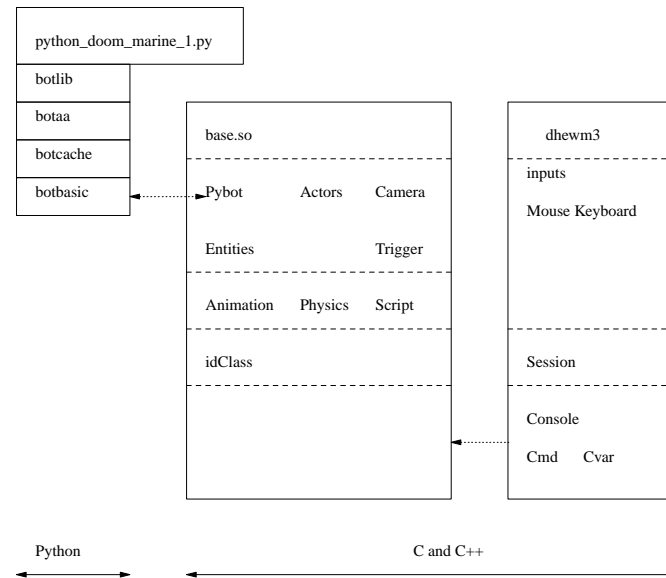


Implementing the Pybot API

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Implementing the Pybot API

- all assets in doom3 are in text format
 - other than images
- the remote procedure call marshalling is also achieved using text format
 - conventionally remote procedure call marshalling is achieved by sending raw binary format
- please read Tanenbaum's description of how remote procedure calls operate
 - and how marshalling is employed and why it is necessary
- Andrew Tanenbaum, Modern Operating Systems, Prentice-Hall International
 - sections 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2

Implementing the Pybot API

- text format is slightly less efficient than raw binary encoding
 - but it is much easier to debug and extend
- suspect the efficiency loss is minimal
 - the difference in format means the packet size increases
 - however the number of packets sent will remain the same
- caveat, this has not been measured and could be wrong!
- however during the development of the bot API the simplicity of text based remote procedure calls cannot be overstated

Implementing the Pybot API

- [Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/python-bot/python_doommarin](#)

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

import botbasic, time

b = botbasic.bot ("localhost", "python_doommarine_1")
print "success! python doom marine is alive"
print "trying to get my id...",
me = b.me ()
print "yes"
print "the python marine id is", me
```

- `botbasic.bot` creates an object which connects to the dhewm3 game engine
- `b.me ()` returns an integer which is the id of the bot player

class basic __init__

- purpose is to connect to the dhewm3 engine
 - ultimately it will connect and have a dedicated socket for this bot player into the engine
 - another bot player will have a different socket
- the dhewm3 engine needs to connect the new bot player socket with the in game bot
- the in game bot is created via `pen2map`

In game bot creation

- [Sandpit/chisel/maps/python.txt](#)

```
define 1 room 1
define 2 room 2
define 3 room 3
define s worldspawn
define i light
define M monster python_doommarine_mp

#####
# 1 i i i i# 2 # 3 #
#i # # #
# s . # #
# . . #
# M # . #
# # . #
# i i i i # #
#####
```

In game bot creation

- the keywords `monster python_doommarine_mp` are used to inform `pen2map` to generate an entity (id) for the in game bot

- [Sandpit/chisel/python/tiny.map](#)

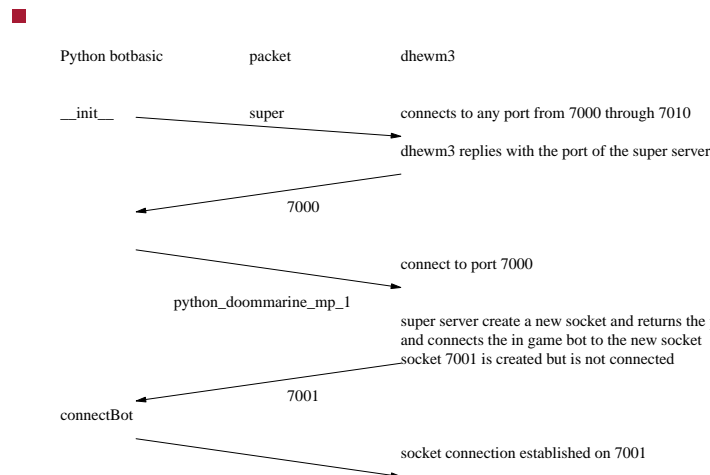
```
// entity 2
{
  "classname" "python_doommarine_mp"
  "name" "python_doommarine_mp_1"
  "anim" "idle"
  "origin" "-600 -456 96"
  "ambush" "1"
}
```

- we can see the return value for `me` will be 2

super server

- the roll of the super server in the dhewm3 python extensions is to:
 - create a new socket for every new python connection
 - assign the new socket into the appropriate in game player entity

class basic __init__



class basic __init__

- this connection sequence allows for the dhewm3 game to be restarted quickly after a crash
 - the super server port may differ, as the underlying operating system may hold onto the previous sockets for a while (minutes)
- since the botbasic always queries the port number of the super server (and all sockets above 7000 to 7010) understand the `super` request this will be transparent
- after `__init__` has completed the python botbasic has a direct connection to a socket which is owned by the in game player entity

class basic __init__

- if the super server does not know about the requested python bot name then the port number returned will be 0
 - in which case `__init__` queries for the super server value and it loops back to the start
- this allows for the python script to be started before the game engine
 - and even allows a previous dhewm3 to be running, then it terminates and a new dhewm3 engine to be run and the python bot will eventually connect to the latest dhewm3 engine

me

- Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/python-bot/botbasic.py

```
#
# me - return the id of this bot.
#

def me (self):
    self.s.send ("self\n")
    return int (self.getLine ())
```

- the file Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.cpp contains the dhewm3 side api implementation
 - emacs key F9
- also read the file Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.h

dhewm3 engine: implementation of me

- Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.cpp

```
/*
 * interpretRemoteProcedureCall - a switch statement of .
 */

void pyBotClass::interpretRemoteProcedureCall (char *data
{
    if (protocol_debugging)
        gameLocal.Printf ("rpc (%s)\n", data);
    if (strcmp (data, "super") == 0)
        rpcSuper ();
    else if (idStr::Cmpn (data, "getpos ", 7) == 0) // Id
        rpcGetPos (&data[7]);
    else if (strcmp (data, "self") == 0)
        rpcSelf ();
    etc
```

dhewm3 engine: bot api changes**dhewm3 engine: implementation of me**

- Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.cpp

```
/*
 * rpcSelf - return our id.
 */

void pyBotClass::rpcSelf (void)
{
    char buf[1024];

    if (protocol_debugging)
        gameLocal.Printf ("rpcSelf called by python\n");
    idStr::snPrintf (buf, sizeof (buf), "%d\n", myid);
    if (protocol_debugging)
        gameLocal.Printf ("rpcSelf responding with: %s\n", bu
    buffer.pyput (buf);
    state = toWrite;
}
```

pybot.h

- declares pyBufferClass, pyBotClass, pyServerClass registerName and populateDictionary

pyBotClass

- [Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.h](#)

```
int myid;
char *name;
int portNo;
bool enabled;
pyBufferClass buffer;
serverState state;
struct sockaddr_in sa;
struct sockaddr_in isa;
int socketFd;
int connectFd;
bool connected;
```

Tutorial: adding pybot access to health

- start emacs and press F9 and then F2
 - this loads in pybot.cpp and then splits the screen
- open up file pybot.h which is in the same directory as pybot.cpp
- now open up Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/python-bot/botbasic.py

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- search for the method definition for me
- now add

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- `Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/python-bot/botbasic.py`

```
#
# me - return the id of this bot.
#

def me (self):
    self.s.send ("self\n")
    return int (self.getLine ())

#
# health - return the bots health
#

def health (self):
    self.s.send ("health\n")
    return int (self.getLine ())
```

- the string `health` indicates the remote procedure (method) that we want to call

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- notice that `health` will return an integer to the python application
- we need to add the game engine code, so change to the `pybot.cpp` buffer (press F9)
- search for the method `pyBotClass::interpretRemoteProcedureCall`
 - and add the following code

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- `Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.cpp`

```
else if (strcmp (data, "self") == 0)
    rpcSelf ();
else if (strcmp (data, "health") == 0)
    rpcHealth ();
```

- the method `pyBotClass::interpretRemoteProcedureCall` interprets all the api calls and is akin to a long switch statement

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- search for the implementation of `rpcSelf` and underneath it place the following

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.cpp

```

/*
 * rpcHealth - return our health.
 */

void pyBotClass::rpcHealth (void)
{
    char buf[1024];

    if (protocol_debugging)
        gameLocal.Printf ("rpcHealth called by python\n");
    idStr::snPrintf (buf, sizeof (buf), "%d\n", dictionary-:
    if (protocol_debugging)
        gameLocal.Printf ("rpcHealth responding with: %s\n", |
        buffer.pyput (buf);
        state = toWrite;
}

```

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- notice the call to dictionary->health()
 - the remaining code convert the integer into a string and passes it back to the python library
- navigate to the method dict::ammo, underneath add the following code

Adding health method to botbasic.py

```

/*
 * health - return the health for the bot.
 */

int dict::health (int id)
{
    return entry[id]->health ();
}

```

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- we need to add a dictionary entry for health in the class dict

```

int reload_weapon (int id);
int ammo (int id);
int health (int id);
bool aim (int id, int enemy);
int turn (int id, int angle, int angle_vel);

```

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- now we need a health method in item, so firstly add the declaration in class item

```
int stop_firing (void);
int ammo (void);
int health (void);
void reload_weapon (void);
```

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- underneath item::ammo add

```
/*
 * health - return the health of a python bot or monster
 */
int item::health (void)
{
    switch (kind)
    {
        case item_monster:
            assert (false);
            return 0; // ignore
        case item_player:
            return idplayer->health;
    }
}
```

Adding health method to botbasic.py

- add the method declaration to pybot.h

■ [Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/neo/game/ai/pybot.h](#)

```
void rpcSuper (void);
void rpcGetPos (char *data);
void rpcSelf (void);
void rpcHealth (void);
void rpcMaxObj (void);
void rpcStep (char *data);
void rpcRight (char *data);
```

Homework

- write down a list of classes defined in pybot.h and pybot.cpp give a summary of their purposes
- examine the purpose of dict and item