Praktikum: Echtzeit Computergrafik









Assignment 8



• This week: Enemy ships!



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- Simple enemy model
 - Enemies spawn in fixed intervals
 - Enemies fly along straight paths with constant velocity
 - Paths are randomly generated
- Enemy Types & Enemy Instances
 - Enemy Types are defined in config file
 - Name, hitpoints, speed, ...
 - Mesh + transformation
 - Enemy Instances are generated at runtime
 - Enemy Type name
 - Position + velocity
 - Remaining hitpoints, ...



Enemy Types



Example definition in config file

```
Mesh Amy ...

#EnemyType name hitpoints size speed mesh_name scale rot_x _y _z trans_x _y _z

EnemyType AmyShip 100 10 50 Amy 0.5 0 180 0 0 0
```

 Example internal representation (similar to CockpitObjects and GroundObjects)

```
struct EnemyType
{
    int hitpoints;
    ...
};

//Dictionary of EnemyTypes
std::map<std::string,EnemyType> enemyTypes;
```

Enemy Instances



Example internal representation

```
struct EnemyInstance
{
    ...
    XMVECTOR pos; //position p in world space
    XMVECTOR vel; //velocity v in world space
    ...
};
std::list<EnemyInstance> g_EnemyInstances;
```

- Store instances in a list
 - std::list → doubly-linked list in C++
 - Allows for efficient removal of arbitrary elements
 - Usage very similar to std::vector

Example: std::list



A list of int

```
std::list<int> 1;
//insert elements at front or end of list
1.push back(13);
1.push front(5);
//iterate over all list elements
for (auto it=1.begin(); it!=1.end(); it++)
{
    //you have to use a reference ("int&") in order to affect "value" in list
    int value copy = *it;
    int& value
                   = *it;
    //do something with value...
//remove all elements of list
1.clear();
```

Removing single elements requires caution!

Filtering an std::list



- Problem: iterate over list and remove certain elements
- Manual erase()

```
//remove all elements that are equal to 5
for (auto it=l.begin(); it!=l.end(); it++)
{
    int value = *it;
    if (value == 5) {
        l.erase(it); //WRONG! call to erase invalidates "it"
    }
}
WRONG!
```

Filtering an std::list



- Problem: iterate over list and remove certain elements
- Manual erase()

```
//remove all elements that are equal to 5
for (auto it=l.begin(); it!=l.end(); ) //no it++ in loop-header!
{
   int value = *it;
   if (value == 5) {
      auto it_remove = it;
      it++; //increment it before call to erase
      l.erase(it_remove);
   }
   else { it++; }
```

- Alternative: remove_if() method of std::list
 - Using a predicate function or class <u>http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/list/remove_if/</u>
 - Using lambda expressions (advanced)
 http://msdn.microsoft.com/de-de/library/dd293608

Spawn Timer



- Problem: Spawn enemies every g_SpawnInterval seconds
 - Add this to your config
- Spawn enemies in OnFrameMove()
 - Called every frame before OnD3D11FrameRender()
 - fElapsedTime contains time since last frame (in seconds)
 - → Use global timer variable

```
float g_SpawnTimer = 0.0f;

void CALLBACK OnFrameMove( ..., float fElapsedTime, ...)
{
    ...
    g_SpawnTimer -= fElapsedTime;

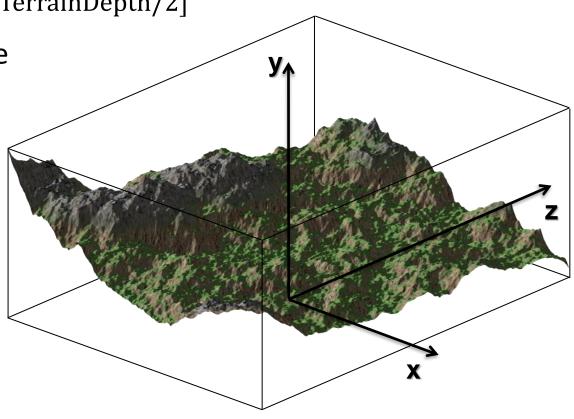
    if (g_SpawnTimer<0)
    {
        g_SpawnTimer += g_configParser.GetSpawnInterval();
        //spawn new enemy here
    }
    ...
}</pre>
```

Our World Space



- Position and velocity of enemies is stored in world space
- Terrain range of values
 - $-x \in [-TerrainWidth/2; TerrainWidth/2]$
 - -y ∈ [0; TerrainHeight]
 - $-z \in [-TerrainDepth/2; TerrainDepth/2]$

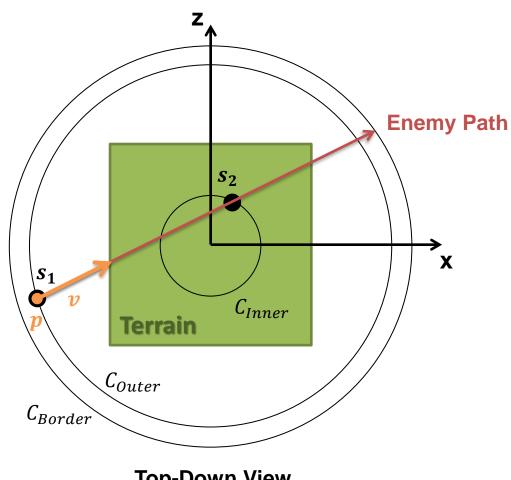
 Of course, enemies are not restricted to this range of values



Spawning Enemies



Example enemy spawn model



Top-Down View

Spawning Enemies



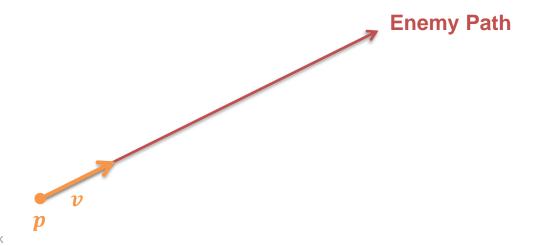
- Example enemy spawn model
 - Config file parameters: h_{min} , h_{max} , speed
 - $-s_1.xz = random\ point\ on\ circle\ C_{outer}$
 - $-s_2.xz = random\ point\ on\ circle\ C_{Inner}$
 - $-s_1.y = s_2.y = random\ height \in [h_{min}; h_{max}]$
 - Enemy position $p \coloneqq s_1$
 - Enemy velocity $oldsymbol{v}\coloneqq speed\cdot normalize(oldsymbol{s}_2-oldsymbol{s}_1)$
 - Remove enemy if outside C_{Border}
- Hint: Random point x on 2D circle with radius r
 - $-\alpha := random\ number \in [0; 2\pi]$
 - $\mathbf{x} \coloneqq r \cdot (\sin(\alpha), \cos(\alpha))$

(trigonometry in C++: XM_PI, std::sin(), std::cos(), ...)

Moving Enemies



- Each enemy instance has a
 - Position $\boldsymbol{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 - Velocity $v \in R^3$
- Position update in OnFrameMove() $p \coloneqq p + h \cdot v$ (h = fElapsedTime)
- This is a simple case of projectile motion! (with no gravity and constant velocity)!



Enemy Transformations

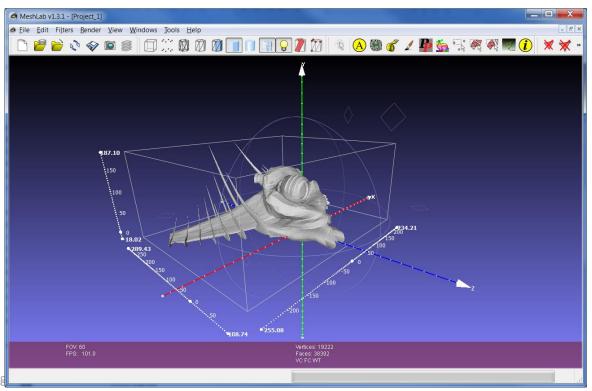


- Cockpit Objects: $M_{WorldView} = M_{Obj} \cdot M_{CamWorld} \cdot M_{CamView} (\rightarrow Ass. 6)$
- Ground Objects: $M_{WorldView} = M_{Obj} \cdot M_{CamView} (\rightarrow Ass. 7)$
- Enemy Instances: $M_{WorldView} = M_{Obj} \cdot M_{Anim} \cdot M_{CamView}$ M_{World}
- M_{Obj} is given by the config file (see slides for Assignment 07!)
- $M_{CamView}$ is the camera view matrix
- M_{Anim} : rotation/translation according to enemy position/velocity

Enemy Transformations



- Object space correction: $M_{Scale} \cdot M_{RotX} \cdot M_{RotY} \cdot M_{RotZ} \cdot M_{Trans}$
- Unify pose of enemy meshes
 - Scale: World space size of enemy ship
 - Rotation: +x \leftrightarrow front, +y \leftrightarrow up
 - Translation: Ship mesh (roughly) centered at origin (that's already the case)

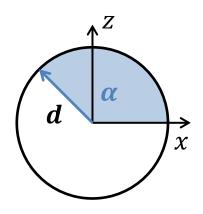


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Enemy Transformations



- M_{Anim} : Move enemy mesh to position p, facing into direction $d = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$
 - Rotation + translation
 - Assumption: Ships are always aligned parallel to the ground
- Corresponding matrix:
 - M_{Anim} = Rotation around y-Axis with angle α ... followed by ... translation by \boldsymbol{p}
 - Calculate α using std::atan2() with d.x and d.z







Questions?

