Hack Like the Movie Stars: A Big-Screen Multi-Touch Network Monitor

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Overview

Multi-touch interfaces

- What is multi-touch?
 - This rhetorical question will not be dignified with a response.

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Optical multi-touch methods

- Our big board
 - History, building process
 - Other uses
- The tool: DVNE
 - Architecture
 - Future plans

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Multi-touch Methods

• Electronic

- Capacitive (iPhone)
- Hard to build at home
- Optical
 - Main idea: capture infrared blobs with a camera



Optical Multi-touch

- The question: how to illuminate the touches?
- Rear Diffused Illumination
 - Example: Microsoft Surface
 - IR shines out of the screen, illuminating objects

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- Frustrated Total Internal Reflection
 - Shine light into the edges of plexiglass
 - Touching the glass causes it to flex and emit light

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This is what we use



Our big screen

- AKA That Thing I Keep Tripping Over
 - FTIR method
 - 56" diagonal, 16:9 aspect ratio (roughly 48"x30")
 - 1280 x 800
 - Plexiglass construction
 - Laminated vellum projection screen
 - 168 IR LEDs
 - PlayStation Eye camera



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Our big screen



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Architecture

• Touch signals over UDP

TUIO Protocol



What do we DO with it?

- Some ongoing projects
 - Immersive collaboration (multi-touch caves)
 - Educational software (we're building tables for schools)

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- But we're a security lab
 - We also like campy movies. ("It's a UNIX system!")





We also play games ...



DVNE

- Dynamic Visualization for Network Environments
 - Primary goal: to build a flashy Hollywood-style computer interface
 - Secondary goal: build something useful for looking at networks

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- Network monitor
 - Track TCP streams, identify protocol using signatures
- Interface
 - Python with pymt multitouch extensions
 - TUIO

Resources

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- Natural User Interface Group
 - <u>http://www.nuigroup.com</u>
- PyMT
 - <u>http://pymt.txzone.net</u>
- Pyglet
 - <u>http://www.pyglet.org</u>

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