

Cosc 5/4735
Due: Apr 3 in class

Program #4
50 points

BattleBot VR game. You are going to write a VR client to play. You will be expected to play in class or you get no points. A Note, this project will be due at class time. You will be provided with a sample program, which you can either use and expand to your needed or completely ignore. The basic information about BattleBot is provided here. See the program requirements below.

Battle Bot Arena Game

The object is attempt to destroy the other bot(s), before they destroys you. You will write a client program to control a bot in the arena. The game's timing is based on the number of messages received by the server from the client. When movement rate, number of shots and recharge rate are discussed below, it is based on the messages received by the server, but the server protocol will determine a regular the amount of time between messages.

About the bot:

Your client will control the movement and firing of the bot. You will also be able to scan the area around you bot for other bots and bullets. During the setup of your bot, you will be able to choose to add to the attributes of your bot. You have five “points” to use, but you don't have to use any or all 5 points.

1. The amount of armor your bot has is between 1 and 5. The more armor the more hits your bot can take, before it dies. But the more armor you have the slower your bot will move. Movement rate is based on this equation: $\text{MoveRate} = \text{Armor} - 1$. If you armor is 2, then the bot can move every other message and with an Armor of 5, it can move every 4 messages. A Note, Even if your armor is damaged by shooting and your bot is still alive, the bot's MoveRate **does not** change.
2. The power of the bullets your bot is firing is between 1 and 5. A bullet power of 1 will cause 1 point of damage, while 5 will inflict 5 points of damage. The more powerful, the less often you can fire and it will go a shorter distance. How often you can shoot is based on $\text{shot power} * 10$. The distance a bullet travels is based on the diagonal length of the arena divided by bullet power. So if the bullet power is 1, the bullet can travel the entire length of the arena. Last, shooting draws power from the drive engine to shoot, the movement will be affected, by the following equation: $\text{MoveCount} = \text{MoveCount} - \text{BulletPower}$. So when firing a BulletPower of 5, the bot will not be able to move for 5 messages and cannot shoot again for 50 messages.
3. Scan distance is between 1 and 5. Scan distance is the value times 100, so a value of 1, allows you to scan 100 pixels radius around the bot, while 5 allows you to scan a 500 radius around the bot. You can always scan and it does not affect shooting or movement.

The default for all three attributes is 1 and then you may choose to add to it, with the 5 additional points. You do not have to use all 5 points, but you cannot use more than a total of 5 points across the 3 attributes. Remember any given attribute can have at most 5, so the max you can add to any attribute is 4.

Protocol to talk to the server v1.6 (This will not work for v1.5 and below)

Setup stage:

After the connection, the server sends you:

setup PID WidthArena HeightArena NumberOfBots Team

- team is your team number. You cannot hurt or be hurt by the same team. If the team number is zero, there are no teams.

Example message: setup 1 250 250 2 1 //You are player 1, arena is 250x 250, there are 2 players, and you are on team 1.

Client sends back:

NameOfBot ArmourValue BulletValue ScanValue

Example message: Testbot 0 0 3 #note does not need to use all 5 points

If clients sends bad information, then the server sends "setup error" and info needs to be resent correctly otherwise sends back bot info

name ArmourValue MoveRate ScanDistance BulletPower RateOfFire BulletDistance RedColor GreenColor BlueColor

Example message: Testbot 1 0 400 1 10 707 255 0 0

Once the server returns the final information about your bot, you will wait until the first "status" message

Full example:

SERVER: setup 0 500 500 2 0

CLIENT: me 0 0 3

SERVER: me 1 0 400 1 10 707 255 0 0

Game stage:

Once clients receive the first status message the game has started and the server sends a status message every time the server is ready to accept a new action from the client.

status message:

Status X Y MoveCount ShotCount HP

example: Status 162 110 0 0 2

at position 162,110 You can shoot and move, Armor value of 2

example: Status 162 110 0 -10 2

at position 162,110 You can move. 10 messages until you can shoot. Armor value of 2

Once the Status message is read, the server is now ready to receive one command. The client can send 1 of 4 different messages: noop, move, fire, scan

1. Noop, do nothing, but MoveCount and ShotCount counts will increment if non-zero.

message: noop

2. Move, move 1 pixel in 1 of 8 directions, based on X and Y. If bot is able to move, then the bot will be moved 1 pixel based on the direction indicated by x and y value. ShotCount will increment if non-zero. If the bot cannot move, then MoveRate is decremented (as if you did move) but the bot will not move and ShotCount will remain unchanged.

message: move X Y

example message: move 0 -1 #move up 1 pixel

example message: move 1 1 #move down and to right 1 pixel

Note: X and Y can be any positive or negative number, but the bot only moves 1 pixel.

3. Fire, shoot a bullet based on an angle. If the bot is able to fire a bullet, then a bullet will be fired in the direction of the angle. Remember, MoveCount will be decremented (see above). If the bot is not able to fire, then ShotCount will be decremented (as if you did shoot) and MoveCount will remain unchanged.

message: fire ANGLE

example message: fire 0 #shoot a bullet straight up

example message: fire 270 #shot a bullet to the left

4. Scan, then server sends information about the bullets, bots, and power ups within the scan distance. Note it will return your bullets too. ShotCount and MoveCount will increment if non-zero.

message: scan

Return info from the server message

if there are bots within range the following message will be sent

scan bot PID X Y Team RedColor GreenColor BlueColor

if there are bullets within range the following message will be sent

scan shot PID SHOTID SHOTPOWER X Y Team

if there is a power up in range the following message will be sent

scan powerup TYPE X Y

When the scan is done, the following will be sent.

scan done

example: nothing in range

scan done

example: 1 bot, 2 bullets, and a power up in range

scan bot 2 150 75 1 255 0 0

scan shot 2 21 1 150 90 1

scan shot 2 22 1 150 80 1

scan powerup 1 100 100

scan done

Power Ups

There will appear power up boxes on the screen, drawn as a box with an X.

The bot that shoots the box will receive a "Power Up". There are the following types and message sent to bot (if a message is sent to the bot)

Type Color Description

0 Red Add 1 HP (to a max of 5) with no penalty on movement count
message: "Info PowerUp ArmorUp"

1 Blue The cost to move will be decremented by 1 (to a min of 0)
message: "Info PowerUp MoveFaster"

2 Green The cost to fire will be decremented by 2 (to a min of 1)
message: "Info PowerUp FireFaster"

3 Orange At no cost, the bot will fire every 15 angle a shot.

4 Yellow Box explodes, a shot every 15 angle will be fired from the box

5 purple Add 1 Shot Power, no penalty to shot cost to bot (the bullet range will be effected)

- Max of 5 shot Power
message: "Info PowerUp FireUp"
- 6 Brown shots from the bot will move faster (max of 5 of this power up per bot)
message: "Info PowerUp FireMoveFaster"
- 7 Gray Teleport. The bot will be moved to a new random location on the board
message: "Info PowerUp Teleport"

Other information your bot may receive.

Before the Status message, they maybe Info messages about what has happened.

Info hit by PID SHOTID #You've been shot by PID, see status message for armor
Info BadCmd #Your command was not accepted.
Info Dead #Your Dead, game over NO Status message will follow
Info GameOver #Game over, you have won. Same, no status message
When either Info Dead and GameOver is sent, the server closes the connection.
Info Alive NUMBER #A bot has been killed, there are NUMBER enemy left in play.
Info PowerUp X #see power up list for message details.

Example:

Info Alive 2 # There are now 2 bots alive (1 of them is you!).

Info hit by 2 22 #player 2's bullet hit you

Status 162 110 -1 -19 1

You are at 162,100, you can't move for 1 message, can't shot for 19 messages and you have an armor value of 1

About how bots and bullets are drawn in the arena and collisions

All bots are drawn as a 10x10 square. The position show by the status message is the upper left point. So if the bot status shows 150 150, the bot is drawn from 150,150 to 150,160, to 160,160 and 160,150, and back to 150,150. Bullets are also drawn as a square and the position shown in the scan is the upper left point. The bullet power + 1 is the length of each side, so bullet power of 1 is drawn as 2x2 square and a bullet of 5 is a 6x6 square. Power Ups are drawn as a 10x10 square.

If a bot tries to move into a wall, then the move is prevented by the server (the message is ignored) and no damage is taken by the bot.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

You are to write an app to play BattleBot in VR. You can use my code and expand or it or write your own from scratch (including using Unity if you want to). You will be wearing VR headset in class and you MUST use a controller. How you design the VR UI is up to you. However, you app should able to read all the messages and send out all 4 messages as well. Your VR UI gets user input and sends it to the server, plus deal with errors, like User tried to move, but they are not allowed to yet. You are provided with a basic app, that can comminute and send scan messages by default. If you remove the scan messages, then you the other bot (and powerups, bullets) will not show in the VR area.

Your bot must have a Manual Only mode, where you control both shooting and moving via a controller. There is NO AI allowed in this version. This is what we will play on first day. On the second day, it will be opened up to a mix mode (which is optional) where you have both manual and AI control. You choose what to control and what the AI controls.

How to run the server:

The server is provided for you and 2 client bots. The server is expected to be run from the command line. It can take 1 command line argument. Command: `java -jar BatBot152.jar <Number of players>` If you leave off number of players, it defaults to 1 player. This is a test mode, so you can test your bot. To exit the server, press q or ESC over the battle Arena window. The server listens on port 3012 for the clients.

You are also provided with a test bots to play against. To run the clients command: `java -jar uinput.jar` This is for you to test the protocol. The clients assume localhost, so you must run them on the same machine as the server.

Lastly, Master of the Battle Arena:

To encourage more interesting bots, there will be two days of challenges, one day for each mode, run during class time to determine the Master of the Battle Arena. First a pairwise challenge, which will determine the best bot in 1 to 1 challenge. The winner of each challenge will receive 5 extra credit points. If one bot should win both challenges, the student will be declared the “Master of the VR Battle Arena” and of course gets both extra credit points. The Instructor may enter their bot as well, should they win no extra points will be awarded for the challenge. No students will be harmed in the battle, only their bots.

TURN IN and GRADING:

Hard copy:

1. A copy page with Name, program #4, cosc 5/4735 depending on which class you enrolled in.

Soft copy:

1. Use this link to create your repo <https://classroom.github.com/a/x11eEoyS>
2. Upload the project to your repo
 - o Both versions if you are using separate bots for manual and mix mode bots.
3. Create/Edit the readme.md file, add the following:
 - o Course number 4735 or 5735
 - o Name
 - o how to run the program (this is likely very simple if you used my code),
 - o Which controller to use. Bluetooth, xbox/ps4.
4. Lastly ensure everything has uploaded to the github website and not just the local repo.

Code will be graded on correctness, comments, and coding style.