

# Zombie Shooter Project 2a

## Task 1. Create layers for damage and health

Explanation

- Layers in Unity can be used to ignore or allow certain collisions and triggers.
- For example you may want a player bullet to damage enemies, but not the player
- Layers can be configured using the **Layer Collision Matrix** to either ignore or allow other layers to interact using the **OnTrigger** or **OnCollision** methods

Useful links

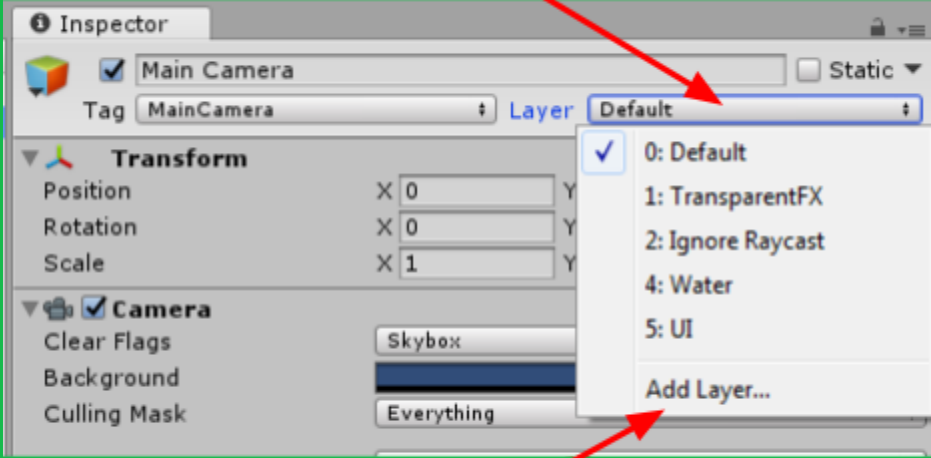
- Learn more about **Layers**
- Learn more about the **Layer Collision Matrix**

[Layers - Manual](#)  
[Layer Collision Matrix](#)

Do this

- Select ANY GameObject in the **Hierarchy**
- Click the **Layers** dropdown at the top of the **Inspector**
- Click **Add Layer** to open the **Tags and Layers** manager

Layers dropdown



Click here to add a new layer

Explanation

- The Tags and Layers Manager will allow you to add and remove **Tags**, **Layers** and **Sorting Layers**

Useful links

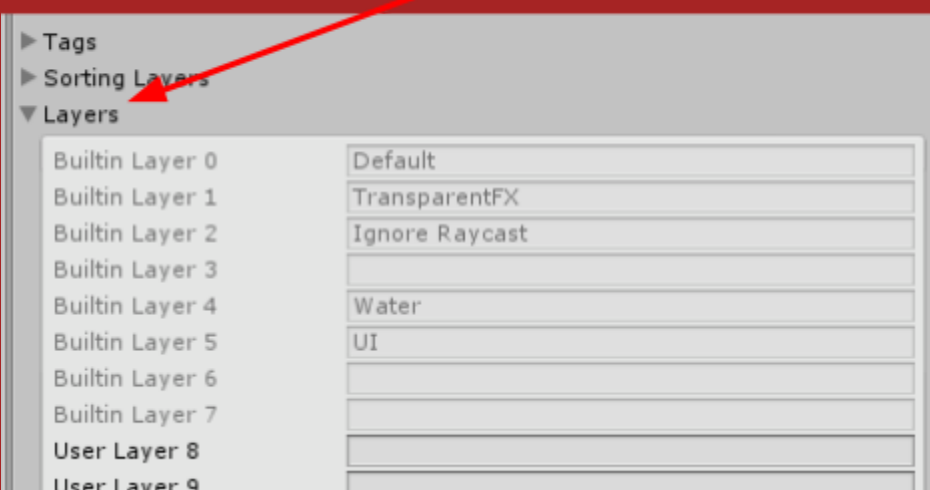
- Learn more about the **Tags and Layers Manager**

[Tags and Layers - Manual](#)

Check this

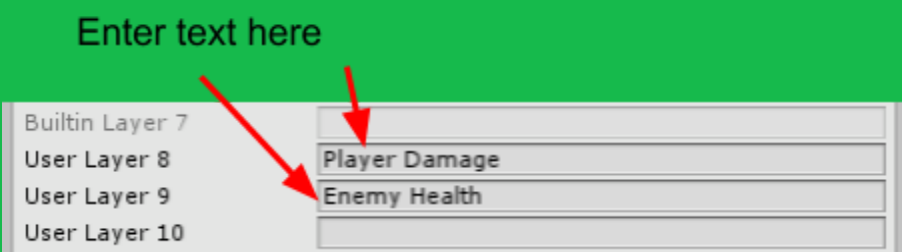
- The **Layers** section should be open on the **Tags and Layers Manager**
- Check you can see this:

Check the Layers section is open



## Do this

- Click in the text field of **User Layer 8**
- Type **Player Damage** in the text field
- Click in the text field of **User Layer 9**
- Type **Enemy Health** in the text field



## Task 2. Setup the Player Damage Layer in the Collision Matrix

## Explanation

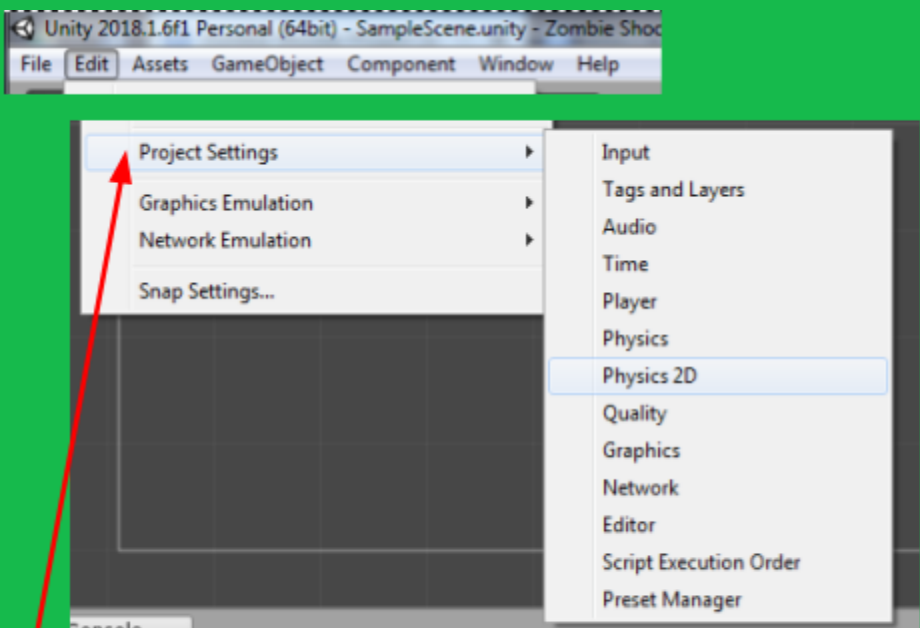
- We will set the **Player Damage** layer to ONLY interact with the **Default** and **Enemy Health** layers
- This will allow bullets using the **Player Damage** layer to only apply damage to enemies or destroy themselves if they hit a wall

## Useful links

- Learn more about the **Layer Collision Matrix** [Layer Collision Matrix](#)

## Do this

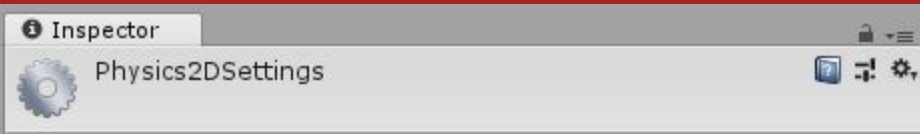
- On the top menu in the Unity Editor, click:
- **Edit > Project Settings > Physics 2D**



Project settings is near the bottom of the menu!

## Check this

- Check the **Physics 2D Settings** is open in the Inspector



## Do this

- In the **Layer Collision Matrix**, UNTICK the boxes to match the image to the right



## Task 3. Make a Bullet Prefab

### Explanation

- We will create a **Prefab** (prefabricated GameObject) for our **Bullet**
- Using a **Prefab** means we don't need to keep our **Bullet** GameObject in the **Hierarchy**
- Using a **Prefab** also means we can use the **Bullet** in any Scene, while only having to make changes to one Bullet
- For an in-depth explanation, Please refer to the **Prefabs in Unity** document in the **Resources** section on the **DLE**

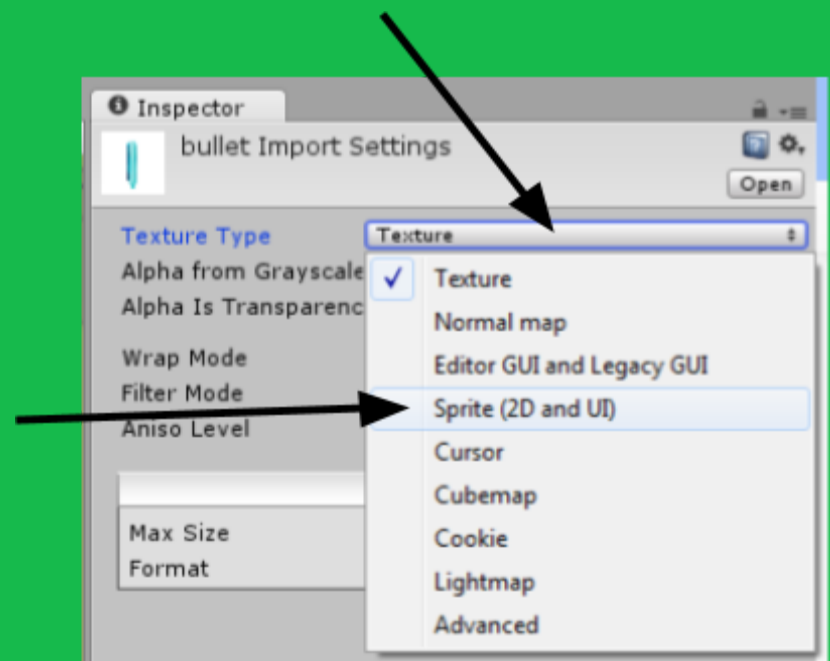
### Useful links

- Learn more about Prefabs

[Prefabs - Manual](#)

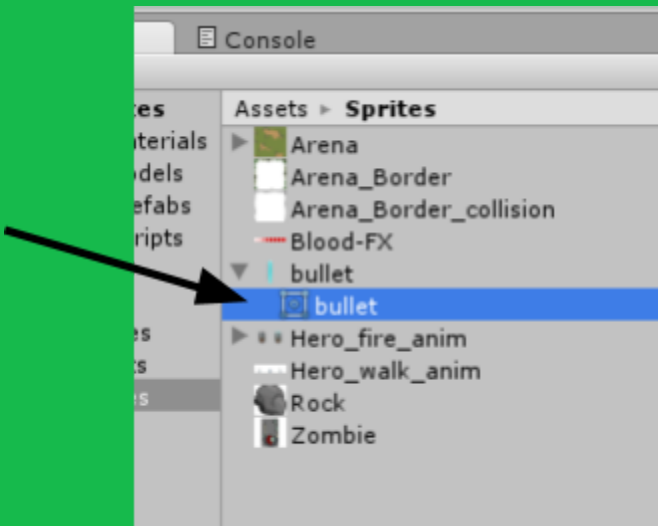
### Do this

- In the **Sprites folder** of the **Project view**, select the **Bullet** artwork
- In the **Inspector**, Set the **Texture Type** to **Sprite**
- Click **Apply**



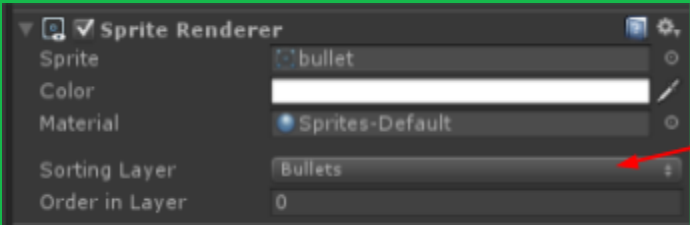
Do this

- In the **Sprites** folder of the **Project** view, select the **Bullet Sprite** we just created
- **Drag** the artwork into the **Hierarchy**



Do this

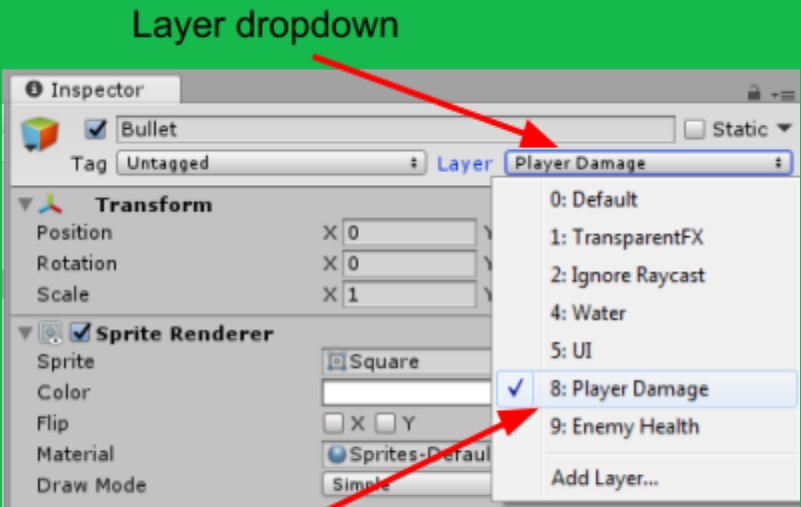
- On the **Sprite Renderer**, set the **Sorting Layer** to **Bullets**



Set to Bullets

Do this

- On the **GameObject**, at the top of the inspector, set the **Layer** to **Player Damage**



Layer dropdown

Select Player Damage

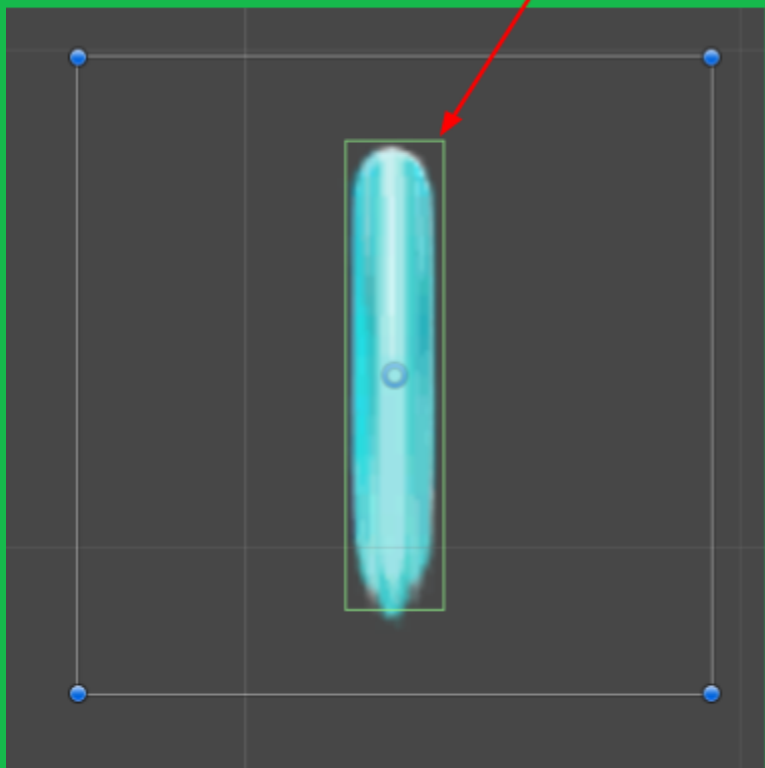
Do this

- Using the **Add Component** button, add a **Box Collider 2D** to the **Bullet**

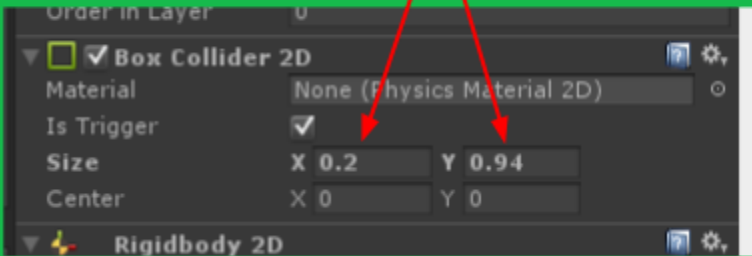
Do this

- Adjust the size of the **Box Collider 2D** to fit around the **Bullet artwork**
- Use the **X** and **Y** values to resize the green collider box

Collider is the green box



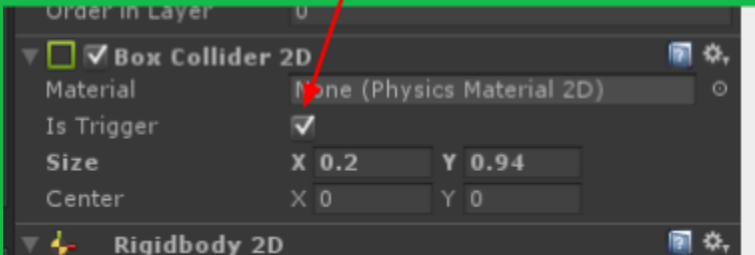
Resize the collider using the X and Y values to fit the bullet artwork



Do this

- Tick the **Is Trigger** checkbox on the Box Collider 2D

Tick the Is Trigger checkbox



Explanation - Triggers on Collider Components

- All Colliders have an **Is Trigger** Checkbox
- When **Is Trigger** is **not** ticked the GameObject will react to colliding with other GameObjects (if it **also** has a Rigidbody attached!)
  - React like bouncing all over the place and other cool physics simulation stuff
- When **Is Trigger** is **ticked**, the GameObject (like our Bullet) will **pass through** other GameObjects
  - Why would we want to do this?
- The GameObject will still send out a **signal** when it **passes through** something!
- We can pick up on this **signal** using a method called **OnTriggerEnter**
  - Our Bullet script (we will create shortly) will use this to damage Zombies and destroy itself

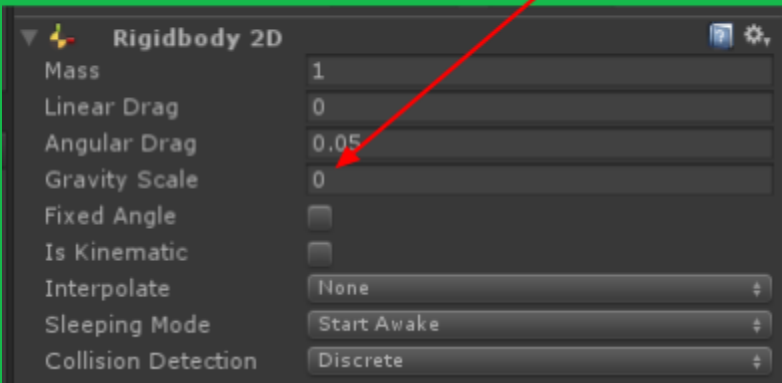
Do this

- Using the **Add Component** button, add a **Rigidbody 2D** to the **Bullet**

Do this

- Set the **Gravity Scale** to zero on the **Rigidbody 2D** Component

Set the Gravity Scale to zero



Explanation - Prefabs? what are they?

- A **Prefab** is a **GameObject** we can use in any **Scene**
- The reason being, a **Prefab** is actually a separate file!
- We can edit the **Prefab** once and use it anywhere
- **Prefabs** are often used for things we want to spawn and destroy a lot, like:
  - Bullets
  - Zombies
  - Explosions
- **Prefabs** can also be used on the player GameObject, so we can use it in multiple scenes

Do this

- In the **Assets** folder of the **Project view**, create a new **folder**
- Name it **Prefabs**

Do this

- Select the **Bullet** GameObject in the **Hierarchy**
- Drag the **Bullet** GameObject into the **Prefabs** folder you just created in the **Project view**
- **You have just created a Prefab!**

Check this

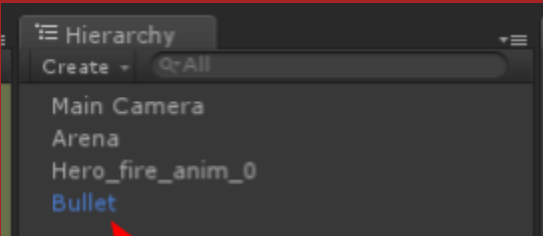
- Your new Prefab will be in the Prefabs folder in the Project view
- Note: **Prefabs** always have a **Blue Cube** icon in the **Project view**

Your prefab should look like this



Check this

- The **Bullet** GameObject in the Hierarchy has changed colour to Blue



The Bullet is now blue because it is connected to a Prefab

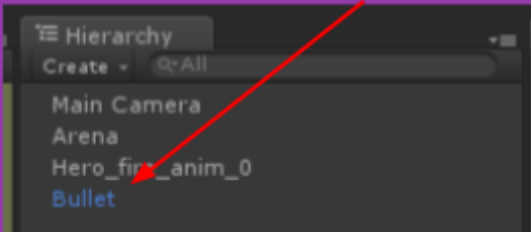
Explanation - Prefabs and Prefab Instances

- A **Prefab**, as explained previously is a GameObject in the **Project view**
- A **Prefab Instance** is a GameObject in the **Hierarchy** connected to a Prefab

A Prefab (Project view)



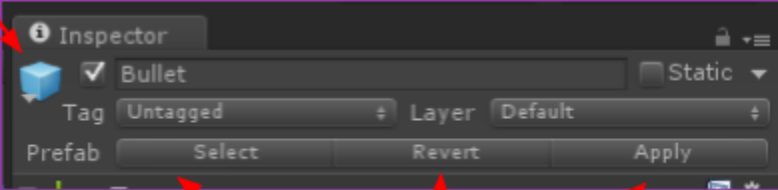
A Prefab Instance (Hierarchy)



Explanation - Prefab Instances in the Inspector

- As explained, a Prefabbed GameObject in the Hierarchy is blue
- The **Inspector** also shows some differences!

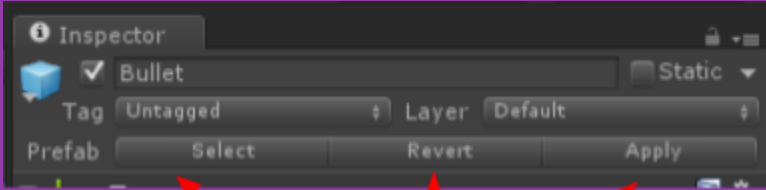
Blue cube icon (Prefab icon)



The Inspectors Prefab menu

Explanation - Inspectors Prefab Menu

- When you make changes to a **Prefab Instance**, they may not appear on your **Prefab**
- The buttons **Select**, **Revert** and **Apply** allow you synchronise changes between your **Prefab Instance** and your **Prefab**
- **Select** - **Selects** the **Prefab** (in the **Project view**) connected to the **Prefab Instance**
- **Revert** - Any **changes** made to the **Prefab Instance** are replaced with the Prefab settings
- **Apply** - Apply **changes** made from the **Prefab Instance** to the **Prefab**



The Inspectors Prefab menu

Do this

- Select the **Bullet** GameObject (**Prefab Instance**) in the **Hierarchy**
- **Delete** the **Bullet** GameObject in the **Hierarchy**
- You have a **Bullet Prefab** in your **Project view**, we can make changes to that

Delete the bullet  
in the Hierarchy

