



Zombie Shooter Project 1d

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Task 1. Make the player face the mouse

Explanation

- This script will rotate the **player** towards the **mouse pointer** along its **z-axis**

Do this

- In the **Project view**, create a new **C# Script** in the **Scripts Folder**
- Name the Script **MouseSmoothLook2D**

Do this

- Type out this code into your script file
- Make sure your code is **EXACTLY** the same!

```
using UnityEngine;
using System.Collections;

public class MouseSmoothLook2D : MonoBehaviour {
    public Camera theCamera;
    public float smoothing = 5.0f;
    public float adjustmentAngle = 0.0f;

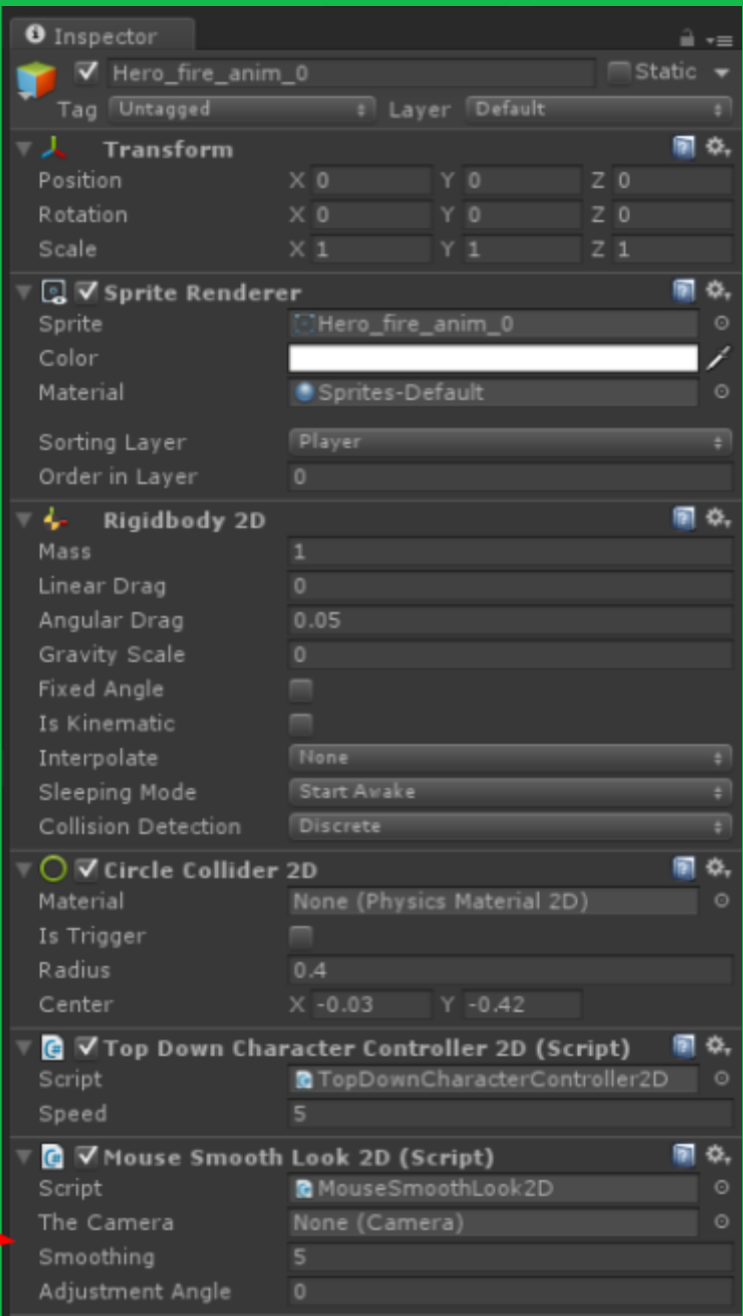
    void Update() {
        Vector3 target = theCamera.ScreenToWorldPoint( Input.mousePosition );
        Vector3 difference = target - transform.position;

        difference.Normalize();

        float rotZ = Mathf.Atan2( difference.y, difference.x ) * Mathf.Rad2Deg;
        Quaternion newRotation = Quaternion.Euler( new Vector3( 0.0f, 0.0f, rotZ + adjustmentAngle ) );
        transform.rotation = Quaternion.Lerp( transform.rotation, newRotation, Time.deltaTime * smoothing );
    }
}
```

Do this

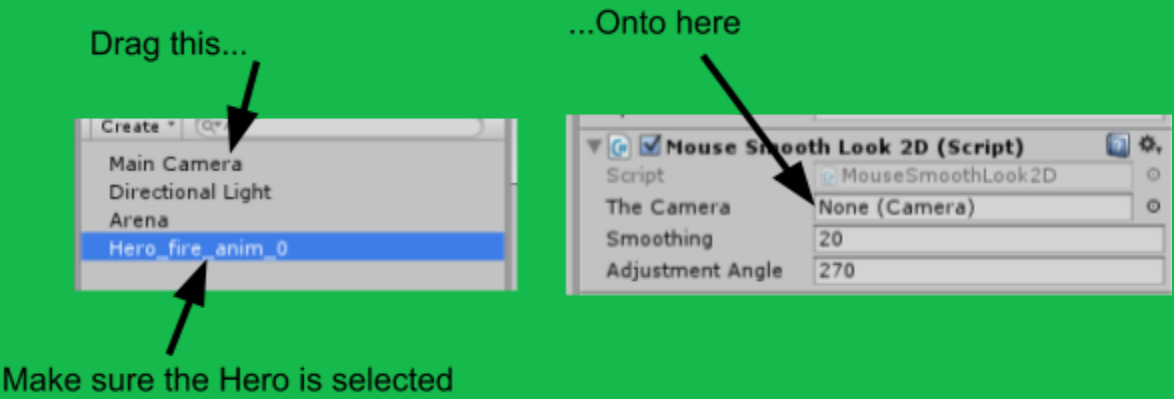
- In the **Unity Editor**, select the **Hero** GameObject in the **Hierarchy**
- From the **Project view** drag your **MouseSmoothLook2D** script to the **Hero** in the **Inspector**



Drag the script here

Do this

- In the **Unity Editor**, select the **Hero** GameObject in the **Hierarchy**
- From the **Hierarchy**, drag the **Main Camera** GameObject onto the **The Camera** property of the **MouseSmoothLook2D** script in the **Inspector**



Explanation - theCamera property

- We need the **camera position** in the scene so we can offset the **mouse position** from it while the game is running
- **Camera** is a custom class for the **Camera Component**
- **theCamera** is **Editable** in the **Unity Editor**, because it is a **public property**

```
public Camera theCamera;
```

Useful links

- Documentation on **Camera** [Camera](#)

Explanation - smoothing property

- This **property** will control the **smoothness** of **rotation** the **player** uses when **rotating** towards the **mouse pointer**
- smoothing is **Editable** in the **Unity Editor**, because it is a **public property**
- smoothing is a **float**, a **decimal number**

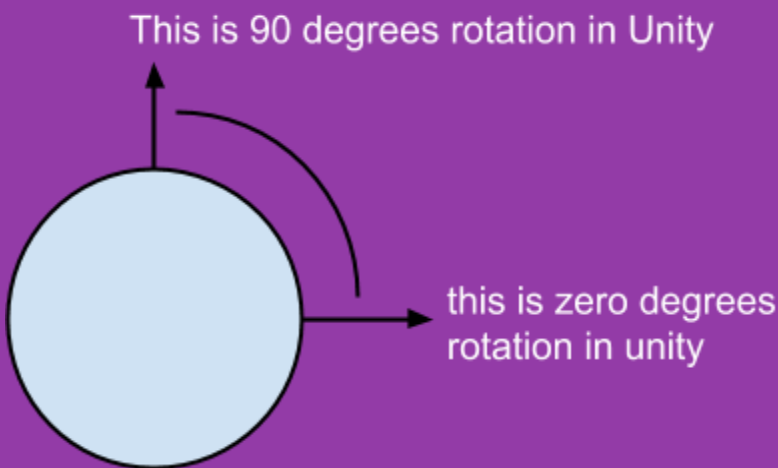
```
public float smoothing = 5.0f;
```

- Note: we have **assigned a value** to **smoothing** when we declared it.
- This will be its **default value**, which can be **overridden** in the **Unity Editor**

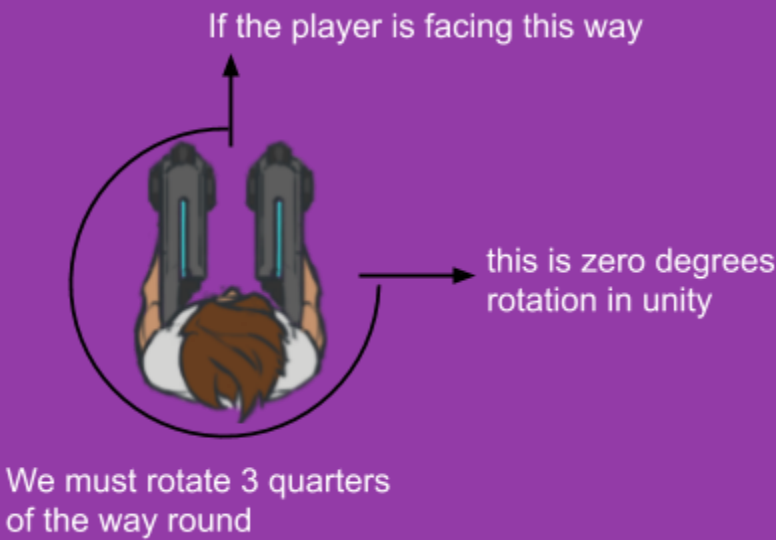
Explanation - adjustmentAngle property

- We need to be able to **compensate** for the **artwork not facing the right way**.
- Unity sees angles as starting from the right:

```
public float adjustmentAngle = 0.0f;
```



- If our artwork were facing up (or 90 degrees according to Unity) we need a way of offsetting this so our artwork faces the right way
- Artwork facing up would need to be turned 3/4 of the way round until it faces to the right



Explanation - code breakdown Part 1

gets the screen position of the mouse pointer and converts it to a point in the game world

Gets the difference between the player position and the mouse point in the game world

```
void Update () {
    Vector3 target = theCamera.ScreenToWorldPoint( Input.mousePosition );

    Vector3 difference = target - transform.position;

    difference.Normalize();

    float rotZ = Mathf.Atan2( difference.y, difference.x ) * Mathf.Rad2Deg;

    Quaternion newRotation = Quaternion.Euler( new Vector3( 0.0f, 0.0f, rotZ + adjustmentAngle ) );

    transform.rotation = Quaternion.Lerp( transform.rotation, newRotation, Time.deltaTime * smoothing );
}
```

Explanation - code breakdown Part 2

calculates the angle of the difference between the mouse pointer and the player in the game world

```
void Update () {
    Vector3 target = theCamera.ScreenToWorldPoint( Input.mousePosition );

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}
```

Creates a new rotation that includes our new calculated angle and the adjustment angle

Sets our new rotation by animating to it with a Lerp (Linear Interpolation)

Explanation - Line 1

- We **create** a new **Vector3** variable
- We use the **Camera’s ScreenToWorldPoint()** method to **convert** our **mouse position (Input.mousePosition)** into a **Vector3** point in our **game world**

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}
```

Useful links

- Documentation on **Camera.ScreenToWorldPoint** [Camera.ScreenToWorldPoint](#)
- Documentation on **Input.mousePosition** [Input.mousePosition](#)

Explanation - Line 2

- We create a new **Vector3** variable
- We get the **difference** between the **player position** and the **target variable** we just created and store that

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```

Useful links

- Documentation on **Vector3 operator -** [Vector3.operator -](#)

Explanation - Line 3

- We then **normalize** the **difference** variable
- This will keep the **direction** the **difference** variable is pointing in, but reduce down the size of the values
- We **don’t** need to **assign** this **value**, as it changes it internally

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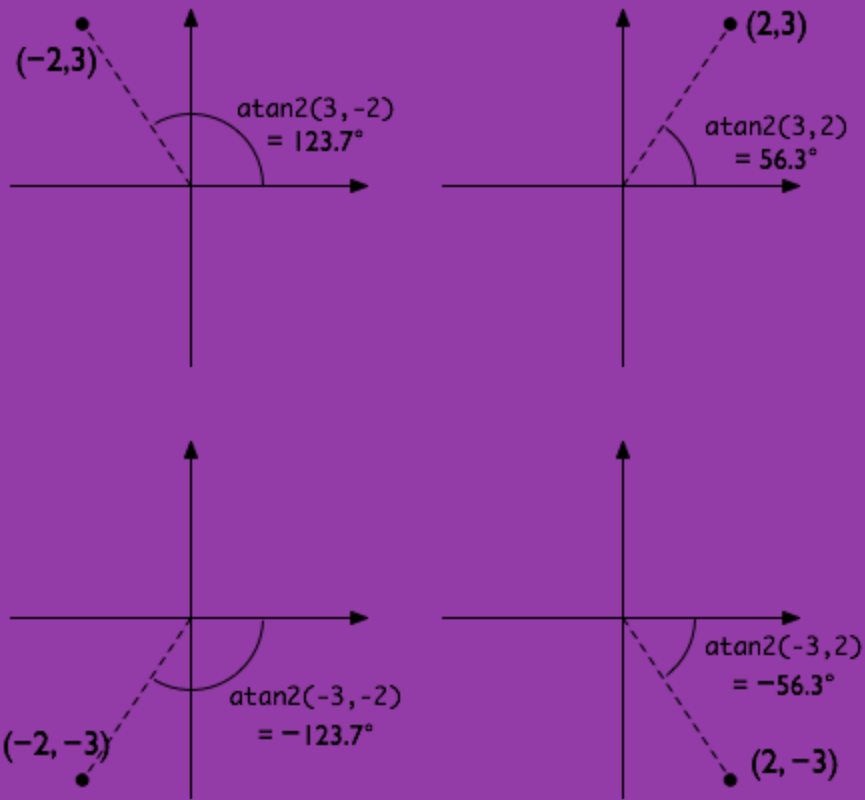
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Useful links

- Documentation on **Vector3.Normalize** [Vector3.Normalize](#)

Explanation - Line 4

- We create a **float variable** to store our **z-axis**
- We use the **Mathf.Atan2()** method to get the angle our difference variable is facing
- This works by assuming our starting x and y are both 0
- Then, by using **trigonometry** we can **input** the **x** and **y** of the **difference variable** to work out which way it's facing **compared** to the **starting point**



- The **Mathf.Atan2()** method will **return** an **angle** in **radians**, we will need to **convert** it to **degrees**
- We can do this using the **Mathf.Rad2Deg** property

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```

Remember, Y FIRST then X!

```
float rotZ = Mathf.Atan2( difference.y, difference.x ) * Mathf.Rad2Deg;
```

Convert to degrees by multiplying by Mathf.Rad2Deg

Useful links

- **What are radians?** [Math is fun - radians](#)
- Documentation on **Mathf.Atan2** [Mathf.Atan2](#)
- Documentation on **Mathf.Rad2Deg** [Mathf.Rad2Deg](#)

Explanation - Line 5

- We create a new **Quaternion** (deals with rotations)
- We use **Quaternion.Euler** to work with **degrees**, not **radians**
- We create a new **Vector3** INSIDE the **Quaternion.Euler** method as a **parameter**
- We can **assign** our new **z-axis** from the **mouse pointer**, with our **adjustment angle** in here

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Note X and Y are set to zero

Z is set to our mouse pointer angle plus our adjustment angle

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Quaternion newRotation = Quaternion.Euler( new Vector3( 0.0f, 0.0f, rotZ + adjustmentAngle ) );
```

Useful links

- Documentation on **Quaternion** [Quaternion](#)
- Documentation on **Quaternion.Euler** [Quaternion.Euler](#)

Explanation - Line 6

- Here we set our **player rotation!**
- We use a **Lerp** to **smoothly animate** towards our desired **angle**
- We use **Time.deltaTime** to calculate how fast to **animate** (this is common inside an **Update()** method)
- Note our **smoothing** property is used to **speed up** or **slow down** the **value** from **Time.deltaTime**

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}
```

Animate from here

Animate to here

Over this time

```
transform.rotation = Quaternion.Lerp( transform.rotation, newRotation, Time.deltaTime * smoothing );
```

Useful links

- Documentation on **Transform.rotation** [Transform.rotation](#)
- Documentation on **Quaternion.Lerp** [Quaternion.Lerp](#)
- Documentation on **Time.deltaTime** [Time.deltaTime](#)

