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ENHANCEMENT AND RE- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INETVIS VISUALISATION TOOL

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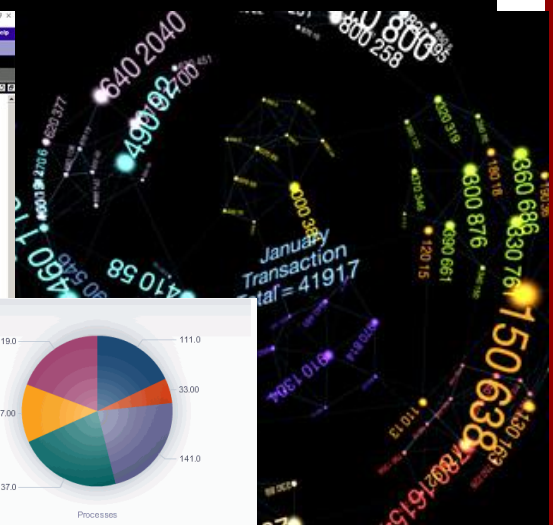
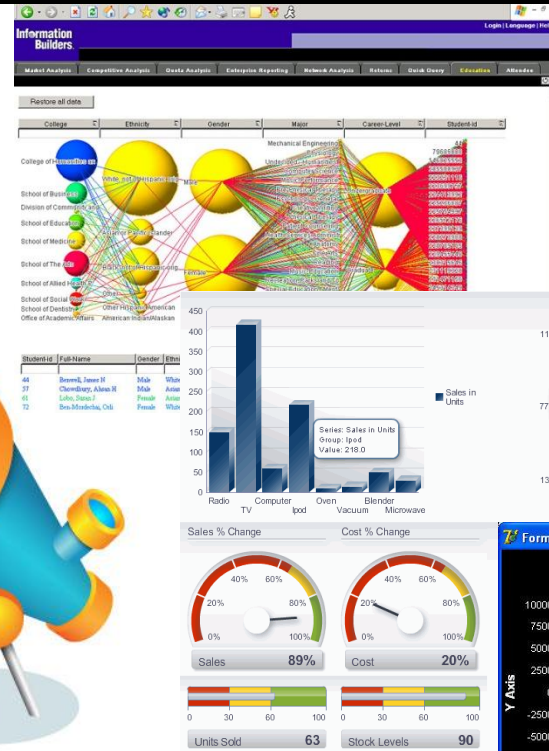
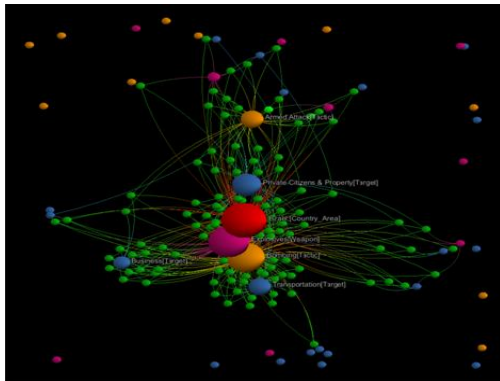
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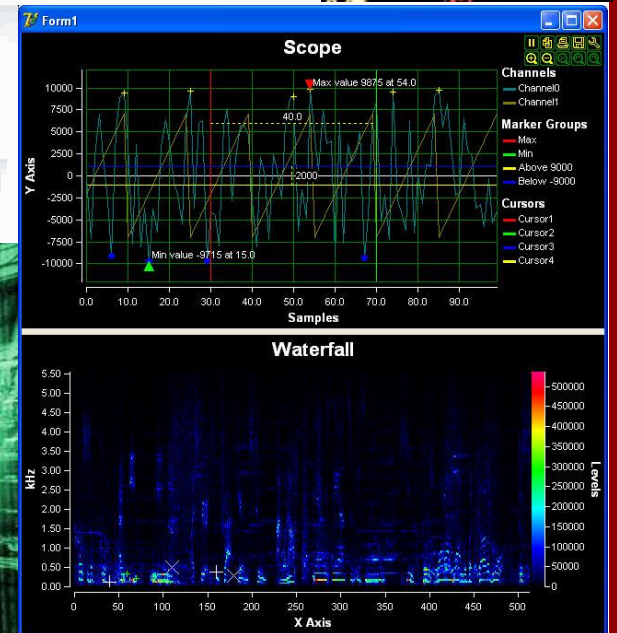
1. BACKGROUND

Definitions

- Data Visualisation
 - Purpose
 - Process

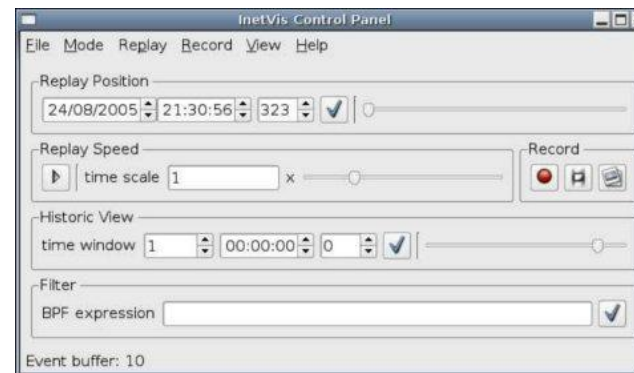
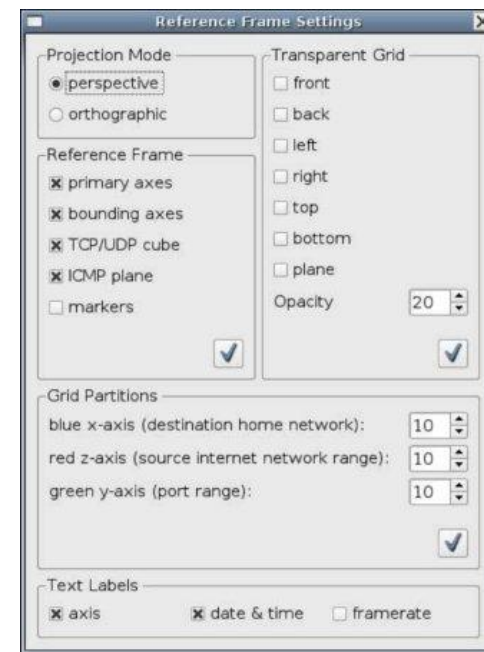
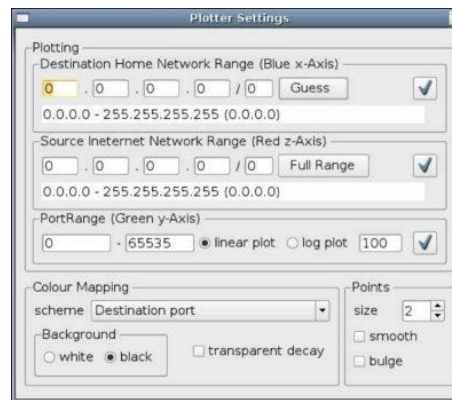
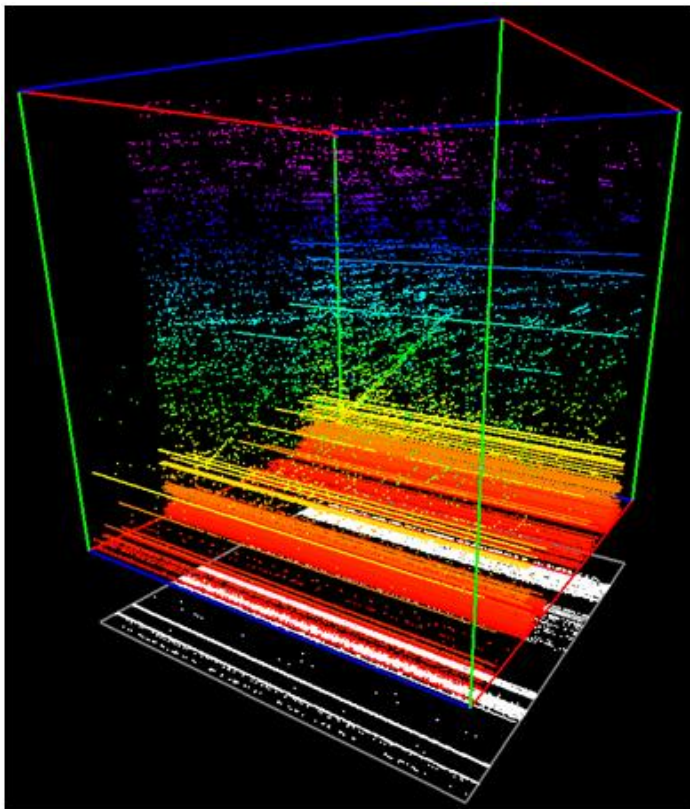


- Network Telescope
 - Purpose
 - Output



InetVis Visualisation Tool

- Master's Project – J.P. van Riel
- Underlying Architecture
- Packet Capture - libpcap
- Rendering – OpenGL
- Performance



Project Objectives

- Problem Statement
- InetVis short-fallings
- Proposed Enhancements
 - Separating the components
 - Exploiting parallel processing
 - Enhancing the GUI
 - Immersive packet navigation
- Porting the system
 - dotNetVis

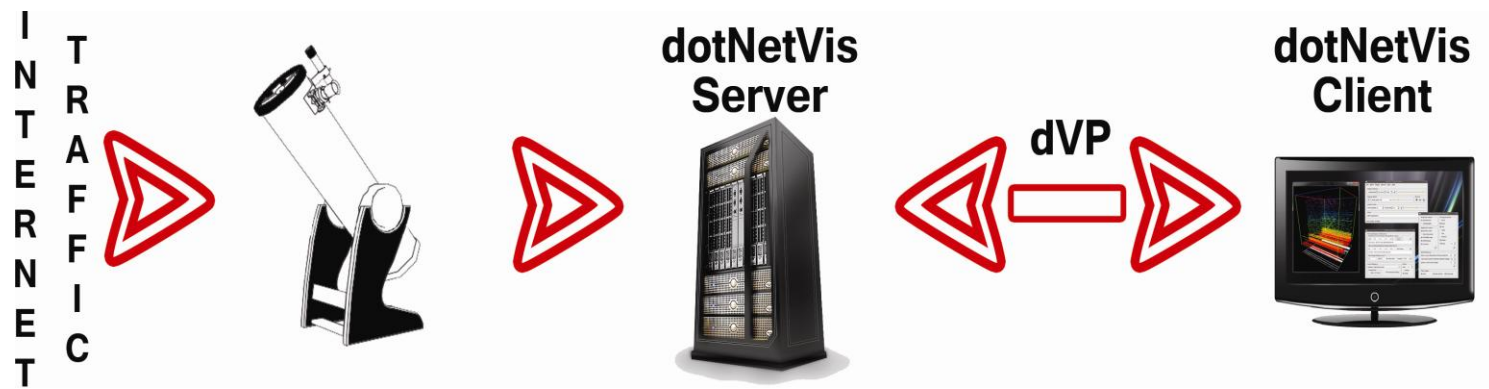
2. MAIN DIFFERENCES

Development

- Environment
 - .NET vs. C++
 - XNA, OpenGL, openTK??

Underlying Model

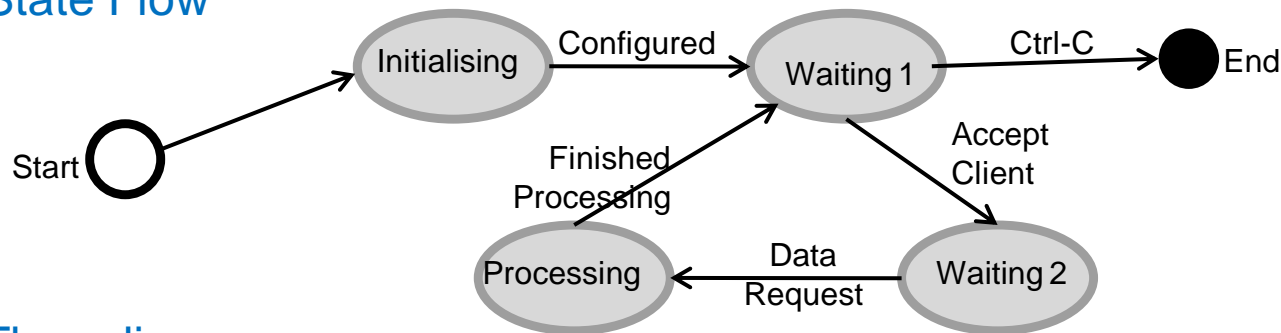
- **Client Server Model**
 - Modularization
 - Processing
 - Memory
 - Flexibility
 - Future Implementations
 - Generic Communication – dotNetVis Protocol (dVP)



3. DOTNETVIS SERVER

Structure

- Main Program
- Packet Processing Component
 - SharpPcap
- Communication Component
 - dVP (dotNetVis Protocol)
- State Flow



- Threading

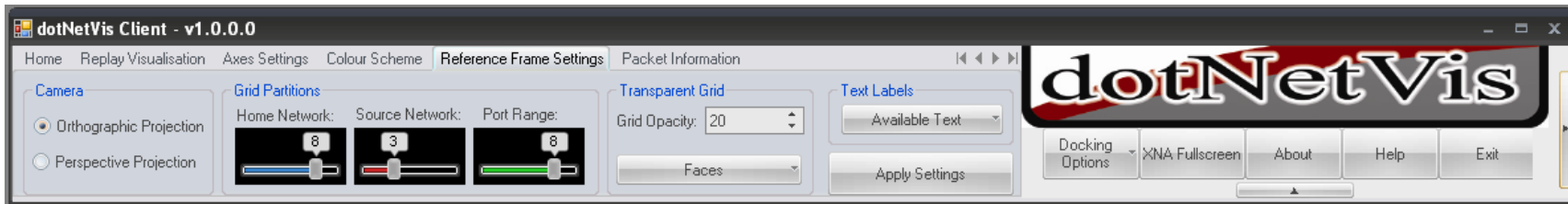
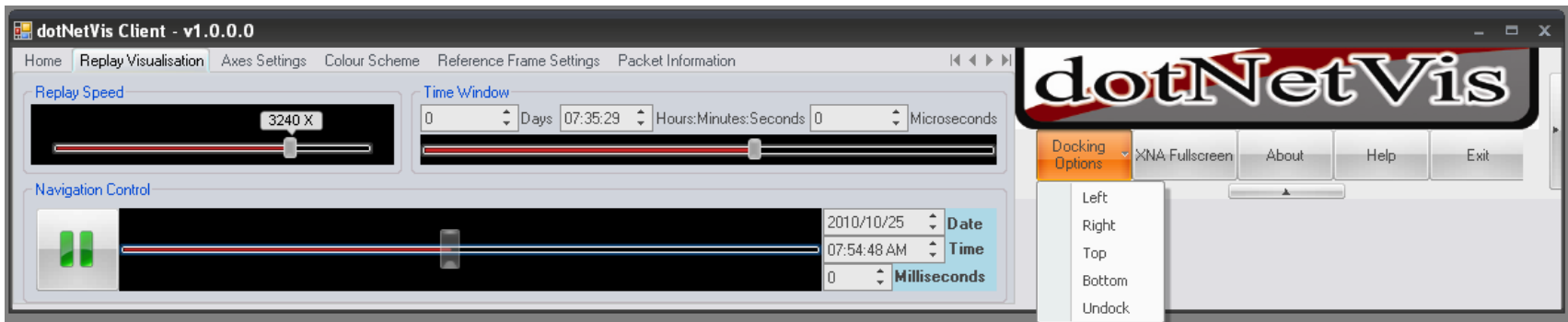
Packet Capture

- Capture Device Selection
- Capturing packets from a Device
- Processing Packets
- Processing Termination

3. DOTNETVIS CLIENT

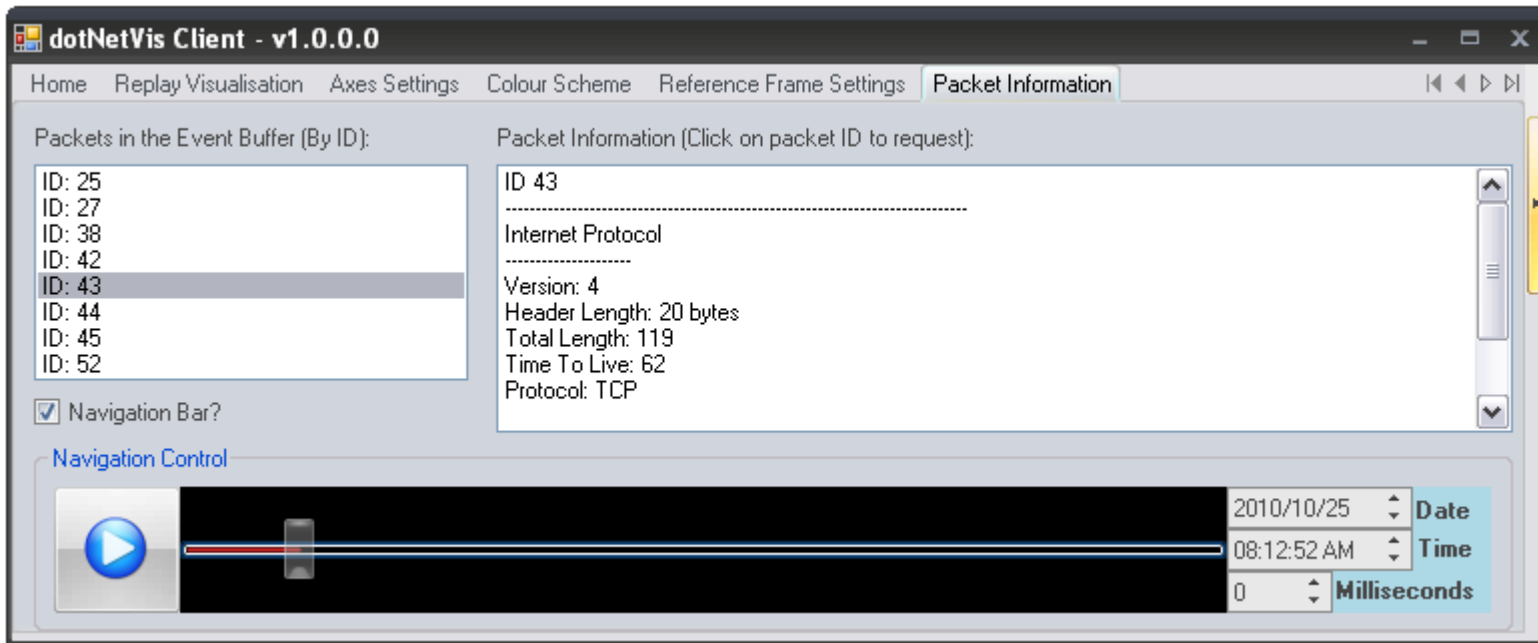
Structure

- Component Manager
 - Threading
- Visualisation Component
 - XNA and WinForms: Relationship Issues... (Can't escape them!)
 - Solution?
 - Implementation
- Settings Component

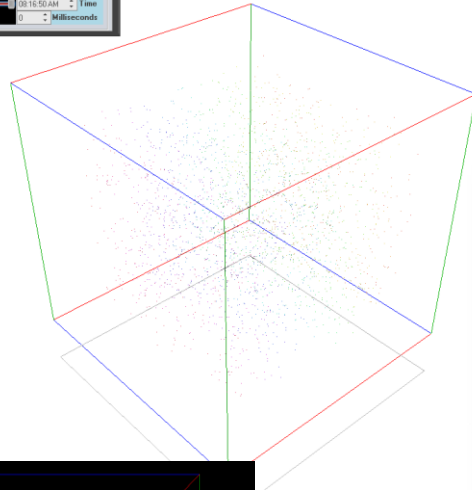
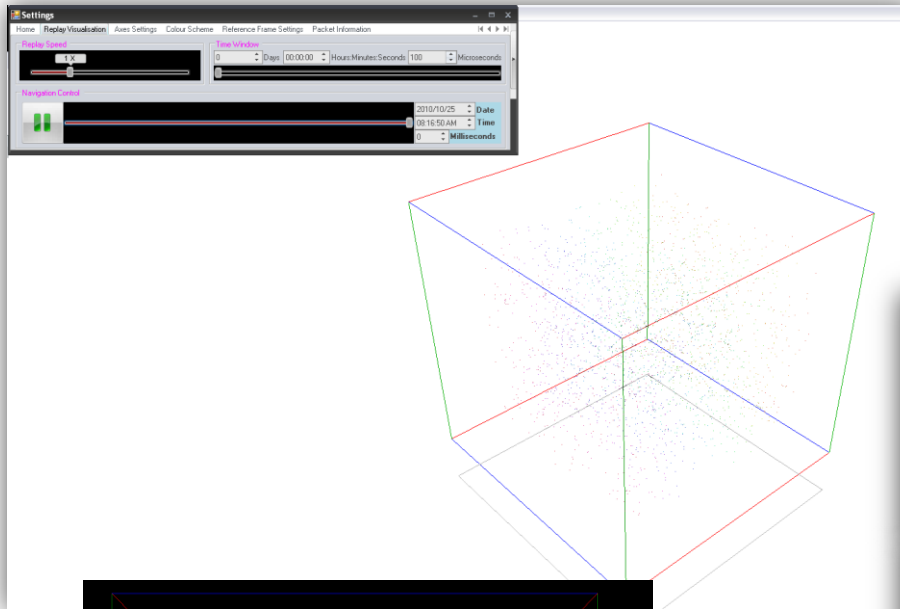


Settings (contd.)

- Changing settings
- Packet Selection
 - Cube point highlighting
 - Packet Information

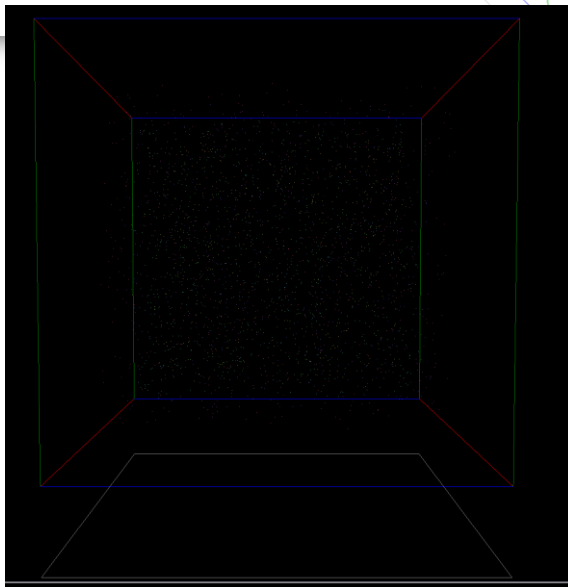


Comparison of screen consumption



The inetVis Control Panel window shows playback controls: 'Replay Position' (24/08/2005 21:30:56), 'Replay Speed' (time scale 1), and 'Historic View' (time window 1). The Reference Frame Settings window shows 'Projection Mode' set to perspective, 'Reference Frame' options checked for primary axes, TCP/UDP cube, and ICMP plane, and 'Grid Partitions' set to 10 for all three axes. The Plotter Settings window shows 'Plotting' options for Destination Home Network Range (Blue x-Axis), Source Internet Network Range (Red z-Axis), and Port Range (Green y-Axis), with 'Colour Mapping' set to Destination port and 'Points' size set to 2.

A 3D visualization of network traffic data points with a grid overlay. The data points are colored based on their destination port, showing a clear pattern of traffic. The axes are colored: blue for the x-axis, red for the z-axis, and green for the y-axis.



4. DOTNETVIS COMMUNICATION

Protocol (dVP)

- Necessity
- Packet transport - TCP
- Packet Structure

- Methods
 - Requests
 - Responses



Library

- **Transmitter**
- **Receiver**

- **Communication Channel Initialisation**
 - TCP connection
 - Data Streams

- **dVP Packet creation**

- **Sending data**
- **Receiving data**
 - Identification
 - Worker Thread Utilisation
 - Storage
 - List indexing

- **Point3D custom-defined struct**



API

- **Sending data**
 - Transmit()
 - Packets
 - Status messages
- **Retrieval of stored data**
 - Initial retrieval
 - Retrieval using indexes
- **Flexibility**
 - Usage of API
 - Data Types



6. EXTENSIONS

Less complex

- Colour schemes and legends
- Intelligent reference frames
- Capture file playlist with queing
- Client side packet filtering

More complex

- Intrusion detection through intelligent pattern analysis
- Range of graph types
- Evolving dVP components into a flexible visualisation framework

THE END





QUESTIONS?

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