

3D Game Programming Game engine

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Outline



Game Development

- Indie Game – Braid
- AAA Game – Gear of War



What is in a game?



UDK (Unreal Develop kit)

- Brush
- lighting, material, volume, and physics

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開發成本？

	人數	月	成本
學期專案			
小型獨立遊戲開發			
大型AAA遊戲			

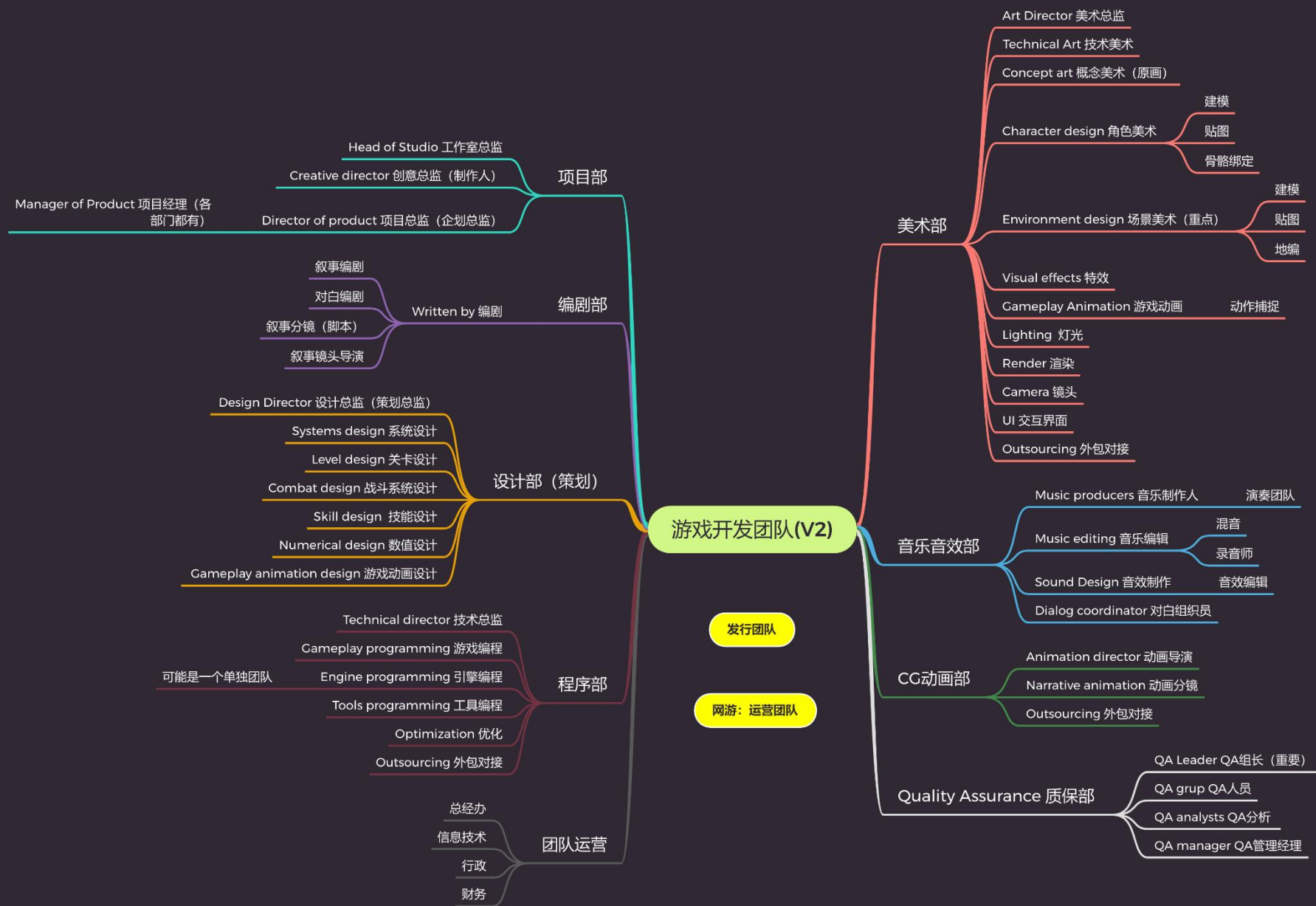
群眾募資

- 國內數位遊戲募資平均約30萬NTD左右
- 但募資通常是已經開發到一定程度 再透過募資補足部份資金和增加曝光度

資料來源

[2019 TGDF] 群眾集資大亂鬥，遊戲集資顧問經驗分享 (鄭栩呈)

<https://youtu.be/MMv7oYdunyM?t=936>



HOW TO PROGRAM INDEPENDENT GAMES

Jonathan Blow
2011

摘自 <https://igdshare.org/content/jonathan-blow-how-program-independent-games>

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Braid (2008)



📎 2005-2008 (42m)

📎 221 個 C++ source , 238 個 C++ header , 3 個 C source ,

📎 20 個 HLSL source ,

📎 12k 行的註解與 90k 行的程式碼

📎 200,000美元

Review process

In Xbox Live Arcade

1. 512 MB RAM only 而且不能全用；它的 3 核 CPU 是 in-order 架構的；File System 因為安全性設計，速度也不快。
2. 遊戲審核 fps drop 容忍範圍很小；不能有 crash，讀取時間也設限。
3. "Soak Test"，遊戲要跑滿整整 3 天（以 60fps 換算成 frame 數的話要跑超過 15M 幅），簡單說你每個 frame 有 4 Bytes 的 memory leak 的話就絕對無法通過遊戲審核。

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程式效率最佳化



80/20 法則

– Braid 中 90k 行的程式大約只有 6k 行是 performance-sensitive 。



真的該最佳化的是「你在每個程式實作上所耗用的生命」

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Game Development: Gears of War (2006)



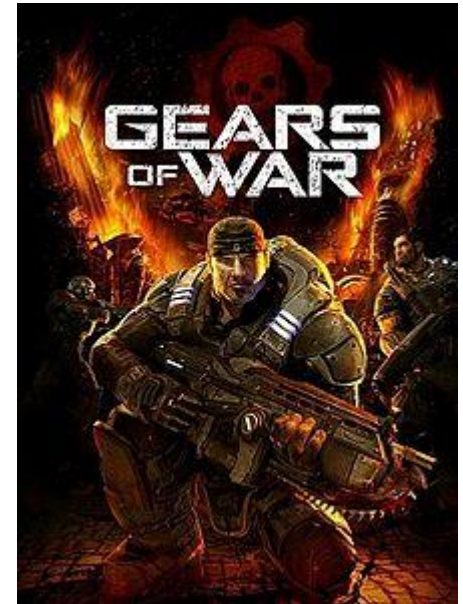
Resources

- ~10 programmers
- ~20 artists
- ~24 month development cycle
- ~\$10M budget



Software Dependencies

- 1 middleware game engine
- ~20 middleware libraries
- OS graphics APIs, sound, input, etc



Software Dependencies

Gears of War
Gameplay Code
~250,000 lines C++, script code

Unreal Engine 3
Middleware Game Engine
~250,000 lines C++ code

DirectX
Graphics

OpenAL
Audio

Ogg
Vorbis
Music
Codec

Speex
Speech
Codec

wx
Widgets
Window
Library

ZLib
Data
Compression

...

Game Development: Platforms

 The typical Unreal Engine 3 game will ship on:

- Xbox 360
- PlayStation 3
- Windows

 Some will also ship on:

- Linux
- MacOS

What is in a game?

The obvious:

- ✍ Rendering
- ✍ Pixel shading
- ✍ Physics simulation, collision detection
- ✍ Game world simulation
- ✍ Artificial intelligence, path finding

But it is not just fun and games:

- ✍ Data persistence with versioning, streaming
- ✍ Distributed Computing (multiplayer game simulation)
- ✍ Visual content authoring tools
- ✍ Scripting and compiler technology
- ✍ User interfaces

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Three Kinds of Code



Gameplay Simulation



Numeric Computation



Shading

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Gameplay Simulation

- Models the state of the game world as interacting objects evolve over time
- High-level, object-oriented code
- Written in C++ or scripting language
- Imperative programming style
- Usually garbage-collected

Gameplay Simulation – The Numbers

- ✍ 30-60 updates (frames) per second
- ✍ ~1000 distinct gameplay classes
 - Contain imperative state
 - Contain member functions
 - Highly dynamic
- ✍ ~10,000 active gameplay objects
- ✍ Each time a gameplay object is updated, it typically touches 5-10 other objects

Numeric Computation



Algorithms:

- Scene graph traversal
- Physics simulation
- Collision Detection
- Path Finding
- Sound Propagation



Low-level, high-performance code



Written in C++ with SIMD intrinsics



Essentially functional

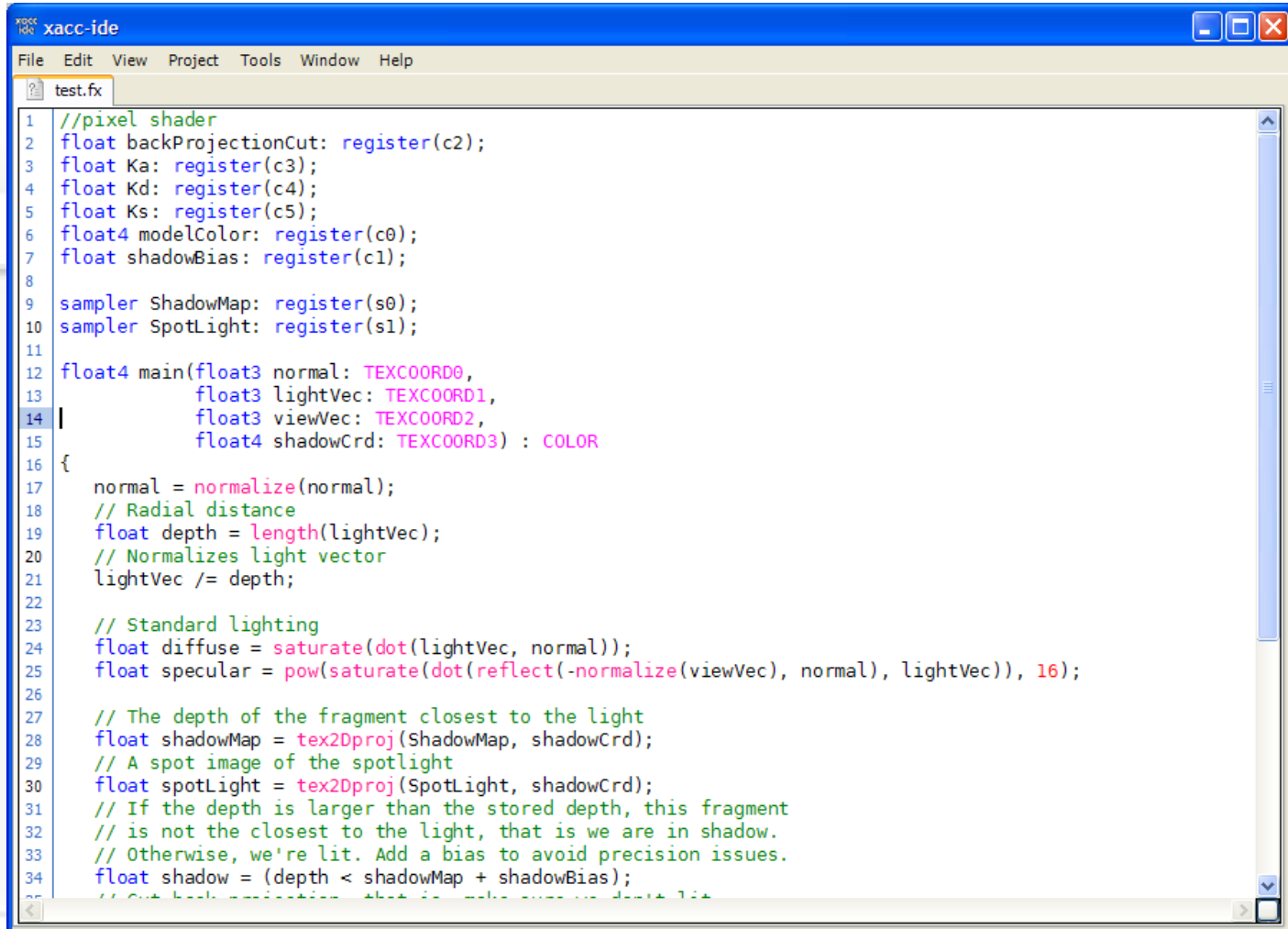
- Transforms a small input data set to a small output data set, making use of large constant data structures.

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Shading

- Generates pixel and vertex attributes
- Written in HLSL/CG shading language
- Runs on the GPU
- Inherently data-parallel
 - Control flow is statically known
 - “Embarassingly Parallel”
 - Current GPU’ s are 16-wide to 48-wide!

Shading in HLSL



```
xacc-ide
File Edit View Project Tools Window Help
test.fx

1 //pixel shader
2 float backProjectionCut: register(c2);
3 float Ka: register(c3);
4 float Kd: register(c4);
5 float Ks: register(c5);
6 float4 modelColor: register(c0);
7 float shadowBias: register(c1);
8
9 sampler ShadowMap: register(s0);
10 sampler SpotLight: register(s1);
11
12 float4 main(float3 normal: TEXCOORD0,
13             float3 lightVec: TEXCOORD1,
14             float3 viewVec: TEXCOORD2,
15             float4 shadowCrd: TEXCOORD3) : COLOR
16 {
17     normal = normalize(normal);
18     // Radial distance
19     float depth = length(lightVec);
20     // Normalizes light vector
21     lightVec /= depth;
22
23     // Standard lighting
24     float diffuse = saturate(dot(lightVec, normal));
25     float specular = pow(saturate(dot(reflect(-normalize(viewVec), normal), lightVec)), 16);
26
27     // The depth of the fragment closest to the light
28     float shadowMap = tex2Dproj(ShadowMap, shadowCrd);
29     // A spot image of the spotlight
30     float spotLight = tex2Dproj(SpotLight, shadowCrd);
31     // If the depth is larger than the stored depth, this fragment
32     // is not the closest to the light, that is we are in shadow.
33     // Otherwise, we're lit. Add a bias to avoid precision issues.
34     float shadow = (depth < shadowMap + shadowBias);
35     // Cut back projection, that is, make sure we don't lit
```

Shading – The Numbers

- ✍ Game runs at 30 FPS @ 1280x720p
- ✍ ~5,000 visible objects
- ✍ ~10M pixels rendered per frame
 - Per-pixel lighting and shadowing requires multiple rendering passes per object and per-light
- ✍ Typical pixel shader is ~100 instructions long
- ✍ Shader FPU' s are 4-wide SIMD
- ✍ ~500 GFLOPS compute power



Three Kinds of Code

	Game Simulation	Numeric Computation	Shading
Languages	C++, Scripting	C++	CG, HLSL
CPU Budget	10%	90%	n/a
Lines of Code	250,000	250,000	10,000
FPU Usage	0.5 GFLOPS	5 GFLOPS	500 GFLOPS

What are the hard problems?



Performance

- When updating 10,000 objects at 60 FPS, everything is performance-sensitive



Modularity

- Very important with ~10-20 middleware libraries per game



Reliability

- Error-prone language / type system leads to wasted effort finding trivial bugs
- Significantly impacts productivity

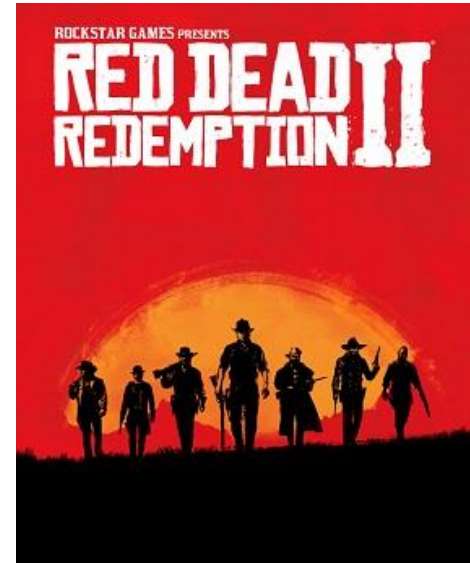


Concurrency

- Hardware supports 6-8 threads
- C++ is ill-equipped for concurrency

Red Dead Redemption 2 (2018)

- Seven years
- a team as high as 1,000 developers, artists, designers, writers, and more,
- the average Rockstar salary and associated healthcare costs for the company are about \$100,000 a year.
- 644.2 million



Cyberpunk 2077 (2020)

- 2014公佈demo
- PC/PS/XBOX 跨次世代
- 多語言配音
- 發售首日，CD Projeck宣布遊戲全平台預售已達800萬份，並且發售首日已經成功收回了遊戲的開發成本。
- 開發成本1億歐元



GTA 6 (2025?)

 \$1 billion and \$2 billion



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GAME ENGINE

Unreal Development

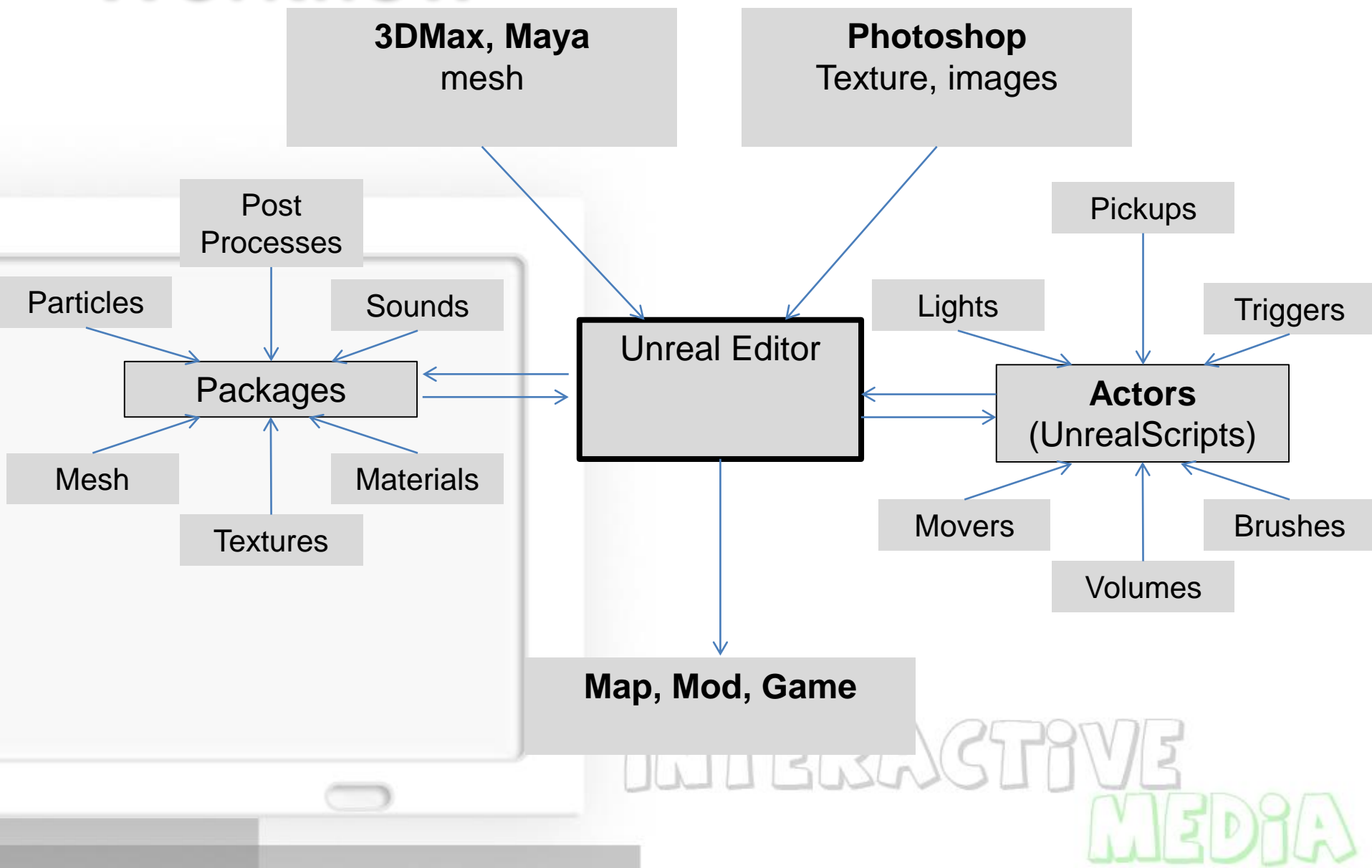
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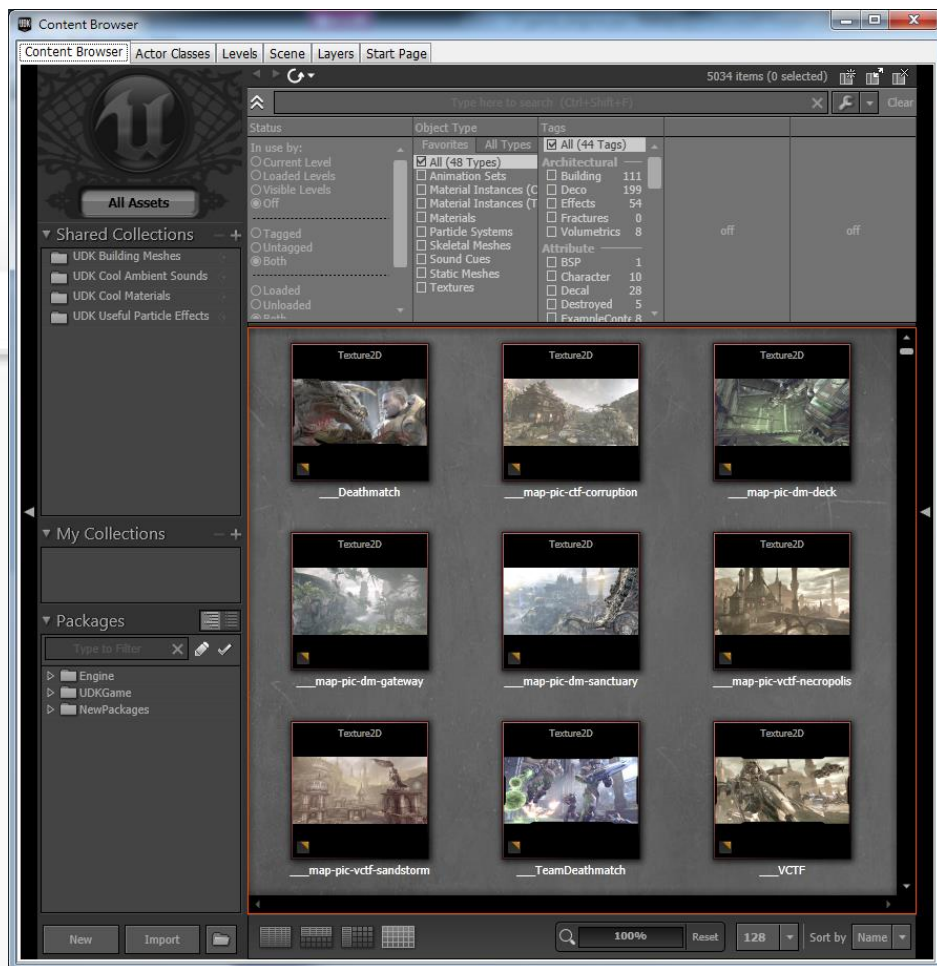
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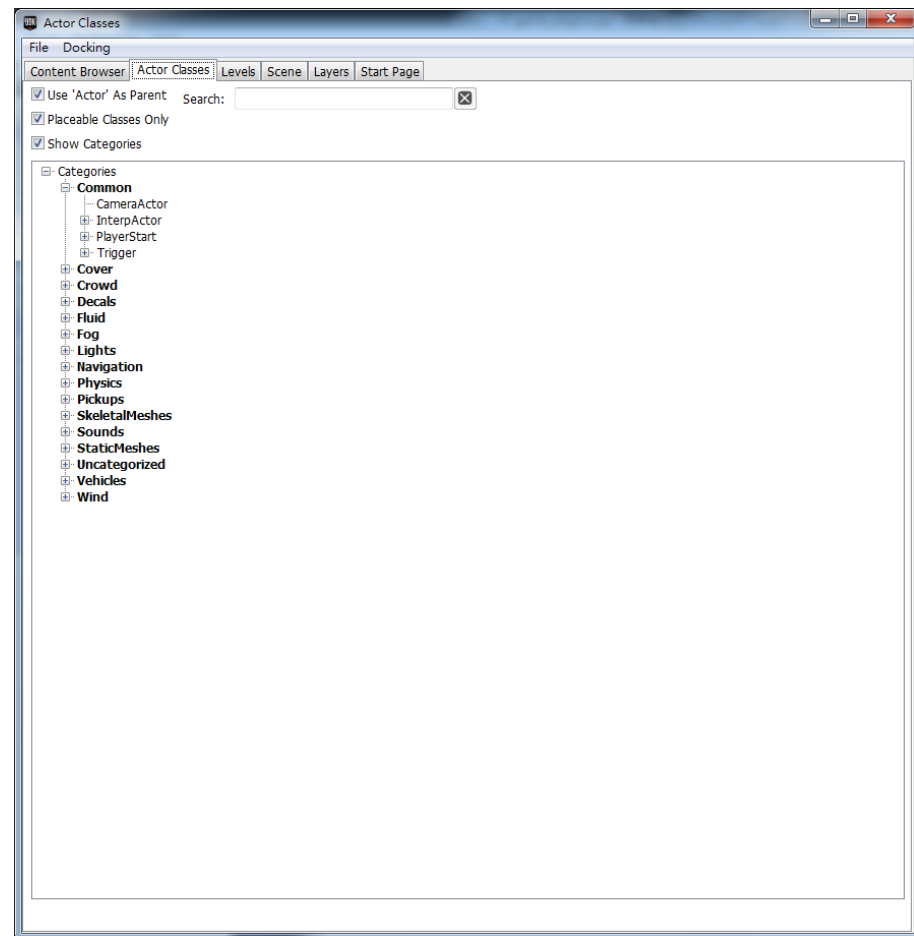
- UDK *is* Unreal Engine 3 – a complete professional development framework.
- Unreal Engine 3 has been used by game developers, researchers, television studios, machinima directors, artists and students.

Workflow





Packages

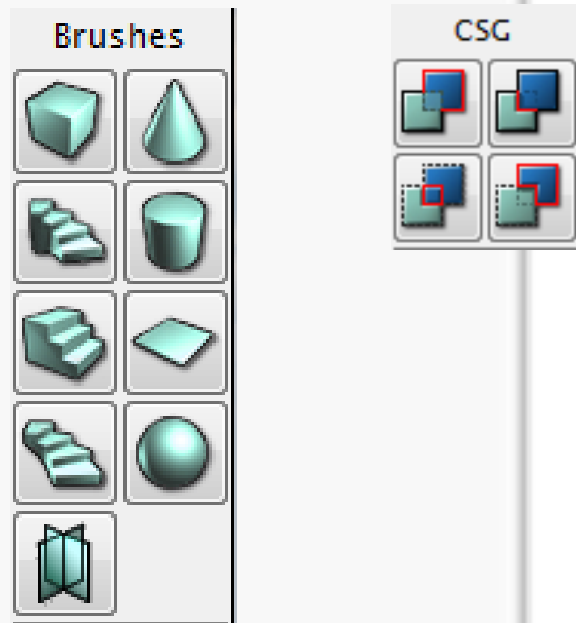


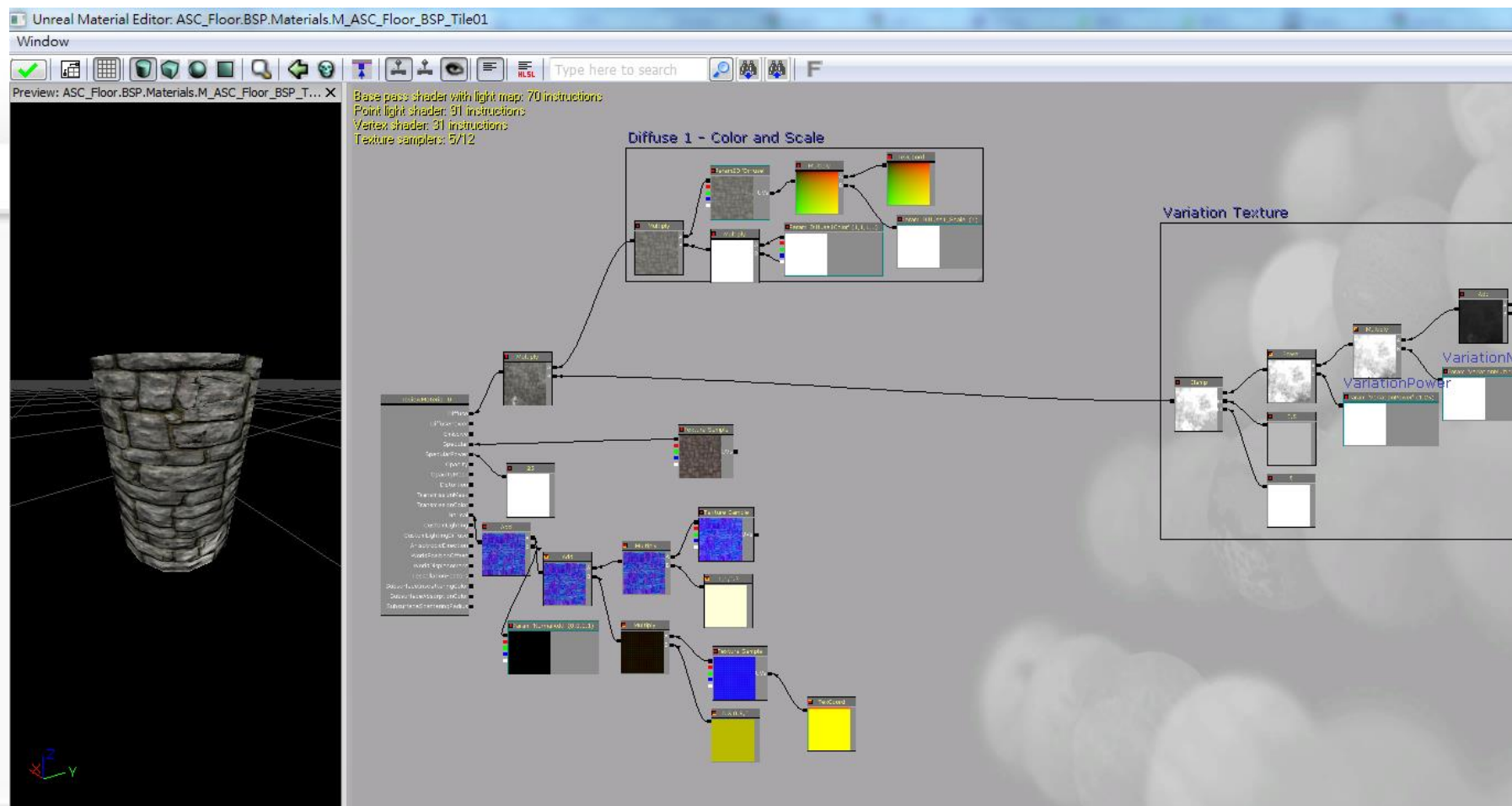
Actor Class

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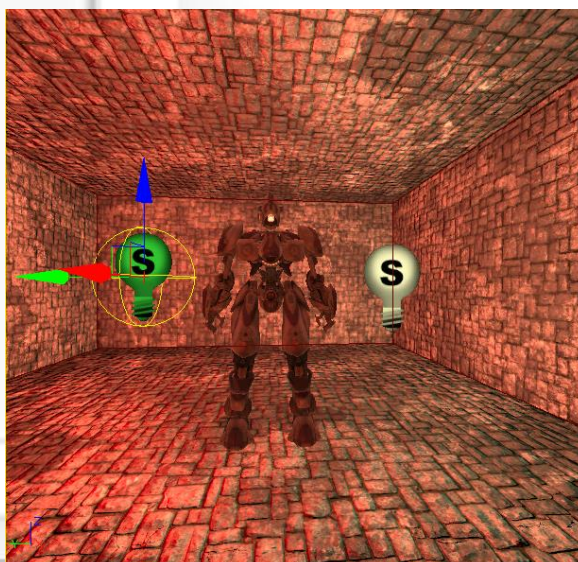
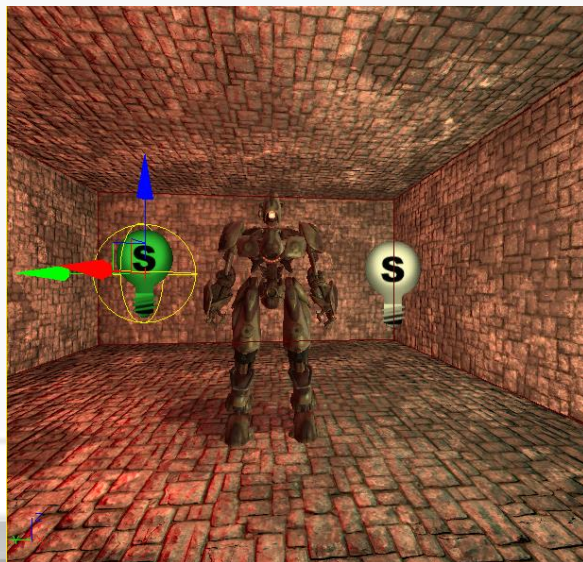
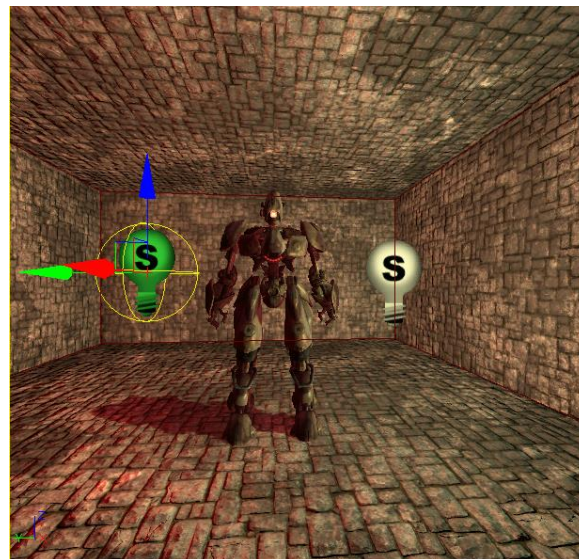
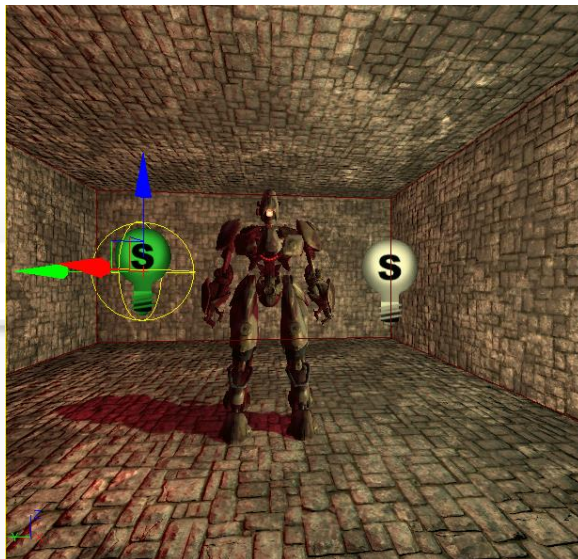
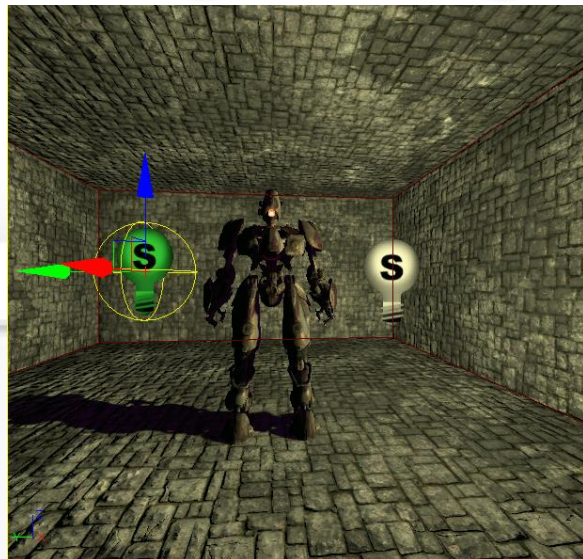
BSP - Brush

- ✍ BSP Brush define primary surface
- ✍ Binary Space Partition





Lighting



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Volume

Gravity Volume

1. Create a Sphere Brush

RMC -> "Sphere" -> (radius: 64, Tesse: 2) -> Close

2. Add a Physics Volume

Move Brush to Corner

RMC(Add Volume) -> Gravity Volume

F4 -> (Zone-Velocity : 150)

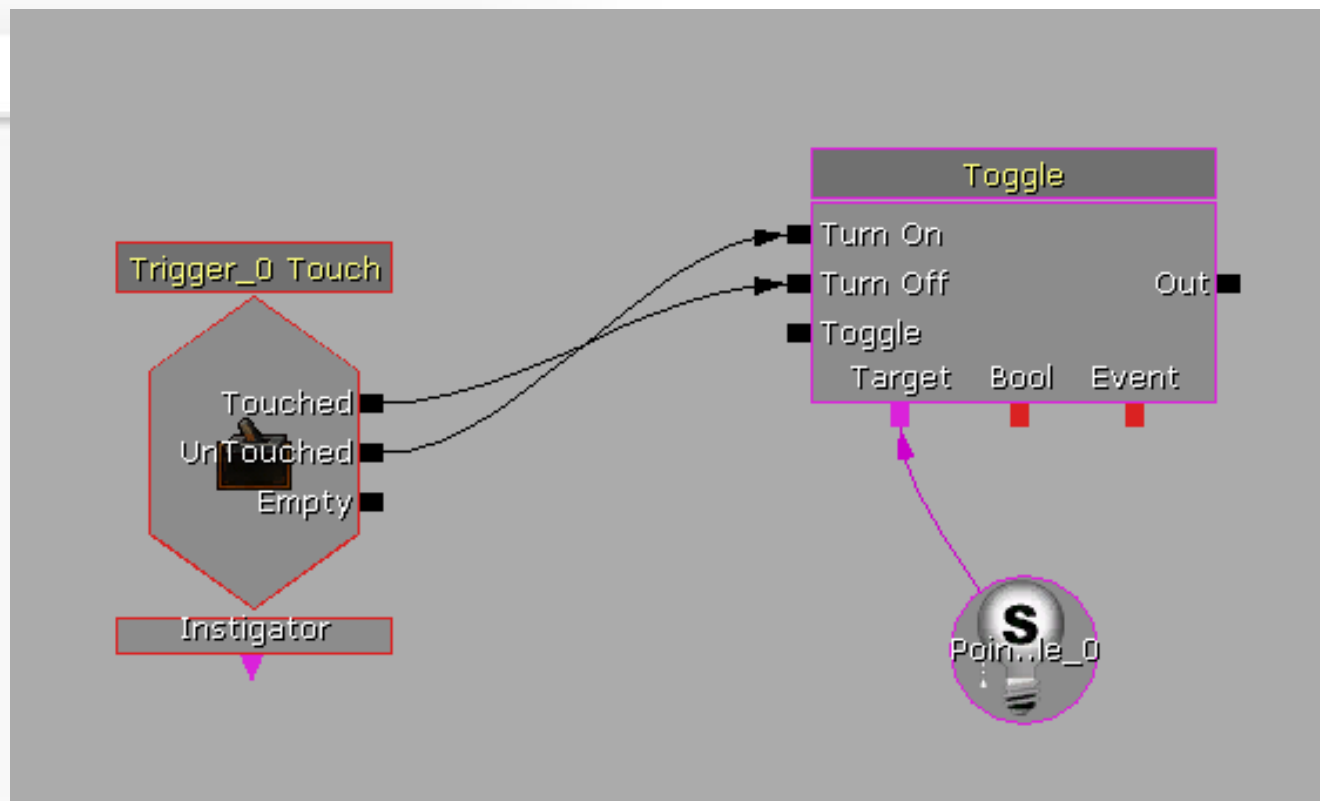
3. Add a Brush

Ctrl + A:

4. Build Light:

Kismet

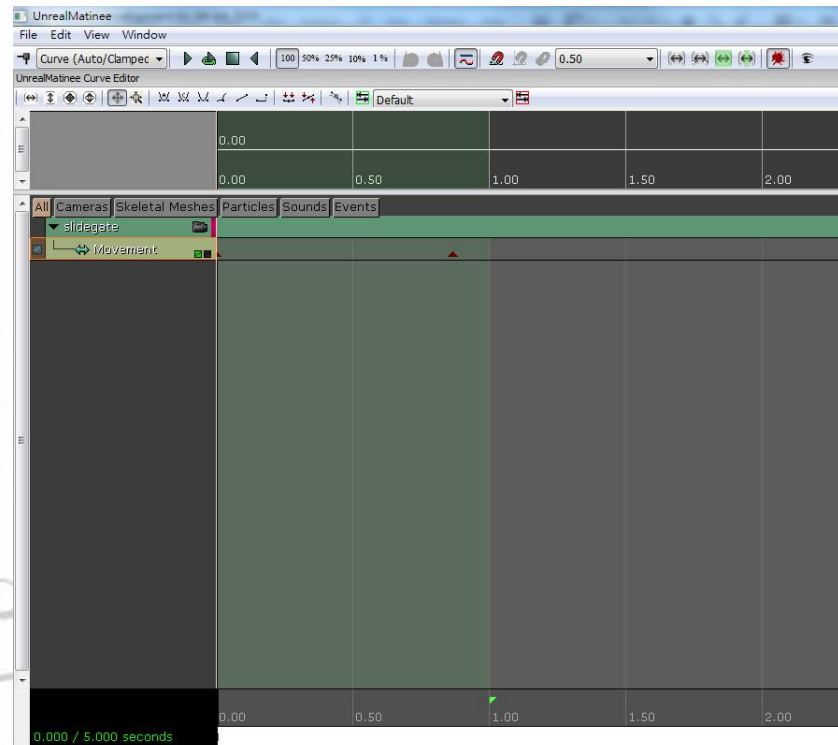
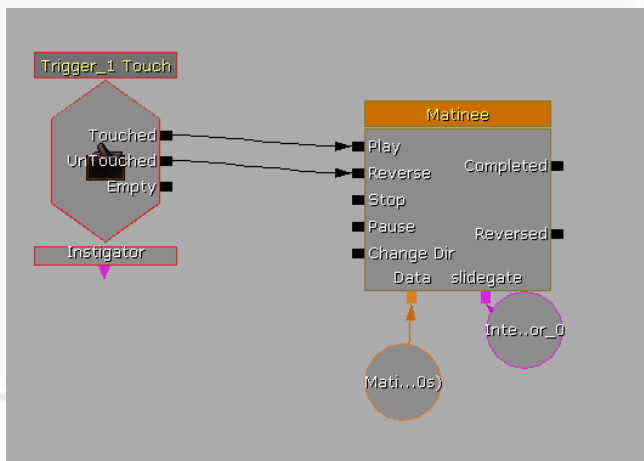
Visual Scripting System



Matinee



A scene animation tool that brings your game to life, and allows you to create in-game cinematic.



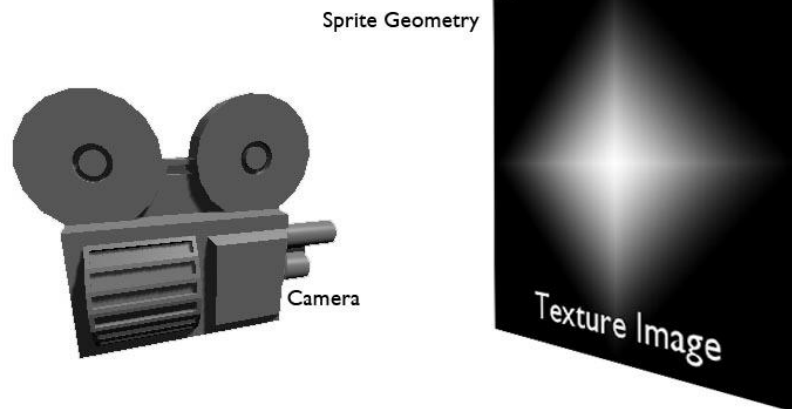
Physics



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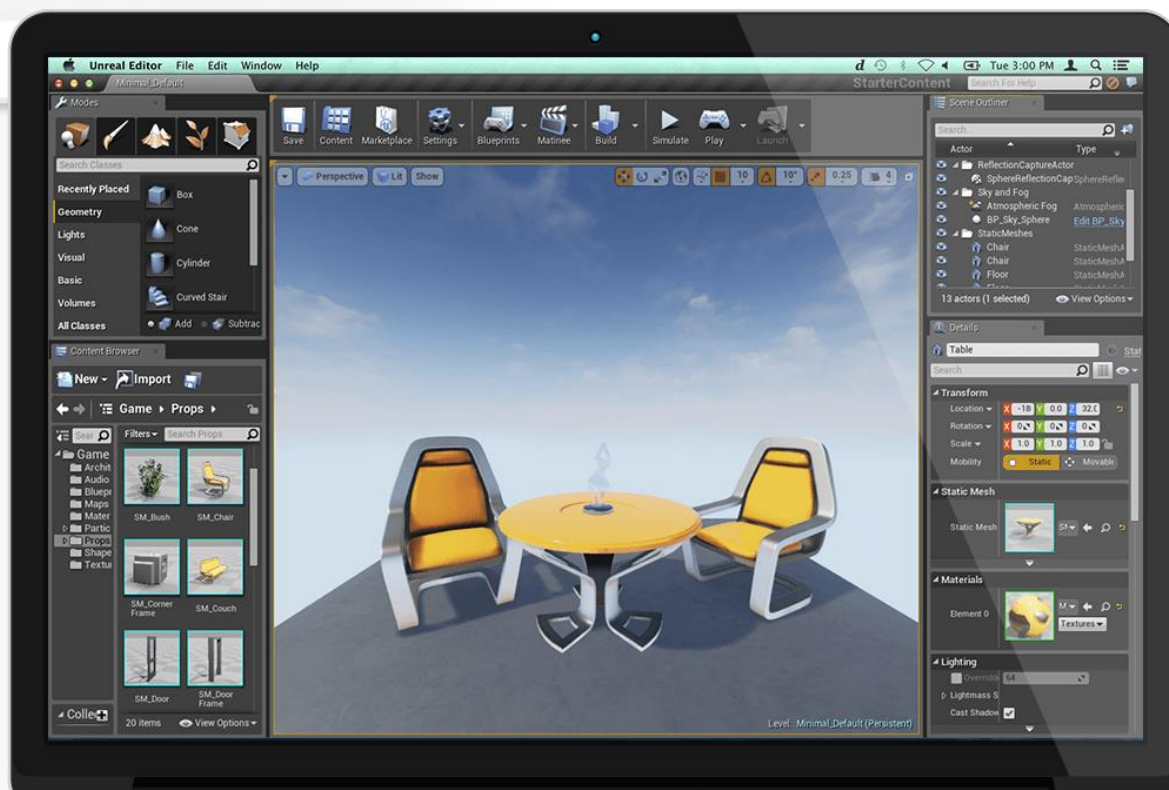
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Particle



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Unreal engine 4



24 Great Games That Use The Unreal 4 Game Engine



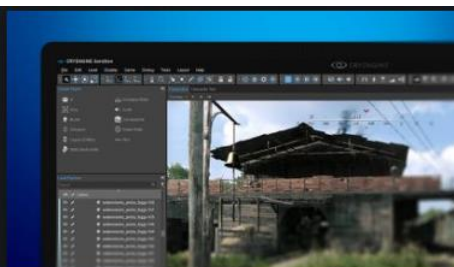
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CryEngine 6



Visuals

Take advantage of CRYENGINE's legendary best-in-class visuals to blow players away.



Sandbox

A suite of tools that put the power to create stunning experiences at your fingertips.



AI & Animation

Fill your worlds with the most realistic characters ever seen in gaming.



Audio

Unleash the talent of audio artists and give them complete control over their creations.



Physics

Take advantage of CRYENGINE's built-in high-end physics solution.



Performance

Accomplish real-time visualization, interaction and immersion with CRYENGINE.



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Unreal engine 5 (2022)



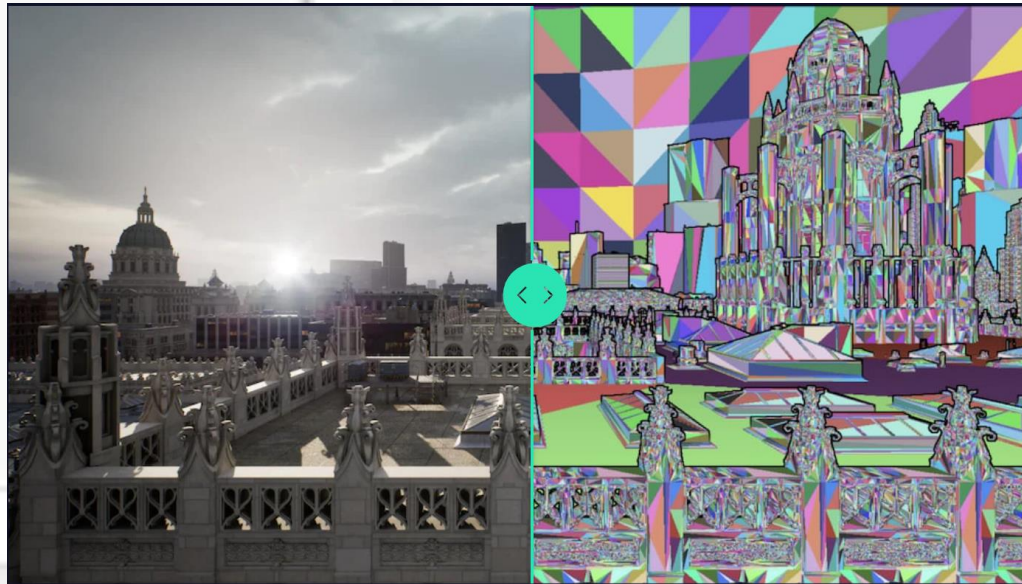
NANITE & VIRTUAL SHADOW MAPS

- MASSIVELY DETAILED WORLDS



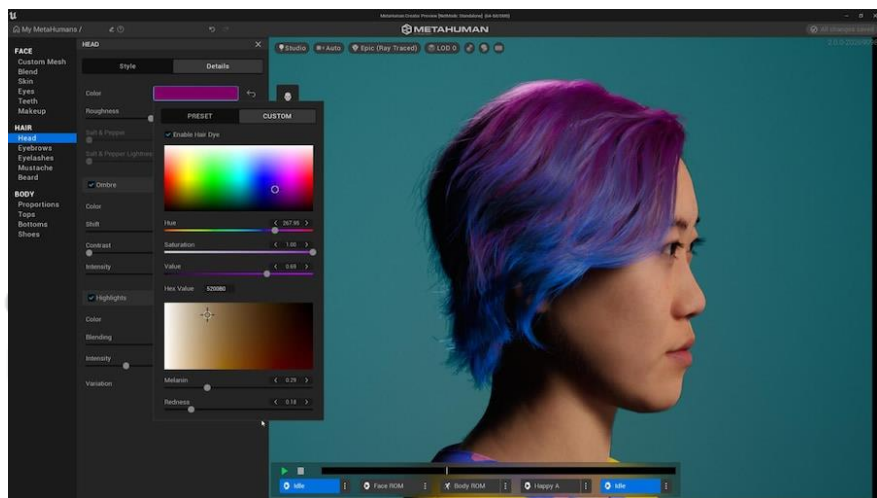
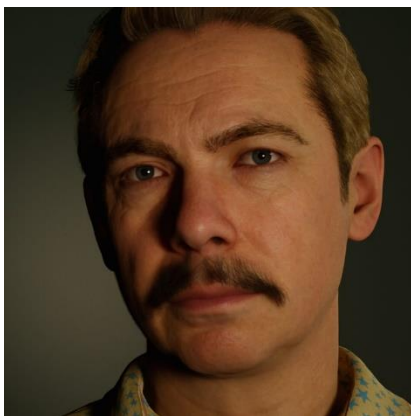
LUMEN

- Dynamic global illumination and reflections

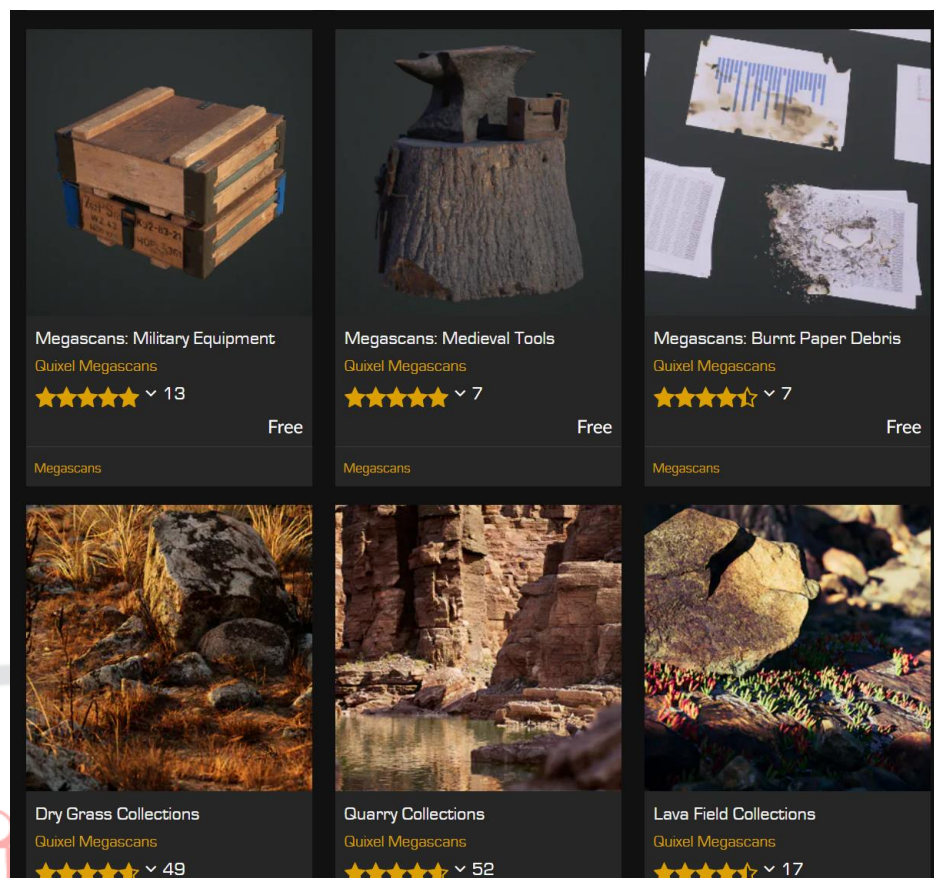


Unreal engine

- metahuman



- MEGASCANS



Unreal engine: virtual-production



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Unity3D

- Lightweight game engine
- Lower learning curve
- Integrated editor
- Powerful asset support
 - Blender, PS, 3DS Max, Maya, Sketchup...
- Web, Mobiles, PC, Consoles



Build multplatform games

Maintain performance and graphic fidelity on 20+ platforms, from mobile to consoles.



Iterate rapidly

Flexible architecture and C# foundation to accelerate your development process.



Build more ambitious games with DOTS

Boosts performance for complex gameplay in dynamic environments.



Customizability and an expansive ecosystem

Millions of pre-built assets and plug-ins and a suite of tools from growth to collaboration.



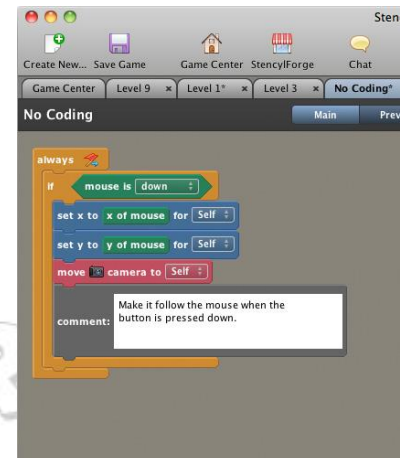
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2D visual programming

 Construct 2
– Html5

 Love

 Raylib



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