

4.Scriptable Events

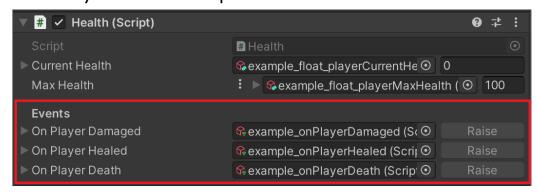
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Firing events from code

Events are useful to trigger things like VFX, menus, or even gameplay elements. Let's look at the events that are fired from **Health.cs** on the **prefab_player**.

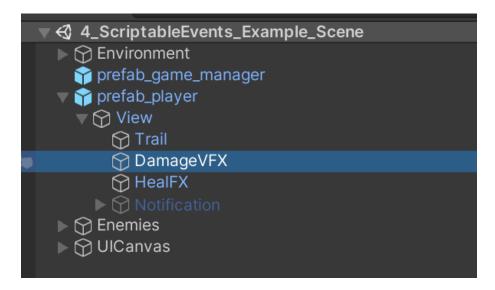
- OnPlayerDamaged -> ScriptableEventInt
- OnPlayerHealed -> ScriptableEventInt
- OnPlayerDeath -> ScriptableEventNoParam

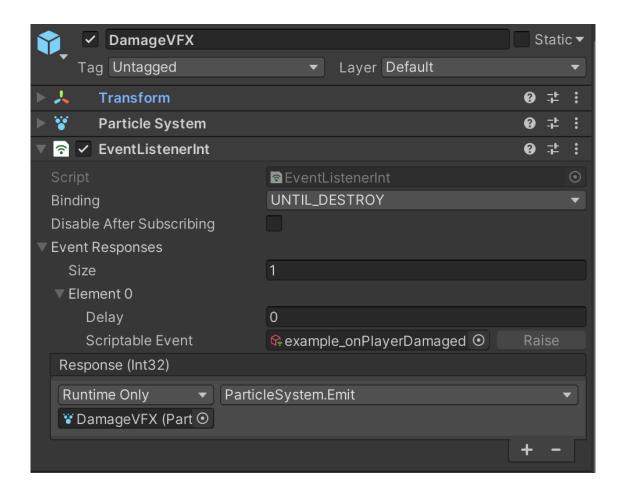


It is simple to fire these events from code, you simply call the **Raise**() method. Here is an example in **Health.cs**:

Event Listeners

Health.cs is where those events are fired, but let's find out who is listening to these events. Let's check the **prefab_player** and examine the **DamageVFX**.





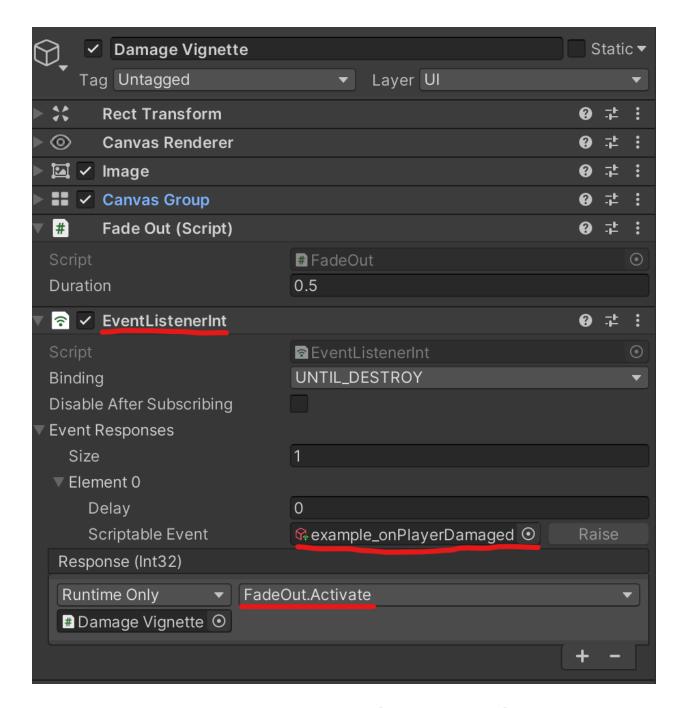
When the player is damaged, this event is fired and it will trigger the particle system **dynamic method** "Emit" that takes an int as a parameter. With this simple trick, we can visually show a relation between the amount of damage and the intensity of the VFX without code. A damage of 10 will emit 10 particles, and a damage of 50 , maybe a critical hit, will emit 50 particles.

In a bigger game, you would probably have a different VFX for different amounts of damage, but in Hyper Casual games, you can get away with this. The Heal VFX in the prefab_player does the opposite but works the same way.

You may have noticed that when the player gets damaged, there is a red vignette effect appearing then fading out.

UlCanvas/Damage Vignette

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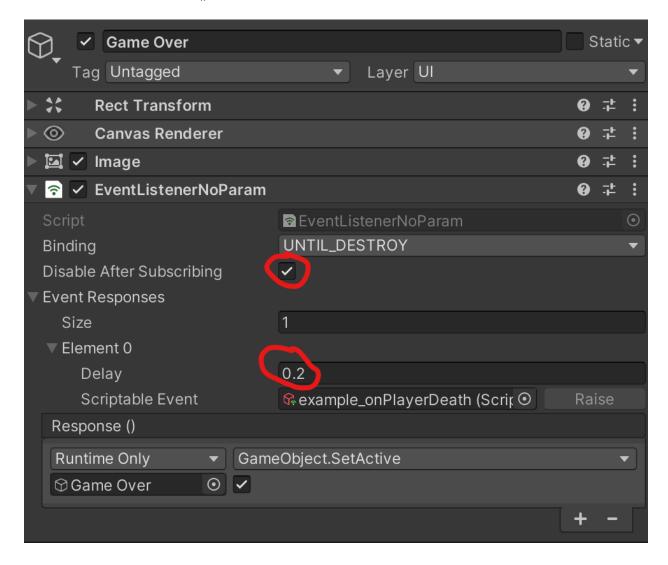
As we can see, here we listen to the **OnPlayerDamaged** event. When it is fired, we activate the Fade out.

Note: we ignore the int parameter as we don't need it and call a regular method instead of a dynamic method through the unity event.

The **example_OnPlayerDeath** event is listed by the Game Over screen.

You will notice that the Game Over Screen is visible in the editor and gets disabled when the game starts. Indeed, it needs to be enabled to register to the event at the beginning of the game.

This is what the boolean variable called "Disable after subscribing" is for. The purpose of this variable is to disable the GameObject after subscribing to the event in Awake().

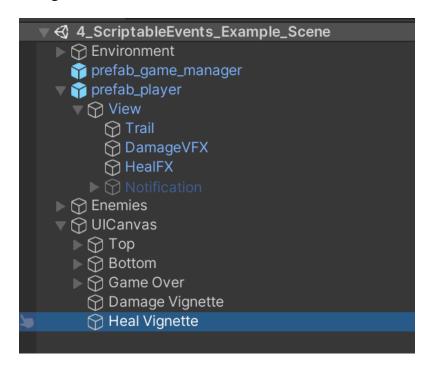


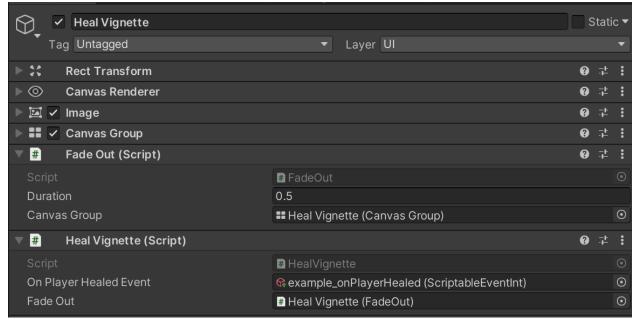
You will notice also that we added a small delay before invoking the response. This is useful to add small delays without needing to write code to do it.

Registering to events from code

Alternatively to using the Event Listeners, you can directly subscribe to an event by code. If you select the **Heal vignette**, you can see an example.

UICanvas/Heal Vignette





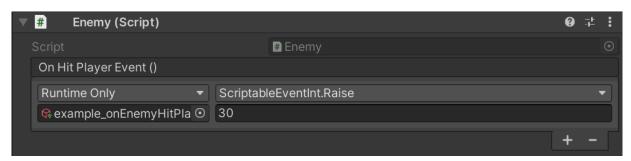
Let's inspect the code of the HealVignette.cs. Registering to an event is straightforward, simply subscribe your method to the **OnRaised** action of the event. Your method will then be called when the event is raised. In this case, the method OnPlayerHealed will be called and activate the fade out.

Note: don't forget to unsubscribe from the event OnDestroy() or OnDisable() for safety.

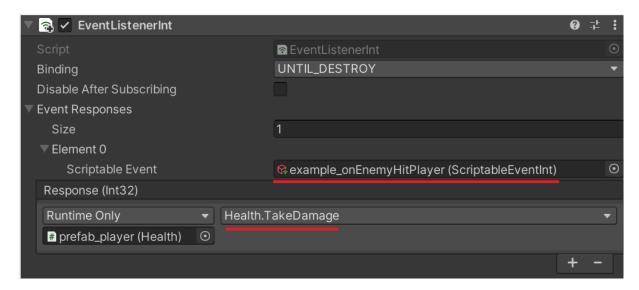
Firing events from the editor

You don't always need to use code to fire an event. Because it is a Scriptable Object, you can call it from the editor. If you select the **prefab_enemy_event**, you can see that the event **example_onEnemyHitPlayer** is raised directly from a unity event.





There is an EventListenerInt on the **prefab_player** that listens to it.



Debug

You can also easily debug events by raising them from the editor. Just select any of your scriptable events and click on the Raise button at runtime. If you want to see console logs when this event is fired and which method are called from it then set "debug log enabled" to true.



Or using the shortcut when it is exposed in your class:



Finally, you can quickly display an inline inspector from classes using the small arrow next to the variable name. Similarly to scriptable variables and lists. This is very useful to debug your events quickly.

