

Course #34 Syllabus

MORNING SESSION:

"Designing Shared VE Systems"

8:30a :25 Capps

Introduction

- Defining Shared VE systems
- Motivations for Sharing Worlds
- Distributed vs. Multi-User
- Designing to Requirements
- Introduction of Presenters

8:55a :30 Zyda

History of Shared VR systems

- Prehistory : 1980's
 - SIMNET, NPSNET
 - DIS protocol IEEE standard
- Second Generation Systems : early 1990's
 - Collaborative Virtual Environments
 - networked games

9:25a :45 Watsen

Software Architectures

- Architecture Design
 - standalone, hard-coded solutions
 - modularity and reuse
- Extensibility
- System Composability
- Platform factors

10:10a :15 **BREAK**

10:25a :20 Capps

Network Architectures

- Requirement: fitting client technology
- Topologies:
 - Broadcasting Peers
 - Multicast
 - Centralized Server
 - Server Hierarchies

10:45a :40 Greenhalgh

Interest Management

- Taxonomy of Techniques
- Architectural dependence
- Granularity of Filtering
- Filtering Models

11:25a :35 Singhal **Managing Dynamic Shared State**

- Consistency / Throughput Tradeoff
- Sharing Repositories
- Reduction of Coupling through Broadcast
- Dead Reckoning
- Behaviors and Methods

12:00p - 1:30p **LUNCH BREAK**

AFTERNOON SESSION: "Implementing Shared VE Systems"

1:30p :15 Capps **Introduction to afternoon session**

1:45p :35 Greenhalgh **MASSIVE / DIVE**

- Central Server Architecture
- Persistent Universes
- Foundation for Collaboration
- VR teleconferencing
- COMIC Aura Awareness model

2:20p :35 Abrams & Watsen **Bamboo**

- Dynamic Extensibility
- Dynamic Protocols
- Portability
- Serverless/Multicast Architecture

2:55p :15 **BREAK**

3:10p :35 Morse **HLA and Government Systems**

- Standard for distributed simulation
- Run-Time Infrastructure
- System Interoperability

3:45p :30 Singhal **Internet Deployment and Language Choice**

- InVerse / TSpaces
- Platform-independent design
- Java vs C++ for Shared VE development
- Multi-user game development

4:15p :30 Anderson **OpenCommunity / SPLINE**

- Distributed servers architecture
- Schmooser interactive world editor

4:45p :15 Capps **Conclusion**

- "Crystal Ball"

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