MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Project Plan Design, Fly, Battle Simulator

The Capstone Experience

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Project Overview

- Flight Simulator
- Multi-player dogfights
- Separate observer with replays
- Single-player obstacle courses

Functional Specifications

- 6 Degrees of Freedom
- Realistic damage
- Accurate plane specs
- Simulate environment flight dynamics
- 3-5 propeller based aircraft
- Secure networking encryption
- Dedicated server model

Design Specifications

- Separate applications (server, sim, listener)
- Multi-player server browser
- Multiple available replays
- First person cockpit perspective
- Configurable server

Screen Mockup: Server Browser

Design,	MULTIPLAYER			
Battle, Fly.	Server Name Server 1 Server 2	Ping 42 67	Players 3/6 6/6	Password Yes No
Single Player				
<u>Multi Player</u>				2 72 2 72 2 72
<u>Options</u>	Connect Connect by IP Server Info		Player	List
EXIT	Name: Server 2 IP Address: 69.23.17.112:65432 Uptime: 4h 23m 12s World Time: 23:30 Score Red: 17 Blue: 13	Player 1 Player 2 Player 3 Player 4 Player 5 Player 6		

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Design,	BROWSE			
Battle, Observer Mode Fly.	Path C:/Program Files/DBF/replays/ Browse replay12302011-01-23-45.rp replay12312011-02-45-12.rp			
Browse	replay12302011-01-23-45.rp			
<u>Options</u>				
	Rename Delete Replay Info			
	Name: replay12302011-01-23-45.rp Date Played: 12/30/11 Length: 1h 23m 45s Server: 124.56.23.121:12345			
EXIT	Score Red: 12 Blue: 7			

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Technical Specifications

- Scene graph model
- Collision representations
- Aircraft damage
- Authoritative server
- Networked data log

System Architecture





System Architecture: Sample Hierarchy



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System Components

- Hardware Platforms
 - Standard graphics acceleration
 - Dedicated server
- Software Platforms / Technologies
 - Windows XP/Vista/7
 - QT Creator IDE
 - OpenSceneGraph
 - SVN/Jenkins

Testing

- Start with local simulation
- Single client-server communication
- Multiple clients connected
- Multiple clients interacting (User experience testing)
- Replay from logged network data: start to finish
- Integration testing

Risks

Physical Simulation

- Large amount of factors impacting flight model
- Dedicated researcher, bottom-up approach
- Networking/Encryption
 - Very little previous experience within group
 - Previous Boeing projects as resource
- Replays
 - Time slider could be difficult to implement
 - Using logged server data, continuous playback easier
- Scope
 - Multiple vastly different modules
 - Mitigated by prioritized planning