

CMP303 Networking

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Application

- Networked Boid Simulation
- Server
- Client
- Interaction

Architecture

- ~~Client-Server~~
- ~~Peer-peer~~
- Hybrid client-server
 - Aiming for client-server
 - Better scalability
 - P2P problems
 - New host
 - Advantage?

Protocols

- Application layer protocols designed
 - Messages
 - Enums
 - Boids
 - Obstacles
- Transport layer protocols chosen
 - UDP
 - Speed
 - Connectionless
 - One socket to talk to multiple
 - Less overheard

```
enum Messages : int
{
    Connect,
    BoidCount,
    ObstacleCount,
    Disconnect
};

struct BaseMessage
{
    int messageType;

    BaseMessage() :
        messageType(0)
    {
    }
};

struct NewConnection : BaseMessage
{
    float time;
    float totalTime;
    int playerID;

    NewConnection()
    {
    }

    NewConnection(float time_, float totalTime_, int ID) :
        time(time_),
        totalTime(totalTime_),
        playerID(ID)
    {
        messageType = Messages::Connect;
    }
};
```

Network API

- SFML
 - Familiarity
 - Ease of networking
 - Packets
 - Better showcase vs Unreal/Unity
 - Easier than WinSock

Structure

- Non-blocking
 - Rendering
 - Calculating
 - Sending/Receiving
 - Pros
 - Cons

Prediction/Interpolation

- Linear vs Quadratic
 - Linear attempted
- Boid update
 - Recalculating position every frame
 - Prediction needed?

Critical Discussion

- Use TCP for connection/disconnection
- Connection class
- Improve/add prediction
- More interaction
- Sf::Int
- Clumsy Testing
 - Max players 3 – Boid information.
 - Max latency 50ms -250ms, 250ms – 500ms
 - Packet loss – 25%, 50%+, 75%?
 - Throttling – 50%, 75%+ delay
 - Duplicates – 50%, 75%+ Double boids
 - Out Of Order – 50%, 75%+ seems fine too?
 - Tamper – 50% - Server issues.
 - All?

Questions?