

Cloud Gaming and Simulation in Distributed Systems

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Summary

Cloud computing attempts to enable access to high-end graphics intensive games to a wider audience by using powerful data centers. The process of delivering cloud gaming includes processing the user input for the game engine then encoding this as video and streamed to the end user. Due to another added layer of complexity, other problems arise and the aim of this project is to tackle networking issues in the cloud to reduce the latency experienced by the user.

The Software-Defined Networking paradigm allows the management of network technology without the need of touching individual switches. This project will discuss the effects of using SDN for cloud gaming in a distributed system.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Context

Cloud computing has always been seen as a way of improving compute performance by the use of multiple computers connected to each other. The games industry has rapidly evolved along the years and a great deal of demand is apparent. Developers of games have pushed computer hardware to meet the needs of consumers for more complicated games and realism. Even with computer hardware becoming cheaper and more of a commodity, the costs of driving graphics rendering for high-end games to run at the optimal settings of 1080p at 60fps are still relatively high.

1.2 Project Aim

The aim of the project is to produce a solution which uses Software-Defined Networking to reduce the network latency in a network. [1]

1.3 Project Objectives

- A simple game program, that is computationally expensive enough to not perform optimally on a single machine (simple flight simulator with real time procedurally generated trees).
- A simplified cloud gaming system where the game created is launched on the cloud and input on the client side in the form of button presses on the keyboard is sent to the game on the server. The game frames produced are then sent to the client's screen.
- Produce a virtual network with simulated cloud game traffic and delay. With the use of SDN, reduce latency in the network.

1.4 Deliverables

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Chapter 2

Background Research

2.1 Problem Overview

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Appendices

Appendix A

External Material

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