Get Started with Unity

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Game Engine

Origins of Computer Game Engines

- □ Game engines arose in the mid-1990s.
- Doom by id provided a separation between:
 - core game components (such as the rendering system, collision detection system, audio system)
 - art assets (models, textures, animations)
 - rules of play
- Quakes, Unreal, and Unreal Tournament (all FPS games)
 were designed with the separation in mind
 - Sold licenses to their engine and tools
 - So of you may have done modding using these tools.
- It became generic enough that it was possible to implement a wide variety of very different games based on a common core set of components, *the game engine* (Unity3D and Unreal Engine 4).

Some Current Game Engines

- Quake family
 - Used to create many games
 - Has lineage that extends to modern games like Medal of Honor
 - Quake and Quake II engines source code are freely available
- Unreal Engine
 - Now at UE4
 - Very rich tool set Kismet
 - Large developers network
 - Good licensing model good for small developers

More Game Engines

- Unity
 - Very feature rich
 - Uses Javascript or C# for scripting
 - Large community support
 - Great for cross-platform development
- Source Engine
 - Games like Half-life 2 and its sequels, Team Fortress 2, and Portal
 - Very powerful with good graphics capabilities and a good toolset
- DICE's Frostbite
 - Used to create games like Battlefield 4
 - FrostEd asset creation tool

Even More Game Engines

- CryEngine
 - Originally developed as a demo for Nvidia
 - Used to develop numerous games starting with Far Cry
- Sony PhyreEngine
 - Uses to create games for the Sony platforms
 - Numerous titles have been written with this engine
- Microsoft XNA and MonoGame
 - Based on C# easy to use
 - Used for Xbox and PC games
 - Not longer supported replaced by MonoGame

2D Game Engines

- Designed for non-programmers to build apps for Android and iPhone
- Examples include
 - Multimedia Fusion 2
 - Game Salad Creator
 - Scratch

Best Game Engines

- GameDev Academy Best Game Engines
 - https://gamedevacademy.org/best-game-engines/
- Top 10 Game Engines Ulab SumDU
 - https://ulab.sumdu.edu.ua/top-10-game-engines
- Examples include
 - Unity
 - Unreal
 - Godot
 - Phaser
 - GameMaker
 - CryEngine
 - AppGameKit
 - RPG Maker
 - Amazon Lumberyard

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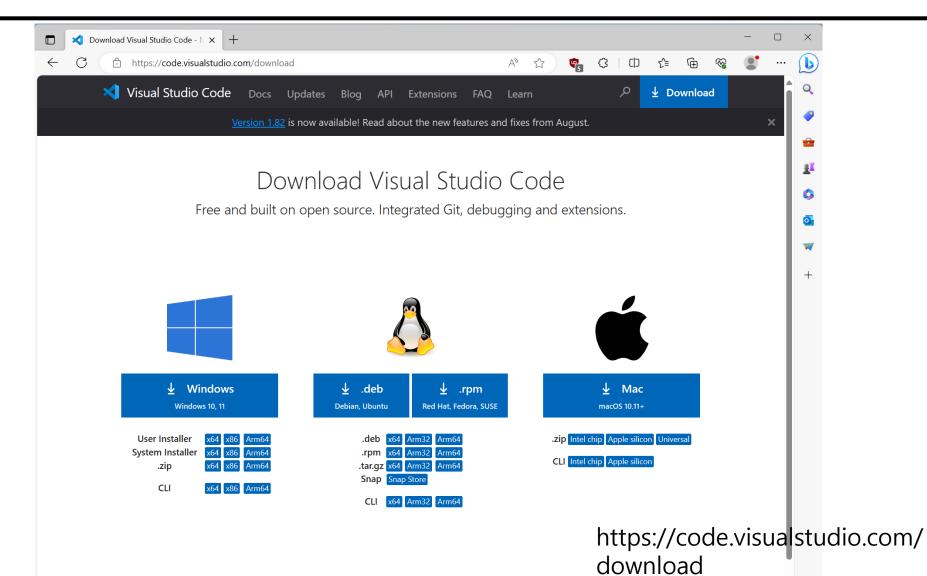
Unity

- Unity3D is a widely-used cross-platform game development system.
- It consists of a game engine and an integrated development environment (IDE).
- It can be used to develop games for many different platforms, PCs, consoles, mobile devices and deployment on the Web.
- Tutorials at https://learn.unity.com/

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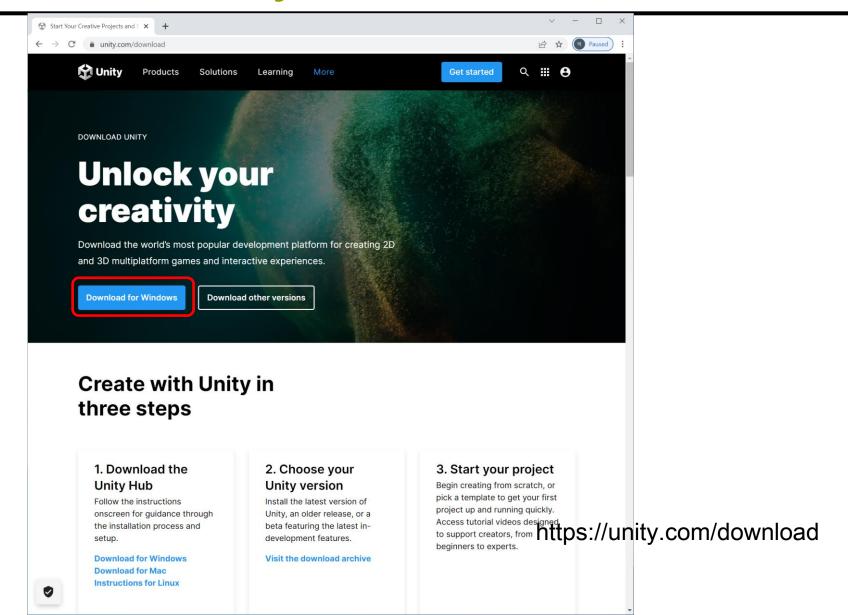


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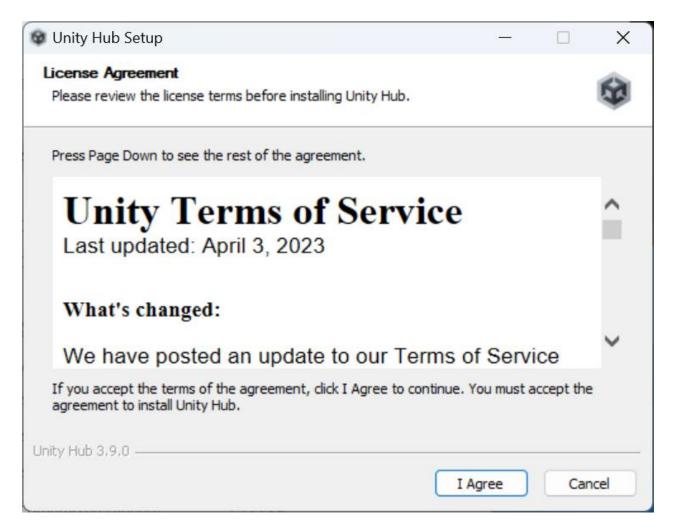


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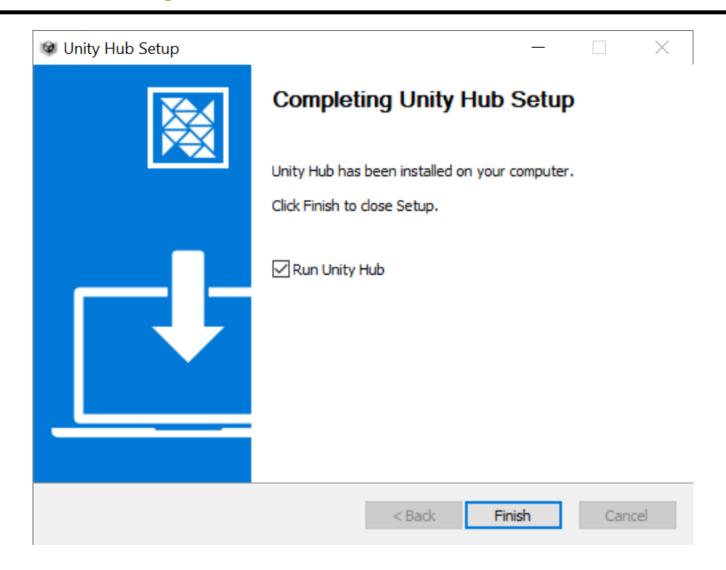


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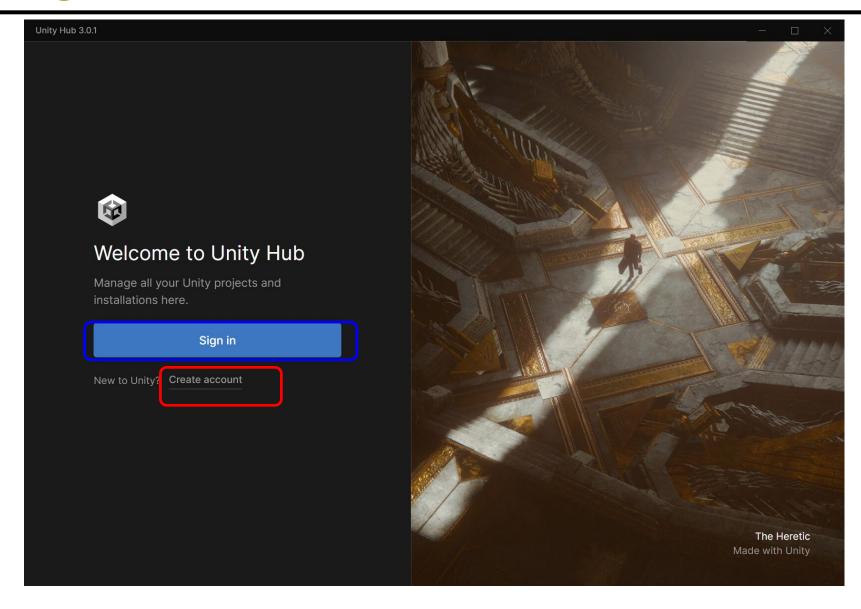


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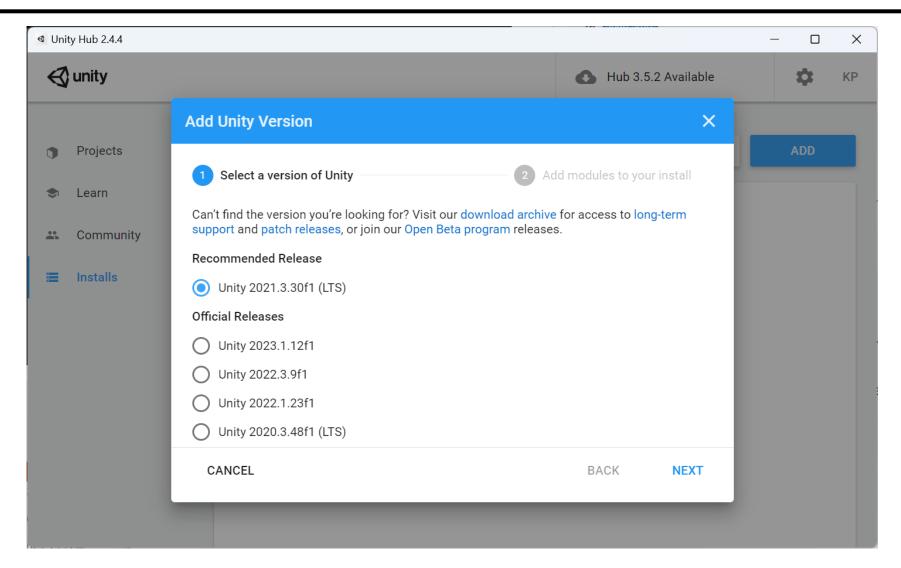
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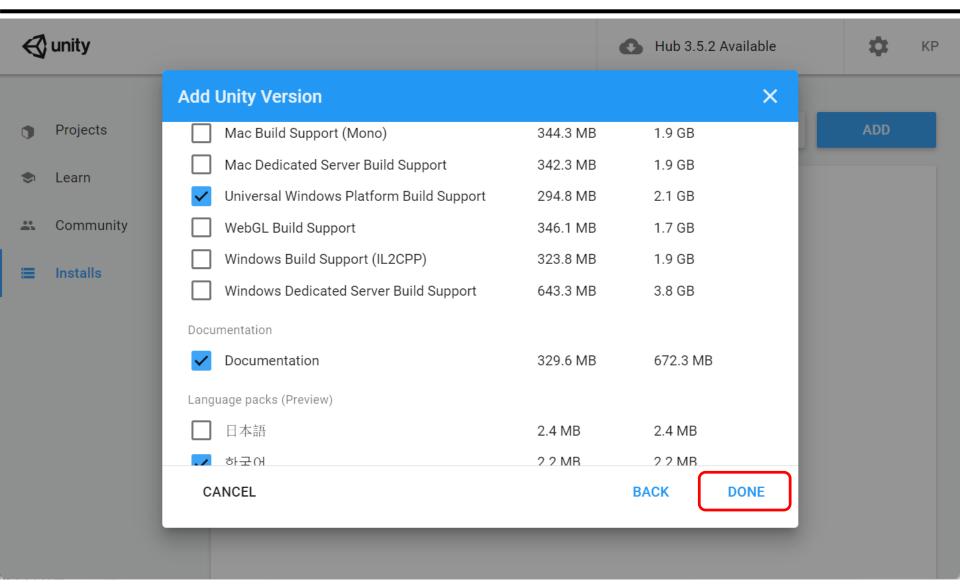


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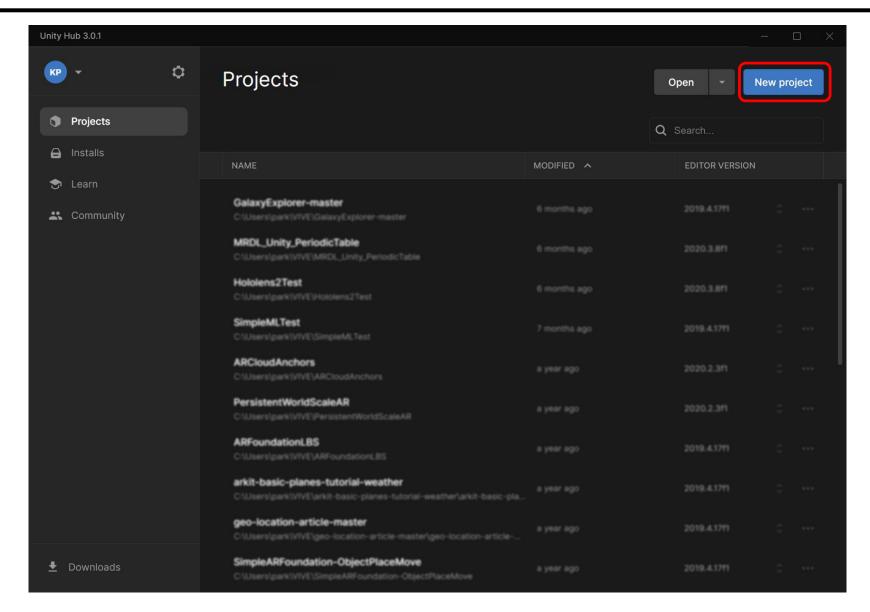


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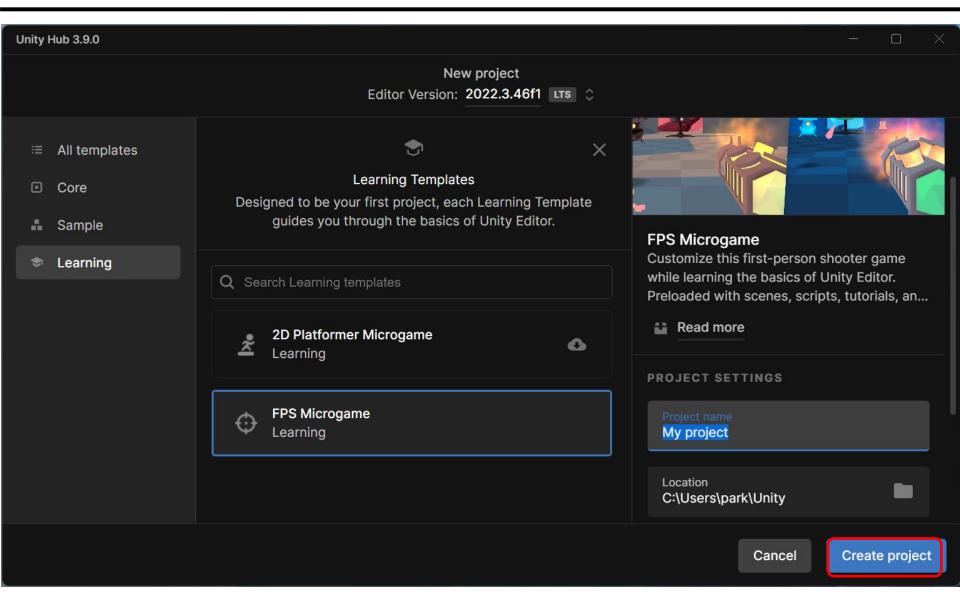
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Begin a Microgame



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Unity Interface

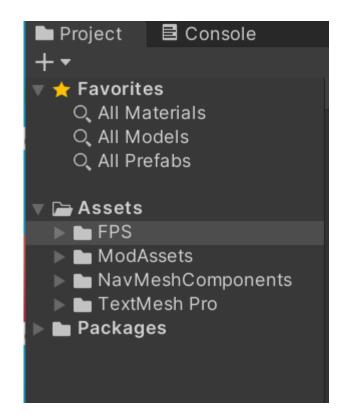
Unity Interface

- □ Project
- □ Scene View
- Game View
- □ Hierarchy
- Inspector
- Console



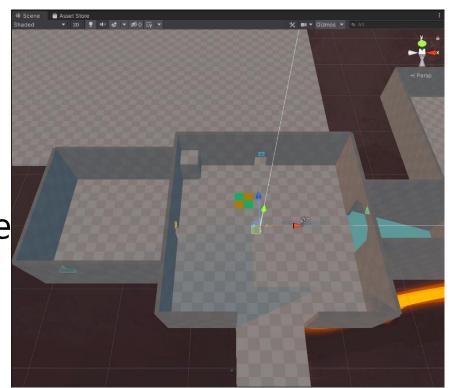
Project Window

- The project window contains all of the assets that are available for you to use.
- Typically, these are organized into folders, for example, according to the asset type (models, materials, audio, prefabs, scripts, etc.).



Scene View

- This scene window shows all the elements of the current scene.
- Most editing of the scene is done through the scene view, because it provides access to low-level and hidden aspects of the objects.



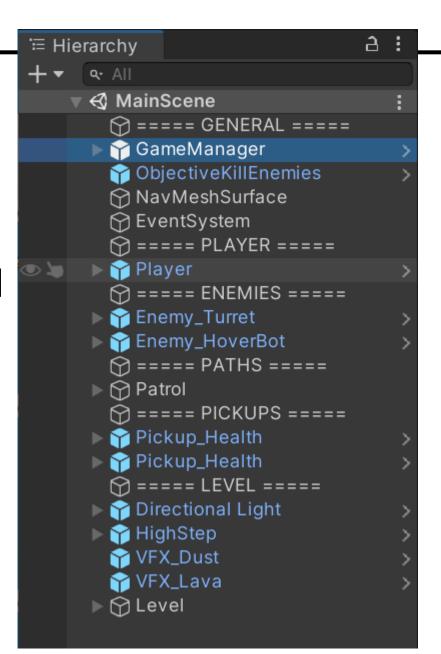
Game View

This game window shows the elements of the scene as they would appear to the player.



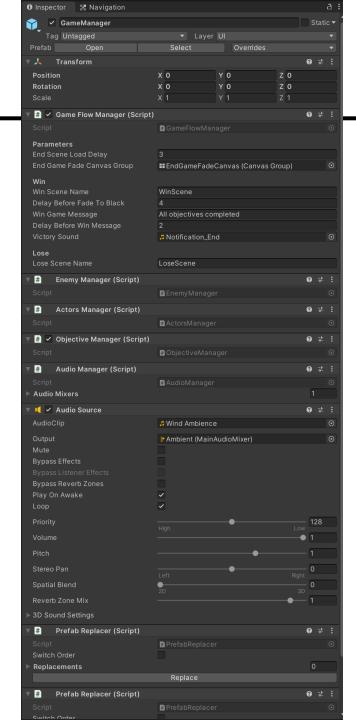
Hierarchy

- This window shows all the game objects that constitute the current scene.
- Game objects are stored hierarchically in a tree structure.



Inspector

- At any time there is an active game object (which the designer selects by clicking on the object or on its entry in the hierarchy).
- This window provides all the component information associated with this object.

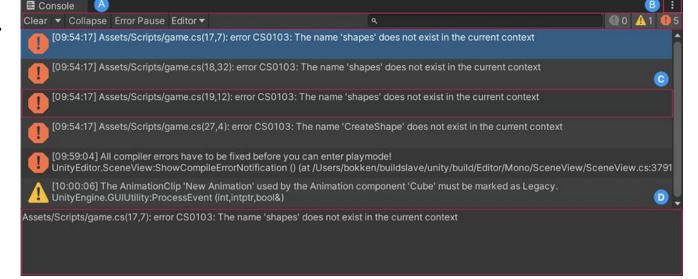


Console

- The console window displays errors, warnings, and other messages the Editor generates.
- These errors and warnings help you find issues in your project, such as script compilation errors.

They also alert you to actions the Editor has taken automatically, such as replacing missing meta files, which could cause an issue somewhere else in your

project.

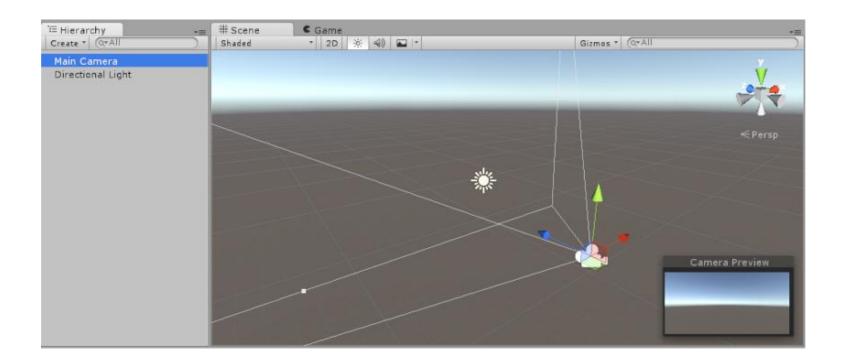


Unity Basics

Scene

Scenes

- A scene contains a collection of game objects that constitute the world that the player sees at any time.
- Below example shows a sample scene that contains only a Camera and a Light.



GameObjects

GameObjects

- The game objects are all the things that constitute your scene.
- GameObjects are the fundamental objects in Unity that represent characters, props and scenery. They do not accomplish much in themselves but they act as containers for Components, which implement the functionality.

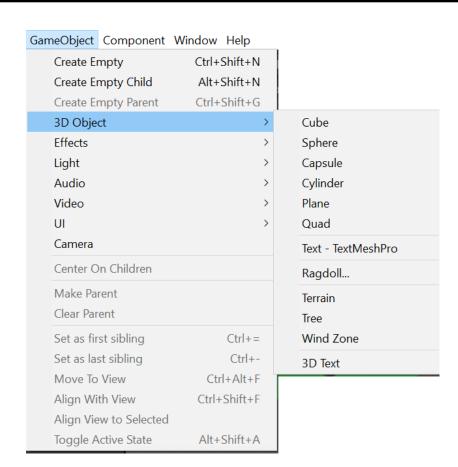


Four different types of GameObject: an animated character, a light, a tree, and an audio source

GameObjects

GameObject

- Empty
- 3D Object Cube, Sphere,
- Light Directional Light,
- Audio
- Video
- Effect Particle System
- UI
- Camera



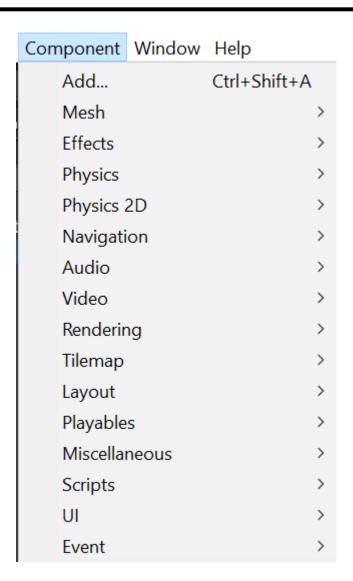
Components

Components

- Each GameObject is defined by a collection of associated elements, called Components.
- The set of components that are associated with a game object depend on the nature of object. For example, a light source object is associated with color and intensity of the light source. A camera object is associated with various properties of how the projection is computed (wide-angle or telephoto).
- The various components that are associated with a game object can be viewed and edited in the **Inspector window**.

Components

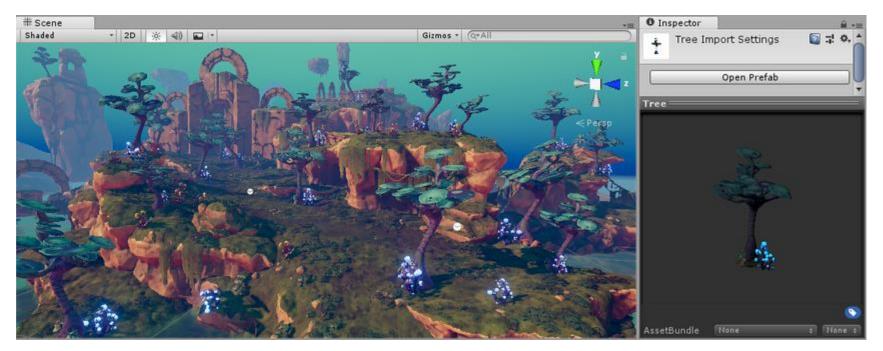
- Components
 - Mesh
 - Effects
 - Physics
 - Physics2D
 - Navigation
 - Audio
 - Video
 - Rendering
 - Tilemap
 - Layout
 - Playables
 - Miscellaneous
 - Scripts
 - UI
 - Event



Prefabs

Prefabs

- Unity's Prefab system allows you to create, configure, and store a GameObject complete with all its components, property values, and child GameObjects as a reusable Asset.
- The Prefab Asset acts as a template from which you can create new Prefab instances in the Scene.



Assets

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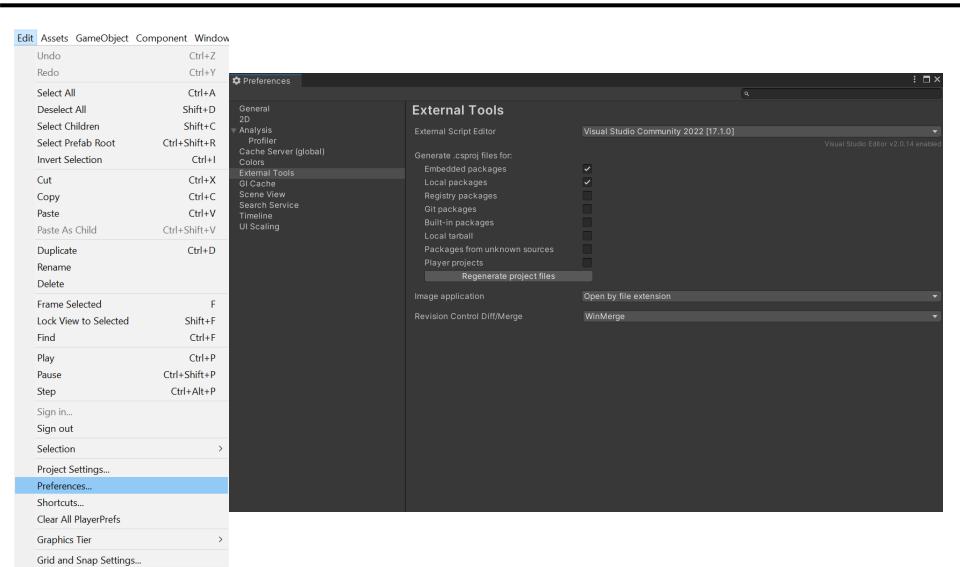
- An asset is any resource that will be used as part of an object's component.
- Examples include meshes (for defining the shapes of objects), materials (for defining shapes), physics materials (for defining physical properties like friction), and scripts (for defining behaviors).

Scripts

Scripts

- A script is a chunk of code that defines the behavior of game objects. Scripts are associated with game objects.
- There are various types of scripts classes, depending on the type of behavior being controlled.
- Because interactive game programming is event-driven, a typical script is composed as a collection of functions, each of which is invoked in response to a particular event. (E.g., A function may be invoked when this object collides with another object.)
- Typically, each of these functions performs some simple action (e.g., moving the game object, creating/destroying game objects, triggering events for other game objects), and then returns control to the system.

IDE (Visual Studio) for Script



Packages

Packages

- A package is an aggregation of game objects and their associated meta-data.
- They are related objects (models, scripts, materials, etc.). Here are some examples:
 - a collection of shaders for rendering water effects
 - particle systems for creating explosions
 - models of race cars for a racing game
 - models of trees and bushes to create a woodland scene

Unity provides a number standard packages for free, and when a new project is created, you can select the packages that you

would like to have imported into your project.

Reference

Unity Manual https://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/UnityOverview.html