

COMPSCI 715

Advanced Computer Graphics

Unity Scripting



Today's Mission

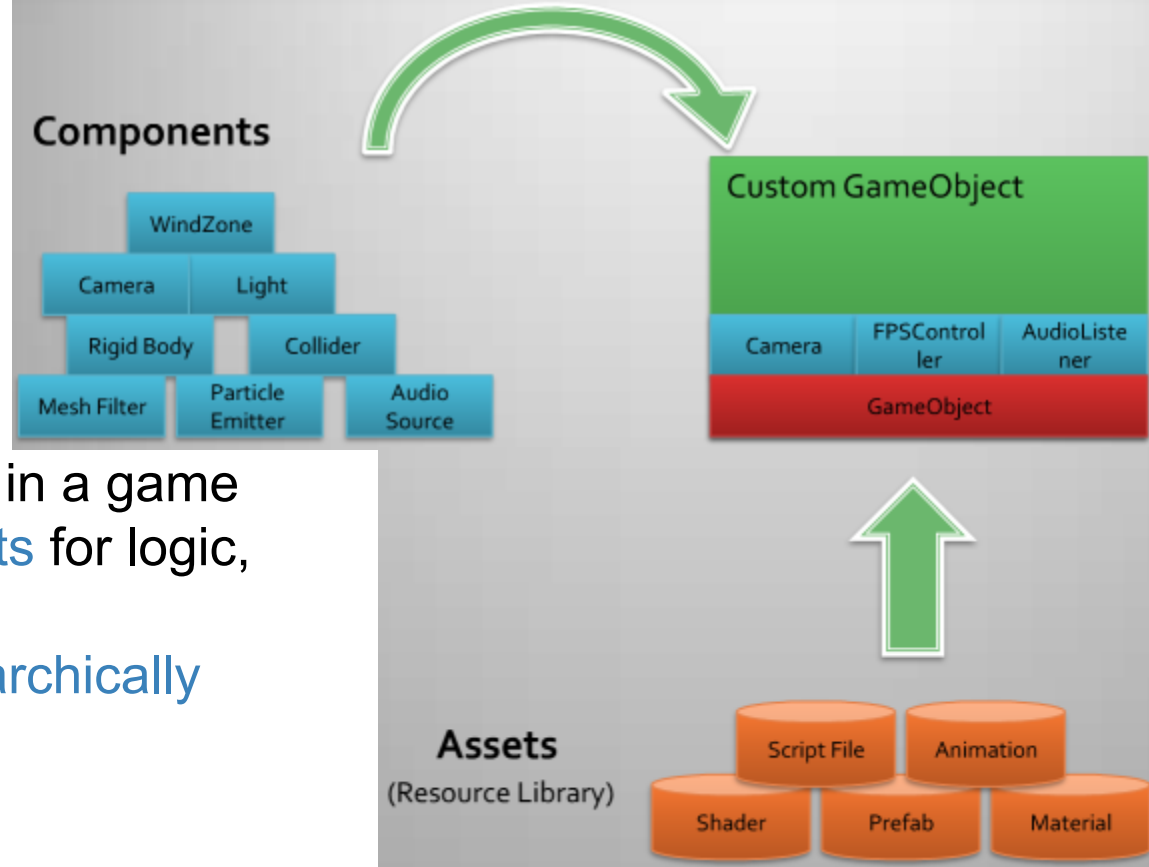


1. How does Unity scripting work?
2. How can scripts control GameObjects?
3. How do you apply this to your own project?

Recap: GameObjects

Games consist of them

- Think of **visible objects** in a game
- But also **invisible objects** for logic, state etc.
- Can be **organized hierarchically** in a **Scene**



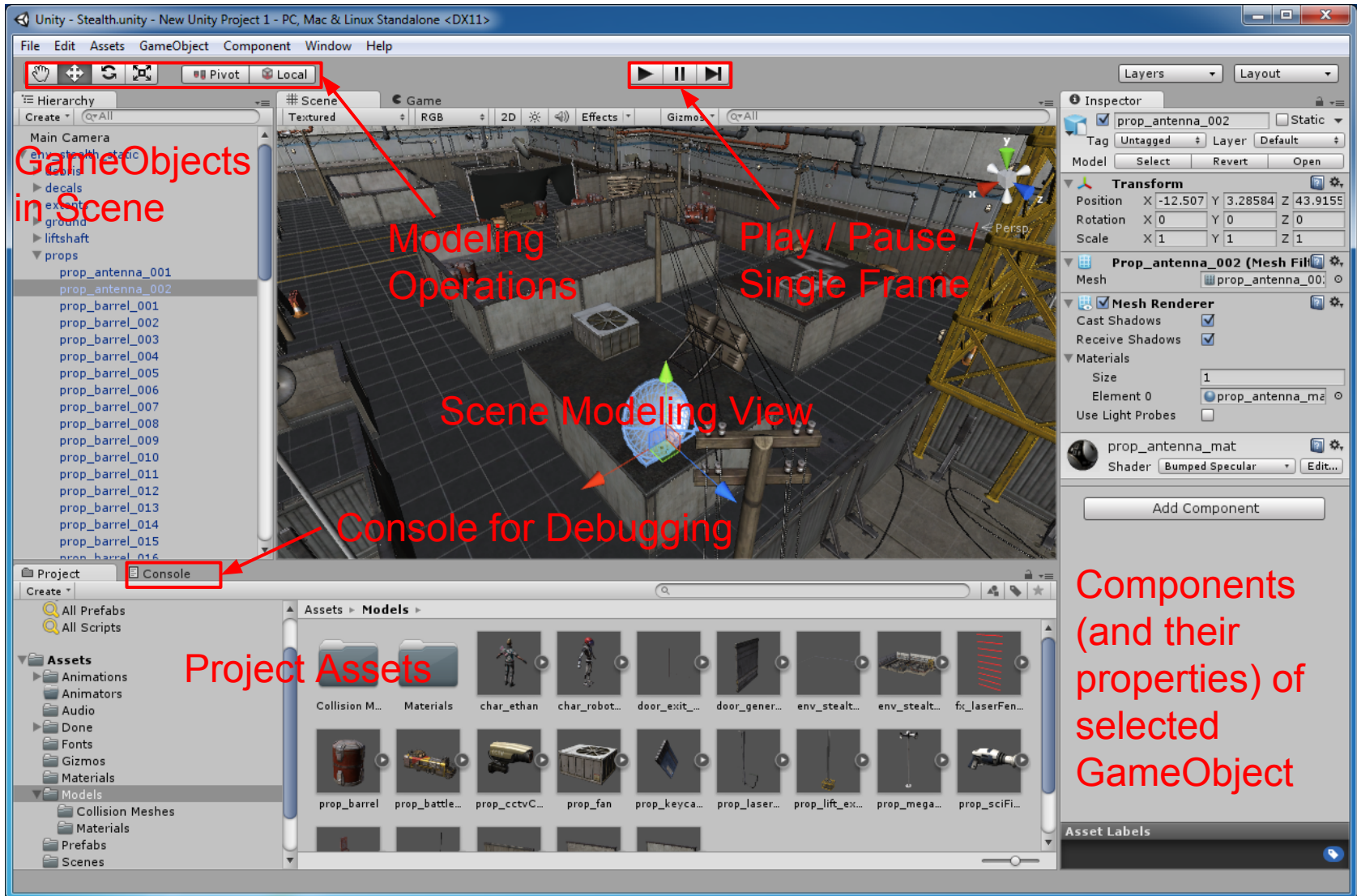
What a GameObject can do depends on its **Components**

- Technically Components are **themselves objects**
- Are just **associated with GameObject** and can reference it
- Give a GameObject more **features** by adding components, e.g. visual appearance, physics, dynamic behavior
- Knowing Unity's capabilities means knowing the different components

Thanks again to Michael Ivanov for his great figures:

<http://www.slideshare.net/sasmaster/unity3d-programming-5725801>

Recap: Unity GUI



Script Components

Custom code

- Add Component -> New Script, select name and language
- Cogwheel -> Edit Script
- Choose name carefully (hard to rename)

Defines custom state & behavior

- State through object fields (properties)
 - Public properties visible in Inspector
- Behavior through event handler methods

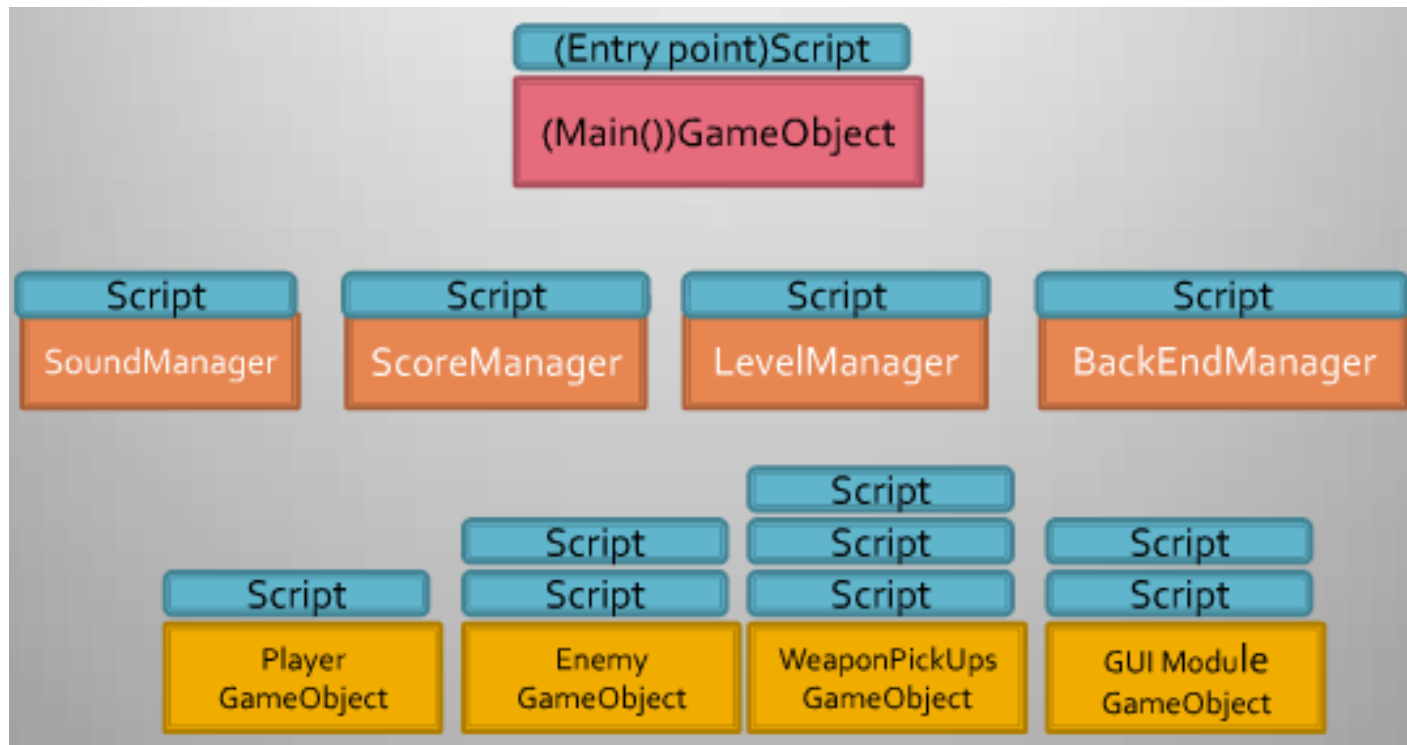
```
using UnityEngine;
using System.Collections;

public class MyScript : MonoBehaviour
{
    void Start () {
        // Used for initialization
    }

    void Update () {
        // Update game state here
        // Called once per frame
    }

    void OnCollisionEnter(Collision c) {
        // This GameObject has collided
        // with another object.
        // Do something!
    }
}
```

Typical Code Design



Note: non-visible GameObjects for managing game data and game state

Script Example: Collision turns on light

- Public property light can be set in Inspector
- gameObject gives the GameObject of a component
- Debug.Log() prints message onto console (see GUI tab)
- Don't forget to build your script (F8 in MonoDevelop)

Coding Style:

Property names start lowercase and method names start uppercase

```
public class MyLightSwitch : MonoBehaviour {
    public Light light;

    void Start () {
        light.enabled = false;
    }

    void OnCollisionEnter(Collision c) {
        Debug.Log ("Collision with " +
                    c.gameObject.name);

        if (c.gameObject.name == "Player")
            light.enabled = true;
    }
}
```

Key/Button Input

Low-level: get key presses **directly**

```
bool down = Input.GetKeyDown(KeyCode.Space);
```

```
bool held = Input.GetKey(KeyCode.Space);
```

```
bool up = Input.GetKeyUp(KeyCode.Space);
```

Abstracted: let user specify **control settings**

Input Manager: Edit -> Project Settings -> Input

```
bool down = Input.GetButtonDown("Jump");
```

```
bool held = Input.GetButton("Jump");
```

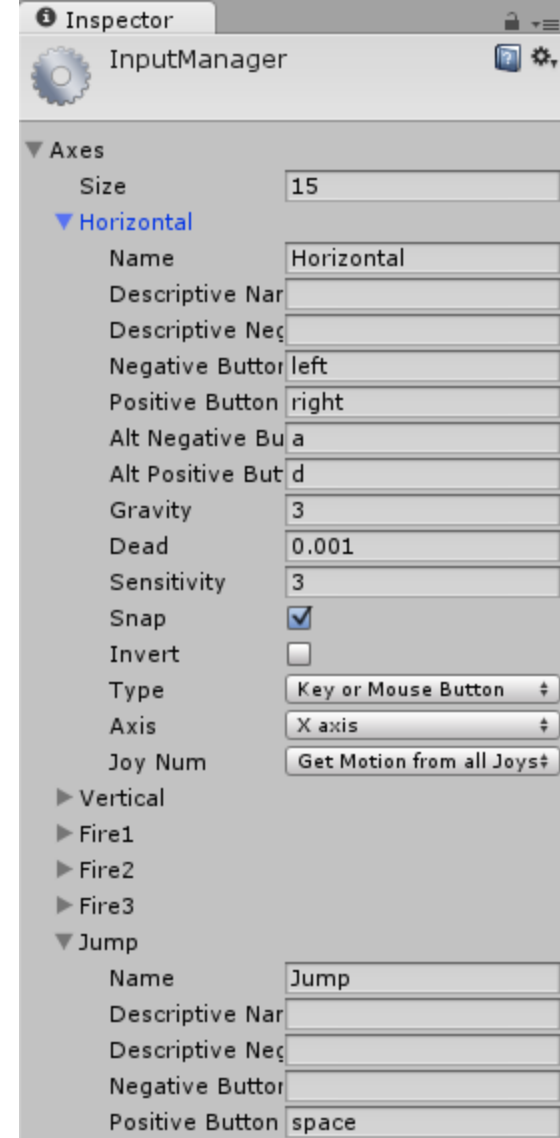
```
bool up = Input.GetButtonUp("Jump");
```

High-level: use configurable **mechanics**

Adjust behavior with properties: sensitivity, gravity and dead.

```
float h = Input.GetAxis("Horizontal"); // h in (-1, +1), same for Vertical
```

```
float h = Input.GetAxisRaw("Horizontal"); // either -1, 0, or +1 (discrete)
```



Script Example: Use Input to Control Transform

- Do translation and rotation for every frame in `Update()`
- Dependent on horizontal and vertical `axis state`
- Attenuate with `speed settings`
- Varying time between frames may cause jitter, so take actual time (in seconds) since last frame into account: `Time.deltaTime`

Note:

Transforms `don't mix with physics!`
Use the physics engine to move a `RigidBody`.

```
public class PlayerControl : MonoBehaviour {
    float moveSpeed = 10f;
    float turnSpeed = 50f;

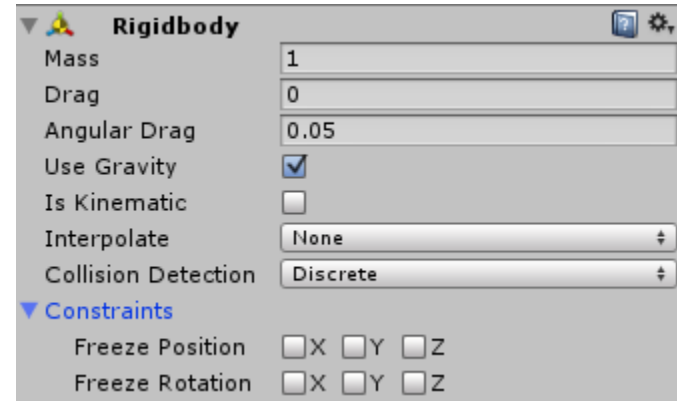
    void Update () {
        transform.Translate( // uses local axes
            Input.GetAxis("Vertical")
            * Vector3.forward // = (0, 0, 1)
            * moveSpeed // in m/s (not m/frame)
            * Time.deltaTime);

        transform.Rotate( // uses local axes
            Vector3.up, // = (0, 1, 0)
            Input.GetAxis("Horizontal")
            * turnSpeed * Time.deltaTime);
    }
}
```

Scripting Physics

Always change **physics** in `FixedUpdate()` as this is synced with physics engine!

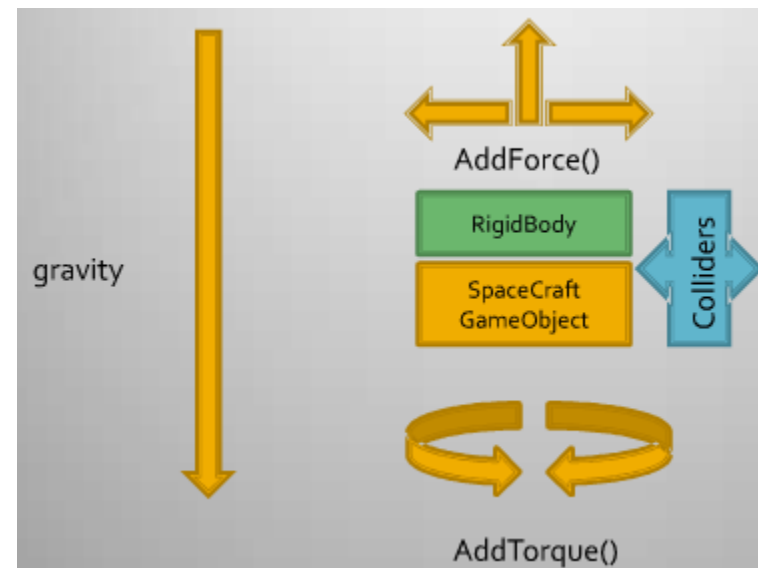
Rigidbody **properties** in Inspector plus others: velocity (units or M per sec), angularVelocity, centerOfMass, ...



Rigidbody methods:

- Usually move object indirectly by **applying force** to it, e.g. `AddForce(x, y, z)` or `AddRelativeForce(lx, ly, lz)`
- Change velocity only directly for immediate change:

```
if (Input.GetButtonDown ("Jump")) {  
    rigidbody.velocity = Vector3(0,10,0);  
}
```



Script Example:

Use Input to Control Physics

- `GetComponent<ComponentType> ()` to get a certain component of this `GameObject`
 - Slow, so better not in `(Fixed)Update`
- Add force in `FixedUpdate (!)`
 - Force causes acceleration
 - Experiment with values to find right one
- **Limit speed** by checking & truncating length of velocity
 - But this will also limit effect of gravity, explosions etc.

```
public class PlayerControl : MonoBehaviour {
    float accel = 5f; // acceleration
    float maxV = 2f; // maximum speed (m/s)
    Rigidbody rigidBody; // body to move

    void Start() {
        rigidBody = GetComponent<Rigidbody> ();
    }

    void FixedUpdate () {
        rigidBody.AddForce (
            Input.GetAxis("Horizontal") * accel,
            0,
            Input.GetAxis("Vertical") * accel);
        if(rigidBody.velocity.magnitude > maxV)
            rigidBody.velocity =
                rigidbody.velocity.normalized * maxV;
    }
}
```