

OPERAcraft + Kinect

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Cinemacraft

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- ❖ OPERAcraft: Combines video games and opera to produce live productions
- ❖ Opera + Minecraft = OPERAcraft

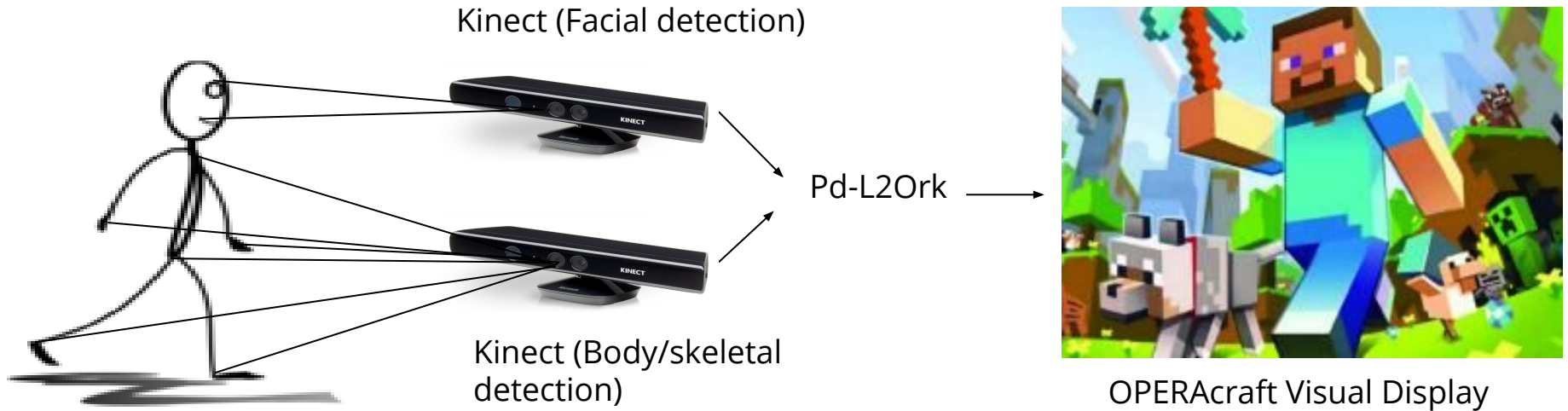
OPERAcraft Controls

- Limited to the keyboard and predefined controls



*avatar not pictured

Kinect Sensing + OPERAcraft = CINEMAcraft



- ❖ Allows for production creation in real-time from unique perspectives
- ❖ **Goal:** Get Minecraft avatar to 'mirror' user's facial and skeletal movements via Kinect sensors

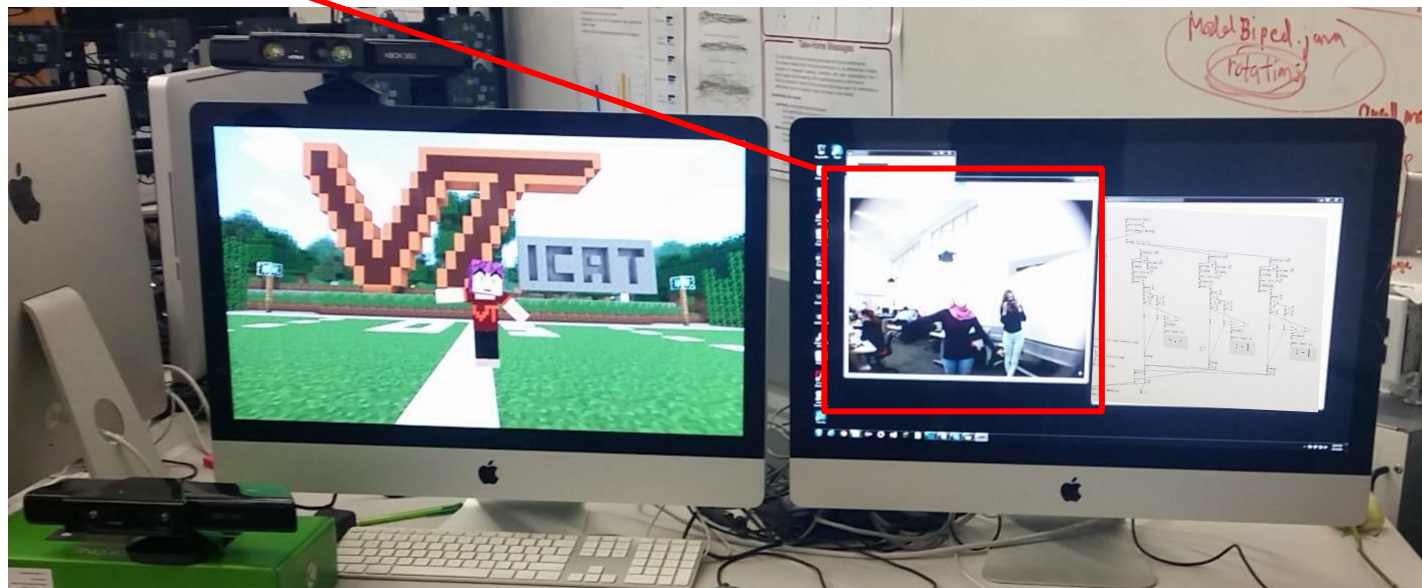
Software

- ❖ Kinect code
 - Language: C#
 - Environment: Visual Basic (64 or 32 bit)
- ❖ Pd-L2Ork
- ❖ Minecraft code
 - Language: Java
 - Environment: Eclipse Luna/Mars (64 or 32 bit)

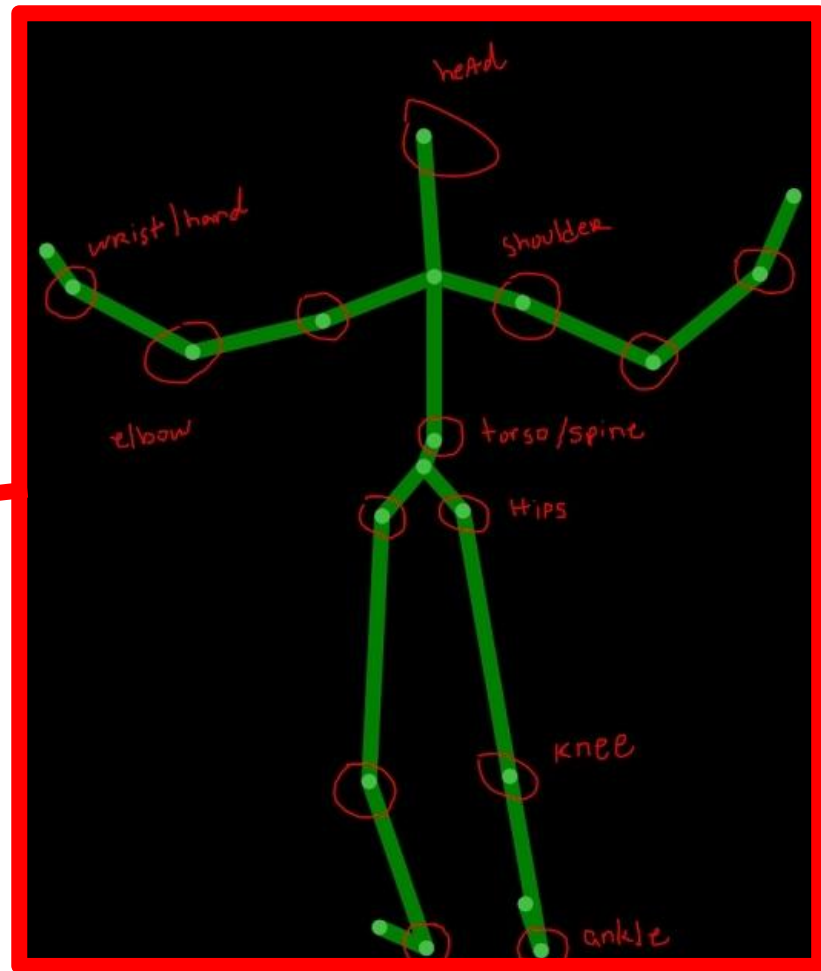
What's Done?

Integral Feature	Base Level of Functionality	Does it need to be expanded?	Could it be expanded?
Skeletal: arm movement	complete	no	no
leg movement	complete	no	no
torso movement	complete	no	no
head movement	complete	no	yes
Facial: eyebrow movement	in progress	yes	yes
mouth movement	in progress	yes	yes
Minecraft: avatar art	complete	no	yes
world art	complete	no	yes

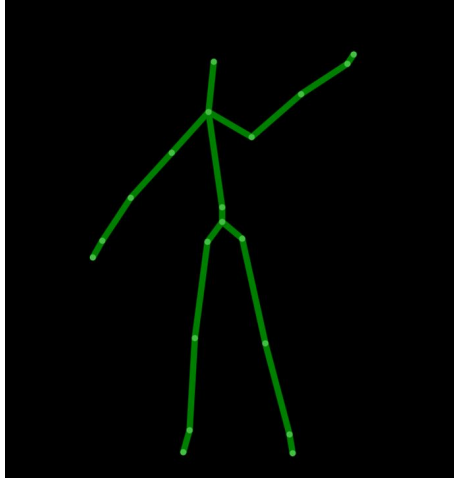
Kinect → Pd-L2Ork → **Minecraft**



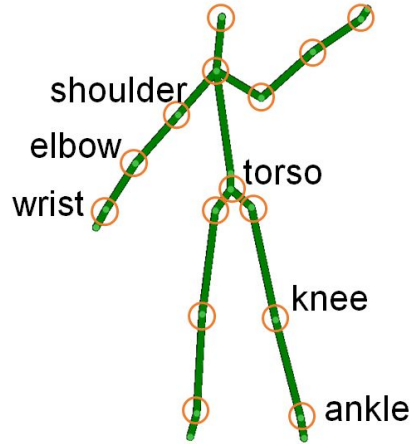
Skeletal Recognition



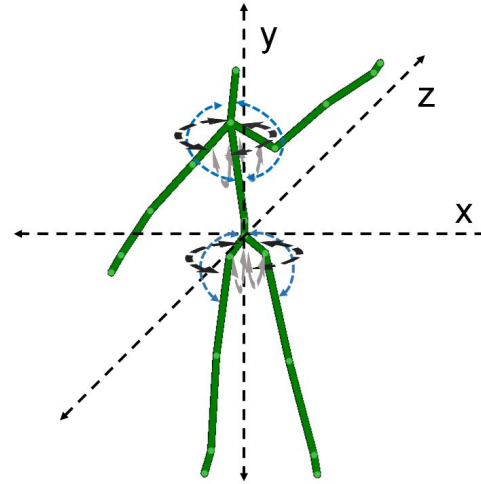
Translating Kinect data -> OPERAcraft movement



Kinect Skeletal Tracking



Infer points



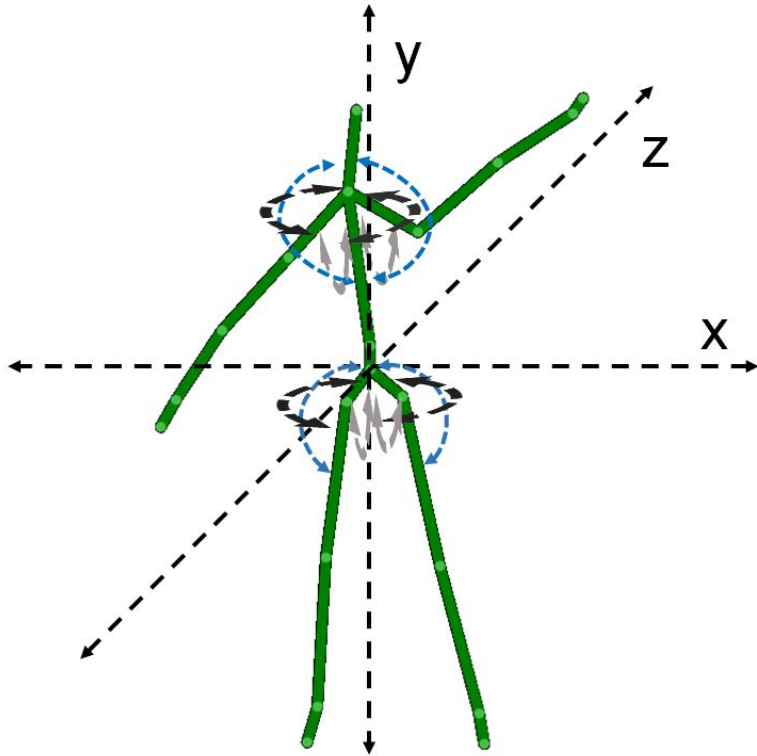
Calculate angles of rotation

UDP Packet:

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@karm
ICAT01 24 36
...
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Send **angles** to OPERAcraft

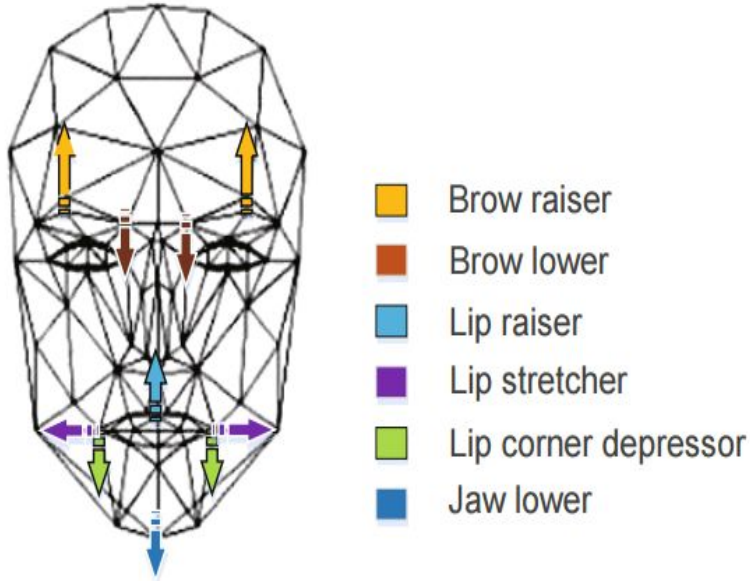
Angle Calculations



- X Rotation
- Y Rotation
- Z Rotation

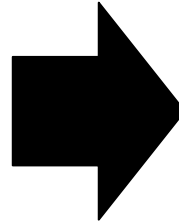
- ❖ Compute angles of rotation in each plane
- ❖ Points \rightarrow 3D Vectors \rightarrow compute angle between
- ❖ *Around Y axis:* rotation in **X** plane
- ❖ *Around Z axis:* rotation in **Y** plane
- ❖ *Around X axis:* rotation in **Z** plane

Facial Recognition



Tracked Animation Units (AUs).

The areas of 2D points that would affect various AUs to yield the delta values from a face's neutral position (4).



MOUTH

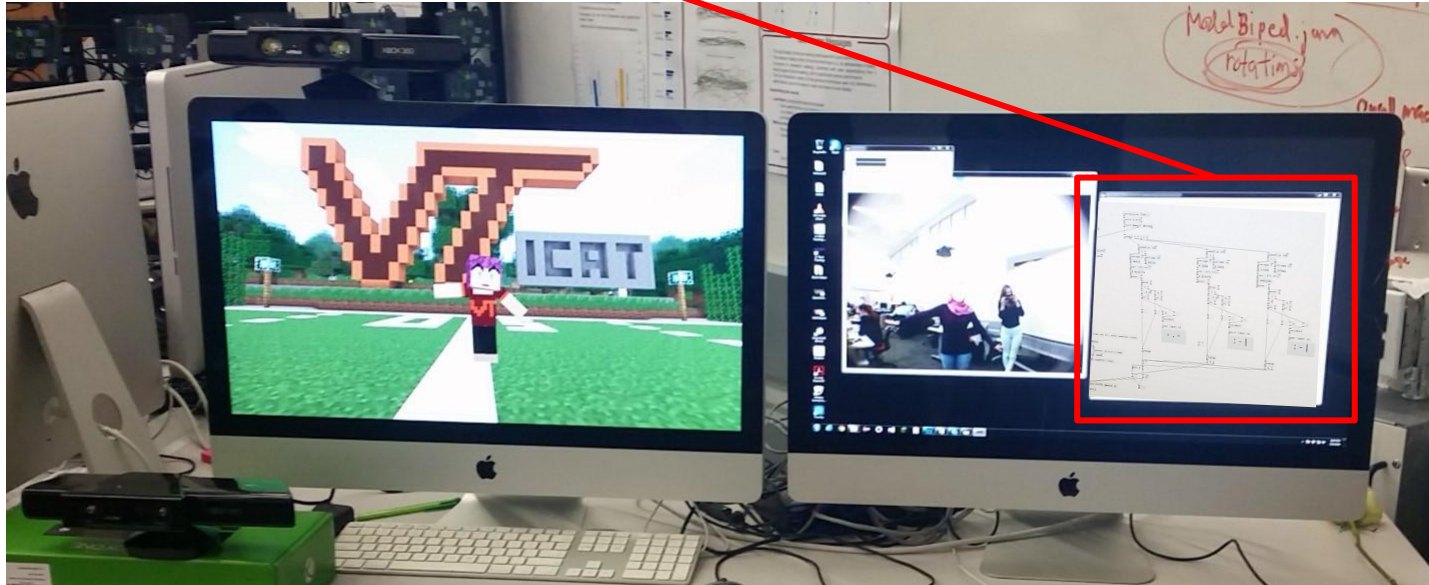
EYEBROW

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	1, 0	1, 1	1, 2	1, 3
	2, 0	2, 1	2, 2	2, 3
	3, 0	3, 1	3, 2	3, 3
	4, 0	4, 1	4, 2	4, 3

Eyebrow and Mouth Combination Matrix.

The 20 possibilities for avatar helmets, based on the user's facial expressions.

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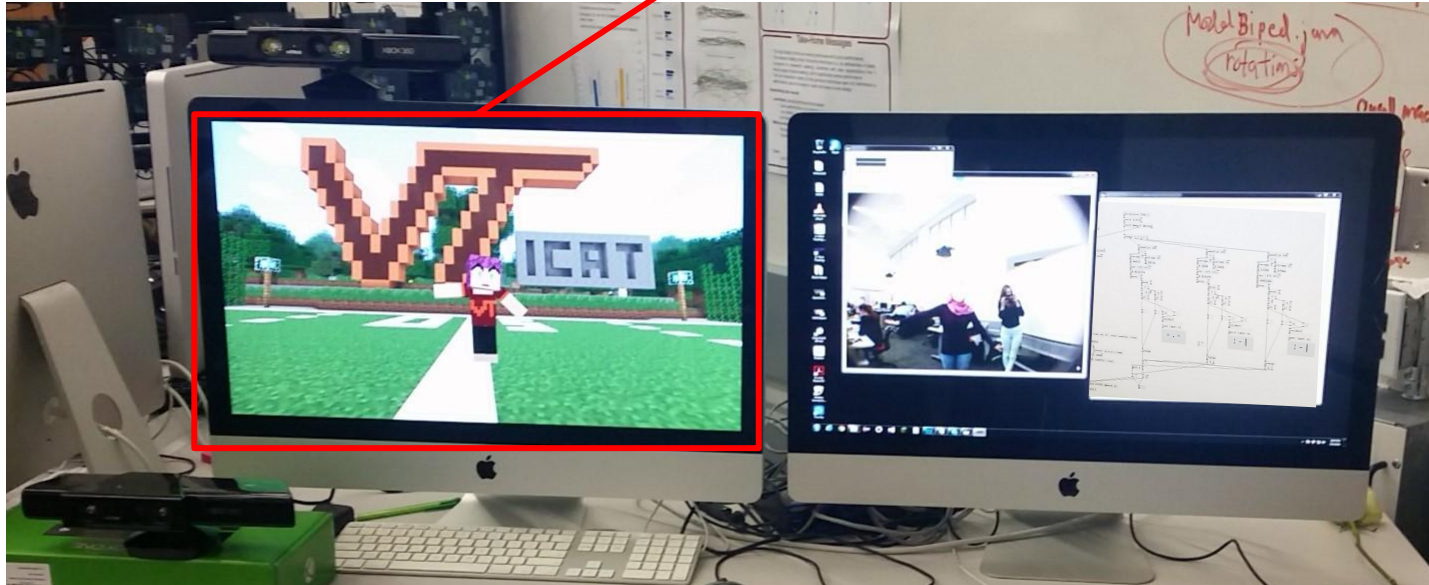
UDP Packet Constraints

Delimiter(s)	Line Ending(s)	Avatar Movement Keywords	Movement Position Value(s)	Movement Position Types
whitespace	;\n	eyes mouth head shoulder arm leg torso	{0-3} {0-4} {(-90)-(90)} {(-180)-(180)} {(y)} {(-180)-(180)} {(-180)-(180)} {(-90)-(90)} {(-90)-(90)} {(x)} {(y)} {(-180)-(180)}	integer integer float (xrot, yrot) float (y) float (xrot, zrot) float (xrot, zrot) float(x, y, yrot)

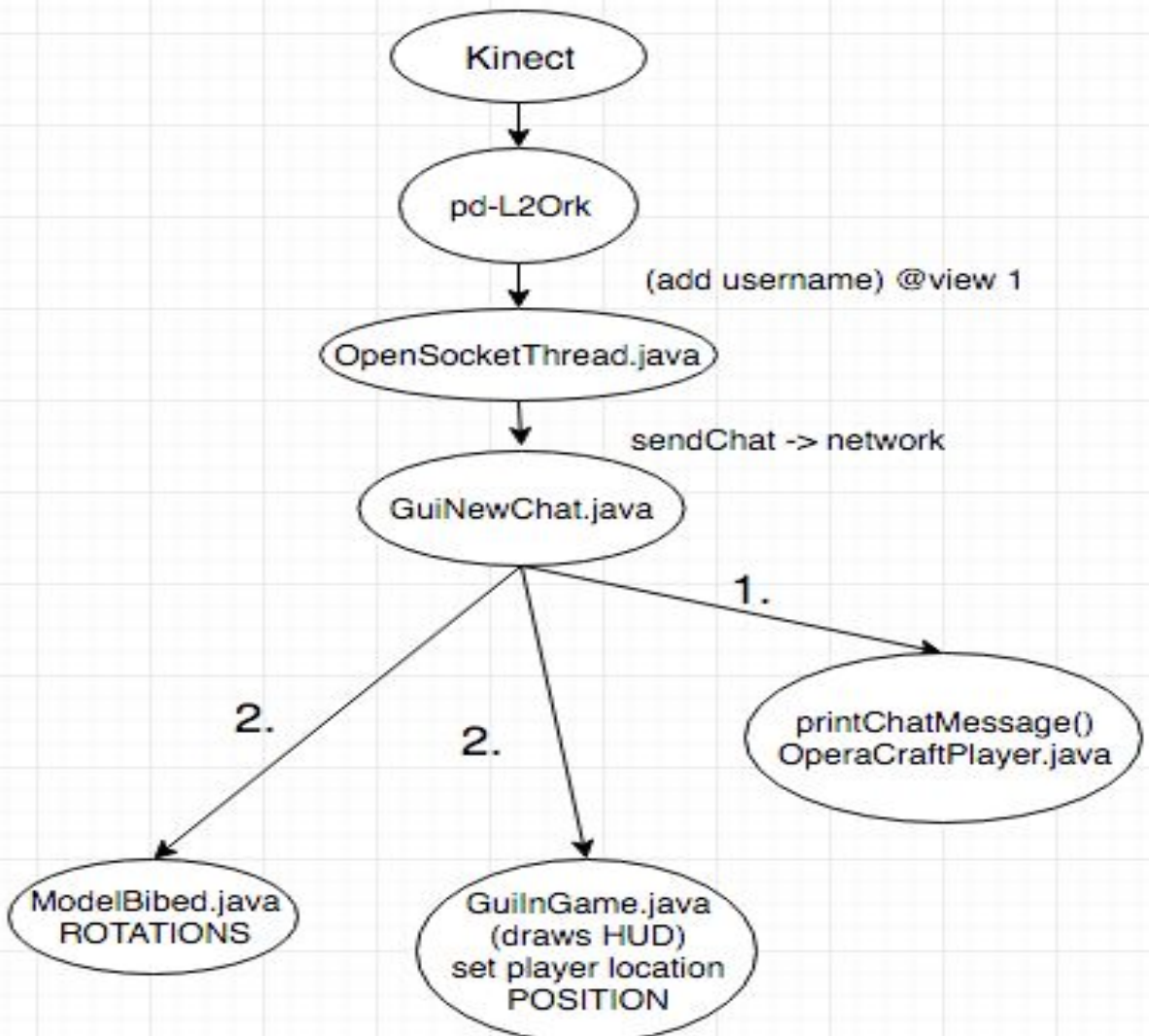
Pd-L2Ork: Averages/Normalization

- Feature position data gets sent from Kinect for each frame
- Pd-L2Ork averages the last five frames to reduce jumpiness in expressions/gestures
- Sends the “patched” data to Minecraft

Kinect → Pd-L2Ork → **Minecraft**



Minecraft Code: Dependencies and Flow



Minecraft Art: Facial Expression Helmets

- Microsoft Paint
- 16x16 pixels
- Female and male



Sad
Anxious brows
+
frown



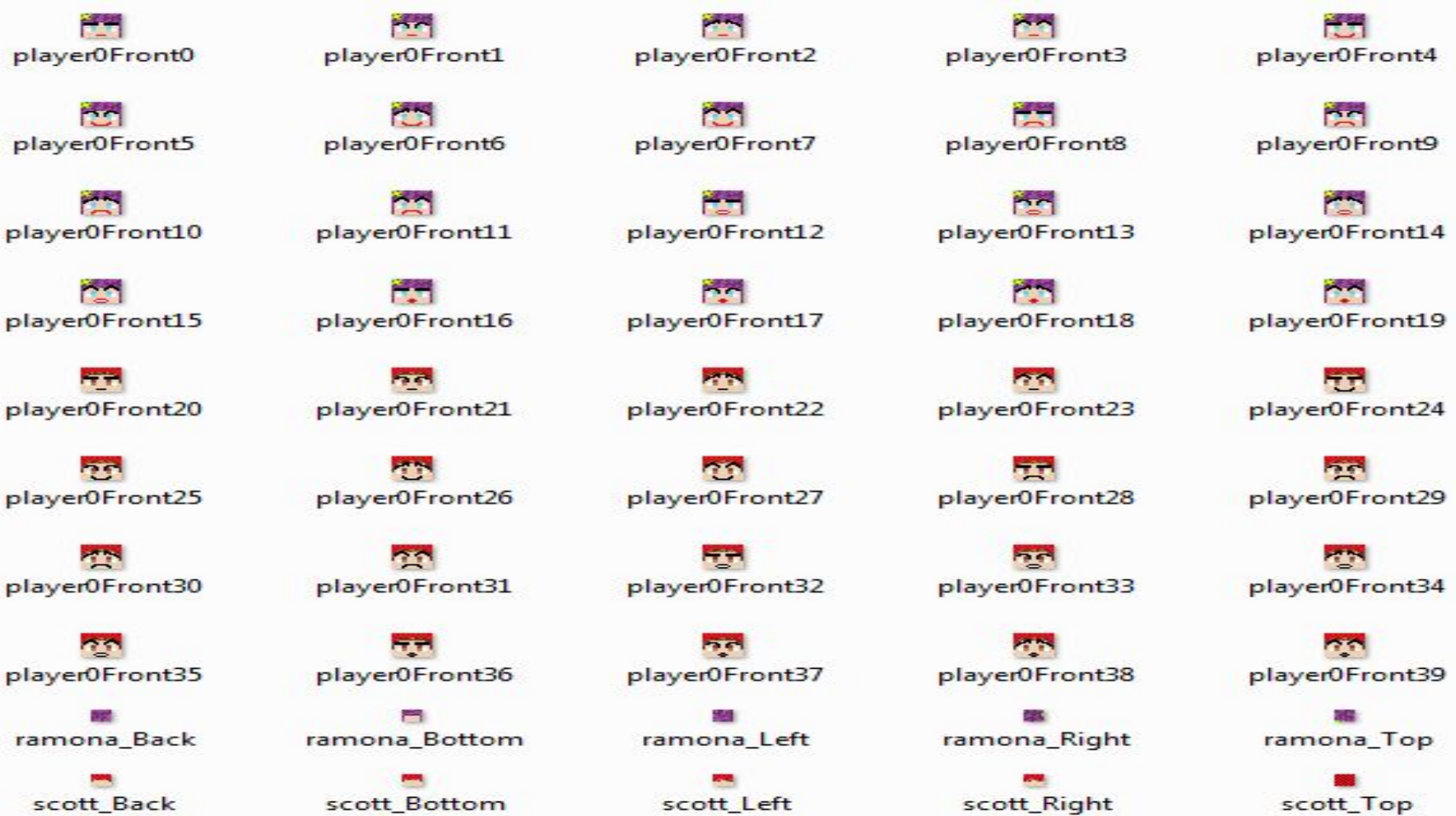
Surprised
Surprised brows
+
open lips



Angry
Furrowed brows
+
frown



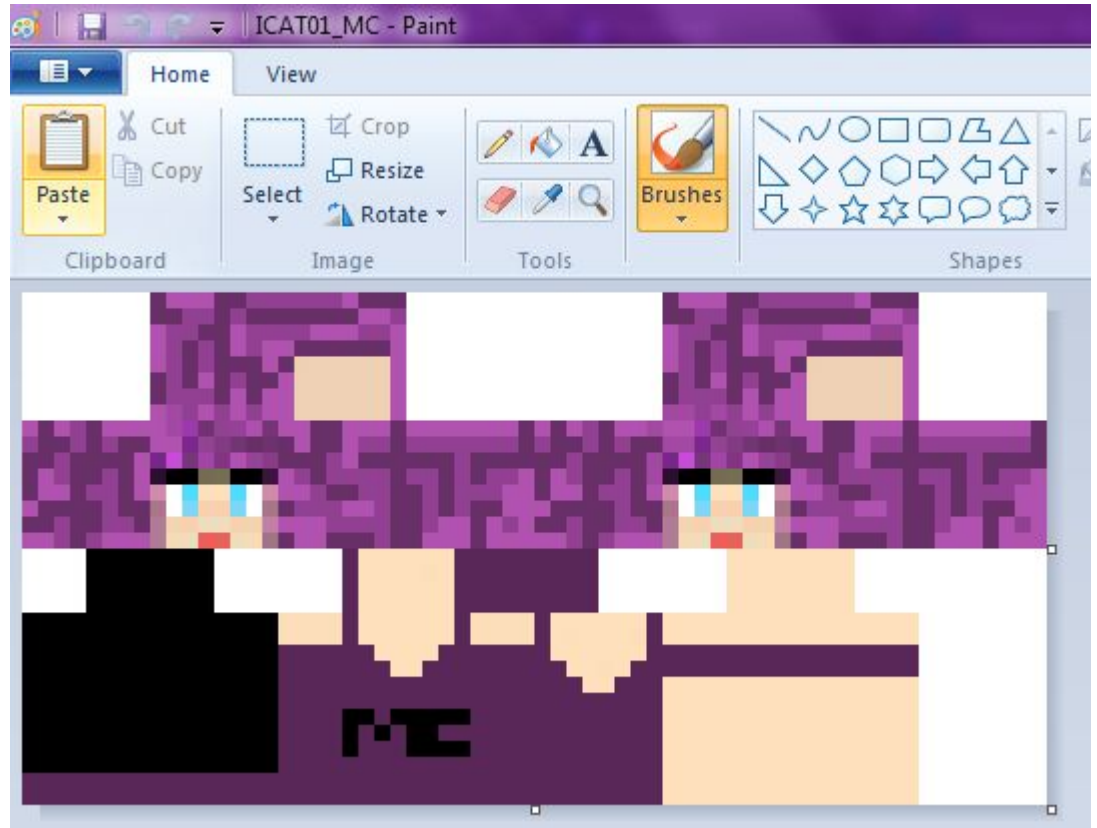
Kiss Face
Neutral brows
+
puckered lips



Minecraft Art: Avatar Skin

- Microsoft Paint
- 32x64 pixels
- Female and male

800% zoom



100% zoom





Minecraft Art: Background World

- In-game with various block types



Prototype

1. Primary display monitor
2. Computer to process skeletal movements
3. Computer to process facial movements
4. Kinect sensor for skeletal tracking
5. Kinect sensor for facial tracking



SXSW Prototype Demo



Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B12jba-1Ut5jT2pPYTZoOExNWDg/view>

QUESTIONS?

Resources

[Image] <https://hidale.com/shop/dp-kinect/>

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