
CS/DES 427/450

Introduction to Unity

Why is Unity

Unity is a cross-platform game engine developed by Unity Technologies in June 2005. Supports a variety of desktop, mobile, console, AR, and VR platforms. The engine can be used to create three-dimensional (3D) and two-dimensional (2D) games, as well as interactive simulations.

The engine has been adopted by industries outside video gaming, such as film, automotive, architecture, engineering, construction, and the United States Armed Forces.

Why is Unity

Unity is powerful, complete 3D environment development system

Create 3D objects / scenes / scripts in Unity

Or import objects created in 3D modelling packages

Use scripting to control animations / scene changes and interactivity

Export to CAVE2 virtual reality environment

Why is Unity

Integrated development environment (IDE)

Games and interactive 3D virtual environments development

Commercial game engine (Free and Pro)

Multi-platform

Popular

2.8 billion registered users

Large asset store (models, scripts)

Support (formal and community)

Unity Game Engine

Simplify development of games.

Game Mechanics

- physics, AI, animation, scripting

Rendering Effects

- shadows, lighting

I/O Abstraction

- input devices – output devices

3D / 2D objects

Accompanying script editor

Visual Studio/ C#/ JavaScript (retired)/ Boo (very retired)

3D terrain editor

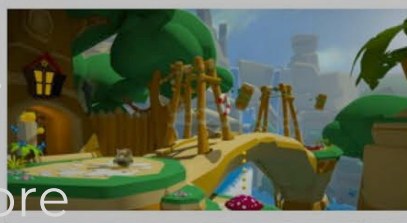
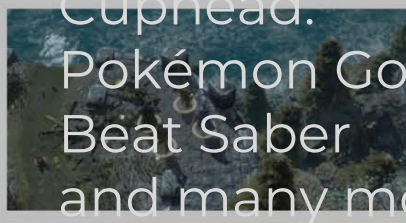
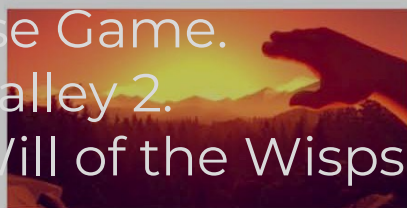
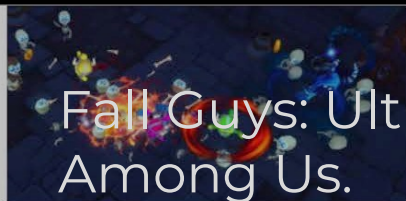
GUI system...

Scripting

Scripts can be written in C#, JavaScript (archived)
Majority of introductory tutorials are available

Unity can be integrated with the Microsoft Visual Studio editor,
to get full benefits of code completion, source version control,
integration, serious developers work in C#

Unity Games



Beyond Games

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Research Overview



ICT is a multidisciplinary research institute at the University of Southern California focused on exploring and expanding how people engage with computers, through virtual characters, video games, simulated scenarios and other forms of human-computer interaction.

Featured Research



Graphics

The ICT Graphics Laboratory develops new techniques for creating and



Virtual Reality as a Tool for Delivering PTSD Exposure Therapy

Pro vs Free

Pro offers:

Level of Detail

No Personal Edition splash screen

Profiler

Full screen post processing effects (Oculus) Team License

Unity Cloud Build Pro

Unity Analytics Pro...

Multiplatform and Multiplayer

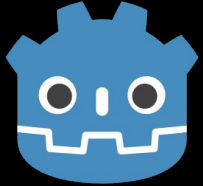
Multiple Build Targets

- Windows
- Linux
- iOS
- Android
- Web player
- Oculus Rift
- Wii
- ... and more!

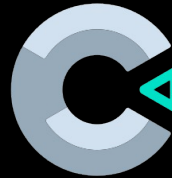
Unity 2019.2.11

CAVE2 support

Other Game Engines



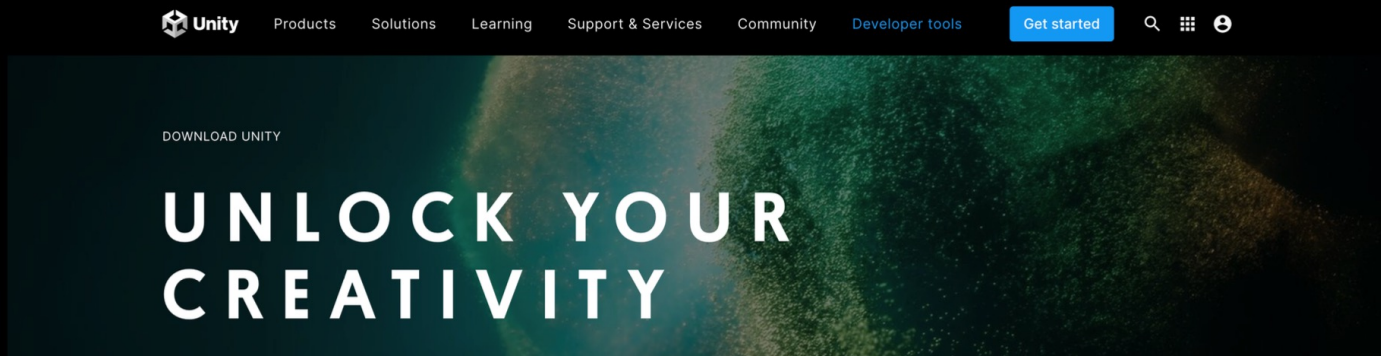
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Game engine

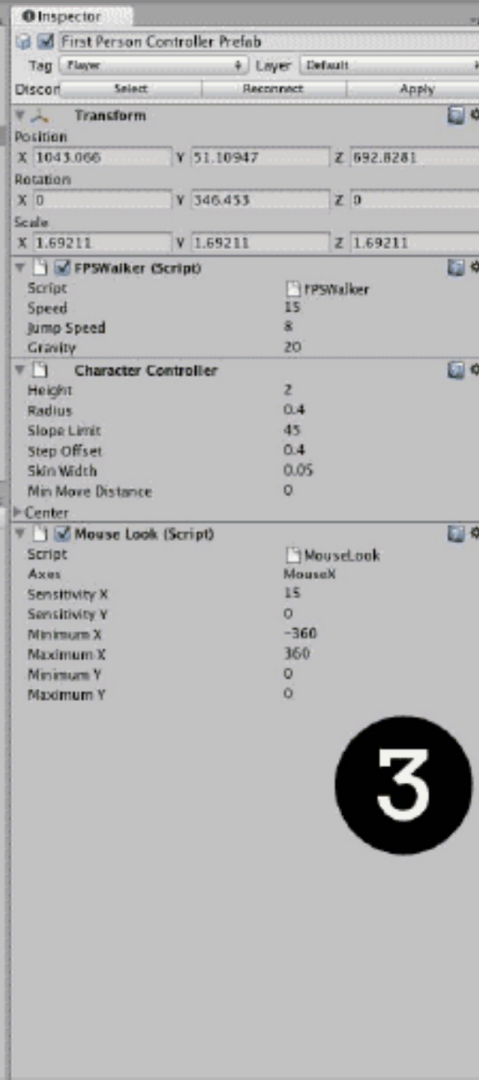
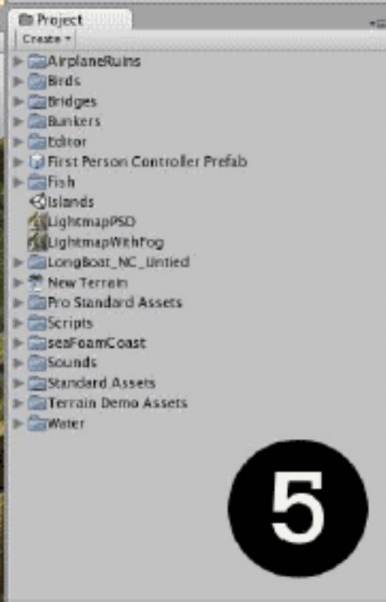
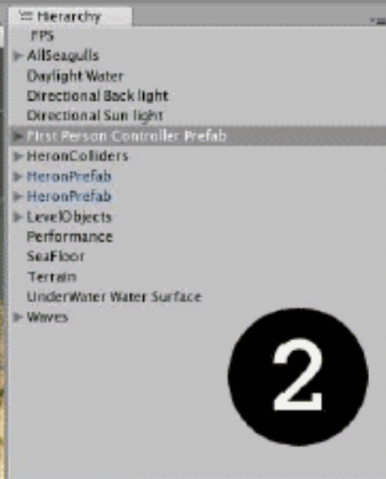
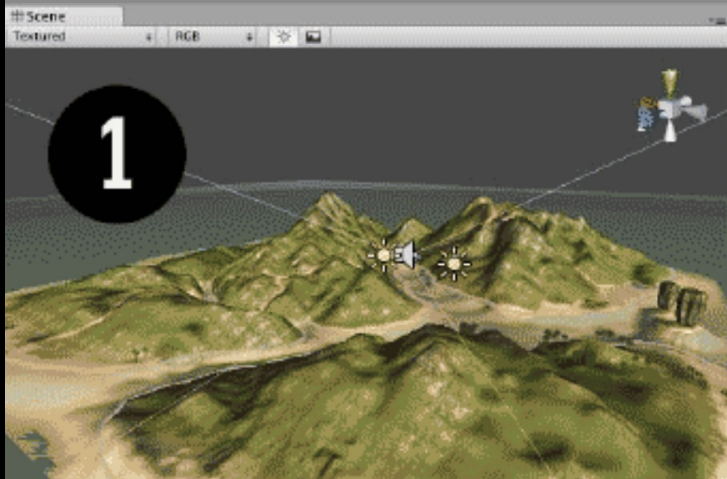


Installation

Install Unity Hub > Archives > **Unity 2019.2.11**

<https://unity.com/download#how-get-started>





Editor

1 – Scene

- Editable current scene with 3d 3D game objects where the game is constructed

2 – Hierarchy

Text list of game objects and sub-objects in the current scene

3 – Inspector

Properties for currently selected asset/object

4 – Game

Preview how game will look when executing

5 – Project

Contents of Project 'assets' folder (i.e. files in that folder) library of scripts, digital

Navigating the Scene Window



The scene view is what allows you to look around and move the visual assets you import into Unity. It's how you'll assemble your levels and place important things like lighting, trigger zones, audio, and much more.

Being able to control the camera is important if you want to do anything at all with it.

Navigating the Scene Window



Hand Tool drag around in the scene to pan your view.

Holding down alt+drag will rotate the view, Ctrl.+drag will allow you to zoom.

Does not move anything in the scene, just your point of view.

Translate Tool active selection tool, enables to drag an object's axis handles in order to reposition it.

Rotate Tool using handles to allow you to rotate an object around either of its

Scale Tool works the same as the previous two tools, allows scaling of an object

Rectangle Tool

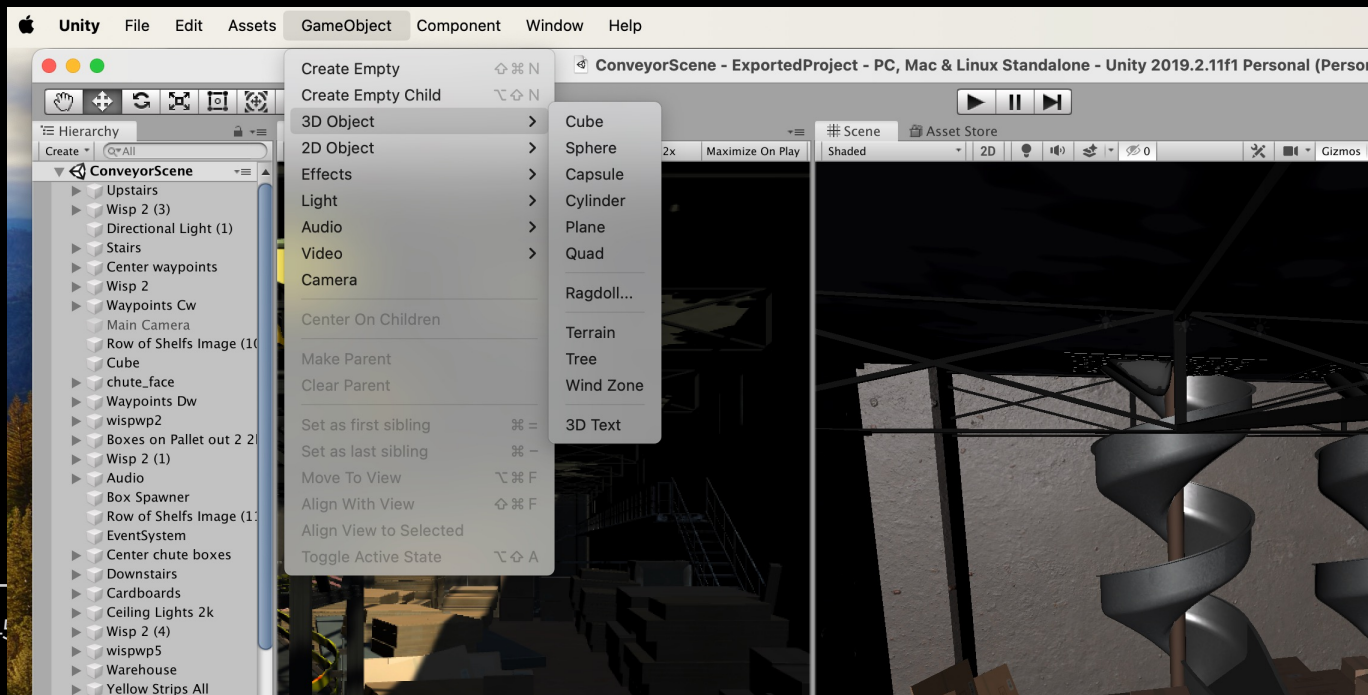
Custom Tool

3D primitives

1. Game Object > 3D Object > Cube

basic game objects Unity can create without Importing external assets

- lights
- particle systems
- cameras
- 3D objects
- 2D objects



3D primitives

Scale: X: 25, Y: 1, Z: 25

Move camera a little back and point it downward to see the box

3. Assign the sphere a rigid body component Select the sphere
Component > Physics > Rigid Body

4. Preview the game (Play)

3D primitives

sphere should fall, but not bounce yet

5. Create a physic material, which will provide the material properties to make the game object bouncy

Asset > Create > Physics Material

6. Drag the new physics material from the Asset window onto the Sphere game object in the Hierarchy window or directly onto the sphere in the Scene window

3D primitives

7. In inspector adjust the parameters

Bounciness to 0.8 and Bounce Combine to Maximum

8. Preview the game

the sphere should bounce similar to a rubber ball

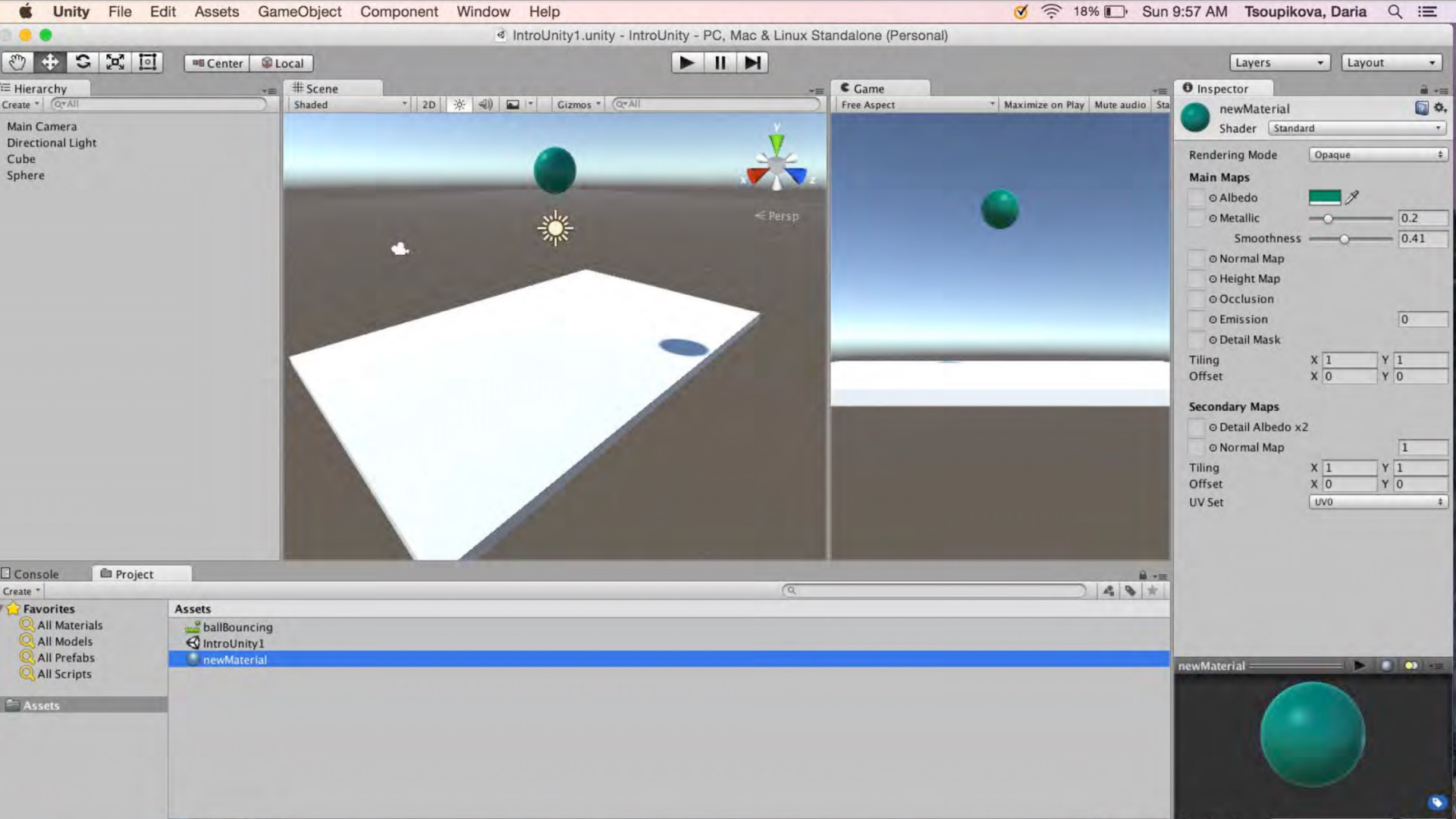
9. experiment with different heights and different angles

Materials

10. Assets > Create > Material

double click the color swatch next to Main color and choose a different color tweak the material's properties by experimenting with different shaders from the shader drop-down menu in the Inspector window

11. Drag new material from the Project window onto the game object in the Hierarchy window



Textures

Textures should be in the following format to enable 'tiling'
Square and ideally the power of two

128 x 128

256 x 256

512 x 512

1024 x 1024

Shaders control the rendering characteristics of textured surface

Our VR projects

Unity game engine
CAVE2 template

Typography

Primitives

Terrain

Textures

Materials

Sounds

Limited number of imported assets (with approval)

FXs

Physics

GUI (given)