

The Neigh Choir

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Walk past the camera and enjoy the Neigh Choir!

MOTIVATION

1. Attract attention of passerby students
2. Increase interest in computer science
3. Retain and empower beginner programmers

WHAT IS IHART?

iHart is a framework that allows users at different technical levels to develop or display scenes and games in public spaces

ABOUT THE NEIGH CHOIR

The Neigh Choir was created for interactive media, a project based course, with Professor Audrey St. John. The Neigh Choir may either be displayed as a wall or floor projection. Individuals interact with the Neigh Choir by walking past (for wall projection) or stepping on (for floor projection) the desired horse. When the motion is detected within the boundaries of the frame, the respective sound for each horse will play and when all four sounds play, you will hear a beautiful choir.

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

The flash application assigns a range of X and Y coordinates to particular sounds for the respective horses and plays the correct sound in correct time, based on the coordinates of the detected "blobs".

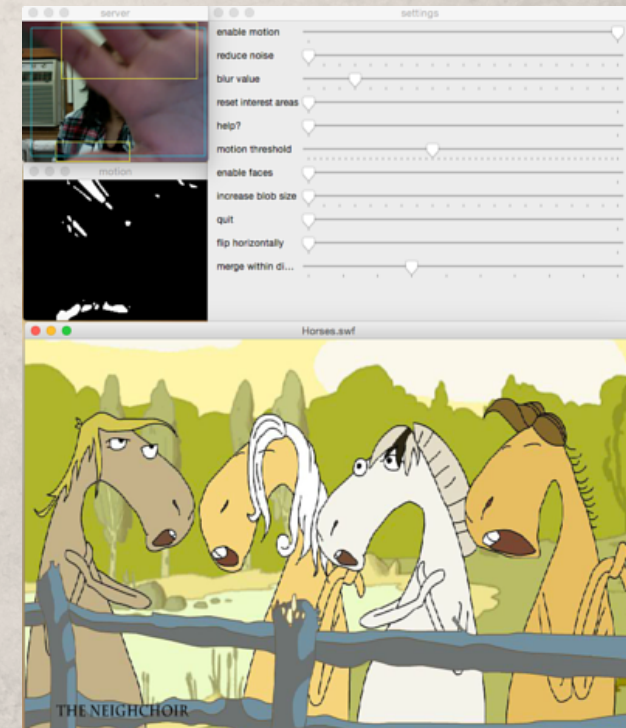
We used good quality recordings from the web. Flash allows the developer to incorporate sounds easily. This helped us to implement the Neigh Choir in a surprisingly brief time period.

BLOB DETECTION

1. Looks for difference between reference frame and current in area of interest
2. uses OpenCV to detect blobs

REFERENCE FRAME

Camera takes reference shot for Processing General Server. Blue rectangle denotes area of interest.



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