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## Introduction of Simulation-based Capabilities

#### Objective

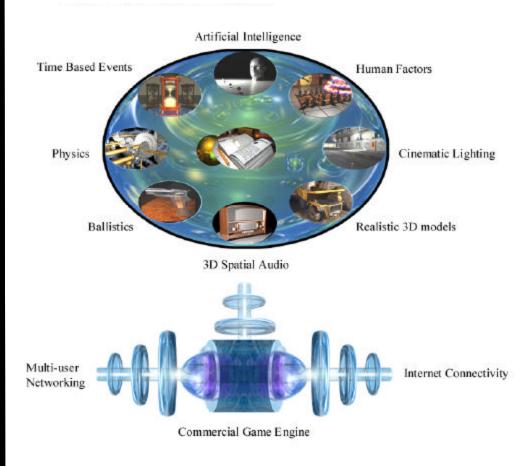
Familiarize the NDIA community with ECS capabilities that may be applied to the vision of the Department of Defense's Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) initiative

- Commercial gaming technologies to provide visualization and simulation
- Massive multi-player networking to provide multiple levels of simultaneous training
- Integration with Parallel Discrete Event Simulation Architecture for CGF Behavior engine
- SCORM conformant ADL toolset (Learning Management System, Intelligent Tutoring System, After-action Review capabilities)





# Our Approach Blends Existing & Emerging Advanced Distributed Learning Technologies



#### Commercial Industry

- Standard PC workstations, laptops, handheld computers
- Learning Management Systems
- Secure internet hosting and transport

#### Entertainment Industry

- High fidelity 3-D visualization
- PC-based gaming technologies
- Massive multi-player networking engines

#### Military Simulation Industry

- Discrete event "War gaming" simulations
- instructor/operator training tools and services





## What is Commercial Gaming Technology?

- Game engine Non-game specific technology
  - Commercially available engines
  - components
    - Rendering/Culling
    - Physics
    - Special effects
    - Artificial Intelligence
    - Networking
- 3D model generation / environment development
  - Lighting
  - Audio



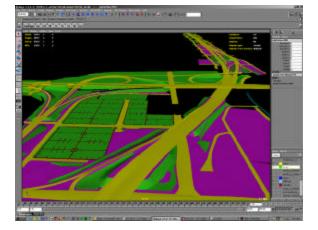




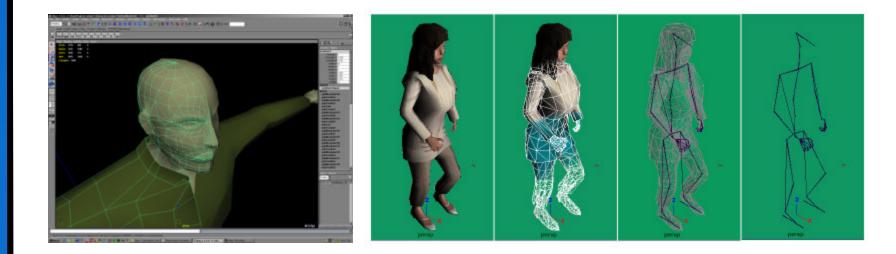


#### Standard Game Development Tools:

- Programming
- 3D modeling
- Texture Editing
- Audio
- Asset Management





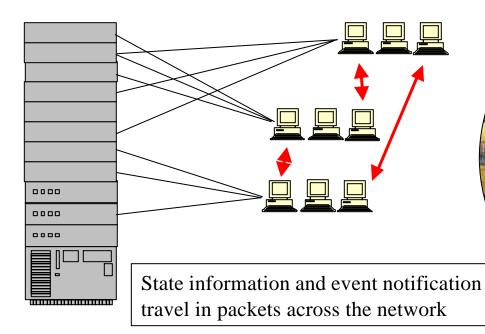






#### Training Content Development & Delivery

- Gaming Technology may enhance an existing training curriculum or be the pillar for future training curriculums
- Modular development allows unlimited new training situations to be developed to expand the capabilities of the application and to model new threats, tactics and procedures
- Scalable user base to address individual training to large unit training from geographically dispersed locations
- Training could be delivered via existing military infrastructure

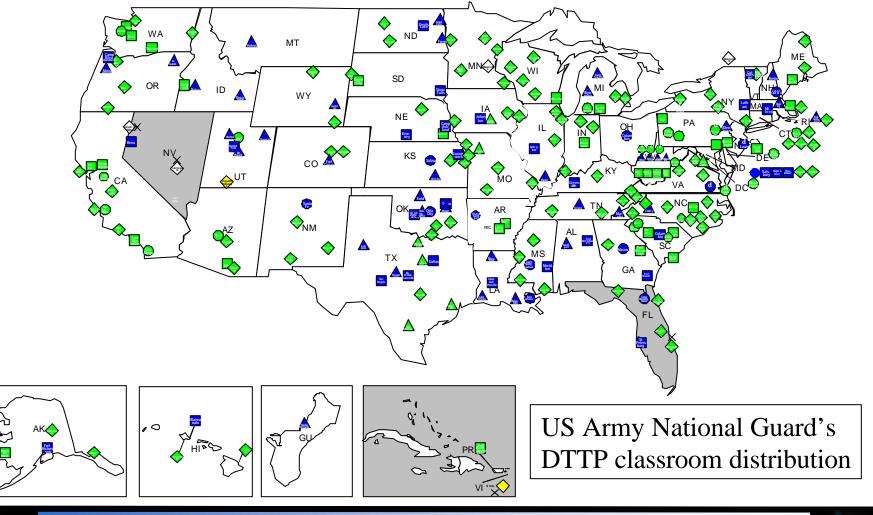




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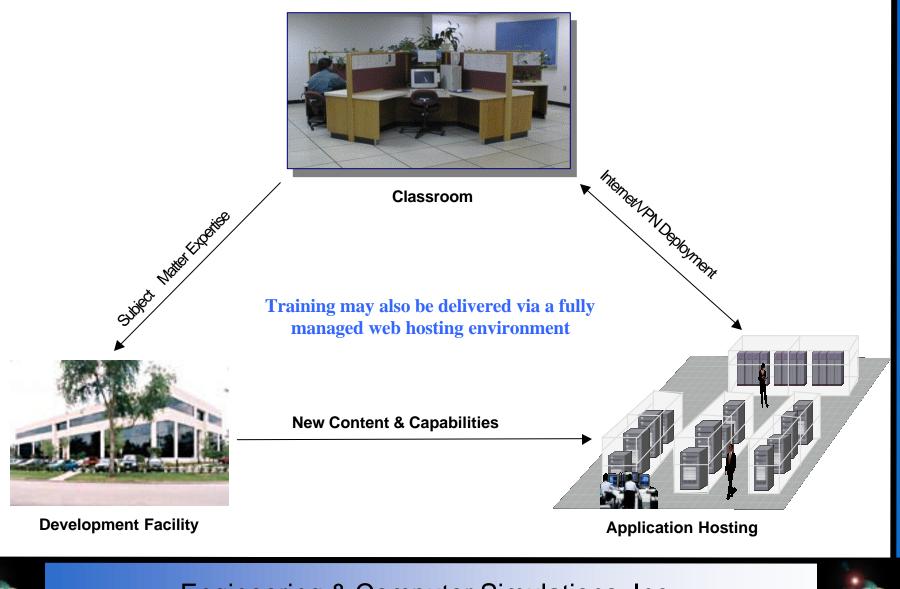


Leverage existing Classroom installations and Infrastructure to provide Geographically Dispersed ADL



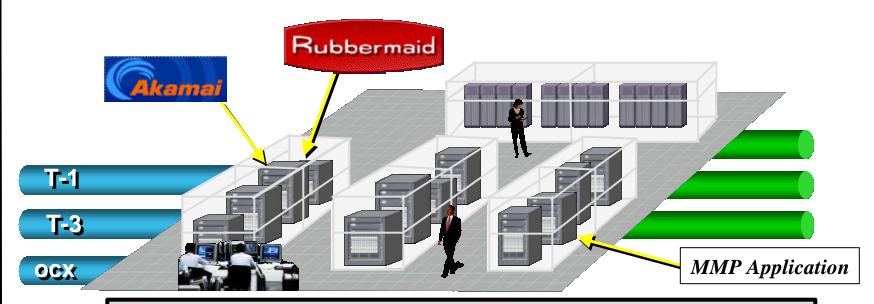


## **Transport and Distribution**









#### NEWS RELEASE !!!!

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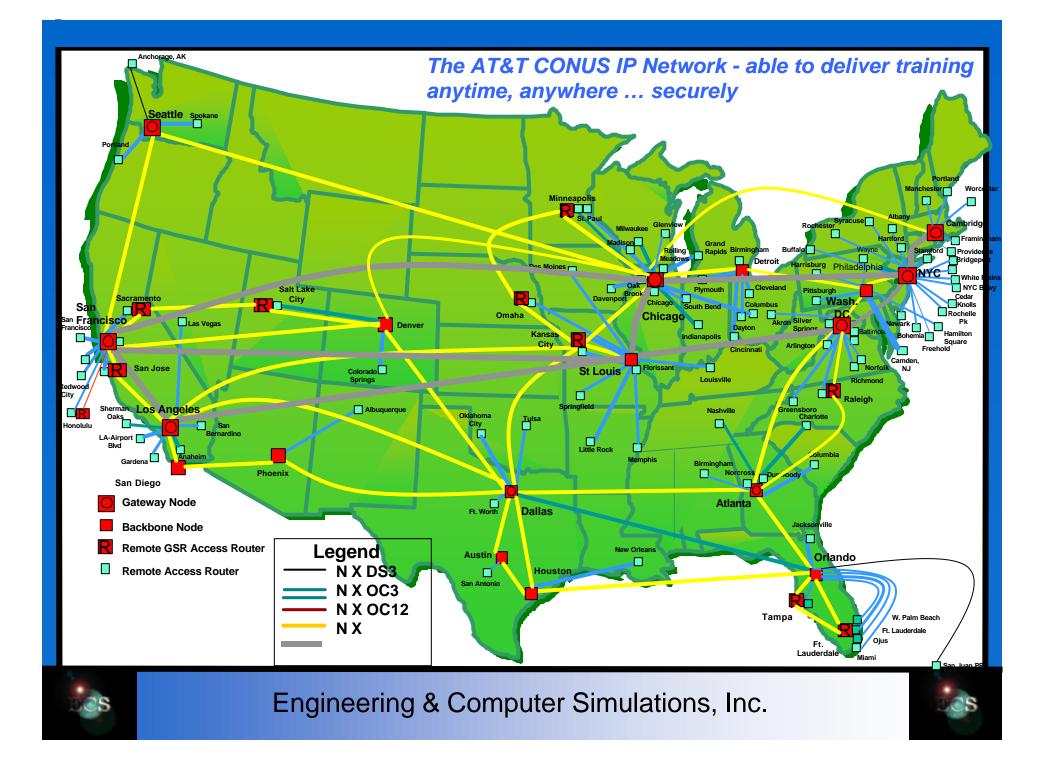
#### AT&T Teams With Sony Online Entertainment In Hosting European Expansion Of Highly Successful EverQuest(R) Game

LOS ANGELES – Sony Online Entertainment Inc., a worldwide leader in massively multiplayer online gaming, announced at the Electronic Entertainment Expo show here today that it has chosen AT&T as its hosting provider for the European portion of the global expansion of its *EverQuest*® game.

"Expanding our global online gaming community has been a top priority since day one," said John Smedley, chief operating officer, Sony Online Entertainment. "With more and more *EverQuest* gamers coming online, we needed a hosting provider that could guarantee superior performance. AT&T's rocksolid hosting infrastructure enables us to now deliver the best possible gaming experience for hundreds of thousands of players around he world."

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Modeling Computer Generated Forces with Intelligent Agents (IA's)

# Three Layer Approach

- **Controller Layer** contains primitive behaviors.
- Sequencer Layer selects and assigns primitive behaviors.
- Deliberator Layer communicates with Sequencer and processes complex algorithms such as psychological, cultural, and emotional behavior models. It then communicates back to the Sequencer.
- Each layer operates as an intelligent agent in the simulation.



Behaviors are broken into three computational layers for each Intelligent Agent





## IA's will use AI and Machine Learning

- Frames store key information that can be "recognized" later.
- Scripts store operational data and procedures that can be accessed and combined with other scripts.
- Memory Organization Packets allow a hierarchical, object oriented approach to memory storage and recognition.



Learning is essential for realism and to prevent stagnant training





## IA's will model Cultures and Emotions

- **Personality Models** incorporate traits like inquisitive, shy, etc.
- Need-Based Behavior models the entities ability for survival and goal success.
- Temporal Emotions model the impact of emotions on an entity over time, e.g. anger may override other behavior models for a short period of time.

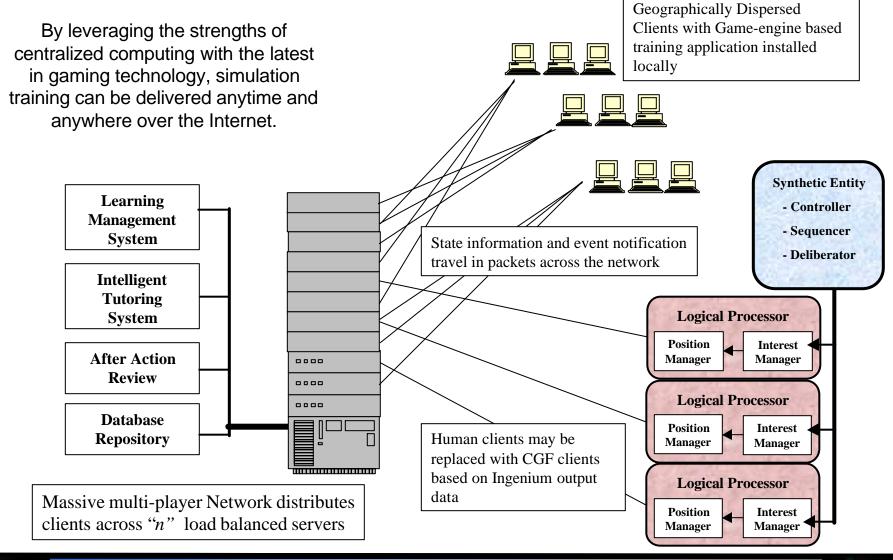
Cultural bias and emotions add a new, desperately needed dimension to behavior modeling



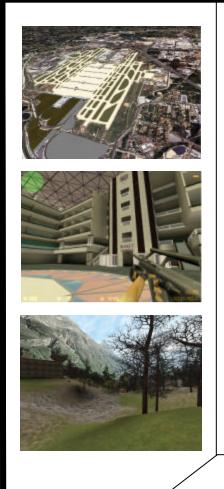




## SYSTEM ARCHITECTURAL OVERVIEW









#### Thank you

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