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PROJECTS

Unreal Engine Game Mechanics— Modified ShooterGame Sample for Multiplayer Environment

- Implemented Several Game Mechanics in Unreal Engine C++ using Advanced Character Movement Component for Massive Networked Environments.
- Tested with Network packet lag of 500ms and variance of 30%.
- Teleport functionality to teleport players 10m ahead.
- Jetpack functionality in game. Jetpack recharges when not in use.
- Time Rewind functionality which rewinds players back in time. Similar to Overwatch and Prince of Persia.
- Shrink Gun shrinks player upon hit. If the player is stomped when shrunk then he dies. After a fixed time, the player automatically unshrinks.
- Freeze Gun freezes players for a fixed amount of time.
- Wall Run functionality allows the player to run on walls. Similar to Overwatch and Prince of Persia.
- Wall Jump functionality allows the player to jump against a wall when flying close to it.
- Drop Weapon where the player drops its weapon upon dying which may either be picked up or disappears after a fixed time.
- All these functionalities have been implemented to work in a massive multiplayer environment using a server-authoritative model.

Unreal Engine Artificial Intelligence — AI projects in Unreal Engine

- Integrated Blackboard with Behavior tree and set up an AI controller to use the tree.
- Explored Unreal Navigation System using NavMesh and modified it using Navigation areas, links and filters.
- Used Environment Querying System to explore and create custom generators, tests and contexts.
- Implemented sight and hearing in an agent for awareness with unreal's perception functionality.
- Extended Behavior trees by creating custom tasks, decorators and services.
- Managed Crowd in Unreal Engine using RVO avoidance and Crowd Manager.
- Designed and Implemented Behavior tree demonstrating an AI agent chasing a player.
- Explored Debugging methods in unreal such as logging, navigation, EQS, profiling and gameplay debugger.
- Used both C++ and Blueprints to understand the all rounded approach to Unreal Engine.
- Inspected Unreal Engine Source Code to understand unreal engine workings in depth.

Artificial Intelligence for Games — AI Games and demos written in C++ using Windows GUI

- State Driven Agent Design using Finite State Machines with Messaging capabilities.
- Steering Behaviors such as seek, flee, arrive, pursuit, evade, wander, obstacle

SKILLS

C++, Python

Unreal Engine

AI/Gameplay Programming

Data Structures and Algorithms

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github.com/sour abhgo avoidance, wall avoidance, interpose, hide, path following, offset pursuit.

- Group Behaviors such as separation, alignment, cohesion and flocking.
- Combining steering behaviors using various techniques, ensuring non-penetration, implementing spatial partitioning for managing crowds and smoothing to reduce jitter.

Simplified version of Soccer game implementing key sports game techniques using strategic decision making at agent level and team level.

- Graph algorithms such as depth-first search, breadth-first search, dijkstra's algorithm and A-star algorithm for navigating game maps demonstrated using interactive demo.
- A full-fledged shooter game Raven with a fully functional navigation system using map loading and practical path planning, weapon system with selection using fuzzy logic and goal driven agent behavior. Used lua scripts to load parameters.

SpaceWar — 2D Game written in C++ using DirectX

- Wrote a complete 2D Game Engine from scratch.
- Included Input support for keyboard and Xbox game controllers.
- Built 2D Graphics Engine for rendering Sprites with Textures. Incorporated 2D Physics Engine for collision detection among entities in game.
- Added Audio functionality using XACT.
- Programmed Text functionality with support for both sprite based text as well as directx font based text.
- Implemented console functionality within the game.
- Extended the SpaceWar game with networking functionalities in Client and Server side versions of the game.

Enhanced Appearance — Different techniques for enhancing the appearance of 2D Games

- Bitmap Scrolling Demo to allow infinite scrolling in any direction.
- Parallax Scrolling Demo to create an illusion of depth.
- Shadow and Reflection Demo to form visible shadow and reflections of an object on a surface.
- Message Dialogs for displaying text messages to players and Input Dialogs to get user input from players used within the SpaceWar game.
- Dashboard demo with a multiple digit seven segment display, an adjustable length bar, a dial gauge, a simple flashing light, a toggle switch, a push button switch and a bar graph or VU meter.

Tiled Games — Different projection techniques for 2D Tiled Games

- Flower Power Game using Orthogonal Projection showcasing a tile based game.
- Drawing Checkerboard using various projection techniques such as Oblique Projection, Isometric Projection with Diamond Shape and Isometric Projection with Stagger Shape.
- Drawing a terrain map using Isometric Projection with Elevations of multiple layers.

Data Structures and Algorithms in Python — Standard DS & Algo implemented in Python

EDUCATION

University School of Information and Communication Technology, Delhi — Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology