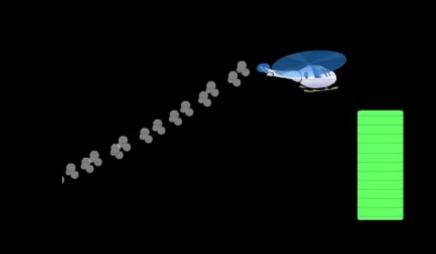
GD50 Lecture 8: Helicopter Game (3D)

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Topics

- Unity
- C#
- Blender
- Components
- Colliders and Triggers
- Prefabs and Spawning
- Texture Scrolling
- Audio

But first, a demo!

Our Goal





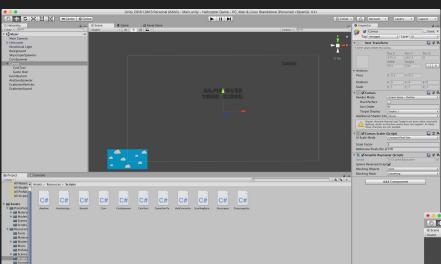
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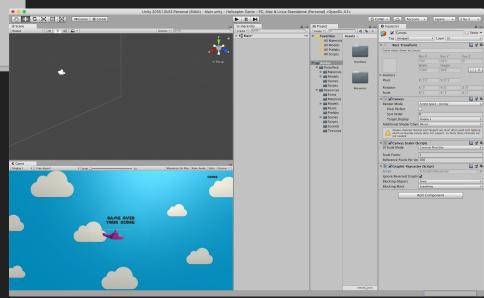
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Unity

- 3D and 2D game engine maintained and created by Unity Technologies.
- One of the top game engines in use, alongside engines like Unreal,
 Godot, CryEngine, and others.
- Free to use in its entirety with revenue-based restrictions (paid plans begin at \$100k gross revenue).
- Very strong mobile and VR presence compared to other game engines.
- Primarily scripted in C#, a statically-typed object-oriented language.



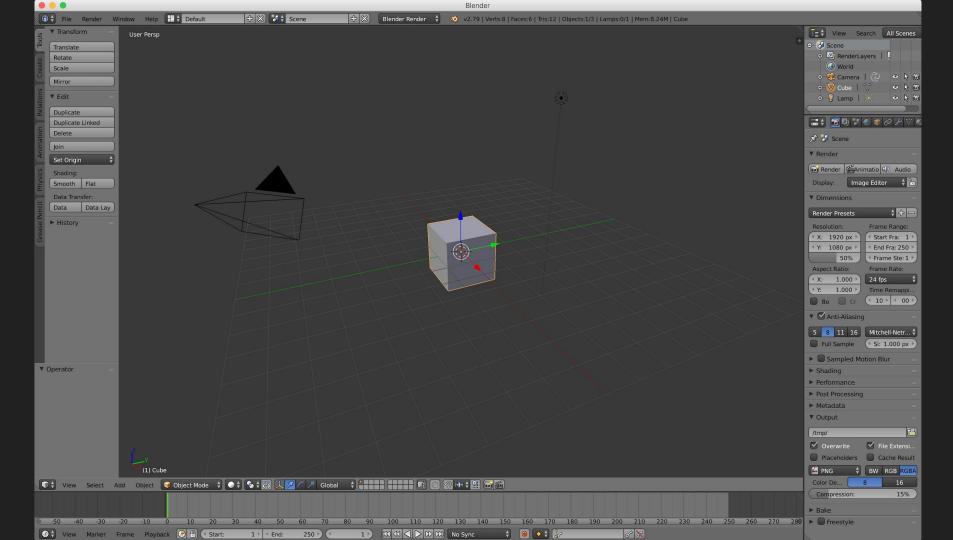


C#

- Statically-typed object-oriented language created by Microsoft, very similar to Java.
- Primary language used to script any and all components and objects in Unity; prior languages Boo and UnityScript have been deprecated.
- Very widely used outside of Unity for games, GUI applications,
 .NET applications, and Mono applications.

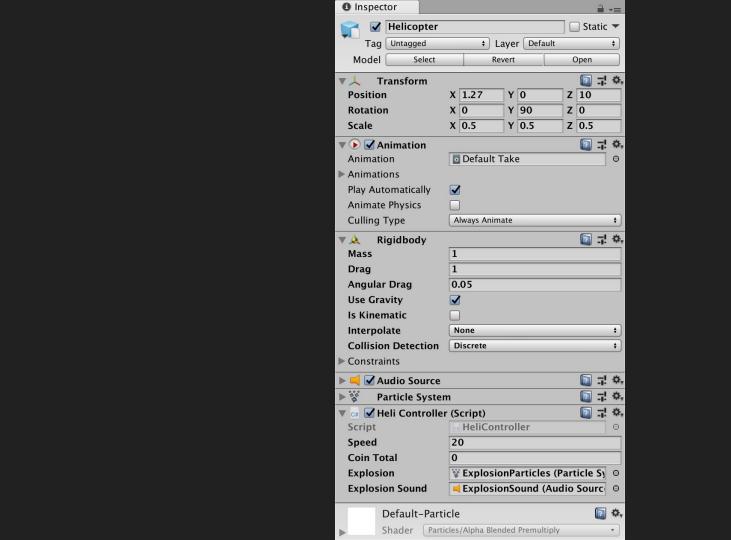
Blender

- Completely free state-of-the-art 3D modeling software.
- Open-source.
- Not required to use in this course, but a tremendous tool to have as one starting out in 3D game development.



GameObjects

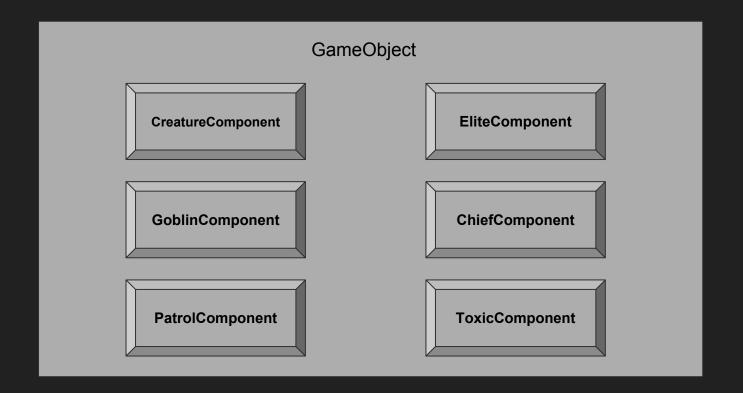
- The core class in Unity; everything is a GameObject.
- GameObjects are comprised of MonoBehaviours, which are effectively components in an Entity-Component System (ECS).
- MonoBehaviours are programmed in C# and give
 GameObjects their behavior by operating in tandem.



Inheritance



Composition

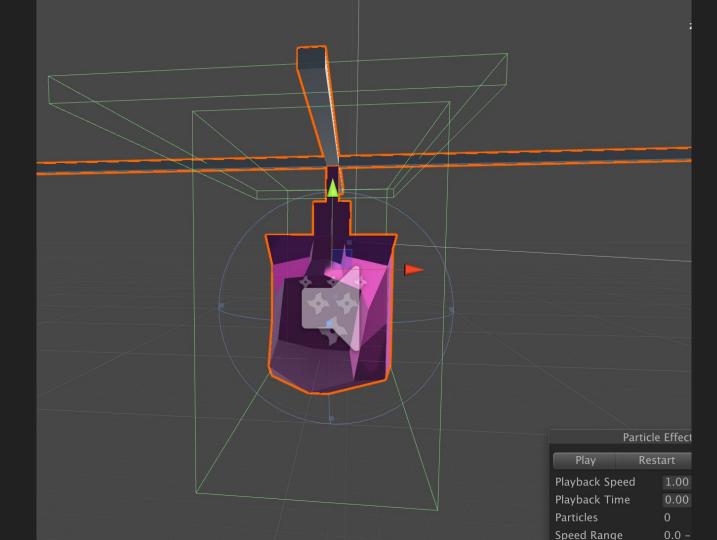


MonoBehaviours

- The core of all behavior in Unity; attached to GameObjects and updated on a frame-by-frame basis.
- MonoBehaviours implement a particular interface with pre-determined methods that Unity expects, such as Update, Start, OnTrigger, and more.
- All customized behavior for every object in a game's scene will generally be implemented in code via some type of MonoBehaviour, with the exception of built-in components that can be modified through the GUI.

Colliders and Triggers

- A Collider defines the shape of an object in our scene for the purposes of 3D collision detection.
- A Trigger is an object in our scene which will fire OnTrigger (implemented in a MonoBehaviour) when it detects collision with a Collider.
- By combining Colliders and Triggers, we can simulate many kinds of interactions between objects and the game space, as well as objects between objects.



Prefabs and Spawning

- Prefabs are "prefabricated" GameObjects that can be spawned at will in the game scene.
- Prefabs allow content creators to easily assemble all of the components they will want their GameObjects to have in the Unity Editor rather than in code and then spawn them in their code as needed.

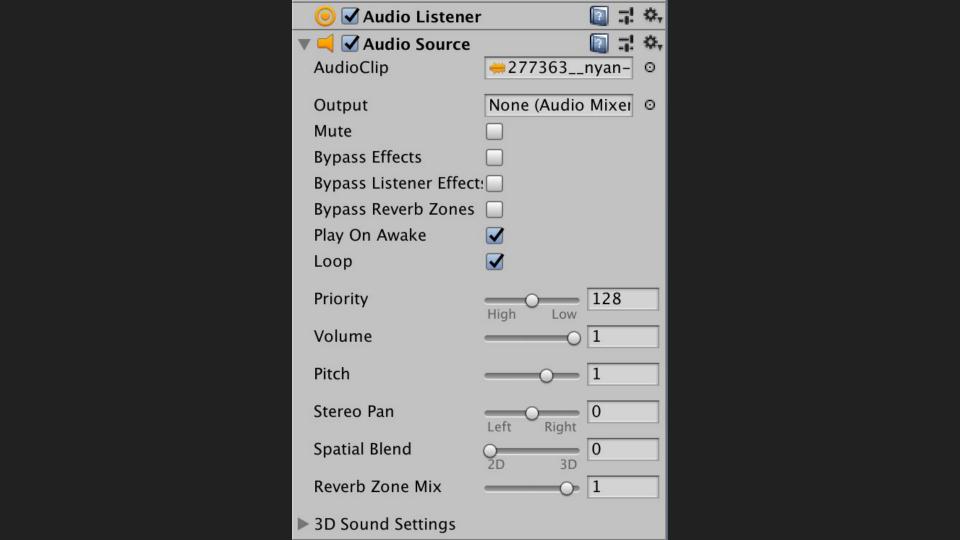


Texture Scrolling

- To achieve infinite scrolling in a 3D context, we need to associate a texture with a 3D object and then perform a translation of its UV coordinates.
- UV coordinates are effectively the mapping of a texture's image data to a 3D surface.
- By offsetting the UV coordinates by some amount over time (the X axis in our case), we can simulate the appearance of an infinitely scrolling surface, assuming our object is flat.

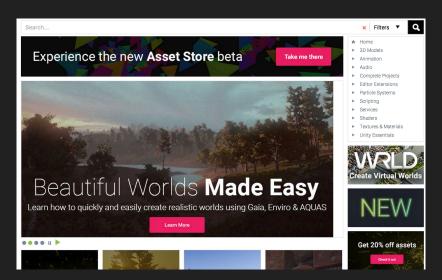
Audio

- In Unity, an AudioSource is the method by which we can trigger audio playback based on conditions in our code.
- AudioSource is just a component provided to use by Unity, so we can access it, once attached to an object, simply by grabbing it from the GameObject in question with GetComponent() and calling its Play() method (much like we've done with audio sources in LÖVE until this point).
- To hear an AudioSource being played, an AudioListener needs to be present in the scene (usually attached to the default camera).



Asset Store

- Tremendous selection of free and paid assets to aid in game creation.
- Complete projects, models, effects, editor tools, and more.



Assignment 8

- Introduce gems into the game that spawn just like coins, but more rarely; each gem should be worth 5 coins (model included in the Proto asset pack).
- There's currently a bug where the scroll speed of skyscrapers and coins doesn't reset on game over (hint: static variables don't refresh on scene reload); find and fix this!

Next Time...



See you next time!

