Future of Gaming?

Summary

CLOUD Gaming, renders an interactive gaming application remotely in the cloud and streams the scenes as a video sequence back to the player over the internet. This paper talks about the recent advancements in Cloud Gaming, by going through its architecture and measuring the performances, using Onlive as a representative, and therefore concludes that Cloud Gaming is an advantage for less powerful computational devices that are otherwise incapable of running high-quality games. This Cloud System protocol is analyzed using Wireshark. The results have revealed the potential of cloud gaming as well as the critical challenges that it will face in its development.

Key Contribution

CLOUD Gaming reduces customer support costs since the computational hardware is now under the cloud gaming provider's full control, and offers better digital rights management (DRM) since the game code is not directly executed on a customer's local device. Computational Offloading played a very important role, which led to the idea of Cloud gaming which tries to reduce user access latencies with strategically placed Cloud Data Centers.

My views on Architecture

When you look at the framework design, first, the user interacts through a *Thin Client* pc or mobile phone then to *Game Logic* which checks the action of the user. After the check it goes to the *GPU Rendering* where the game world renders and sends the rendered scene to the *Video Encoder*. The encoder compresses it and sends it to the *Video Streaming Module* which delivers the stream back to the Thin Client, which decodes and displays the video frames to the gamer. The issue here is that when the game is locally running, and when running through a network platform, the image and video quality drops drastically while running in internet of a bandwidth setting which is more than recommended.

Agreements, Pitfalls and Fallacies

Views	Agreement	Reason
Interaction delay, must be kept as short as possible in order to provide a rich experience to cloud game players.	Strongly Agree	If the delay is just more than 100ms, it will totally ruin the gamers' mood to continue playing it.
The interaction delay was only an issue for multiplayer online gaming systems, and was generally not considered for single player games.	Strongly Disagree	Delay is still a delay. Everyone would hate to play even offline single player games if there is a delay.
Public clouds enables lower implementation costs and higher scalability, whereas a private cloud may offer better performance and customization that fully unleash the potential of the cloud for gaming.	Agree to some extent	It is not necessary that public clouds enable lower implementation costs than private cloud. A cheap private cloud can be used which may not even offer better performance. Also there are public cloud servers which are too expensive that dedicates the whole cloud only for gaming.

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