11	14.79 cm
(220, 20)	11	20.99 cm
(220, 40)	11	14.71 cm
(220, 60)	11	15.61 cm
(220, 80)	10	13.90 cm
(220, 100)	10	8.97 cm
(220, 120)	10	13.54 cm

**Table A.16:** Amount of data points with 5 seconds intervals and the average deviation for tag 0x6763

### A.0.8 Tag 0x6979

Actual grid	Average grid (x,y,z)	x min	x max	y min	y max	z min	z max
(200, 0)	(198.3, 0.3, 133.9)	(194.0)	(204.5)	(-5.8)	(3.8)	(92.7)	(289.2)
(200, 20)	(208.3, 11.7, 181.5)	(201.1)	(220.9)	(-1.7)	(24.2)	(102.7)	(294.6)
(200, 40)	(201.8, 31.8, 113.4)	(195.5)	(206.7)	(16.9)	(42.0)	(108.2)	(118.5)
(200, 60)	(205.6, 53.0, 140.8)	(200.3)	(213.5)	(37.7)	(60.0)	(112.4)	(272.8)
(200, 80)	(203.6, 71.5, 116.4)	(200.1)	(207.9)	(57.4)	(77.4)	(112.5)	(118.9)
(200, 100)	(201.6, 93.2, 112.0)	(197.5)	(205.8)	(90.1)	(96.8)	(109.7)	(115.5)
(200, 120)	(204.6, 110.8, 105.9)	(200.7)	(212.4)	(101.0)	(119.0)	(95.0)	(116.6)

**Table A.17:** Table with grids for experiment with five tags. Tag 0x6979

Position	Amount of data points	Average deviation
(200, 0)	6	7.32 cm
(200, 20)	7	18.34 cm
(200, 40)	7	9.69 cm
(200, 60)	9	8.10 cm
(200, 80)	7	6.21 cm
(200, 100)	3	12.44 cm
(200, 120)	4	14.03 cm

**Table A.18:** Amount of data points with 5 seconds intervals and the average deviation for tag 0x6979

## Appendix B

# Network packets

The final format of the network packets are described in this appendix. For all packets, it is assumed that the TCP packets are treated as unicast to a single recipient, and UDP packets are treated as multicast. All of these packets will only describe the actual data of the packet, and not contain the UDP/TCP headers. Each packet contains an ID identifying the type as well as the required information. Additionally, each TCP packet will be prefixed with a number indicating the length of the current packet, since it is transmitted as a stream. This ensures that the receiver knows when to stop reading the current packet and be ready to process the next one.

### 0: Send tag position (UDP)

<b>POSY (y)</b>	<b>POSX (x)</b>	<b>ID (i)</b>	<b>TIMESTAMP (s)</b>	<b>TYPE (t)</b>
16 bit	16 bit	8 bit	8 bit	8 bit

Purpose: The position of a given tag will be continuously transmitted on the multicast channel for all players to receive. The positions are sent as values relative to the anchor positions sent during setup, such that a missed packets will not impact the future game state. The ID (i) 0 is reserved for the ball tag, and all other tags are considered to be players. For a game with 4 players, each would have a unique ID ranging from 1-4.

### 1: Send anchor position (TCP)

<b>POSY (y)</b>	<b>POSX (x)</b>	<b>ANCHOR_ID (i)</b>	<b>TYPE (t)</b>
16 bit	16 bit	8 bit	8 bit

Purpose: Used as a part of the setup phase, where the host sends the position of one of the four anchors to the player. This packet will be sent multiple times to each client, but with various anchor IDs (i) until all clients have received the four positions.

## 2: Send player tag (TCP)

<b>PLAYER_ID (p)</b>	<b>TAG_ID (i)</b>	<b>TYPE (t) 2</b>
8 bit	16 bit	8 bit

Purpose: Used as a part of the setup phase, where the host sends the related tag ID to the player, such that they can find the physical tag related to their client instance. This packet will be sent once to each client, but with various tag IDs (i) until all clients have received their tag ID.

## 3: Signal game start (TCP)

<b>TYPE (t) 3</b>
8 bit

Purpose: Used to signal to the players that the game has been started.

## 4: Send goal scored (TCP)

<b>TEAM2SCORE (2)</b>	<b>TEAM1SCORE (1)</b>	<b>TYPE (t) 4</b>
8 bit	8 bit	8 bit

Purpose: Used to signal the clients that a goal has been scored, and the scoreboard should be updated on their GUI. This triggers the host to generate new goal positions.

## 5: Send new goal position (TCP)

<b>Offset (o)</b>	<b>POSY (y)</b>	<b>POSX (x)</b>	<b>TEAM_ID (i)</b>	<b>TYPE (t) 5</b>
8 bit	16 bit	16 bit	8 bit	8 bit

Purpose: Sends a new goal position to the clients. This packet will be sent twice to each team when a goal is scored, such that they receive new positions for both teams' goals. The positions are the X and Y coordinates of the center of the goal as they have a pre-defined size based on the shortest edge of the playing field. It also contains the offset of goal zones (o), which is the distance from the center of the goal to the sides of the goal.

## 6: Send player and goal amounts (TCP)

<b>PLAYERNUMBER (n)</b>	<b>GOALNUMBER (n)</b>	<b>TYPE (t)</b> 6
8 bit	8 bit	8 bit

Purpose: Sends the host defined information relating to number of players and goals needed to win.

## 7: Signal game end (TCP)

<b>TYPE (t)</b> 7
8 bit

Purpose: Used to signal to the players that the game has ended.



## Appendix C

# Understanding a UPPAAL model

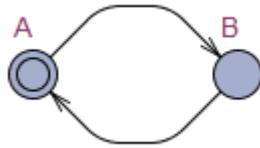
The goal of this appendix is not to give an extensive guide on how to use UPPAAL, but rather to serve as a short introduction on how to read the models described in this report. For a more in-depth description of how UPPAAL works, we recommend the official tutorial for UPPAAL 4.0 by Gerd Behrmann, Alexandre David and Kim G. Larsen [1].

### What is UPPAAL?

UPPAAL is an integrated tool environment for modeling and verification of timed automata. It is mainly used for simulating and verifying models of real-time systems [28] by means of property checking, where it can automatically generate a diagnostic trace to explain why a given property is, or is not, satisfied by the modeled system. This property checking is done using a reachability analysis, meaning that it will search through the state space of the system to find a state where a given property is true. Using property checking it is then possible to check for properties like whether or not the system can end up in a deadlock - or in the context of this system, it would be possible to check whether or not it is possible that one client is still in the lobby while the other clients are receiving in-game information such as positional data.

### Format of a system in UPPAAL

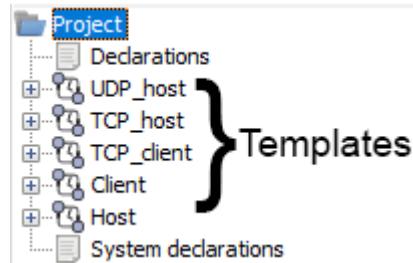
A very basic model in UPPAAL consists of a set of locations and edges as seen on Figure C.1. In this basic model, we have two locations: **A** and **B** and two transitions: From **A** to **B**, and from **B** to **A**. The location **A** has an extra ring, which indicates that it is an initial location, meaning that this is where the system will start when initialized.



**Figure C.1:** Locations in UPPAAL.

This visual model combined with a set of local declarations related to the model is called a template.

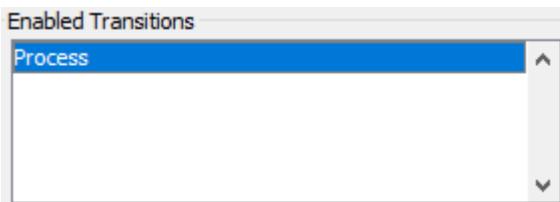
In addition to the local declarations, which are scoped to the current template, it is also possible to have global declarations (first object in the Project folder on Figure C.2), which are variables and functions that are shared across the entire system.



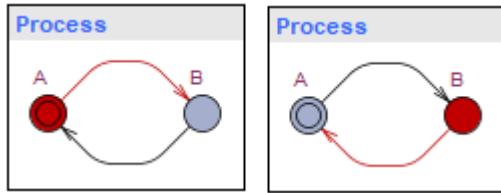
**Figure C.2:** Content of a UPPAAL project.

When the system is started in the simulator, these **templates** will be instantiated as **processes**, which start in their initial locations.

From here, the user can choose which transition to take next in the given process, as seen on Figures C.3 and C.4.



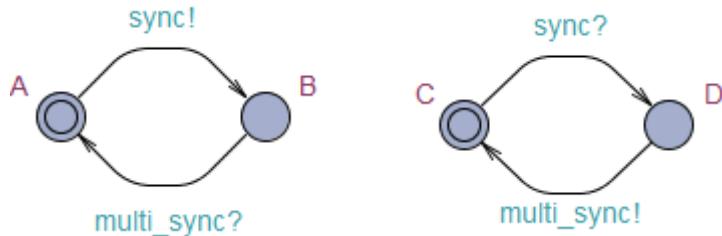
**Figure C.3:** Enabled traces of a process.



**Figure C.4:** The process before and after taking the transition.

## Synchronizations

As a UPPAAL system can consist of multiple processes, it is often useful to allow the different processes to communicate. One way of communicating is via the use of **synchronizations**. If a transition between two locations has a synchronization called sync on it, as seen in Figure C.5, it can wait for another process to communicate with it before taking the transition.



**Figure C.5:** Model with synchronizations on transitions.

In the model on Figure C.5, the **sync** has an exclamation mark after its name, and on the other a question mark. This means that A is the transmitter of a synchronization request and that it cannot take the transition before another process with a question mark (receiver) is ready to take a transition with a synchronization of the same name. Likewise, it is not possible to take a transition with a **sync?** until another process is transmitting a **sync!**. When this synchronization is ready to happen, both processes will take the transition.

In this basic example, it is easily seen that there is only one sender and one receiver for the synchronization. In a larger example, there might be several processes ready to receive the synchronization, but only one can actually receive the transition at a time.

This is due to the implementation of synchronizations, where we synchronize using a channel defined in the global declarations:

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**chan sync;**

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However, should we want to synchronize with multiple other processes instead, it is possible to declare the synchronization channel as a broadcast channel instead:

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broadcast chan multi_sync;
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Having the channel defined as a broadcast means that any process that is ready to synchronize when a synchronization output is transmitted must do so.

## Clocks, guards, and selections

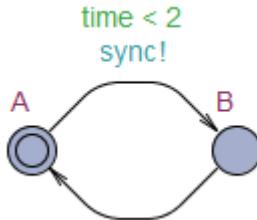
As mentioned previously, UPPAAL works with timed automata - so let us add some time to our sample model. To do this, we can add a **clock** to the local declarations of our template using the clock type:

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clock time;
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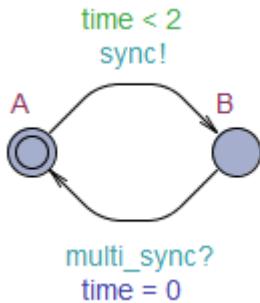
We can now use this clock to, for example, limit which transitions can be taken from a given state using **guards**.



**Figure C.6:** Model with a guard.

In the example on Figure C.6, a **guard** has been added on the transition from **A** to **B**, specifying that at most two time units must have passed before this transition can be taken.

This quickly poses a problem for us, though, as the time will keep increasing, meaning that we may not be able to take the transition from **A** to **B** again, and will end up in a deadlock.



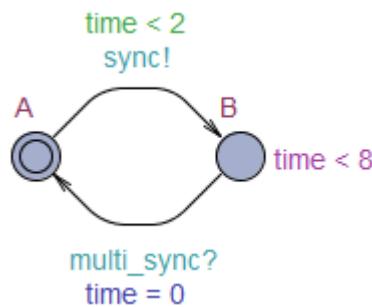
**Figure C.7:** Model with a guard and selection.

To fix this, it is possible to use updates to update the value of the clock, as seen in Figure C.7 where we reset the `time` to 0 when taking the transition from **B** to **A**.

## Invariants

Much like guards limit the possibility of taking a transition until some conditions have met, invariants can be used to limit when it is possible to be in a given location. In Figure C.8 we have added an invariant to **B**, specifying that less than 8 `time` units must have passed before it leaves the transition.

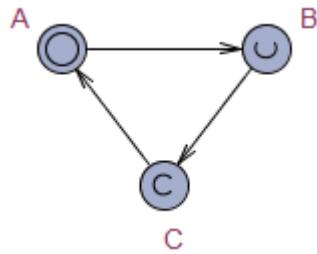
If the invariant conditions are not met, the process cannot enter the location or must leave it as soon as the conditions no longer hold.



**Figure C.8:** Model with an invariant on location B.

## Committed and urgent locations

Urgent locations are locations where time is not able to pass. This means that if any of the processes are currently in an urgent location, all clocks in the system are paused until the process transitions out of that location. Just like in urgent locations, time cannot pass in committed locations. In addition to this, if any process is in a committed location, the next transition that happens in the system has to be from a process that is in a committed location. The main difference between these two is that while a process is in an urgent location, other processes are still able to take transitions while if a process is in a committed location, the only processes that are able to take a transition are processes that are in a committed location. Examples of how the syntax for these two looks can be seen on Figure C.9.



**Figure C.9:** Model with committed and urgent locations.

Location **B** is an urgent location and location **C** is a committed location.

## Verification

In addition to being a modeling tool, UPPAAL has a built-in verifier which allows the user to check if a given condition can hold true in the system. This allows for checking things like whether the system can end up in a deadlock or if a given state can ever be reached. To formulate these queries, there are four key elements:

*E* to check if there exists a path, meaning that it will return true if there is at least one trace through the system where the condition holds true.

*A* to check if the condition holds true for all paths.

$\Box$  to check if the condition holds for all states in the path.

$<>$  to check if the condition holds for at least one state in the path.

This results in four different kinds of queries:  $E[]$ ,  $A[]$ ,  $E <>$  and  $A <>$ .

All of these possibilities are followed by a predicate  $p$ , specifying exactly which property you are interested in checking for. This means that the query  $A <> p$  is read as "For all paths in the automaton, it is true that in at least one state  $p$  is satisfied." If it turns out that a trace exists where the query holds true, UPPAAL can show you the trace of transitions leading to this given state.

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# Resources

The code for the project can be found in the following GitHub repositories:

## **Host software**

<https://github.com/SW805F20/pozyx-location-tracker>

## **Client game**

<https://github.com/SW805F20/Unity>