

TRON 3D Game Engine Structure

Core Architecture Overview



Directory Structure

TRON_Engine/

- └─ Core/
 - └─ Engine.h/.cpp // Main engine class
 - └─ Application.h/.cpp // Application lifecycle
 - └─ Timer.h/.cpp // Time management system
 - └─ Threading/
 - └─ ThreadPool.h/.cpp
 - └─ RenderThread.h/.cpp
 - └─ GameThread.h/.cpp
- └─ Rendering/ // MAIN THREAD COMPONENTS
 - └─ RenderEngine.h/.cpp // Main render coordinator
 - └─ D3D/
 - └─ D3DContext.h/.cpp // Direct3D setup
 - └─ D3DRenderer.h/.cpp // Core D3D rendering
 - └─ SwapChain.h/.cpp
 - └─ CommandQueue.h/.cpp
 - └─ Resources/
 - └─ MeshManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ TextureManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ ShaderManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ MaterialManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ Shaders/
 - └─ BasicShader.hlsl
 - └─ PostProcessShader.hlsl
 - └─ ParticleShader.hlsl
 - └─ Camera/
 - └─ Camera.h/.cpp
 - └─ CameraManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ Culling/
 - └─ FrustumCuller.h/.cpp
 - └─ OcclusionCuller.h/.cpp
 - └─ PostProcessing/
 - └─ PostProcessor.h/.cpp
 - └─ Effects/
 - └─ SaturationEffect.h/.cpp
 - └─ ContrastEffect.h/.cpp
 - └─ BrightnessEffect.h/.cpp
- └─ Game/ // GAME THREAD COMPONENTS
 - └─ GameEngine.h/.cpp // Main game coordinator
 - └─ ECS/
 - └─ Entity.h/.cpp
 - └─ Component.h
 - └─ ComponentManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ System.h

- └─ SystemManager.h/.cpp
- └─ Components/
 - └─ Transform.h/.cpp // Position, rotation, scale
 - └─ Mesh.h/.cpp // Geometry data
 - └─ Collider.h/.cpp // Collision shapes
 - └─ Rigidbody.h/.cpp // Physics properties
 - └─ Controller.h/.cpp // Input handling
 - └─ UI.h/.cpp // UI elements
 - └─ Gameplay/
 - └─ Health.h/.cpp
 - └─ Weapon.h/.cpp
 - └─ Enemy.h/.cpp
- └─ Systems/
 - └─ TransformSystem.h/.cpp // Handle transforms
 - └─ PhysicsSystem.h/.cpp // Physics updates
 - └─ CollisionSystem.h/.cpp // Collision detection
 - └─ InputSystem.h/.cpp // Input processing
 - └─ GameplaySystem.h/.cpp // Game-specific logic
 - └─ ParticleSystem.h/.cpp // Particle updates
- └─ Physics/
 - └─ CollisionDetector.h/.cpp
 - └─ SpatialPartitioning.h/.cpp // Octree/Grid for optimization
 - └─ CollisionResolver.h/.cpp
- └─ Input/
 - └─ InputManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ Keyboard.h/.cpp
 - └─ Mouse.h/.cpp
- └─ States/
 - └─ StateManager.h/.cpp
 - └─ GameState.h/.cpp
 - └─ MenuState.h/.cpp
 - └─ SplashState.h/.cpp
- └─ Communication/ // THREAD SYNCHRONIZATION
 - └─ RenderQueue.h/.cpp // Commands from Game to Render
 - └─ EventSystem.h/.cpp // Event communication
 - └─ SharedData.h/.cpp // Thread-safe shared data
 - └─ Synchronization/
 - └─ Mutex.h/.cpp
 - └─ ConditionVariable.h/.cpp
 - └─ AtomicOperations.h/.cpp
- └─ Math/
 - └─ Vector3.h/.cpp
 - └─ Matrix4.h/.cpp
 - └─ Quaternion.h/.cpp
 - └─ Transform.h/.cpp

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|   └─ MathUtils.h/.cpp
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|   └─ Utils/
|       └─ Logger.h/.cpp
|       └─ FileSystem.h/.cpp
|       └─ StringUtils.h/.cpp
|       └─ ProceduralGeneration.h/.cpp    // For level generation
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|   └─ TRON_Game/                        // GAME IMPLEMENTATION
|       └─ TronGame.h/.cpp              // Main game class
|       └─ Levels/
|           └─ ProceduralLevel.h/.cpp
|           └─ LevelGenerator.h/.cpp
|       └─ Entities/
|           └─ Player.h/.cpp
|           └─ Enemy.h/.cpp
|           └─ Projectile.h/.cpp
|           └─ Obstacle.h/.cpp
|       └─ UI/
|           └─ HUD.h/.cpp
|           └─ Menu.h/.cpp
|           └─ ScoreDisplay.h/.cpp
|       └─ Gameplay/
|           └─ GameRules.h/.cpp
|           └─ ScoreSystem.h/.cpp
|           └─ SpawnManager.h/.cpp

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Key Classes and Responsibilities

Main Thread (Rendering)

- **RenderEngine:** Coordinates all rendering operations
- **D3DRenderer:** Direct3D API calls and resource management
- **RenderQueue:** Processes render commands from game thread
- **ResourceManagers:** Load and manage GPU resources
- **PostProcessor:** Handle screen effects (saturation, contrast, brightness)

Game Thread (Logic)

- **GameEngine:** Coordinates all game systems
- **ECS Framework:** Entity-Component-System architecture
- **Systems:** Process component data each frame
- **StateManager:** Handle game states (menu, playing, paused)
- **PhysicsSystem:** Collision detection and response

Communication Layer

- **RenderQueue:** Thread-safe command queue for rendering instructions
- **EventSystem:** Publish/subscribe system for cross-thread communication
- **SharedData:** Thread-safe containers for shared state

Threading Model

Main Thread Flow:

1. Initialize Direct3D and window
2. Start game thread
3. **Render Loop:**
 - Process render commands from queue
 - Execute Direct3D rendering
 - Present frame
 - Handle Windows messages

Game Thread Flow:

1. Initialize game systems
2. **Game Loop:**
 - Process input
 - Update all systems
 - Generate render commands
 - Send commands to render queue
 - Sleep to maintain target framerate

Synchronization Points:

- **Frame Synchronization:** Game waits for render completion before next frame
- **Resource Loading:** Coordinated loading of meshes, textures, shaders
- **State Changes:** Menu transitions, level loading

Dynamic Library Structure

The engine compiles as a DLL with the following exports:

- `CreateEngine()` - Factory function
- `DestroyEngine()` - Cleanup function
- Engine interface for game implementation

This structure ensures clear separation between rendering and game logic while maintaining optimal performance through proper threading and minimal synchronization overhead.