

# Loxodon Framework UGUI



(中文版)

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Requires Unity 2021.3 or higher.

This is a text formatting plugin modified based on the official C# library. By extending the AppendFormat function of StringBuilder, it aims to avoid garbage collection (GC) when concatenating strings or converting numbers to strings. This optimization is particularly beneficial in scenarios with high-performance requirements.

Furthermore, the plugin extends Unity's Unity GUI (UGUI) by introducing two new text controls: `TemplateText` and `FormattableText`. These controls support the data binding features of MVVM, allowing the binding of `ViewModel` or value-type objects to the controls. This approach eliminates the need for boxing and unboxing of value-type objects, thus maximizing the optimization of garbage collection (GC).

It's worth noting that using the controls `TemplateTextMeshPro` or `FormattableTextMeshProUGUI` from `Loxodon.Framework.TextMeshPro` can further reduce garbage collection (GC), achieving a completely GC-free update of the game view.

## Installation

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### Install via OpenUPM (recommended)

[OpenUPM](#) can automatically manage dependencies, it is recommended to use it to install the framework.

Requires [nodejs](#)'s npm and `openupm-cli`, if not installed please install them first.

```
# Install openupm-cli, please ignore if it is already installed.
npm install -g openupm-cli
```

```
#Go to the root directory of your project
cd F:/workspace/New Unity Project
```

```
#Install loxodon-framework-textformatting
openupm add com.vovgou.loxodon-framework-textugui
```

### Install via Packages/manifest.json

Modify the `Packages/manifest.json` file in your project, add the third-party repository "`package.openupm.com`"'s configuration and add "`com.vovgou.loxodon-framework-textugui`" in the "dependencies" node.

Installing the framework in this way does not require nodejs and openm-cli.

```
{
  "dependencies": {
    ...
    "com.vovgou.loxodon-framework-textugui": "2.6.5"
  },
  "scopedRegistries": [
    {
      "name": "package.openupm.com",
      "url": "https://package.openupm.com",
      "scopes": [
        "com.vovgou",
        "com.openupm"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

```
}
```

## Quick Start

### StringBuilder.AppendFormat

This plugin enhances the `AppendFormat<>()` function of `StringBuilder`. It provides support for multiple generic parameters of different types or generic array parameters. When these parameters are of numeric types, `DateTime`, or `TimeSpan`, using them to concatenate strings eliminates the need for value type boxing or unboxing. Consequently, converting numeric types to `String` during string concatenation does not generate garbage collection (GC). See the example below for usage details.

```
using System;
using System.Text;
using UnityEngine;
using Loxodon.Framework.TextFormatting; //make sure to first import the required namespace
public class Example : MonoBehaviour
{
    StringBuilder builder = new StringBuilder();
    void Update()
    {
        builder.Clear();
        builder.AppendFormat<DateTime,int>("Now:{0:yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} Frame:{0:D6}", DateTime.Now,Time.frameCount);
        builder.AppendFormat<float>("{0:f2}", Time.realtimeSinceStartup);
    }
}
```

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► PreUpdate.SendMouseEvents		1.0%	0.0%	1	0 B	0.01	0.00	
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### FormattableText

This control extends `UnityEngine.UI.Text`, providing support for string formatting and data binding. The `AsParameters<>()` function of the `FormattableText` control can be used to convert to a set of generic parameters, supporting 1-4 different parameters or a generic array. It enables binding with `ViewModel`. With this plugin, string and array concatenation are garbage collection (GC)-free. However, due to the `Text` component's requirement for a string and its limited support for string assignment, there is GC allocation when calling `StringBuilder.ToString()`. (It is recommended to install the `Loxodon.Framework.TextMeshPro` plugin and use `FormattableTextMeshProUGUI` instead of `FormattableText` for a completely GC-free experience.)

Usage 1: Utilize the `FormattableText.AsParameters<DateTime, int>()` method to obtain a parameter set of `GenericParameters<DateTime, int>`, then bind it to the view model.

```
public class TemplateTextAndFormattableTextExample : MonoBehaviour
{
    public FormattableText paramBinding1;

    private ExampleViewModel viewModel;

    private void Start()
    {
        ApplicationContext context = Context.GetApplicationContext();
        IServiceContainer container = context.GetContainer();
    }
}
```

```

BindingServiceBundle bundle = new BindingServiceBundle(context.GetContainer());
bundle.Start();

BindingSet<TemplateTextAndFormattableTextExample, ExampleViewModel> bindingSet = this.CreateBindingSet<TemplateTextAndFormattableTextExample, ExampleViewModel>();

//Create a parameter collection using the AsParameters<P1, P2, ...>()
//format:The format is identical to the formatting parameters of string.Format(). For example: DateTime - Example1, {0:yyyy-MM-dd}
bindingSet.Bind(paramBinding1.AsParameters<DateTime, int>()).For(v => v.Parameter1).To(vm => vm.Time);
bindingSet.Bind(paramBinding1.AsParameters<DateTime, int>()).For(v => v.Parameter2).To(vm => vm.FrameCount);

bindingSet.Build();

this.viewModel = new ExampleViewModel();
this.viewModel.Time = DateTime.Now;
this.viewModel.FrameCount = 1;
this.SetDataContext(this.viewModel);
}
}

```

Usage 2: In the script FormattableTextExample, define a variable of type GenericParameters<DateTime, int> as a parameter set. In the UnityEditor, drag and drop the FormattableText onto the property paramBinding1 in the script shown below. Subsequently, bind it to the view model.

```

public class FormattableTextExample : MonoBehaviour
{
    public GenericParameters<DateTime,int> paramBinding1;

    private ExampleViewModel viewModel;

    private void Start()
    {
        ApplicationContext context = Context.GetApplicationContext();
        IServiceContainer container = context.GetContainer();
        BindingServiceBundle bundle = new BindingServiceBundle(context.GetContainer());
        bundle.Start();

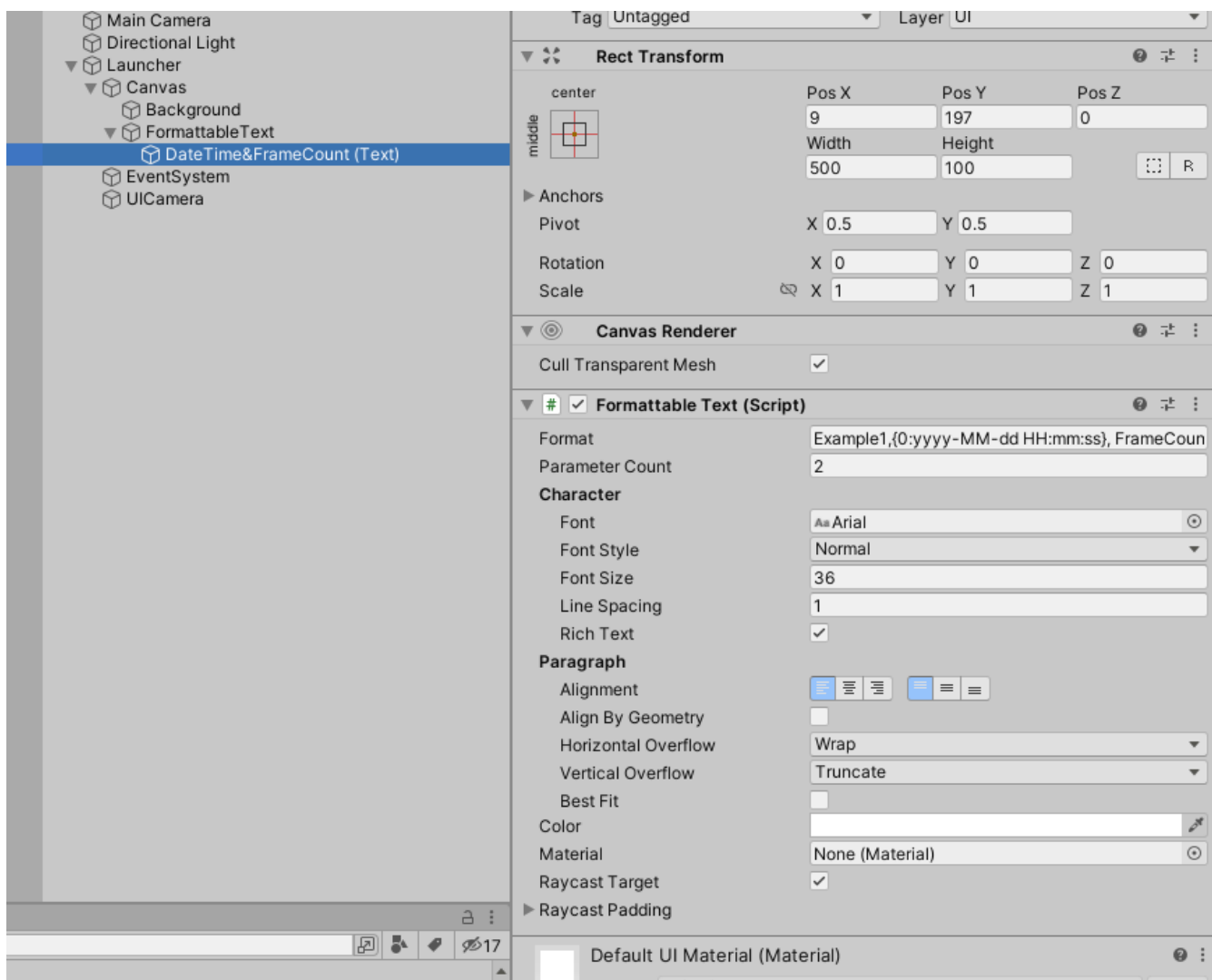
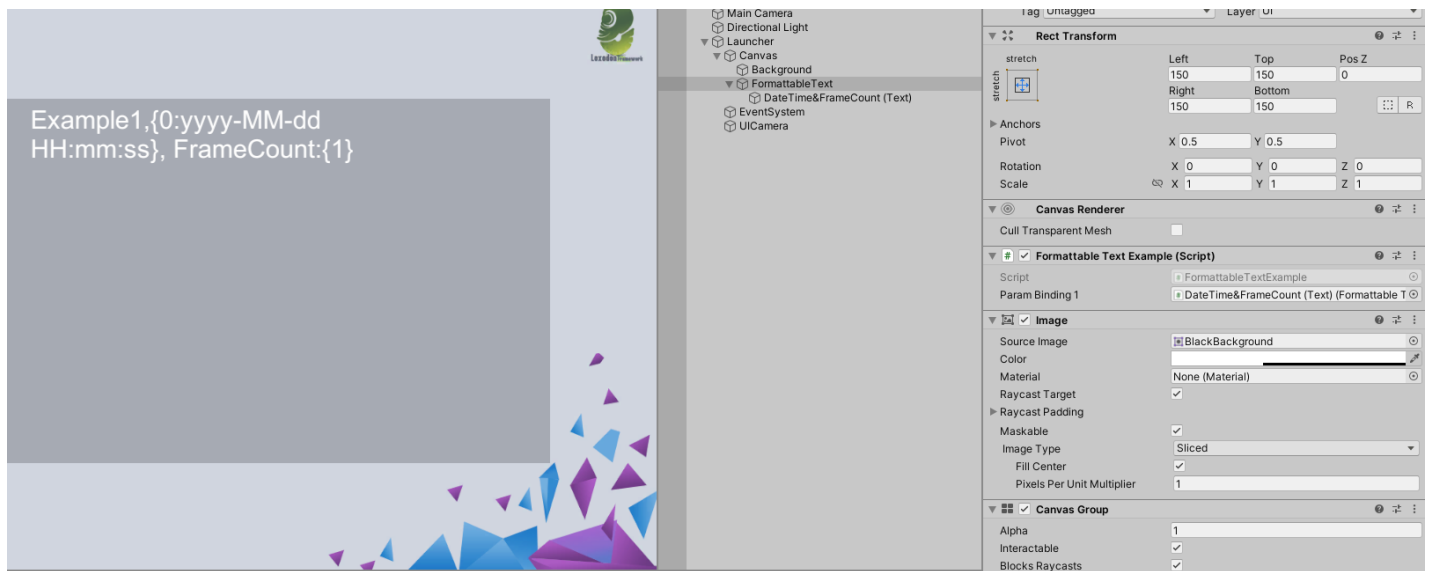
        BindingSet<FormattableTextExample, ExampleViewModel> bindingSet = this.CreateBindingSet<FormattableTextExample, ExampleViewModel>();

        //format:The format is identical to the formatting parameters of string.Format(). For example: DateTime - Example1, {0:yyyy-MM-dd}
        bindingSet.Bind(paramBinding1).For(v => v.Parameter1).To(vm => vm.Time);
        bindingSet.Bind(paramBinding1).For(v => v.Parameter2).To(vm => vm.FrameCount);

        bindingSet.Build();

        this.viewModel = new ExampleViewModel();
        this.viewModel.Time = DateTime.Now;
        this.viewModel.FrameCount = 1;
        this.SetDataContext(this.viewModel);
    }
}

```



## TemplateText

This control surpasses the capabilities of a formatted text control, providing enhanced functionality and ease of use. It supports binding a ViewModel object or sub-object to the TemplateText.Data property. The template control comes equipped with built-in path resolution and data binding features, allowing automatic binding of properties from the Data object using the text template.

Template Format: Template, Frame: {FrameCount:D6}, Health: {Hero.Health:D4}, AttackDamage: {Hero.AttackDamage}, Armor: {Hero.Armor}

Here, FrameCount and Hero are properties bound to the Data object, while Health, AttackDamage, and Armor are properties of the Hero object. The D6 after FrameCount represents a numeric format parameter for frame count.

Similar to the previous case, garbage collection (GC) occurs only when calling `StringBuilder.ToString()`. (It is recommended to install `Loxodon.Framework.TextMeshPro` and use `TemplateTextMeshProUGUI` instead of `TemplateText` for a completely GC-free experience.)

```
public class TemplateTextAndFormattableTextExample : MonoBehaviour
{
    public TemplateText template;

    private ExampleViewModel viewModel;

    private void Start()
    {
        ApplicationContext context = Context.GetApplicationContext();
        IServiceContainer container = context.GetContainer();
        BindingServiceBundle bundle = new BindingServiceBundle(context.GetContainer());
        bundle.Start();

        BindingSet<TemplateTextAndFormattableTextExample, ExampleViewModel> bindingSet = this.CreateBindingSet<TemplateTextAndFormattableTextExample, ExampleViewModel>();

        bindingSet.Bind(template).For(v => v.Template).To(vm => vm.Template); //The Template property of the template control can be bound to the Template property of the ExampleViewModel
        bindingSet.Bind(template).For(v => v.Data).To(vm => vm);
        bindingSet.Build();

        this.viewModel = new ExampleViewModel();
        this.viewModel.Template = "Template,Frame:{FrameCount:D6},Health:{Hero.Health:D4} AttackDamage:{Hero.AttackDamage} Armor:{Hero.Armor:D4}";
        this.viewModel.Time = DateTime.Now;
        this.viewModel.TimeSpan = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(0);
        this.viewModel.Hero = new Hero();
        this.SetDataContext(this.viewModel);
    }
}

public class ExampleViewModel : ObservableObject
{
    private DateTime time;
    private TimeSpan timeSpan;
    private string template;
    private int frameCount;
    private Hero hero;
    public DateTime Time
    {
        get { return this.time; }
        set { this.Set(ref time, value); }
    }

    public TimeSpan TimeSpan
    {
        get { return this.timeSpan; }
        set { this.Set(ref timeSpan, value); }
    }

    public int FrameCount
    {
        get { return this.frameCount; }
        set { this.Set(ref frameCount, value); }
    }

    public string Template
    {
        get { return this.template; }
        set { this.Set(ref template, value); }
    }

    public Hero Hero
    {
        get { return this.hero; }
        set { this.Set(ref hero, value); }
    }
}
```

```
{
    get { return this.hero; }
    set { this.Set(ref hero, value); }
}

public class Hero : ObservableObject
{
    private float attackSpeed = 95.5f;
    private float moveSpeed = 2.4f;
    private int health = 100;
    private int attackDamage = 20;
    private int armor = 30;

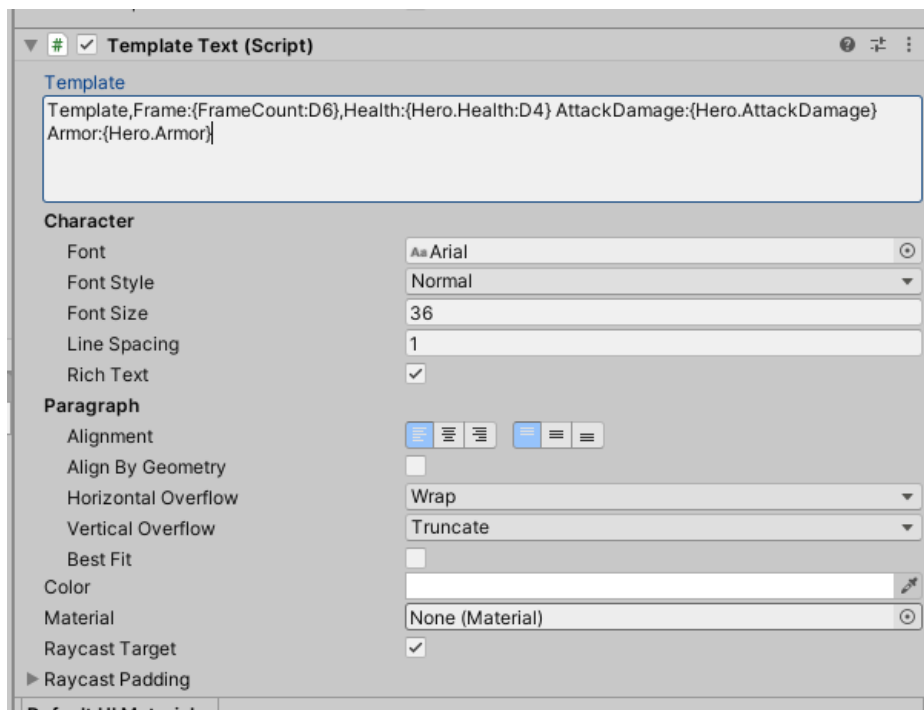
    public float AttackSpeed
    {
        get { return this.attackSpeed; }
        set { this.Set(ref attackSpeed, value); }
    }

    public float MoveSpeed
    {
        get { return this.moveSpeed; }
        set { this.Set(ref moveSpeed, value); }
    }

    public int Health
    {
        get { return this.health; }
        set { this.Set(ref health, value); }
    }

    public int AttackDamage
    {
        get { return this.attackDamage; }
        set { this.Set(ref attackDamage, value); }
    }

    public int Armor
    {
        get { return this.armor; }
        set { this.Set(ref armor, value); }
    }
}
```



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