

Project Football

Game Design Document

Game Overview

1. Clone game of "Football Head"
2. Side-view 2D physics football game.
3. Online 2-player Multiplayer game

Game Loop

- a. One player on each side of the field with goals behind.
- b. Time limit 1-minute.
- c. Players move left and right, jump, and kick or head the ball toward the goal.
- d. The ball reacts with basic physics, so timing your jumps and shots matters.
- e. Matches are short and fast-paced, so reaction speed and positioning are key.

Specifications

Network:

Host-client (Client hosted Multiplayer) system.

No dedicated server.

Host - calculates all physics and broadcasts "gamestate"

Client - only sends inputs (applies received gamestate).

60hz tickrate (sufficient for 1 minute game)

Library: SFML-3.0.2 (For graphics, network, audio and system)

Physics:

Must Choose:

Option 1: Start from scratch. Option 2: Box2D library

Example of GameState

```
struct GameState {  
    sf::Vector2f player1Pos;  
    sf::Vector2f player2Pos;  
    sf::Vector2f ballPos;  
    sf::Vector2f ballVelocity;  
    int score1, score2;  
    float timeRemaining;  
  
    // SFML Packet Serialization/Deserialization (for sequential stream of bytes)  
    sf::Packet& serialize(sf::Packet& packet);  
    void deserialize(sf::Packet& packet);  
};
```

Class Responsibility

GameScene (Host Mode)

- receives Input from both players
- updates Physics (Player, Ball, Collisions)
- sends GameState to Client
- renders local view

GameScene (Client Mode)

- sends Input only
- receives GameState
- interpolates for smooth rendering
- renders remote view

Communication Protocol

Packet Types:

1. InputPacket (Client → Host)

- uint8: keys pressed (bitfield: A|D|W|L)
- uint32: sequence number

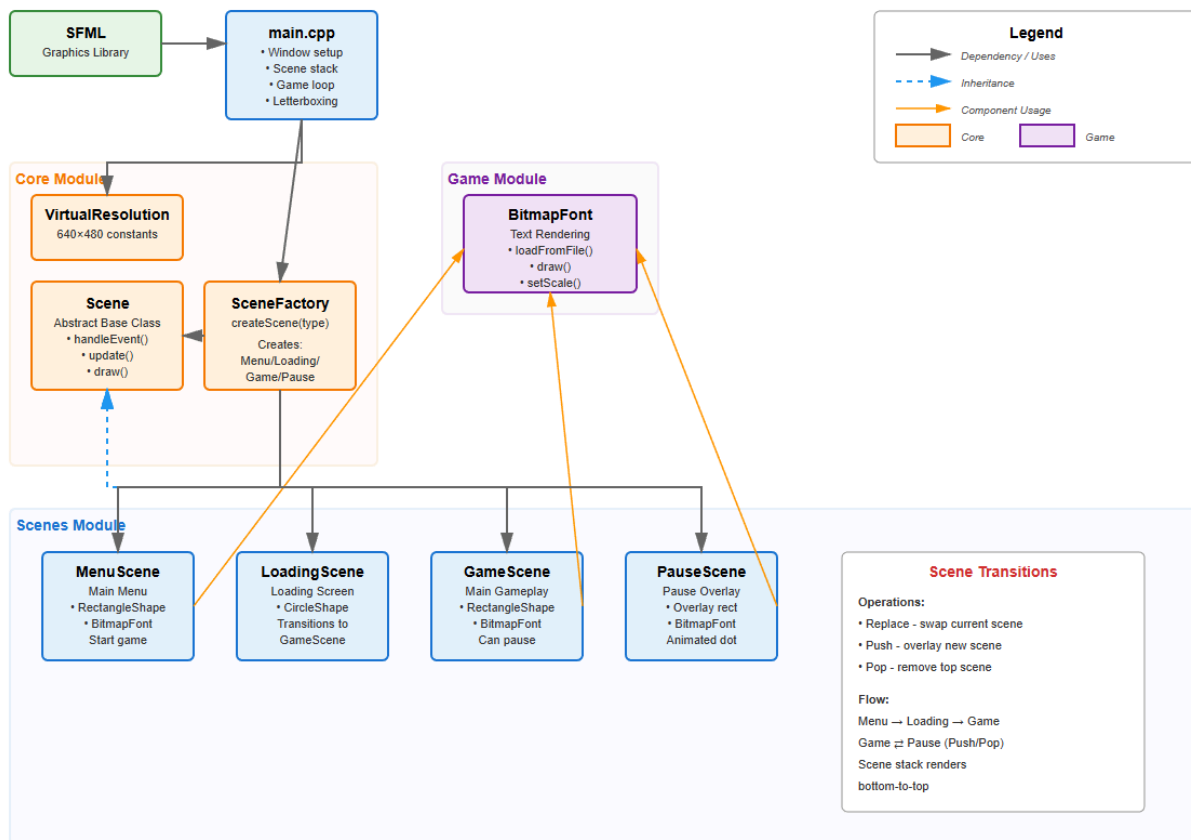
2. StatePacket (Host → Client)

- GameState struct (serialized)
- uint32: sequence number

Test Scenarios:

- Host quits mid-game
- Client disconnects
- Both players spam kick simultaneously
- Ball goes out of bounds (just as fences like the original game)
- Timer hits 0:00 with tie score (just end game as draw?)

Current Base Framework Structure



Development Timeline:

Phase 1:

- Player movements (move, jump, kick)
- Ball physics (gravity + bouncing)
- Goal detection + scoring (resetting game positions when scored)
- 1 minute timer

Phase 2:

- Lobby Scene (simple UI for entering IP as client, or choose host)
- Network manager implementation
- Host: standby for connection from client
- Client: connect to host

Phase 3:

- Sending of input packets from client
- Synchronization with "gamestate"
- Basic interpolation of movements for smoothening

Phase 4:

- a. Result Scene (show winner and score)
- b. Rematch button
- c. Polishing of animations and art

Aspects to be Ignored:

- a. Cheat-prevention
- b. Data encryption in packets
- c. Reconnection logic on connection lost

Controls

- A - left
- D - right
- W - space
- L - kick

(default for now)

Screenshot

