Javascript: Badminton Man

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Abstract

This is a project that will utilize Javascript to create a 3D model of a badminton player. This badminton player will then demonstrate a key badminton move: the clear.

1 Introduction/Background

I have been playing badminton since I was a little kid, and I formally trained for 3 years during my high school career. For my project, I would like to utilize a blobby man to demonstrate one of the basic moves in the game of badminton: the clear. This move is crucial in badminton, and mastering it can lead to great success in competition.

2 Methods

For this project, I will be creating the animated blobby man as has been done in previous years, but I will utilize Javascript rather than VPython (like Ramya did in 2013). I chose to do this in Javascript because I am concurrently learning this programming language in another CS class (CS 105).

I will have the player start out in the ready stance (right before the birdie is to be served) and then move into the clear and followthrough. This will include both the arm movements and footwork. I will also try to include a birdie to simulate an actual game. Based on how much time I have and how proficient I become in Javascript, since I am a novice, I may be able to include other moves such as smashing or serving (either doubles or singles style) as well as a second player. For this project, I will try to create my own code, while learning from a past project (i.e. Ramya's Swimming in 3D). I will also go on the three js library, which provides a great deal of information on creating 3D objects in Javascript. I will have to set variables for scene, camera, and renderer in order to actually be able to create the objects I will need for the body of my badminton man. I will have to set up a framework for the body as well. After I have created my badminton man, I will have to execute the code for movement. After this, I may set mouse controls so a user can interact with my badminton man (e.g. they could change the perspective they view the badminton man from). It would be amazing if I were able to simulate part of an actual game depending on my timeframe and how complex this endeavor would be.

3 Timeline

- 1. Create the body of my badminton man. (Due 10/14/16)
- 2. Add in motions of badminton man. (Due 11/11/16)
- 3. Create class presentation. (Due 11/18/16)
- 4. Complete website and revise necessary portions of project. (Due 11/25/16)

4 Goals

Once this project is complete I will have achieved these goals:

- Learn to use Javascript at a beginner level.
- Create a figure in Javascript.
- Animate a figure in Javascript.
- Familiarize myself with TeXShop.
- Integrate Javascript and HTML together.
- Create my own website.