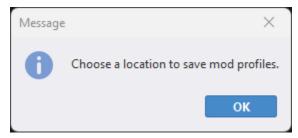
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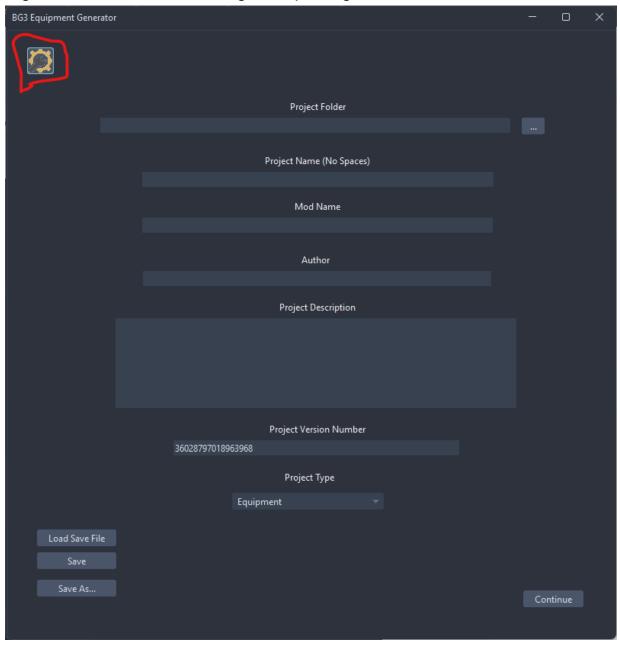
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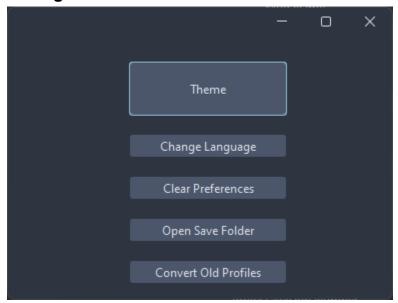
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The program will prompt you to choose a location to save any preset profiles you might make. This makes editing and updating mods easier.



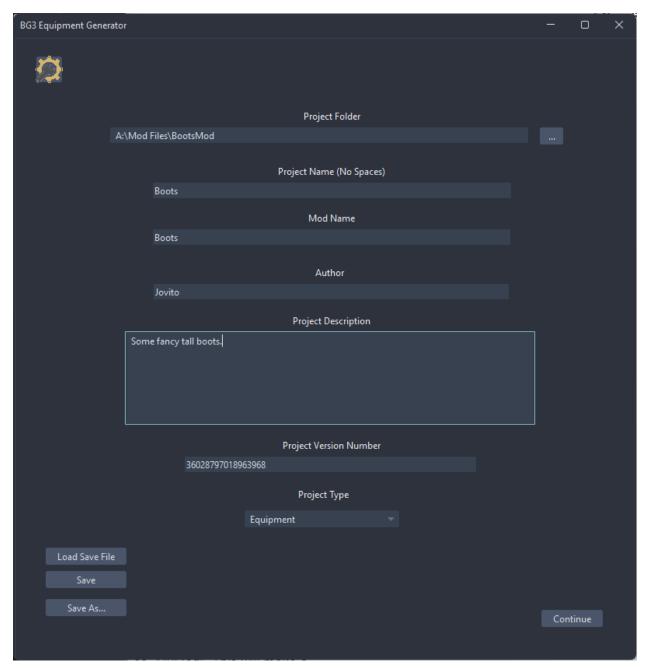
On the first page, there is a gear button in the upper left corner. This is where the **Settings** are located.



Here, you can

- change the **theme** to light or dark
- change the **language** (right now there is <u>only English</u>)
- clear preferences to reset the location of your log files
- open save folder to find where your log files are currently located.
- Convert old profiles if you created save files in a version before 1.3.0

Setting Up the Mod



The **Project Name** is shown here in this picture as "Boots". This will make a **new folder** inside the **Project Folder**. The **new folder** will be named whatever is put in as the **Project Name**.

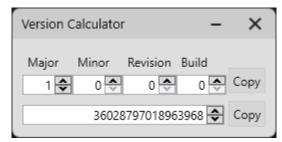
The **Mod Name** is the name that will show up when a user installs the mod into their game.

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The **Project Description** is a description of the mod.

For the **Project Version Number**, I recommend using the **Baldur's Gate 3 Modder's Multitool** from

https://github.com/ShinyHobo/BG3-Modders-Multitool/releases to generate the version number. Go to **Utilities > Version Calculator**



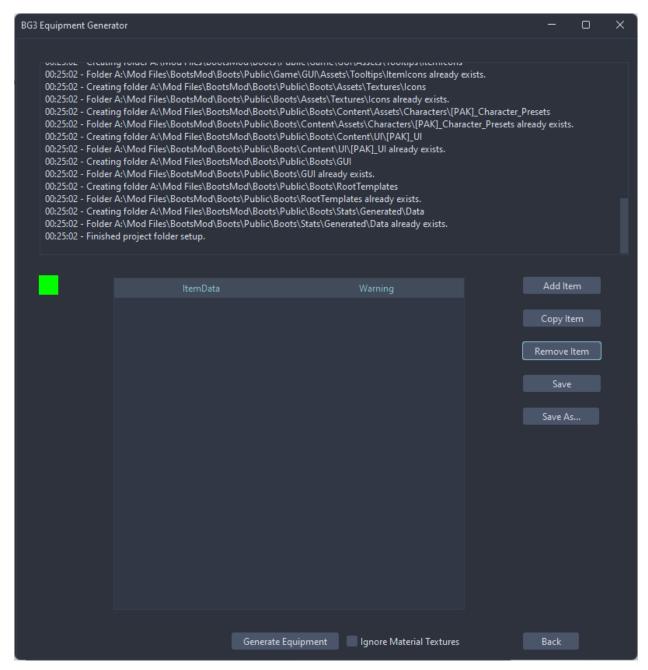
After entering your version information for your specific mod, copy the bottom number from there into the **Project Version Number** field.

The **Project Type** determines whether the mod will be **Hair** or **Equipment**. Click the dropdown to choose a project type.

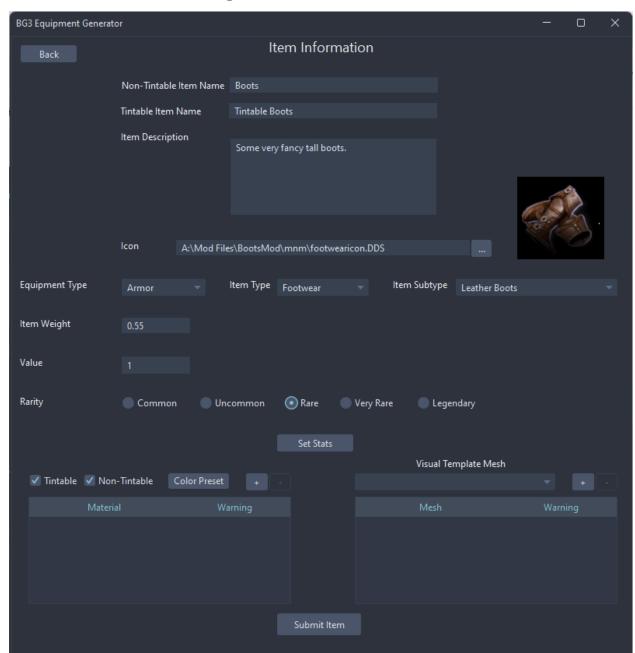
To **Save** your project so you can edit it later, click the **Continue** button and **Save** on the next page.

Creating an Equipment Mod

Adding a New Item



To add a new item to the project, click the "**Add New Item**" button. For this first example, I'm adding some boots.



Filling Out the Item Information

Enter the **Item Name** and the **Item Description**. To search for your icon image, click the **[...]** button next to the **Icon** field. The program can handle image files of type .png, .dds, .tiff., .tga, .jpg, and .bmp.

Next, choose an **Equipment Type** and an **Item Type** from their respective dropdowns.

After, choose an **Item Subtype** that most closely matches your item.

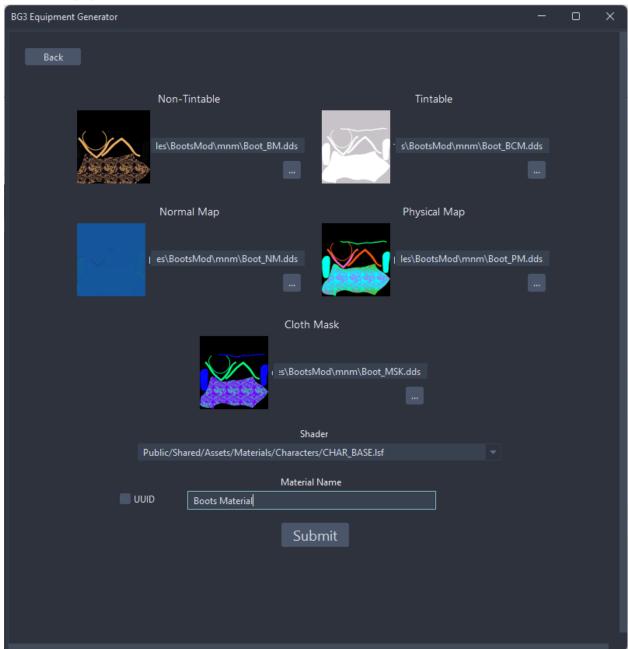
Pick a Rarity and enter in the Item Weight.

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Next, you have a choice of making your item **tintable**, **non-tintable**, or **both**. For this tutorial, I decided to make one item and select **tintable** and **non-tintable**. This will make two separate items in the game.

Adding a Custom Material

Click the [+] above the **Material Table** to add a new material.



Use the [...] buttons to navigate to your files.

In the **Non-Tintable** field, put your pre-colored Base Map. This determines the color of your item.

In the **Tintable** field, put your white or almost white base color map that will allow the tint colors to show up on your object.

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In the **Normal Map** field, put your normal map. A normal map makes flat surfaces look bumpy and detailed.

In the **Physical Map** field, put your physical map. The physical map determines things like shine and ambient occlusion. A detailed explanation of these maps can be found here:

https://bq3.wiki/wiki/Modding:Colour_map

Instructions on creating them can be found here: https://bg3.wiki/wiki/Modding:Texture formatting

In the **Shader** dropdown menu, you can select a shader to enhance the appearance of your material. **AlphaTest** shaders support transparency, allowing you to see through certain parts of the material. Shaders labeled with "**2S**" are double-sided, which means they apply the material to both the front and back of a flat plane. These double-sided shaders are ideal for surfaces without thickness, like a sheet of paper, where both sides need to display the same texture or color.

If you don't find the shader you're looking for in the dropdown menu, you can manually enter the shader's path into the editable box. This allows you to use a custom shader that isn't listed in the default options.

More information about Shaders can be found at these locations:

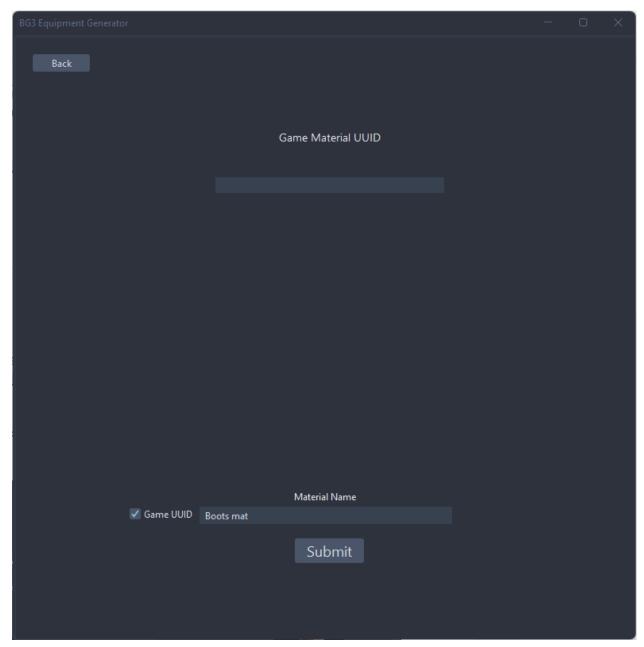
https://bg3.wiki/wiki/Modding:Armor/Clothing_Texture_Maps#Armor/Clothing_Texture_Maps (Advanced)

https://bg3.wiki/wiki/Modding:Non-VT_Shaders

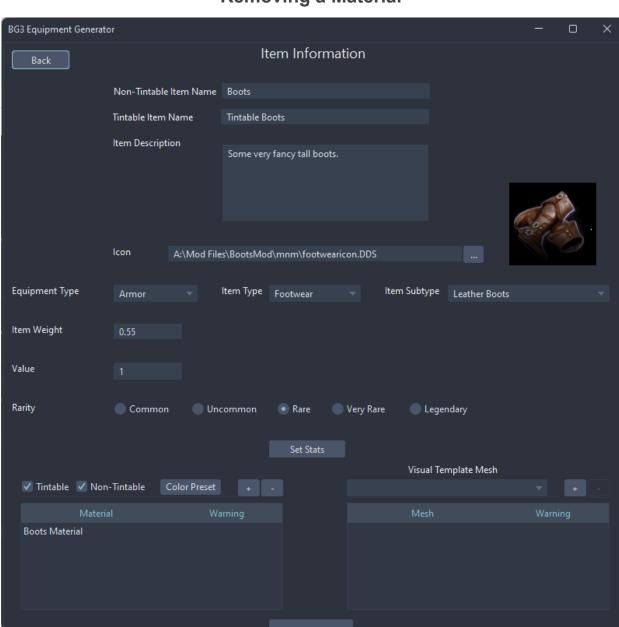
Clicking Submit will add the material information to the Materials table.

Adding a Material from the Game Using a UUID

If you want to add a **Material UUID** from the game for your mesh, you can check the **Game UUID** checkbox. This will bring up the ability to enter a **Material UUID**.



Pressing Submit will add this material to the Materials table.

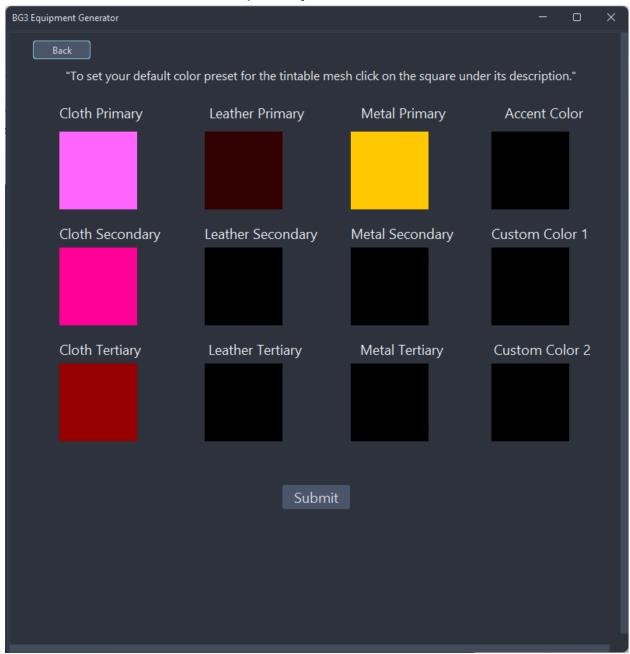


Removing a Material

If you want to remove a material, you can select the material in the **Material Table**, and click the [-] button. If a mesh in the mesh table is linked to a material that has been removed, the mesh table will display an error message indicating that the material no longer exists.

Adding a Color Preset

You can set a default color for your **tintable** object by editing the **Color Preset**. To do this, click the **Color Preset** button. It will bring up a window that allows you to customize the colors of each part of your material.



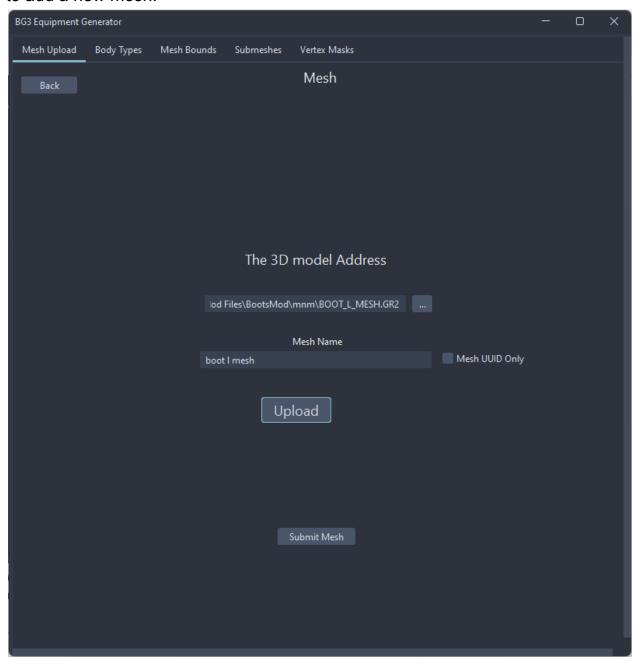
To change a color, click on the square underneath the color you wish to change. A color picker window will pop up. Choose a color from that window, and hit **Okay** to select that color.

After your colors have been chosen, hit Submit to submit your Color Preset.

Adding a Custom Mesh

Uploading the Mesh File

Now that your material is added, you can add in a mesh. For these boots, I have two meshes: the left boot and the right boot. Click the [+] above the **Mesh Table** to add a new mesh.



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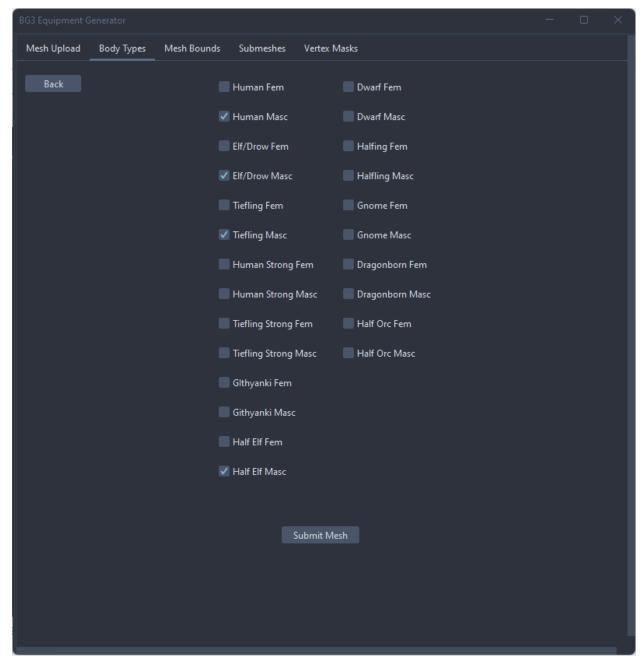
Starting out in the **Mesh Window**, the tabs are disabled. Click the [...] next to the field under the words "**The 3D model**" to search for and add your mesh. The mesh must be a .GR2 file.

.GR2 files can be either exported from Blender using Norbyte's blender addon here:

https://github.com/Norbyte/dos2de_collada_exporter or converted from a .dae file using Norbyte's Islib converter here: https://github.com/Norbyte/Islib/releases/latest

Enter in the **Mesh Name**, and click the **Upload** button. The program will automatically fill out the **Mesh Bounds** and the **Submeshes** information. Once that information is retrieved, the tabs will become enabled and can be clicked on. Go to the **Body Types** tab.

Choosing Body Types



Here, you can choose what body type or types you want your equipment to be for. Next, click the **Mesh Bounds** tab.



Filling Out the Mesh Bounds

This should already be filled out. These are the X,Y,Z coordinates and the radius of the bounding box that encompasses your mesh.

Important: If the bounds numbers are higher than 1-3, your mesh is too large and needs to be resized.

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Sometimes the local scale of the mesh is quite large, even though it is parented under something smaller. In Blender's object mode, you can select your mesh and go to:

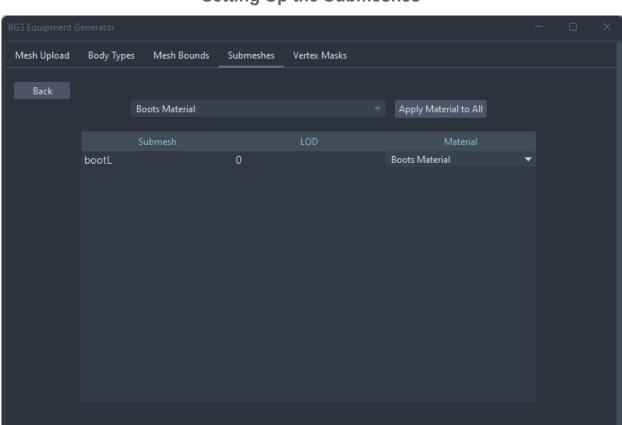
Object > Parent > Clear Parent and Keep Transform

Then, while still keeping your mesh selected, you can use:

Object > Apply > All Transforms

Afterwards, you can parent the mesh again by holding "**Shift**" and dragging your mesh onto its parent object.

After confirming that the bounds are correct, go to the **Submeshes** tab.



Setting Up the Submeshes

This is where you can choose **Materials** for your mesh. If you have multiple objects in your mesh, you can select a different material for each mesh. You can also choose one material at the top and apply it to all the objects below. These objects in the list are the objects that make up your mesh. For example, this is my mesh in Blender.



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The first (and only, in this case) object under my mesh is "**bootL**." This is what is showing up in the submeshes table. The name is determined by the name that is by the **green** symbol.

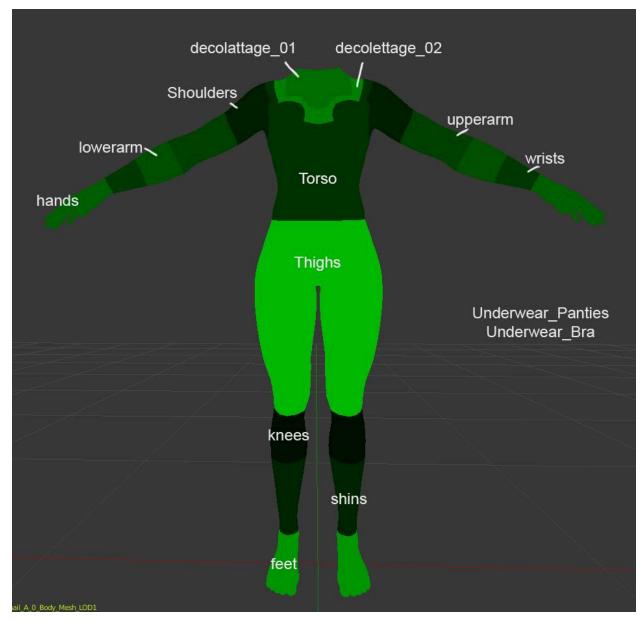
If I have two objects in my mesh named "bootL" and "soleL," they must be listed in the Submesh Table in the same order as they appear in the Blender window. The **LOD**, or Level of Detail, is using simpler shapes for things that are farther away. The closer and more detailed an object is, the lower the **LOD** number. I only have one **LOD** for my object, so I have a 0 in the **LOD** section, the lowest it can be.

If you want to create automatic **LOD**, there is a blender addon by Padme4000 at: https://www.nexusmods.com/baldursgate3/mods/346?tab=files as well as a number of other useful tools.

Once you have the **Submesh Table** filled out, click the **Vertex Masks** tab.

Setting Up Vertex Masks



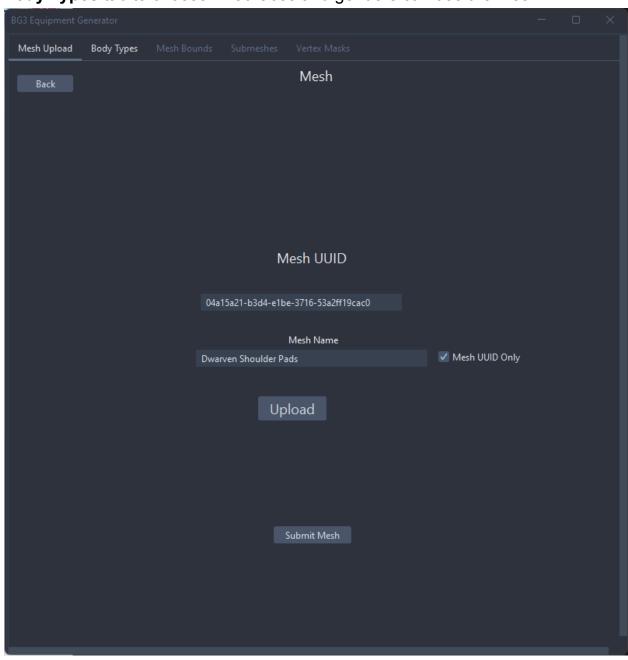


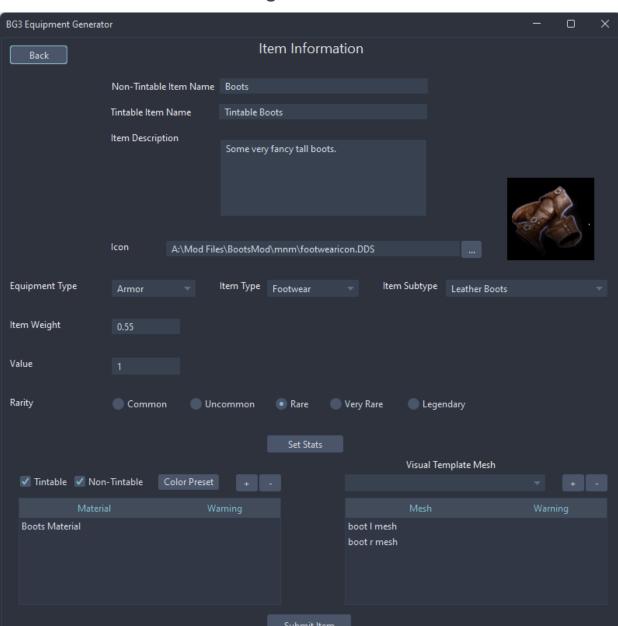
Sometimes parts of the body have to be covered up, or they will clip through the clothing mesh. This is where **Vertex Masks** come in handy. For example, my boots go from the feet, up to the thigh. I don't want to mask out the **Thighs**, or else the legs will be invisible. But I do want to mask out the **feet**, **shins**, and **knees**. This will help to ensure the boots fully cover these parts of the legs. After you are done going through the tabs, click the "**Submit Mesh**" button to finish adding it to the **Mesh Table**.

Adding a UUID Mesh

To add a mesh via a UUID from the game files, click the **Mesh UUID Only** check box. In the top text field, located just below the words **Mesh UUID** enter the unique identifier (UUID) for the mesh. In the **Mesh Name** text field, enter a name for the mesh. **This name can be anything you choose; it doesn't have to match the actual mesh name linked to the UUID.**

Click the **Upload** button. The **Body Types** tab will become enabled. Select the **Body Types** tab to choose what races and genders can use the mesh.



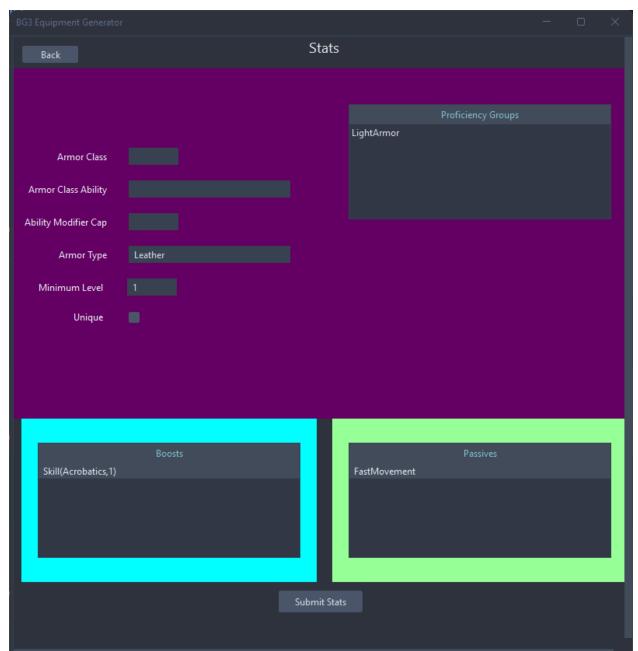


Adding Other Meshes

Now that one boot is done, I added the other boot using the same material.

Removing a Mesh

If you want to remove a mesh, you can select the mesh in the **Mesh Table**, and click the [-] button.



Editing Stats Information

By clicking on the **Set Stats** button, you can edit the object's **Stats** information. There are tables to add **boosts** and **passives** for your armor. In these tables, double click to enter in a boost or a passive. After typing it in, hit the enter key to submit it.

Getting Stats Using Norbyte's Search Engine

To find Boosts and Passives to use, you can go to:

https://github.com/Byte0Bard/BG3-Equipment-Generator/releases/latest

https://bq3.norbyte.dev/search

Here you can search for a specific boost or passive. You can also search for an item to grab the stats from.

Getting Stats From Unpacked Files

Alternatively, these boosts and passives can be found in various files from the game. These files can be found by unpacking the **Shared.pak** file using the **Baldur's Gate 3 Modder's Multitool**. Go to

Utilities > Game File Operations > Unpack Game Files and click the checkbox next to Shared.pak. Then hit Unpack. The stats files can be found at

[BG3 Modder's Multitool Folder] \UpackedData\Shared\Public\Shared\Stats\Generated\Data

Armor.txt
Weapon.txt
Passive.txt
And Many More!

Use **CTRL-F** to look for the words "Passive" or "Boost" to find some passives and boosts in the **Armor.txt** and **Weapon.txt**.

Getting Stats Using BG3 UTAM (Ultimate Tool for Amateur Modders)

If you do not want to unpack the Shared.pak, you can search through stats using Manolov's BG3 UTAM.

The package is hosted here:

https://github.com/MANOLOV02/BG3-UTAM/releases/latest

The instructions are here:

https://www.nexusmods.com/baldursgate3/mods/9035?tab=description

To start, download the program from the github link. After the program is downloaded, unpack the .zip file into a folder of your choice. Click the **BG3 UTAM.exe** to start the program.

In the upper left corner, click

Paks process > Processor

to open the **Processor** window. Here, you need to navigate to your BG3 installation's bin folder. This is located at

https://github.com/Byte0Bard/BG3-Equipment-Generator/releases/latest

[BG3 Installation Folder]\bin

Choose where your mods folder is located, and where you would like any BG3 UTAM mods to be located. Then click **Process and Save Cache**. It will take a bit of time to go through the BG3 files. **Make sure not to interrupt this process**.

Once the process is finished, you can view the files without having to unpack them. To examine the statistics, go to:

Objects exploring > Stats explorer

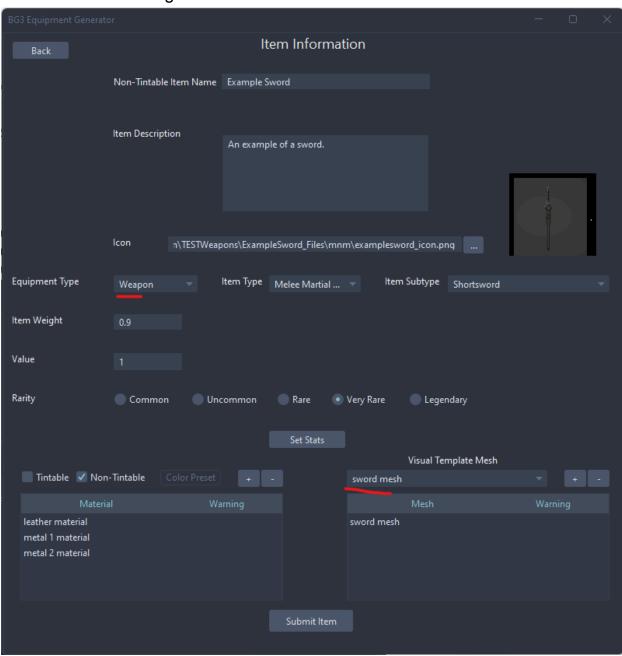
This allows you to browse and find the specific stats you want to copy or use.

Hit **Submit Stats** to submit the stats to your item.

Please be aware: If you switch the item type, it will change the stats to match the new item. This will erase any stats you have added.

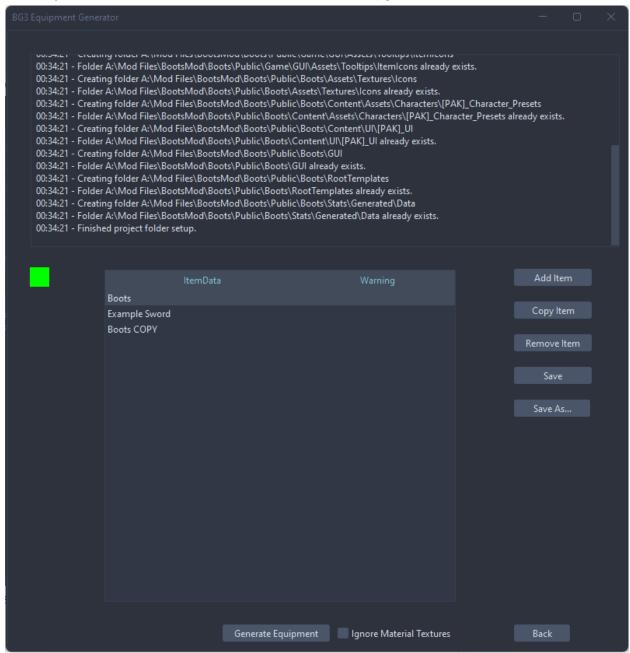
Submitting an Item

Hit the **Submit Item** button to add this item to the table. If your item is a **weapon**, a **shield**, or an **instrument**, set the **Visual Template** as a mesh in your **Mesh** table before submitting.



Copying an Item

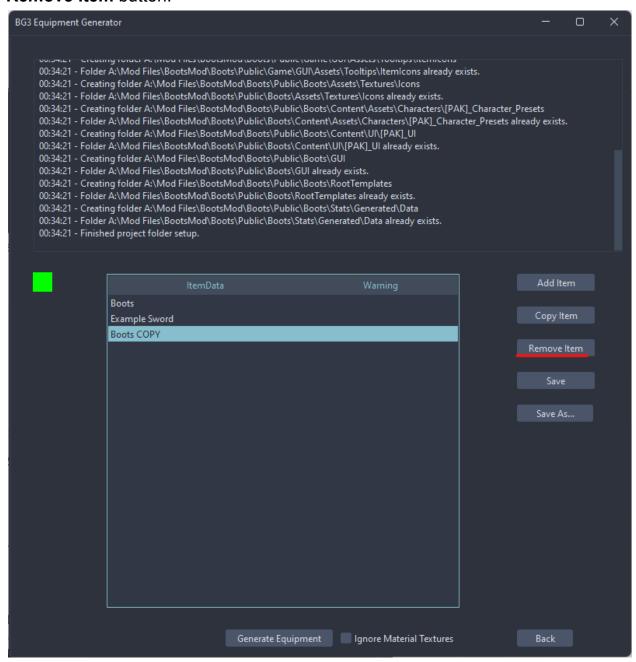
To copy an item, select the item and click the **Copy Item** button.



A new copy is made. To edit the item, double click on it.

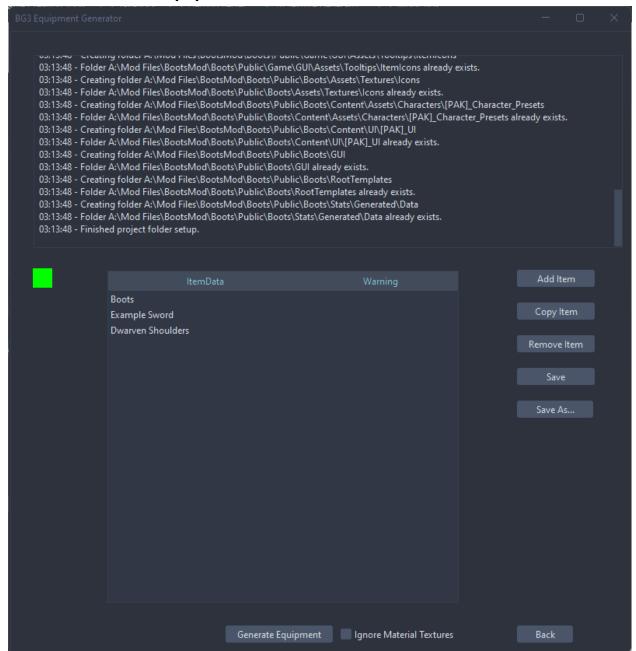
Removing an Item

To remove an item, select the item you would like to remove, and click the **Remove Item** button.



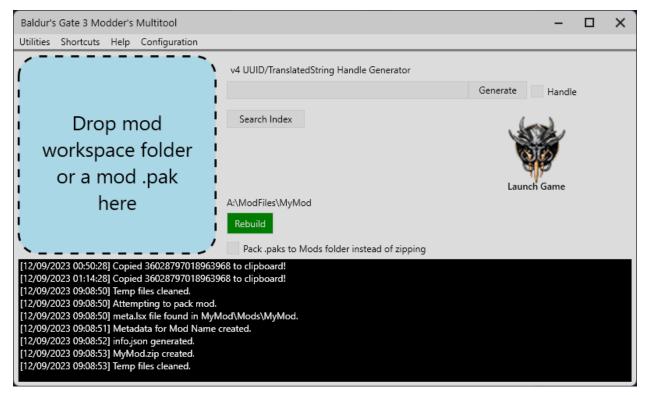
Generating the Equipment Files

Click the **Generate Equipment Files** to create the mod files.



While the program is working, the **green square** will turn **red**. It can take some time, and sometimes it will turn green for a moment before turning red again. Wait for the square to be green for a bit before continuing to the next step.

Packing the Mod Folder



After the files are done generating, navigate to your project folder and look for the created mod folder. With the **Baldur's Gate 3 Modder's Multitool** open, drag the folder and drop it onto the blue square that says "**Drop mod workspace** folder or a mod .pak here." The mod will automatically be zipped to be used in the mod manager of your choice.

Equipment Mod In Game Location

This program puts your files in the tutorial chest. It would be good to have a mod to summon the chest, such as this one:

https://www.nexusmods.com/baldursgate3/mods/457

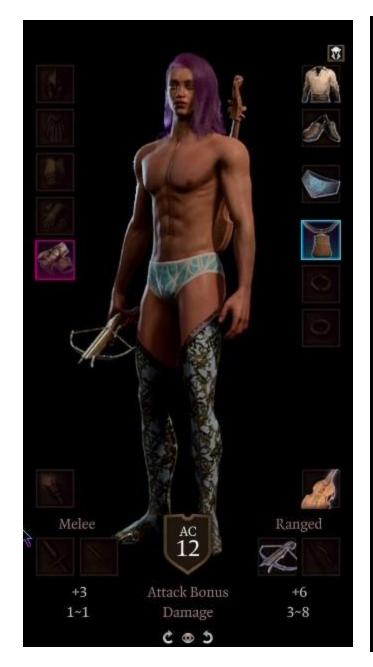
The files for the location of the items are located at:

[YourMod]\Public\[YourMod]\Stats\Generated\Data\Armor.txt [YourMod]\Public\[YourMod]\Stats\Generated\Data\Armor_MSK.txt [YourMod]\Public\[YourMod]\Stats\Generated\Data\Objects.txt [YourMod]\Public\[YourMod]\Stats\Generated\TreasureTable.txt

https://github.com/Byte0Bard/BG3-Equipment-Generator/releases/latest

Here, you can adjust how your equipment appears in game. That's all! Now you can enjoy your new equipment mod!

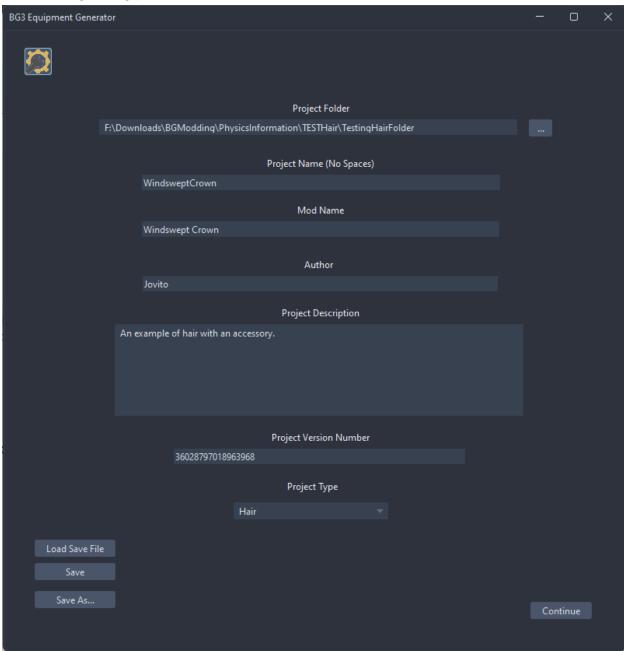






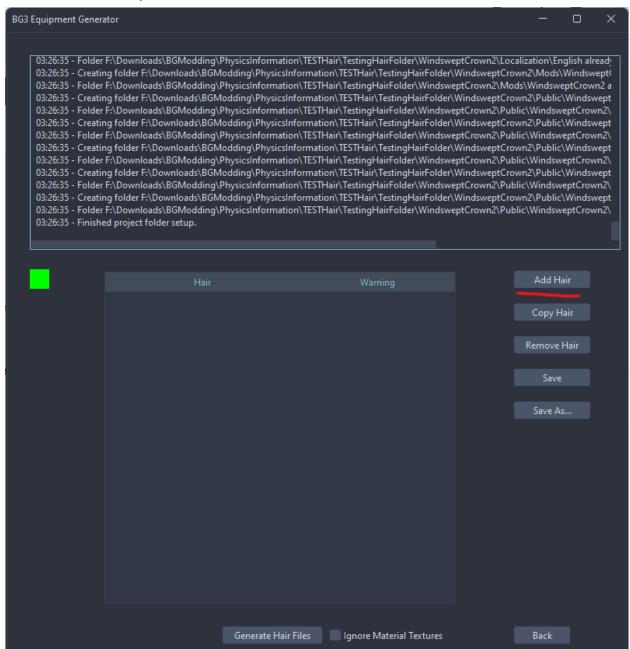
Creating a Hair Mod

To create a hair mod, follow the <u>setting up the mod</u> instructions, but choose **Hair** as the **Project Type**.



Adding a New Hair

To add a new hair, click the **Add Hair** button.

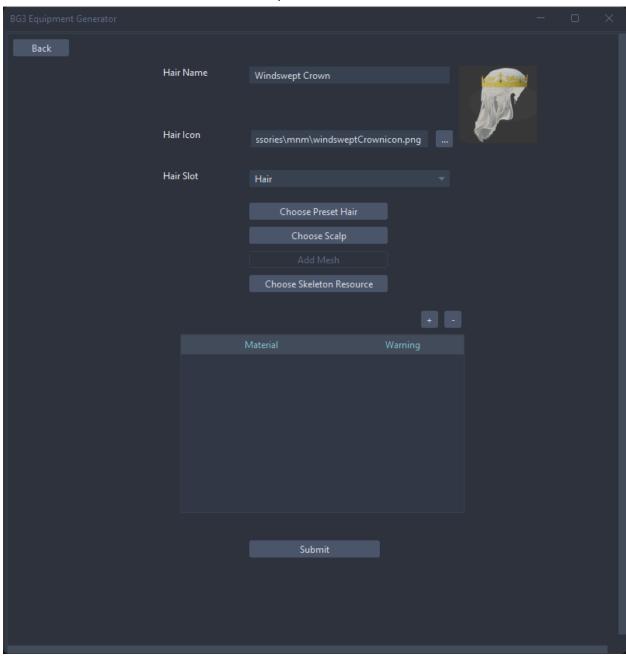


Filling Out Hair Information

In the **Hair Name** text field, but the name of your hair. This will be the display name for the hair that shows up in the game.

To search for an image to be the hair icon, click the [...] button next to the **Hair Icon** text field.

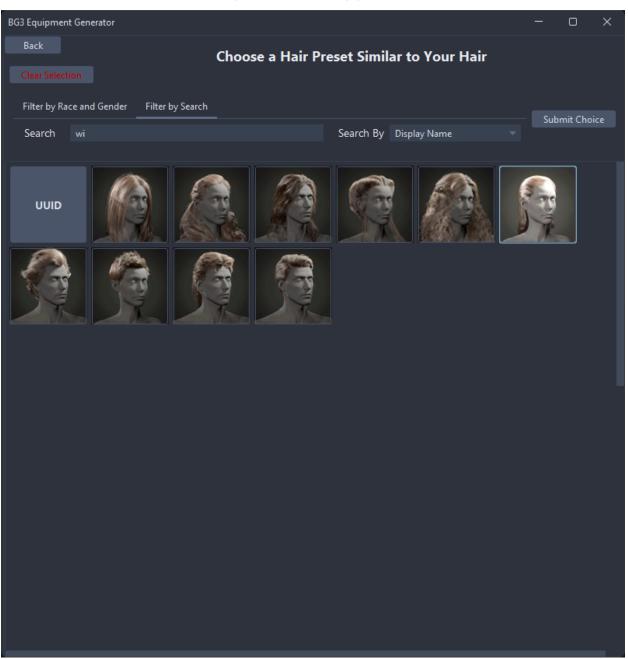
Choose a slot for the hair in the **Hair Slot** dropdown box. **Currently, only the Hair slot is available. In the future, a Beard slot will be added.**



Choosing a Hair Preset

BG3 Hair requires a preset to be chosen. The **Preset Hair** is an in-game hair that most closely resembles your custom mesh hair. To choose a hair, click the **Choose Preset Hair** button.

Choosing Hair via Toggle with Icon



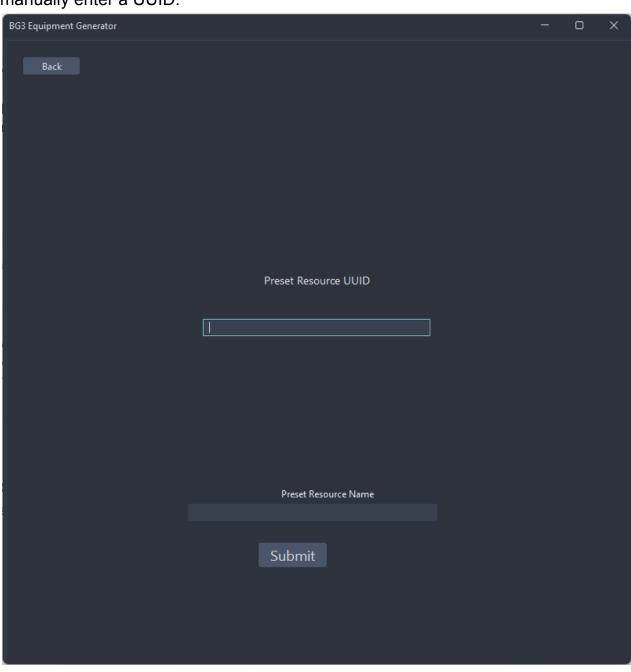
The preset hair can be found using **Filter by Race and Gender**, or **Filter by Search**.

The **Filter by Race and Gender** allows you to find a hair based on the race and gender most closely associated with the hair preset you are looking for. **Some hairs have the same name, but different UUIDs for different races.** If you want to find a hair preset that will work on a specific race, the **Filter by Race and Gender** method will work for you.

The **Filter by Search** allows you to find a hair preset by typing in the **display name**, the **hair ID**, or the **UUID** of the hair.

Choosing Hair via UUID Toggle

If you can't find the hair you're looking for, you can use the **UUID** toggle button to manually enter a UUID.

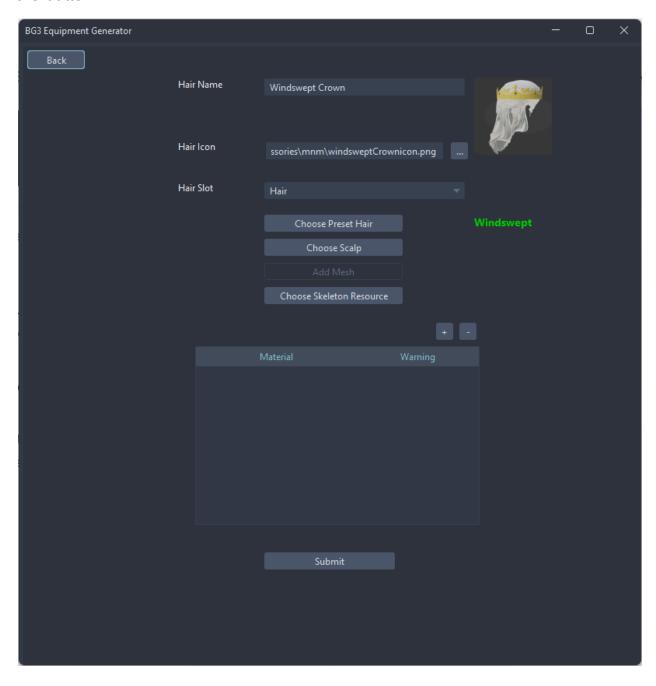


Enter the UUID in the text field under the words **Preset Resource UUID**. Enter a preset name in the **Preset Resource Name** text field. **This name can be** anything you choose; it doesn't have to match the actual mesh name linked to the UUID.

After you've typed in your UUID and name, click the **Submit** button.

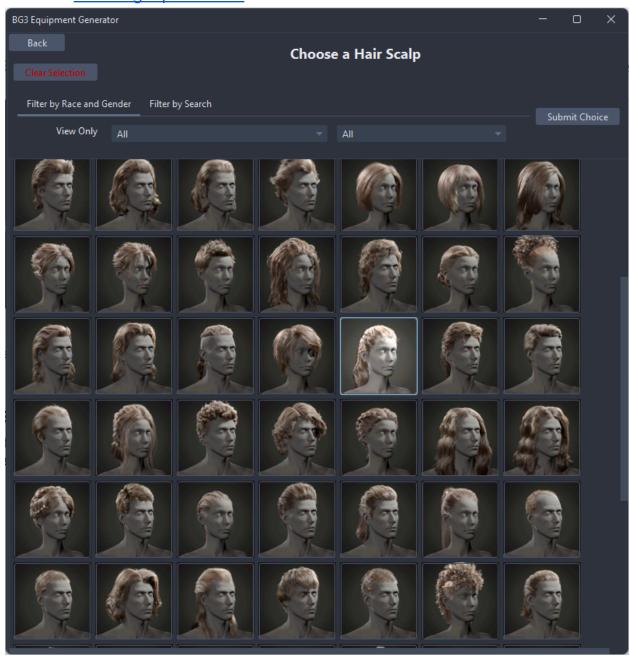
Submitting a Preset Resource Choice

After choosing a preset resource, click the **Submit Choice** button to submit the choice. The name of the chosen preset resource will show up in **green** next to the button.



Choosing a Scalp Preset

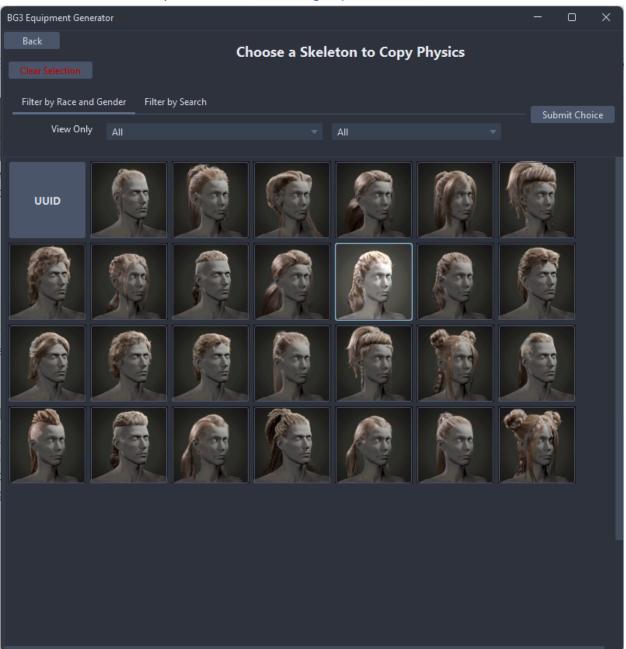
A **scalp preset** is a hair that has a scalp that most closely matches your mesh. To choose a scalp preset, click the **Choose Scalp** button. The process is the same as choosing a preset hair.



To submit the scalp choice, click the **Submit Choice** button. The name of the scalp preset will appear in **green** next to the **Choose Scalp** button.

Choosing a Skeleton Resource

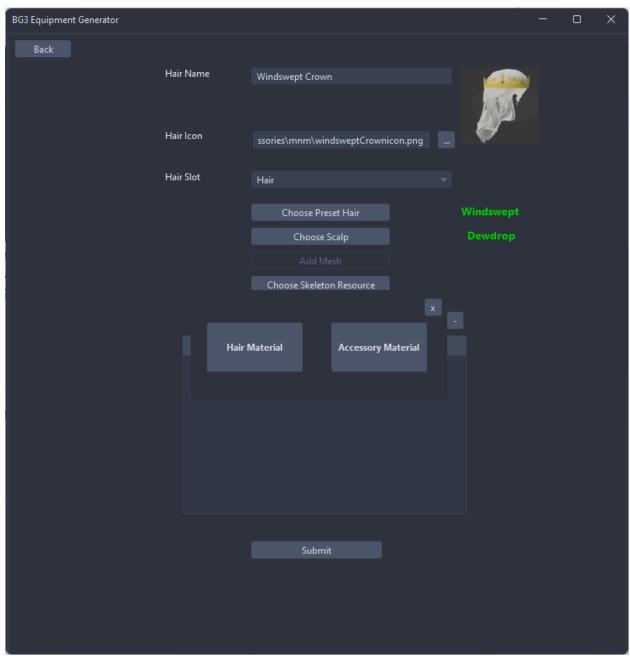
The skeleton resource only needs to be chosen if your mesh is using physics. It is a hair that has physical properties similar to those in your mesh. It serves as a reference for defining the physics behavior in your mesh. Choosing a skeleton resource is the same process as <u>choosing a preset hair</u>.



To submit the choice, click the **Submit Choice** button. The name of the mesh will appear in **green** next to the **Choose Skeleton Resource** button. The mesh I made does not have physics, so I will not be choosing a skeleton resource.

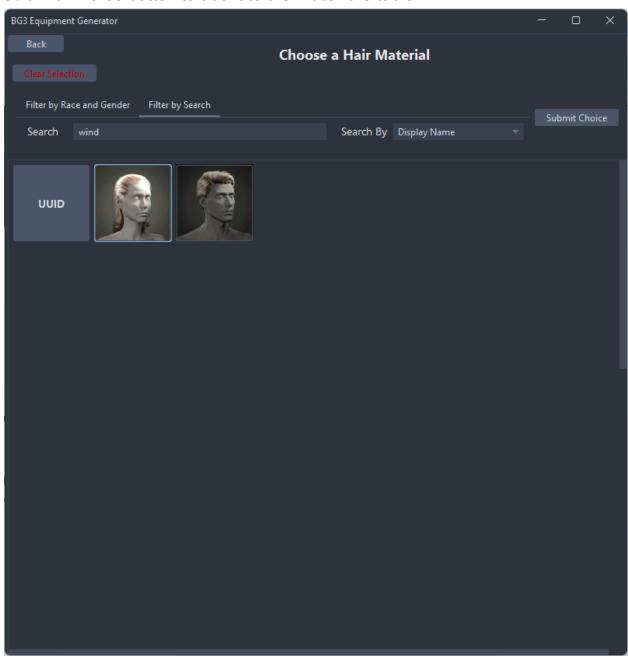
Adding a Hair Material

To add a new hair material, click the [+] button above the **materials** table. A window will pop up asking if this is a **Hair Material** or an **Accessory Material**. Click the **Hair Material** button.



Choosing a Hair Material from the Game

Choosing a hair material from the game is the same process as <u>choosing a</u> <u>preset hair</u>. You can find hair material by searching the toggle buttons, or by filling out the **UUID** toggle button. Once you find a suitable material, click the **Submit Choice** button to add it to the **materials** table.



Creating a Custom Hair Material

To create a custom hair material, click the **Custom** toggle button. It will open a window that will allow you to fill out custom hair material information.

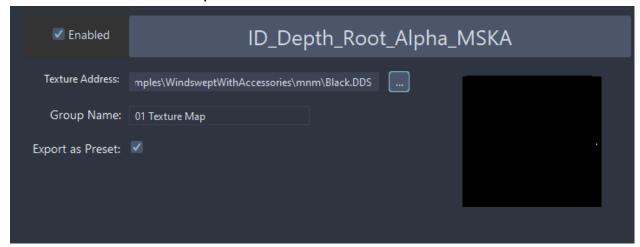


Put the name of your material in the **Material Name** text field. The **Hair Type** is a number representing the hair type. There are many different hair types, but I've been entering **18**. The **Shader** dropdown box is where the shader path goes. If the shader you need isn't available in the editable dropdown menu, you can manually enter the shader's path.

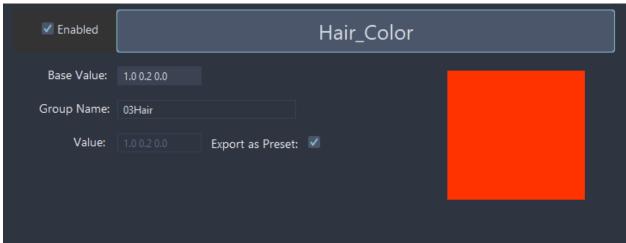
The scroll panel below the main information contains **hair material parameters**. To **enable** or **disable** a parameter, click the **Enable** check box next to the desired parameter. To change the parameter, click the associated button to open a panel with the relevant information.

There are three kinds of parameters:

1. Texture Parameter - This parameter takes a URL to a texture.



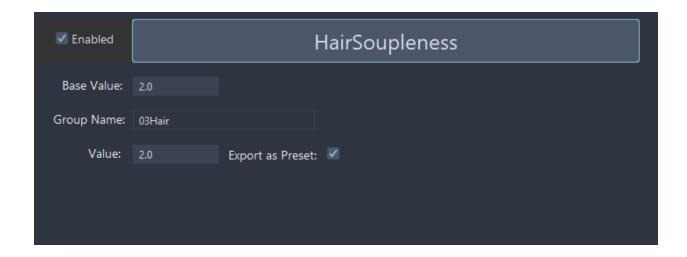
 Color Parameter - To set this parameter, you need to provide color information. You can do this in one of two ways: either by manually adjusting the numerical values associated with the parameter or by clicking the color box to open a color picker and selecting a color.



Scalar Parameter - These parameters adjust aspects of the material like hair frizz or hair soupleness.

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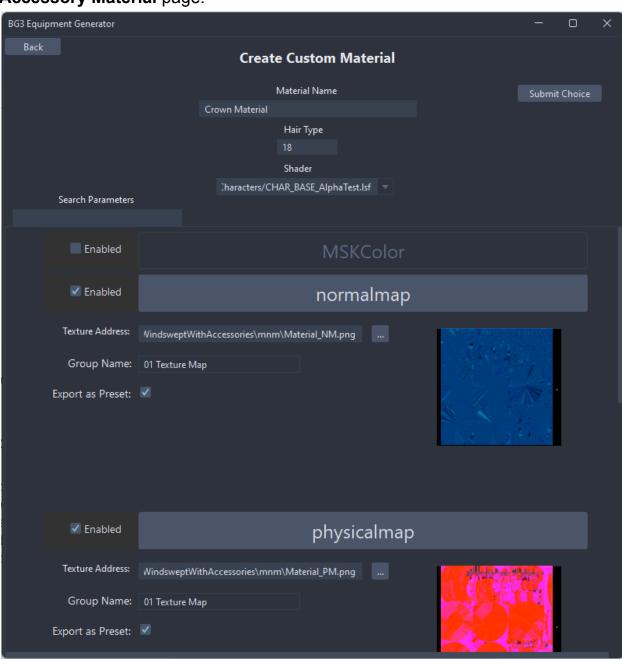
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After entering the information for the custom material, click the **Submit Choice** button on both the **Custom Material** page and the following **Hair Material** page.

Adding an Accessory Material

Sometimes you have an accessory as part of the hair mesh. If you don't want this accessory's material to be affected by the changing colors of the hair, then you'll want to make an accessory material instead of a hair material. To create an accessory material, click the [+] button above the materials table. When the window pops up asking if you want to create a hair material or an accessory material, choose the Accessory Material button. This will take you to the Accessory Material page.



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Fill out the **Material Name** and **Hair Type** information. The hair type does not matter in this case. Choose a shader from the **Shader** dropdown. **If the shader you need isn't available in the editable dropdown menu, you can manually enter the shader's path.**

For most **Accessory Materials**, you would need three **Texture Parameters** enabled:

- 1. basecolor The color of your accessory.
- 2. normalmap A normal map makes flat surfaces look bumpy and detailed.
- 3. physicalmap The physical map determines things like shine and ambient occlusion.

A detailed explanation of these maps can be found here:

https://bg3.wiki/wiki/Modding:Colour_map

Instructions on creating them can be found here: https://bg3.wiki/wiki/Modding:Texture_formatting

Once you have filled out your **Accessory Material** information, click the **Submit Choice** button to add it to the **materials** table.

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Editing a Material

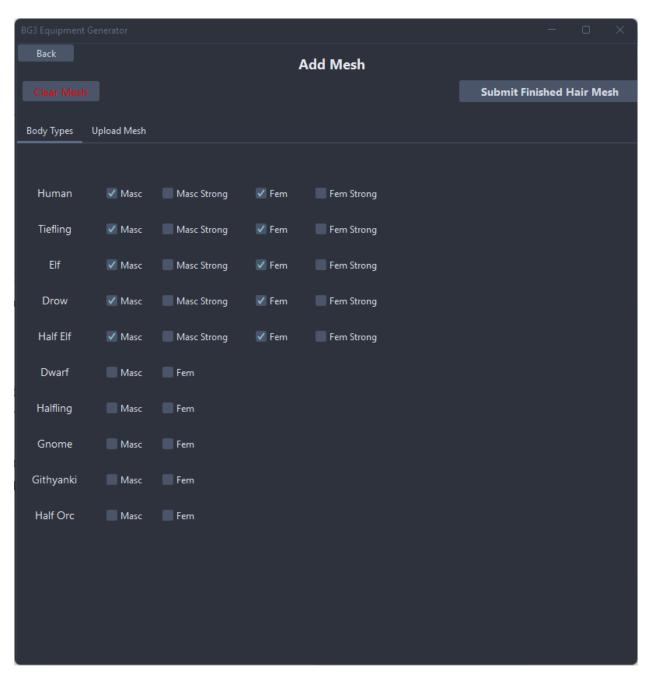
To edit a material, **double click** on the desired material in the **materials** table. A window will open up to allow you to edit that material.

Adding a Mesh

After adding a material, the **Add Mesh** button should now be enabled. Click this button to start the process of adding a mesh.

Choosing Body Types

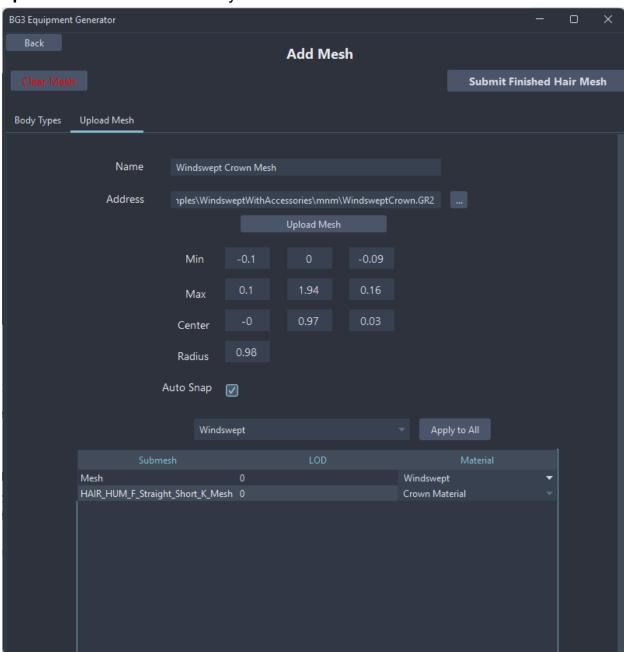
The first page shown after clicking the **Add Mesh** button, is the **Body Types** tab. In this section, you can select which races and genders your hairstyle will be visible for.



Filling out Mesh File Information

To upload your .GR2 mesh file, select the **Upload Mesh** tab. Enter the **Name** of your mesh into the **Name** text field. To search for your mesh .GR2 file, click the **[...]** button next to the **Address** text field.

Once you have selected your mesh file and entered your mesh name, click the **Upload** button to automatically fill out the **bounds** and **submesh** information.



If your mesh uses Auto Snap, click the Auto Snap checkbox.

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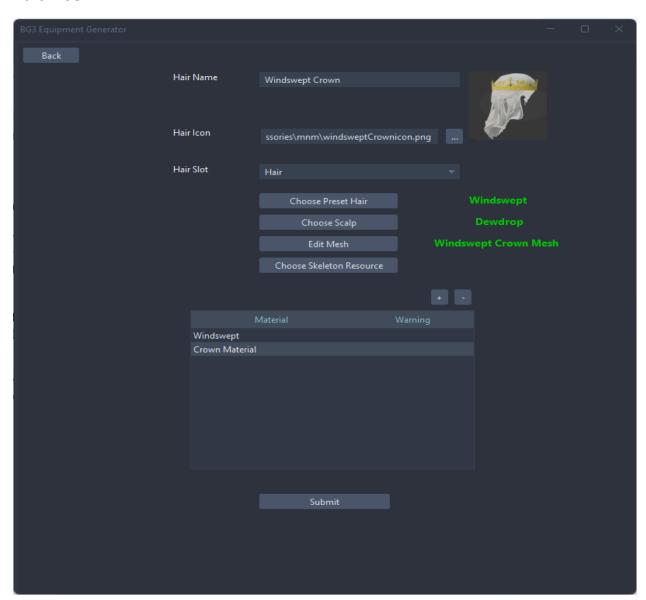
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In the **Submesh Table**, you can choose **Materials** for your mesh. If you have multiple objects in your mesh, you can select a different material for each mesh. You can also choose one material at the top and apply it to all the objects below. These objects in the list are the objects that make up your mesh.

The **LOD**, or Level of Detail, is using simpler shapes for things that are farther away. The closer and more detailed an object is, the lower the **LOD** number. I only have one **LOD** for my object, so I have a 0 in the **LOD** section, the lowest it can be.

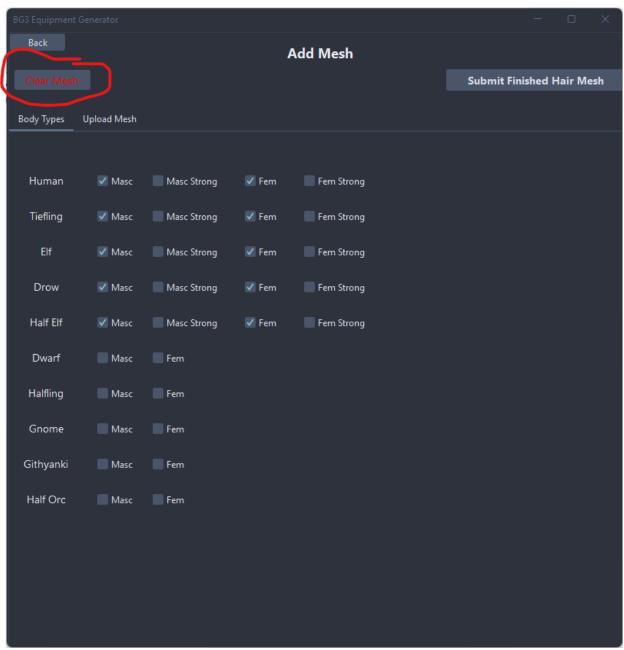
If you want to create automatic **LOD**, there is a blender addon by Padme4000 at: https://www.nexusmods.com/baldursgate3/mods/346?tab=files as well as a number of other useful tools.

To submit your mesh, click the **Submit Finished Hair Mesh** button at the top right of the page. Your mesh name will appear in **green** next to the **Add Mesh** button. Because there is a mesh submitted, the **Add Mesh** button will change to **Edit Mesh**.



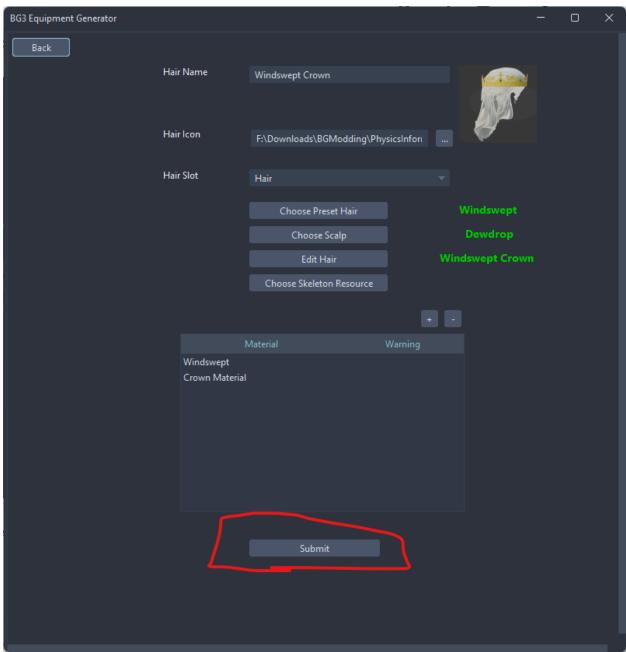
Clearing a Mesh

To remove/clear a mesh, click the **Edit Mesh** button. This will open the screen with the mesh information. At the top left corner of the page, click the **Clear Mesh** button. This will clear all mesh information.



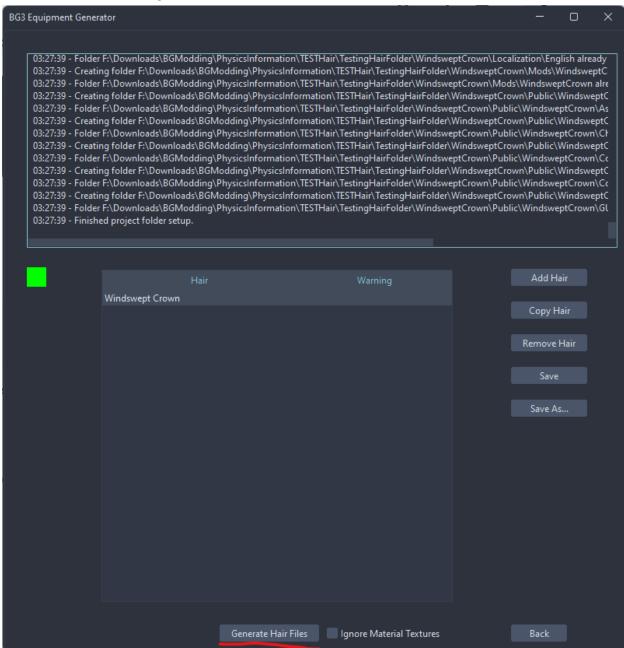
Submitting Hair Information

After filling out all the hair information, click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the screen. This will add the hair to the **Hair Table**.

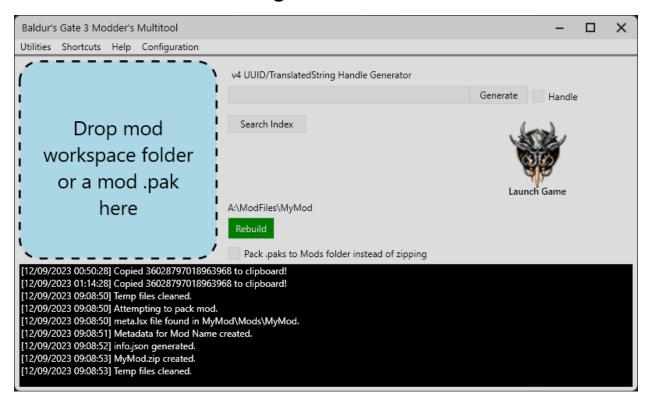


Generating Hair Files

Once you have created the hairs and added them to the table, click the **Generate Hair Files** button to generate the hair mod.



Packing the Mod Folder



After the files are done generating, navigate to your project folder and look for the created mod folder. With the **Baldur's Gate 3 Modder's Multitool** open, drag the folder and drop it onto the blue square that says "**Drop mod workspace folder or a mod .pak here**." The mod will automatically be zipped to be used in the mod manager of your choice.