

Anthony Bogli:

Technical Documentation

AIE - Assessment 2 Complex Game Systems (Networking)

Summary:

The objective for this assignment is to construct an English draughts game using C++. The game must support peer-to-peer multiplayer with a single user per client over a network.

Libraries:

For the current project, I am using the Raknet library, an open-source networking library that helps the user implement a TCP network, though at its lowest level it can also assist the user with making a UDP one as well.

Packets being sent (Definitions):

Raknet has some default message packets that the programmer may integrate into their project. The ones I am using are the following.

Client Side:

ID_REMOTE_DISCONNECT_NOTIFICATION:

(**Raknet Packet**) Our connection has been disconnected (*Client*)

ID_REMOTE_CONNECTION_LOST:

(**Raknet Packet**) Our connection has been lost (*Client*)

ID_REMOTE_NEW_INCOMING_CONNECTION:

(**Raknet Packet**) Attempting to join a server: (*Client*)

ID_CONNECTION_REQUEST_ACCEPTED:

(**Raknet Packet**) We have been accepted onto a server/ Connection Request has went through (*Client*)

Server Side:

ID_NEW_INCOMING_CONNECTION:

(**Raknet Packet**) A client has successfully connected to the server, also when this happens I also send out a (**Custom Packet**) PLAYERNUMBER_PACKET: to the user.

ID_NO_FREE_CONNECTIONS:

(**Raknet Packet**) The server is full.

ID_DISCONNECT_NOTIFICATION:

(**Raknet Packet**) another client has disconnected from server

ID_CONNECTION_LOST:

(**Raknet Packet**) a client has lost connection to the server

Custom Packets (The Server and Client):

MOVEPIECE_PACKET:

the info in this packet includes a (**vec3**) position. a (**int**) ID reference which is the pieces unique id from 0-23: for which one is being moved. a (**int**) Object reference for which tile from 0-63 that the piece is being shifted to. as well as a (**bool**) isKing so that the user can visually see if the piece is a king or a regular piece on their monitor

DELETEPIECE_PACKET:

all this packet contains is a (**int**) ID reference which is the pieces unique number from 0-23: and its (**int**) object reference which is what tile it's tethered to from 0-63: (A checker board is made up of 64 tiles or 8x8)

PLAYERNUMBER_PACKET:

all this packet contains is a (**int**) ID and is sent when a user first joins the server.

TURNORDER_PACKET:

a packet that only contains a (**bool**) Turn Order for whose turn it currently is.

Data Flow Diagram on the next page:

Data Flow Diagram:

