

The code for Spacewars is structured so that each Server has several GalaxyManagers each controlling a Galaxy. Each of these GalaxyManagers has ClientManagers connected to it. The GalaxyManagers send Galaxies to the ClientManagers and the ClientManagers send ClientInput back. The ClientManagers each control one Client. On hyperspace a ClientManager is disconnected from one GalaxyManagers and added to another. Each manager runs in its own thread.

The code is divided into 14 classes and 4 packages as outlined below

The client package – implements client side

Client

Client extends a JFrame and displays the galaxy the player is currently in. This uses the jpct libraries to render the galaxy as a 3d scene. The use of jpct is limited to this class so that how the game is displayed is independent of the server.

ClientManager

This handles all the communication to and from the server for the client

The server package – implements server side

Server

This class represents a game server, it is responsible for starting and stopping the server process, and can run as a standalone server.

PlayerBinding

This class represents the join between a spacecraft and a client socket. It is responsible for the updating of the spacecraft from user input

GalaxyManager

This handles the server side communication with the client sending galaxies and receiving ClientInput. Each runs in its own thread

The common package – classes used by both the server and client

ClientInput

Detects and holds the clients key presses for sending to the server. Allows multiple keys to be pressed simultaneously. Acts as the only communication from the client to the server

Galaxy

an arena in the game. Holds a reference to all SpaceMasses within it. It also determines how the masses within it move and interact. This class is the only communication from the server to the client

SpaceMass

The basic entity on which all objects in the game universe are based each SpaceMass has a location, velocity, alive status and gravity_constant

Debris, Missile, Spacecraft and Star

Special types of SpaceMass

The launcher package- used to display and connect to a server

Launcher GUI

GUI for starting servers and connecting to them

Server List

Capable of storing and displaying server ip and name pairs