

Basic Motorcycle Script

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// Detailed script for beginners to set vehicle type, camera position, vehicle flags, ... //Basic
Motorcycle Script
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//
// Retrieved from Free SL Scripts on www.gendersquare.org/sl
//
//The new vehicle action allows us to make any physical object in Second
//Life a vehicle. This script is a good example of a
// very basic vehicle that is done very well.
default{
    //There are several things that we need to do to define vehicle,    // and how the user
interacts with it. It makes sense to
    // do this right away, in state_entry.
    state_entry()
    {
        IIPassCollisions(TRUE);
        //We can change the text in the pie menu to more accurately
        // reflect the situation. The default text is "Sit" but in
        // some instances we want you to know you can drive or ride a
        // vehicle by sitting on it. The IISetSitText function will
        // do this.
        IISetSitText("Ride");
        //Since you want this to be ridden, we need to make sure that    // the avatar "rides" it in
a acceptable position    //
and the camera allows the driver to see what is going on.
        //
        //IISitTarget is a new function that lets us define how an avatar will orient itself when sitting.
        // The vector is the offset that your avatar's center will be
        // from the parent object's center. The
        // rotation is based off the positive x axis of the parent. For
        // this motorcycle, we need you to sit in a way
        // that looks right with the motorcycle sit animation, so we
        // have your avatar sit slightly offset from the seat.
        IISitTarget(<0.6, 0.03, 0.20>, ZERO_ROTATION);
        //To set the camera, we need to set where the camera is, and    // what it is looking at.
By default, it will    // be
looking at your avatar's torso, from a position above and
        // behind. It will also be free to rotate around your
        // avatar when "turning."
        //
        //For the motorcycle, we are going to set the camera to be
        // behind the cycle, looking at a point in front of it.
        // Due to the orientation of the parent object, this will appear to be looking down on the
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    IISetCameraEyeOffset(<-5.0, -0.00, 2.0> );
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    IISetCameraAtOffset(<3.0, 0.0, 2.0> );
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//To make an object a vehicle, we need to define it as a // vehicle. This is done by assigning it a vehicle type. // A vehicle type is a predefined set of parameters that describe how the physics engine should let your

// object move. If the type is set to VEHICLE_TYPE_NONE it will no longer be a vehicle.

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//The motorcycle uses the car type on the assumption that this
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// will be the closest to how a motorcycle should work.
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// Any type could be used, and all the parameters redefined later.
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IISetVehicleType(VEHICLE_TYPE_CAR);
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//While the type defines all the parameters, a motorcycle is // not a car, so we need to change some parameters

// to make it behave correctly.

//The vehicle flags let us set specific behaviors for a vehicle // that would not be covered by the more general

// parameters. For instance, a motorcycle shouldn't be able to

// push itself into the sky and fly away, so we

// want to limit its ability to push itself up if pointed that way. There are several flags that help when

// making various vehicles.

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IISetVehicleFlags(VEHICLE_FLAG_NO_DEFLECTION_UP |  
VEHICLE_FLAG_LIMIT_ROLL_ONLY | VEHICLE_FLAG_LIMIT_MOTOR_UP);
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//To redefine parameters, we use the function // IISetVehicleHippoParam where Hippo is the variable type of the // parameter (float, vector, or rotation).

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//Most parameters come in pairs, and efficiency and a timescale. The efficiency defines <more>, while the timescale

// defines the time it takes to achieve that effect.

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//In a virtual world, a motorcycle is a motorcycle because it looks and moves like a motorcycle. The look is

// up to the artist who creates the model. We get to define

// how it moves. The most basic properties of movement

// can be thought of as the angular deflection (points in the

// way it moves) and the linear deflection (moves in the

// way it points). A dart would have a high angular deflection, and a low linear deflection.

A motorcycle has

// a low linear deflection and a high linear deflection, it goes where the wheels send it. The timescales for these

// behaviors are kept pretty short.

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    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_ANGULAR_DEFLECTION_EFFICIENCY, 0.2);
    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_LINEAR_DEFLECTION_EFFICIENCY, 0.80);
    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_ANGULAR_DEFLECTION_TIMESCALE, 0.10);
    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_LINEAR_DEFLECTION_TIMESCALE, 0.10);
    //A bobsled could get by without anything making it go or turn      // except for a icy hill.
A motorcycle, however, has
    // a motor and can be steered. In LSL, these are linear and
    // angular motors. The linear motor is a push, the angular
    // motor is a twist. We apply these motors when we use the
    // controls, but there is some set up to do. The motor
    // timescale controls how long it takes to get the full effect
    // of the motor, basically acceleration. The motor decay
    // timescale defines how long the motor stays at that strength
    // - how slowly you let off the gas pedal.
    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_LINEAR_MOTOR_TIMESCALE, 1.0);
    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_LINEAR_MOTOR_DECAY_TIMESCALE, 0.2);
    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_ANGULAR_MOTOR_TIMESCALE, 0.1);
    llSetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_ANGULAR_MOTOR_DECAY_TIMESCALE, 0.5);
    //Real world vehicles are limited in velocity and slow to a      // stop due to friction. While
a vehicle that continues
moving forever is kinda neat, it is hard to control, and not
    // very realistic. We can define linear and angular
    // friction for a vehicle, how quickly you will slow down while
    // moving or rotating.
    //
    //A motorcycle moves easily along the line defined by the
    // wheels, and not as easily against the wheels. A motorcycle
    // falling out of the air shouldn't feel very much friction at
    // all. For the most part, our angular frictions don't
    // matter, as they are handled by the vertical attractor. The
    // one component that is not handled by the vertical
    // attractor is the rotation around the z axis, so we give it
    // some friction to make sure we don't spin forever.
    llSetVehicleVectorParam(VEHICLE_LINEAR_FRICTION_TIMESCALE, <10.0, 0.5,
1000.0> );
    llSetVehicleVectorParam(VEHICLE_ANGULAR_FRICTION_TIMESCALE, <10.0, 10.0,
0.5> );
    //We are using a couple of tricks to make the motorcycle look      // like a real motorcycle.
We use an animated texture to
    // spin the wheels. The actual object can not rely on the real
    // world physics that lets a motorcycle stay upright.
    // We use the vertical attractor parameter to make the object
    // try to stay upright. The vertical attractor also allows
    // us to make the vehicle bank, or lean into turns.
    //
    //The vertical attraction efficiency is slightly misnamed, as
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// it should be "coefficient." Basically, it controls
// if we critically damp to vertical, or "wobble" more. It also
// has a secondary effect that it will limit the roll
// of the vehicle. The timescale will control how fast we go
// back to vertical, and
// thus how strong the vertical attractor is.
//
//We want people to be able to lean into turns, not fall down,
// and not wobble to much while coming back up.
// A vertical attraction efficiency of .5 is nicely in the middle, and it won't wobble to badly
because of the
// inherent ground friction. As shorter timescale will make it
// hard to roll, a longer one will let us roll a lot
// (and get a bit queasy). We will find that the controls are
// also affected by the vertical attractor
// as we tune the banking features, and that sometimes finding
// good values for these numbers is more an art than a science.
IISetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_VERTICAL_ATTRACTION_EFFICIENCY, 0.50);
IISetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_VERTICAL_ATTRACTION_TIMESCALE, 0.40);
//Banking means that if we rotate on the roll axis, we will // also rotate on the yaw
axis, meaning that our motorcycle will lean to the
// side as we turn. Not only is this one of the things that it look like a real motorcycle, it
makes it look really cool too. The
// higher the banking efficiency, the more "turn" for your
// "lean". This motorcycle is made to be pretty responsive, so we have a high
// efficiency and a very low timescale. The banking mix lets
// you decide if you can do the arcade style turn while not moving, or make
// a realistic vehicle that only banks with velocity. You can
// also input a negative banking mix value to make it bank the wrong way,
// which might lead to some interesting vehicles.
IISetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_BANKING_EFFICIENCY, 1.0);
IISetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_BANKING_TIMESCALE, 0.01);
IISetVehicleFloatParam(VEHICLE_BANKING_MIX, 1.0);
//Because the motorcycle is really just skidding along the // ground, its colliding with
every bump it can find, the default behavior
// will have us making loud noises every bump, which isn't very
// desirable, so we can just take those out.
ICollisionSound("", 0.0);
}

//A sitting avatar is treated like a extra linked primitive, which // means that we can capture
when someone sits on the //
vehicle by looking for the changed event, specifically, a link
// change.
changed(integer change)
{
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//Make sure that the change is a link, so most likely to be a
// sitting avatar.
if (change & CHANGED_LINK)
{
    //The IAvatarSitOnTarget function will let us find the key
    // of an avatar that sits on an object using ISitTarget
    // which we defined in the state_entry event. We can use
    // this to make sure that only the owner can drive our vehicle.
    // We can also use this to find if the avatar is sitting, or is getting up, because both will
be a link change.
    // If the avatar is sitting down, it will return its key, otherwise it will return a null key when
it stands up.
    key agent = IAvatarOnSitTarget();
    //If sitting down.      if (agent)      {      //We don't want random punks to
come stealing our      // motorcycle! The
simple solution is to unsit them,
    // and for kicks, send um flying.
    if (agent != IGetOwner())
    {
        ISay(0, "You aren't the owner");
        IUnSit(agent);
        IPushObject(agent, <0,0,100>, ZERO_VECTOR, FALSE);
    }
    // If you are the owner, lets ride!
    else
    {
        //The vehicle works with the physics engine, so in
        // order for a object to act like a vehicle, it must first be
        // set physical.
        ISetStatus(STATUS_PHYSICS, TRUE);
        //There is an assumption that if you are going to
        // choose to sit on a vehicle, you are implicitly giving
        // permission to let that vehicle act on your controls, and to set your permissions, so
the end user
        // is no longer asked for permission. However, you
        // still need to request these permissions, so all the
        // paperwork is filed.
        IRequestPermissions(agent, PERMISSION_TRIGGER_ANIMATION |
PERMISSION_TAKE_CONTROLS);
        //We will play a little "startup" sound.
        IPlaySound("SUZ_start (2).wav", 0.7);
        // All the messageLinked calls are communicating
        // with other scripts on the bike. There is a script that controls
        // particle systems, and one that controls sounds.
        // This way we can make a simple "motorcycle" script that is modular
        // and you can put in your own sounds/particles,
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// and still use the same base script.
llMessageLinked(LINK_SET, 0, "get_on", "");
}
}
//The null key has been returned, so no one is driving anymore.
else
{
    //Clean up everything. Set things nonphysical so they
    // don't slow down the simulator. Release controls so the
    // avatar move, and stop forcing the animations.
    llSetStatus(STATUS_PHYSICS, FALSE);
    llReleaseControls();
    llStopAnimation("motorcycle_sit");
    // Here we let the other scripts know the cycle is done.
    llMessageLinked(LINK_SET, 0, "idle", "");
}
}
}
//Because we still need to request permissions, the run_time_permissions event still occurs,
and is the perfect // place to start // the sitting animation and take controls.
run_time_permissions(integer perm)
{
    if (perm)
    {
        llStartAnimation("motorcycle_sit");
        llTakeControls(CONTROL_FWD | CONTROL_BACK | CONTROL_RIGHT |
CONTROL_LEFT | CONTROL_ROT_RIGHT | CONTROL_ROT_LEFT, TRUE, FALSE);
    }
}
//If we want to drive this motorcycle, we need to use the controls. control(key id, integer
level, integer edge)
{
    //We will apply motors according to what control is used. For
    // forward and back, a linear motor is applied with a vector
    // parameter.
    vector angular_motor;
    if(level & CONTROL_FWD) { //The Maximum linear motor direction is 50, and
will try to // get us up to 50 m/s - things like
friction and the // motor decay timescale
can limit that.
llSetVehicleVectorParam(VEHICLE_LINEAR_MOTOR_DIRECTION, <50,0,0> );
} if(level & CONTROL_BACK) {
llSetVehicleVectorParam(VEHICLE_LINEAR_MOTOR_DIRECTION, <-20,0,0> );
}
if(level & (CONTROL_RIGHT|CONTROL_ROT_RIGHT))
{
    //The Maximum angular motor direction is 4Pi radians/second.
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//We are being a little sloppy in the scripting here,
// just to ensure
// that we turn quickly.
angular_motor.x += PI*4;
angular_motor.z -= PI*4;
}
if(level & (CONTROL_LEFT|CONTROL_ROT_LEFT))
{
    angular_motor.x -= PI*4;
    angular_motor.z += PI*4;
}
if(level & (CONTROL_UP))
{
    angular_motor.y -= 50;
}
if((edge & CONTROL_FWD) && (level & CONTROL_FWD))    {           // We have a few
message links to communicate to the other
    // scrips when we start to accelerate and let off the gas.
    IIMessageLinked(LINK_SET, 0, "burst", "");
}
if((edge & CONTROL_FWD) && !(level & CONTROL_FWD))
{
    IIMessageLinked(LINK_SET, 0, "stop", "");
}
//The angular motor is set last, just incase there is a sum of // the right and left
controls (you have to swing the handlebars back to center)
IISetVehicleVectorParam(VEHICLE_ANGULAR_MOTOR_DIRECTION,angular_motor);
}
}
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