Unity notes

**Roll-a-Ball**

* Press F to focus perspective on the selected object
* Add Rigidbody for in game physics
* Ctrl+B for build settings
* Player input settings
  + Create Input Action Asset and link certain keys to an action name
  + Add the new script component to an object
* Writing scripts
  + A function is a way to group code under one name
  + Two functions included in the template, Start and Update
  + Update is called before rendering a frame and this is where most of your code will go
  + Fixed update is called just before performing any physics calculations and this is where your physics code will go
  + Name spaces are a collection of classes and other datatypes which can be imported at the start of your script
  + Already three name spaces in the template: System.Collections, System.Collections.Generic, UnityEngine
  + Add a new one called UnityEngine.InputSystem; for inputs
  + Void means this function will do a task and won’t return any values
  + Write void OnMove()
  + Inside the parentheses, add InputValue (type of variable) and movementValue (name of the variable you will use in the function)
  + The movement value variable will capture and store the data from the x and y direction of input, this kind of data can be stored as a vector2 variable
  + Write Vector2 movementVector = movementValue.Get<Vector2>() in the parentheses; this code takes or gets the vector2 data from the movementValue and stores in the vector2 variable you are creating called movementvector
  + Write private Rigidbody rb; This will create a private variable of the type rigidbody and call that variable “rb”,
  + The variable is private and not public because you don’t need the variable to be accessible from the inspector or other scripts right now
  + Next, inside the Start Function, write rb = GetComponent<RigidBody>(); This sets the value of the variable rb by getting a reference to the rigidbody component
  + Add new function called void FixedUpdate() below the start function
* Code for adding force
  + In the FixedUpdate function, add rb.AddForce(movementVector);
  + There are three vectors x, y and z
  + You need to create two new variables for individual input actions
  + Underneath the Rigidbody variable, add private float movementX; and
  + private float movementY;
  + In OnMove, add movementX = movementVector.x;
  + MovementY = movementVector.y;
  + Write in the FixedUpdate, Vector3 movement = new Vector3(movementX, 0.0f, movementY); The f signifies that this is a float value
  + Remove Vector from the rb.Addforce(movementVector);
* Code for movement speed
  + First, add a speed variable at the start, public float speed = 0;
  + Back in fixedupdate, add \* speed to the addForce function
* Moving the camera
  + Move the camera under the player in hierarchy so that the camera will move alongside the player
  + But the camera will also roll as the player roll
  + Write a script for the camera because the above method doesn’t work
  + Add public GameObject player; which will reference the player object
  + Add another variable declaration private Vector3 offset; this will store the offset value,
  + Take the current transformed position of the camera game object and subtract the transformed position of the player game object to find the difference
  + Add offset = transform.position - player.transform.position;
  + You will use that to camera game object’s transform position and this needs to happen every frame so write it in update function
  + transform.position = player.transform.position + offset;
  + Now, when the player moves, the frame before displaying the camera, the camera game object is moved into a new position aligned with the player game object before the frame displayed.
  + This works because only the position is added and not the rotation
  + However, you don’t control the order all of the update functions happen, that means the update can run before other scripts
  + The solution is to add LateUpdate which will run after all other scripts
  + You have to create a reference to the player game object \*\*\*\*
  + Drag the player component to the camera player tab
* Setting up the play field
  + Create an empty game object and name it walls
  + Create a cube named west wall and place it under walls
* Creating pick up objects
  + Create a cube, make it small, rotate it and color it
* Rotating the pickup object
  + Remove the start function from the template
  + The rotate values need to change every frame
  + There are two ways to transform a game object: translate (moves the game object by transform) and rotate (rotates the game object)
  + It has two possible parameters: Using a vector3 variable or 3 float variables xyz
  + Add transform.Rotate(new Vector3 (15, 30, 45) \* Time.deltaTime); make sure the “t” is lowercase because you are referring to the component not the variable type
  + Deltatime is perfect for smooth action because it’s a float that represents the differences in seconds between the last frame, multiplied by per second rather then per frame
* Making the pickup object into a prefab
  + A prefab is an asset that contains a template or a blueprint of a game object or a game object family
  + All the prefab objects will be updated with just one
  + Drag the pickup object from the hierarchy into the prefab folder in project
  + When you drag something from the hierarchy into the project window, unity creates a prefab asset containing a template or blueprint of the game object
  + The game object will turn blue when it becomes a prefab
  + Create an empty object and put the pickup object underneath it
* Detecting Collisions with collectibles
  + You will use the Ontrigger function on the player script
  + Write private void OnTriggerEnter(Collider other)
  + Other is the identifier that the sphere will hit
  + In the body, write other.gameObject.SetActive(false); this code will disable game objects correctly
  + Tags allow you to identify game objects by comparing tag values to a string
  + First, set a tag value for the pickup object
  + Add a tag called PickUp and apply it to the pick up object
  + Above the ontriggerenter, write if(other.gameObject.CompareTag(“PickUp”)) {}
  + Comparison is case sensitive \*\*\*\*
  + Paste the other code into the curly brackets
  + Then make the collider into trigger colliders Ex. A player can run into a door and a message will open that says you have discovered a new route or every time a player walks around a particular corner, spiders will drop from the ceiling
  + Any game object with a collider and a rigidbody is considered dynamic which means unity won’t treat it as static
  + If the pickup object is static, it will take unity longer each frame to calculate the physics and it would do it each frame because they are rotating
  + Add a rigidbody component to the pickup objects
  + The use gravity checkbox can prevent them from going down
  + Enable the ls kinematic (A kinematic rigidbody will not react to physic forces)
  + Standard rigidbodies are moved by physics forces and kinematic rigidbodies are moved by transform
* Adding score
  + Add a variable for integer count – private int count;
  + Adding an initial amount for count variable – write under Start function count = 0;
  + On the OnTrigger function, count = count + 1;
  + User Interface and Text Mesh Pro
  + Add text mesh pro from hierarchy, the important thing is that all UI elements must be the child of the Canvas behaved correctly
  + Rectangular transform for the text, Hold shift and alt to get it in the left corner
  + Before coding, you need to add information about text mesh pro in the script
  + The details about the UI elements are held in the name space
  + Write a new line called, using TMPro;
  + Under the public variable called speed, create a new variable called
  + public TextMeshProUGUI countText;
  + Underneath the OnMove function, write void SetCountText() {}
  + Write countText.text = “Count:” + count.ToString();
  + Under start function, write SetCountText();
  + Inside the ontrigger function, write SetCountText();
  + Drag the counttext object into the player component
  + Go to the event system object and replace the shit
* Creating a Game end message
  + Create a new textmeshpro object and transform the text whatever
  + Now, you need to add a reference for the UI text in the script
  + With the other variables, write public GameObject winTextObject;
  + Set the starting state to be disabled
  + Under Start function, write winTextObject.SetActive(false);
  + Underneath the setcounttext function, write if(count >=12) {}
  + In the curly brackets, write winTextObject.SetActive(true);
  + Don’t forget to drag the gameobject into the player component

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**Needles to slay tutorial**

Variables

* When creating a variable, define the type of variable and name the variable.
* Types of variable
* Whole number = integer
* Line of text = string
* A semicolon defines an end of an instruction
* That one variable can have different assigned values within the same script, because the computer executes instructions sequentially
* <https://docs.unity3d.com/ScriptReference/index.html> Scripting reference
* Save state so that you can restore any changes after
* // is for comments

Functions

* Void AddingNumbers(float num1, float num2)
* Void means no type or empty because its not stored anywhere
* Adding Numbers is the name of the function
* Parentheses are required even if the function takes no variables
* Floats are fractional numbers, add an “f” after a number to make it float
* Function call has a function name, set of parentheses containing two values and semicolon
* Change the parameters in the function to substitute the variables
* The curly braces {} are define scope. That means the only variables declared inside the function exist there.

Classes

* A class enables you to group together related functions and variables.
* Subclasses have access to the features of the parent class
* Use dot operators (a full stop) to access different variables within a class.
* Class as a type
  + Vector3 myVector = new Vector3();
  + New means to create a new variable space in memory
  + It’s only when you want to create a new Vector3 variable that you need to use that new syntax!

int NextAngle()

{

int currentAngle = angle;

angle = Helpers.WrapAngle(angle + step);

return currentAngle;

}

The function is int and not void because not only is it going to do something, it will also return a result (the angle for the new potion).

The WrapAngle function is a function that we’ve written for you, which enables you to store an angle between 0° and 360°.

You could write a function called Init to initialize those values to parameters you give them. But classes have a very useful feature called the constructor**.**

In the SpawnerSample script, create a new line at the top of the Start function (above the first call to SpawnPotion).

LootAngle myLootAngle = new LootAngle();

The constructor is a special function that has exactly the same name as your class and no type (for example, void) written before it. The compiler will create a “hidden” constructor by default which does nothing. If you create your own, you can give it specific parameters.

LootAngle(int increment)

{

step = increment;

angle = 0;

}

Put this in the lootangle class. Now the constructor takes one parameter: the increase each time the NextAngle function is called.

Replace the instructions inside the start function like this

SpawnPotion(myLootAngle.NextAngle());

There would be errors for the function LootAngle(int) which is inaccessible due to its protection level.

**Public and Private classes**

Private classes can only be accessed by the class itself or its subclasses.

Making a class public exposes it to the Unity Editor so it can be changed in Unity.

Add a public beside LootAngle(int increment) function and int NextAngle() function.

MonoBehaviour is the base class from which every Unity script derives.

When you use C#, you must explicitly derive from MonoBehaviour.

**Derivation and Inheritance**

An enemy class group together anything related to enemies.

The derived classes FlyingEnemy and WalkingEnemy will automatically inherit (be able to access) all the functions and variables of the Enemy class. It will look like this

public class Enemy

{

public void Attack()

{

}

}

public class FlyingEnemy : Enemy

{

}

The colon identifies **FlyingEnemy** as derived from **Enemy**.

You could then write code which accesses the function **Attack** inside the **Enemy** class without redeclaring the function.

Your scripts in Unity derive from the base class **MonoBehaviour**. This means that the script can access a range of variables and functions created within the base class that every Unity user can use such as GetComponent, transform.

public override bool Use(CharacterData user)

Use is a public bool function. The bool variable type stores one of the two Boolean values: true or false.

There’s an unfamiliar keyword in its declaration: **override**. As its name suggests, the keyword is used to override the same function in the base class (UsableItem.UsageEffect). This enables you to write generic code that will work for any Use function.

When an object is used, the function is called and it returns a bool value and if it has been used, it will be removed from the inventory. If the health is full, the function will return false and the potion will not get used.