

Networking: Game2D Code Study

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1 Administrivia

Announcements

Deliverables due today: User interface mockups, collaboration diagrams.

Assignment

None.

From Last Time

Exam I.

Outline

1. Hints for developing network code.
2. Game2D code study.

Coming Up

Networking Lab.

2 Hints for Developing Network Code

1. Suggested ports for off-campus game development:

(a) Gui: 52000–52003.

(b) Stiki: 52004–52007.

Should you need off-campus access, establish a VPN connection.

2. Sun's AppletViewer's implementation of the Socket library leaves much to be desired. And you have to use the policytool to seriously weaken Java's security model.

Do not use IE with its native JVM to run client code. Netscape and IE with Sun's JVM will work. See class Web site for link to Sun's Java JRE.

What you'll need to do: Serve your applet from Apache on phoenix. Java's security model permits an applet to connect back to the server which served it.

Client development should occur on phoenix!

3. If you re-compile your applet for serving from a web server, you must exit and re-start your browser so that it loads fresh versions of the class files.

How do I make my applet available on the Web?

Skeletal HTML to use:

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Game2Dclient Applet</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Game2Dclient Applet</h1>
    <hr>
    <applet code="Game2Dclient.class"
      width=500
      height=500
    >
    </applet>
    <hr>
  </body>
</html>
```

3 Game2D Code Study

Source code availability.

Work in your teams to answer the following:

1. `Game2Dclient.java` questions:

- (a) Each client runs two threads. What are they?
- (b) Once the game has begun, what action or actions cause the applet class (line 8) to send a message to the server? What is the format of those messages?
- (c) Where in the applet class code is the connection to the server made?
- (d) The listen class (line 130) only receives messages from the server. What kinds of messages does it receive? Does it act on those messages directly or indirectly (through a synchronized queue or some other such mechanism.).

2. `G2DLaunch.java` questions:

- (a) Why is the main class so short (lines 276–282)?
- (b) Looking at line 20, explain what the Timer does and how it does it. It may be helpful to have a look at lines 202–204.
- (c) Explain how the `G2DServer` class (line 5) design permits multiple games to occur simultaneously.
- (d) Three server threads are required per game. What are they?
- (e) What are the main responsibilities of the `Game2D` class (line 56)?
- (f) In line 43, why is the server connecting to itself? Isn't that illegal in Maryland?
- (g) Do the `ThreadedEchoHandlers` (line 137) communicate directly with the two clients or indirectly (using another thread or each other as agents)?

(h) Why is the sky blue?

3. General question: Where are potential synchronization problems?