Networking in Unity

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- HTTP and browser interface
- End to end connections

HTTP and browser interface

HTTP

- WWWForm
- Yield to pause coroutine
- WebPlayer WWW security

WebPlayer WWW security

- www.a.com/my/webplayer.unity3d tries to access www.b.com/the/groovy/highscore.php
- Security requires crossdomain file at
 - http://www.b.com/crossdomain.xml
- Details in documentation:
 - http://unity3d.com/support/documentation/Manual/Security%20Sandbox.html

Browser interface

- Application.OpenURL
- Application.ExternalCall
- Application.ExternalEval

Check out WebPlayerTemplates

End to end connections

End to end connections

- Network view
- Sockets
- Session traffic
- Middleware

Network view

- NAT punch-through
- MasterServer
- Synchronization
- RPC

Sockets

- Built into .net
- Completely standard
 - Listener / outgoing
 - TCP / UDP
 - Port bind
- WebPlayer security

Socket WebPlayer security

- Requests cross-domain policy over port 843
- No listening sockets in the WebPlayer, so no WebPlayer P2P
- Same XML syntax as the WWW crossdomain policy
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Session traffic

- Oclient / server owner
- Seed distribution
- Probability evaluation

Middleware

- SmartFoxServer
 - Simple setup, lobby system, server backend, nice license for small setups/ startups
- Exit Games Photon
 - MMO solution, high performance, more complex setup - designed for heavy traffic

Resources

- http://unity3d.com/support
- http://angryant.com