

# MiVRy – 3D Gesture Recognition AI

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# MiVRy - 3D GESTURE RECOGNITION PLUG-IN FOR UNITY

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## 1: What is 3D Gesture Recognition?

Making good user interaction for VR is hard. The number of buttons often isn't enough and memorizing button combinations is challenging for users.

Gestures are a great solution! Allow your users to wave their 3D controllers like a magic wand and have wonderful things happening. Draw an arrow to shoot a magic missile, make a spiral to summon a hurricane, shake your controller to reload your gun, or just swipe left and right to "undo" or "redo" previous operations.

MARUI has many years of experience of creating VR/AR/XR user interfaces for 3D design software. Now YOU can use its powerful gesture recognition module in Unity.

This is a highly advanced artificial intelligence that can learn to understand your 3D controller motions.

The gestures can be both direction specific ("swipe left" vs. "swipe right") or direction independent ("draw an arrow facing in any direction") - either way, you will receive the direction, position, and scale at which the user performed the gesture!

Draw a large 3d cube and there it will appear, with the appropriate scale and orientation.

Both one-handed and two-handed gestures are supported and even build combos of sequential gestures.

### **Key features:**

- Real 3D gestures - like waving a magic wand in all three dimensions
- Support for multi-part gesture combinations such as two-handed gestures or sequential combinations of gestures
- Record your own gestures - simple and straightforward
- Easy to use - single C# class
- Can have multiple sets of gestures simultaneously (for example: different sets of gestures for different buttons)
- High recognition fidelity
- Outputs the position, scale, and orientation at which the gesture was performed
- High performance (back-end written in optimized C/C++)
- Includes a Unity sample project that explains how to use the plug-in
- Save gestures to file for later loading
- Support for Android-based devices (Oculus Quest, Cardboard, ...)

## 2: Files included in this unity project:

- Plugins/x86\_64/gesturerecognition.dll : The gesture recognition plug-in for Windows. Place this file in your Unity project under /Assets/Plugins/
- Plugins/Android/arm64-v8a/libgesturerecognition.so : The gesture recognition plug-in for Android. Place this file in your Unity project under /Assets/Plugins/
- GestureRecognition.cs : C# script for using the plugin. Include this file in your Unity project (for examples under /Assets/Scenes/Scripts/)
- GestureCombinations.cs : C# script for using the plugin for multi-part gesture combinations (eg. two-handed gestures or gesture combos). Include this file in your Unity project (for examples under /Assets/Scenes/Scripts/)
- GestureManager.unity : Unity scene that provides a convenient manager UI for creating and handling gesture files.
- Sample\_OneHanded.unity / Sample\_OneHanded.cs : Unity sample scene and script for one-handed gestures.
- Sample\_OneHanded\_Gestures.dat : Example gesture database file to one-handed gestures.
- Sample\_TwoHanded.unity / Sample\_TwoHanded.cs : Unity sample scene and script for two-handed gestures.
- Sample\_TwoHanded\_Gestures.dat : Example gesture database file to two-handed gestures.
- Sample\_Military.unity / Sample\_Military.cs : Unity sample scene and script for using military tactical gestures.
- Sample\_Military\_Gestures.dat : Example gesture database file for military gestures.
- all other files: assets used in the sample Unity projects.

### 3: Scripting tutorial for one-hand gestures:

(1) Place the Plugins/x86\_64/gesturerecognition.dll (Windows) and/or Plugins/Android/arm64-v8a/libgesturerecognition.so (Android / MobileVR / Oculus Quest) files in the /Assets/Plugins/ folder in your unity project and add the GestureRecognition.cs file to your project scripts.

(2) Create a new Gesture recognition object and register the gestures that you want to identify later.

```
GestureRecognition gr = new GestureRecognition();
int myFirstGesture = gr.createGesture("my first gesture");
int mySecondGesture = gr.createGesture("my second gesture");
```

(3) Record a number of samples for each gesture by calling startStroke(), contdStroke() and endStroke() for your registered gestures, each time inputting the headset and controller transformation.

```
Vector3 hmd_p = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.position;
Quaternion hmd_q = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.rotation;
gr.startStroke(hmd_p, hmd_q, myFirstGesture);
[...]
```

```
// repeat the following while performing the gesture with your controller:
Vector3 p = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerPosition(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
Quaternion q = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerRotation(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
gr.contdStrokeQ(p,q);
// ^ repeat while performing the gesture with your controller.

[...]
```

```
gr.endStroke();
```

Repeat this multiple times for each gesture you want to identify.  
We recommend recording at least 20 samples for each gesture.

(4) Start the training process by calling startTraining().

You can optionally register callback functions to receive updates on the learning progress by calling setTrainingUpdateCallback() and setTrainingFinishCallback().

```
gr.setMaxTrainingTime(10); // Set training time to 10 seconds.
gr.startTraining();
```

You can stop the training process by calling stopTraining().

After training, you can check the gesture identification performance by calling recognitionScore() (a value of 1 means 100% correct recognition).

(5) Now you can identify new gestures performed by the user in the same way as you were recording samples:

```
Vector3 hmd_p = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.position;
Quaternion hmd_q = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.rotation;
gr.startStroke(hmd_p, hmd_q);
[...]
```

```
// repeat the following while performing the gesture with your controller:
Vector3 p = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerPosition(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
Quaternion q = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerRotation(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
gr.contdStrokeQ(p,q);
// ^ repeat while performing the gesture with your controller.
[...]
```

```
int identifiedGesture = gr.endStroke();
if (identifiedGesture == myFirstGesture) {
    // ...
}
```

(7) More than just getting the most likely candidate which gesture was performed, you can also get the similarity how much the performed motion resembles the identified gesture:

```
double similarity;
int identifiedGesture = gr.endStroke(similarity);
```

This returns a value between 0 and 1, where 0 indicates that the performed gesture is very much unlike the previously recorded gestures, and 1 indicates that performed gesture is the exact average of all previously recorded gestures and thus highly similar to the intended gesture.

(6) You can save and load your gestures to a gesture database file.

```
gr.saveToFile("C:/myGestures.dat");
// ...
gr.loadFromFile("C:/myGestures.dat");
```

#### 4: Scripting tutorial for two-handed gestures or gesture combos:

(1) Place the Plugins/x86\_64/gesturerecognition.dll (Windows) and/or Plugins/Android/libgesturerecognition.so (Android / MobileVR / Oculus Quest) files in the /Assets/Plugins/ folder in your unity project and add the GestureCombinations.cs file to your project scripts.

(2) Create a new Gesture recognition object and register the gestures that you want to identify later. (In this example, we use gesture part "0" to mean "left hand" and gesture part "1" to mean right hand, but it could also be two sequential gesture parts performed with the same hand.)

```
GestureCombinations gc = new GestureCombinations(2);
int myFirstCombo = gc.createGestureCombination("wave your hands");
int mySecondCombo = gc.createGesture("play air-guitar");
```

Also, create the individual gestures that each combo will consist.

```
int myFirstCombo_leftHandGesture = gc.createGesture(0, "Wave left hand");
int myFirstCombo_rightHandGesture = gc.createGesture(1, "Wave right hand");
int mySecondCombo_leftHandGesture = gc.createGesture(0, "Hold guitar neck");
int mySecondCombo_rightHandGesture = gc.createGesture(1, "Hit strings");
```

Then set the Gesture Combinations to be the connection of those gestures.

```
gc.setCombinationPartGesture(myFirstCombo, 0, myFirstCombo_leftHandGesture);
gc.setCombinationPartGesture(myFirstCombo, 1, myFirstCombo_rightHandGesture);
gc.setCombinationPartGesture(mySecondCombo, 0, mySecondCombo_leftHandGesture);
gc.setCombinationPartGesture(mySecondCombo, 1, mySecondCombo_rightHandGesture);
```

(3) Record a number of samples for each gesture by calling startStroke(), contdStroke() and endStroke() for your registered gestures, each time inputting the headset and controller transformation.

```
Vector3 hmd_p = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.position;
Quaternion hmd_q = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.rotation;
gc.startStroke(0, hmd_p, hmd_q, myFirstCombo_leftHandGesture);
gc.startStroke(1, hmd_p, hmd_q, myFirstCombo_rightHandGesture);
[...]
// repeat the following while performing the gesture with your controller:
Vector3 p_left = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerPosition(OVRInput.Controller.LTouch);
Quaternion q_left = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerRotation(OVRInput.Controller.LTouch);
gc.contdStrokeQ(0, p_left, q_left);
Vector3 p_right = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerPosition(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
Quaternion q_right = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerRotation(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
gc.contdStrokeQ(1, p_right, q_right);
// ^ repeat while performing the gesture with your controller.
[...]
gc.endStroke(0);
gc.endStroke(1);
```

Repeat this multiple times for each gesture you want to identify.

We recommend recording at least 20 samples for each gesture, and have different people perform each gesture.

(4) Start the training process by calling `startTraining()`.

You can optionally register callback functions to receive updates on the learning progress by calling `setTrainingUpdateCallback()` and `setTrainingFinishCallback()`.

```
gc.setMaxTrainingTime(60); // Set training time to 60 seconds.
gc.startTraining();
```

You can stop the training process by calling `stopTraining()`. After training, you can check the gesture identification performance by calling `recognitionScore()` (a value of 1 means 100% correct recognition).

(5) Now you can identify new gestures performed by the user in the same way as you were recording samples:

```
Vector3 hmd_p = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.position;
Quaternion hmd_q = Camera.main.gameObject.transform.rotation;
gc.startStroke(0, hmd_p, hmd_q);
gc.startStroke(1, hmd_p, hmd_q);
[...]
```

```
// repeat the following while performing the gesture with your controller:
Vector3 p_left = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerPosition(OVRInput.Controller.LTouch);
Quaternion q_left = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerRotation(OVRInput.Controller.LTouch);
gc.contdStrokeQ(0, p_left, q_left);
Vector3 p_right = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerPosition(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
Quaternion q_right = OVRInput.GetLocalControllerRotation(OVRInput.Controller.RTouch);
gc.contdStrokeQ(1, p_right, q_right);
// ^ repeat while performing the gesture with your controller.
[...]
```

```
gc.endStroke(0);
gc.endStroke(1);
int identifiedGestureCombo = gc.identifyGestureCombination();
if (identifiedGestureCombo == myFirstCombo) {
    // ...
}
```

(6) Now you can save and load the artificial intelligence.

```
gc.saveToFile("C:/myGestureCombos.dat");
// ...
gc.loadFromFile("C:/myGestureCombos.dat");
```



## 5: Build instructions for Windows

(1) Make sure plug-in file (Plugins/x86\_64/gesturerecognition.dll) is in the “Plugins” folder of your project

(2) In your Unity editor, select the plug-in file and in the inspector make sure it is selected as a plug-in file for the Windows platform.

(3) Place your gesture database (“.DAT”) files in a folder called “StreamingAssets” in your Unity project.

(4) In your Unity script file, use `Application.streamingAssetsPath` as base folder when loading the gesture library instead of an absolute file path. You can use the `UNITY_EDITOR` preprocessor variable to make sure your game will find the gesture recognition database file both when playing in the Unity editor and when building / exporting as a stand-alone game:

```
#if UNITY_EDITOR
gr.loadFromFile("myProject/myGestureDatabaseFile.dat");
#else
gr.loadFromFile(Application.streamingAssetsPath + "/myGestureDatabaseFile.dat");
#endif
```

## 6: Build instructions for Android (Mobile VR, Oculus Quest, ...)

- (1) Make sure plug-in files (Plugins/Android/arm64-v8a/libgesturerecognition.so and Plugins/Android/armeabi-v7a/libgesturerecognition.so) are in the “Plugins” folder of your project.
- (2) In your Unity editor, select the plug-in files and in the inspector make sure it is selected as a plug-in file for the Android platform for ARM64 and ARMv7 respectively.
- (3) Place your gesture database (“.DAT”) files in a folder called “StreamingAssets” in your Unity project.
- (4) In your Unity script file, use Unity’s Android Java API to get the location of the cache folder and use a UnityWebRequest to extract the gesture database file from the .apk to the cache folder and load it from there. This is necessary, because on Android all project files are packed inside the .apk file and cannot be accessed directly. You can use the UNITY\_ANDROID preprocessor variable to make sure your game will find the gesture recognition database file both when playing in the Unity editor and when building / exporting as a stand-alone Android app:

```
LoadGesturesFile = "myGestures.dat";
// Find the location for the gesture database (.dat) file
#if UNITY_EDITOR
// When running the scene inside the Unity editor,
// we can just load the file from the Assets/ folder:
string gesture_file_path = "Assets/GestureRecognition";
#elif UNITY_ANDROID
// On android, the file is in the .apk,
// so we need to first "download" it to the apps' cache folder.
AndroidJavaClass unityPlayer = new AndroidJavaClass("com.unity3d.player.UnityPlayer");
AndroidJavaObject activity = unityPlayer.GetStatic<AndroidJavaObject>("currentActivity");
string gesture_file_path = activity.Call
    <AndroidJavaObject>("getCacheDir").Call<string>("getCanonicalPath");
UnityWebRequest request = UnityWebRequest.Get(Application.streamingAssetsPath
    + "/" + LoadGesturesFile);
request.SendWebRequest();
while (!request.isDone) {
    // wait for file extraction to finish
}
if (request.isNetworkError)
{
    // Failed to extract sample gesture database file from apk
    return;
}
File.WriteAllBytes(gesture_file_path + "/" + LoadGesturesFile, request.downloadHandler.data);
#else
// This will be the case when exporting a stand-alone PC app.
// In this case, we can load the gesture database file from the streamingAssets folder.
string gesture_file_path = Application.streamingAssetsPath;
#endif
if (gr.loadFromFile(gesture_file_path + "/" + LoadGesturesFile) != 0)
{
    // Failed to load sample gesture database file
    return;
}
```

(5) In your project settings, make sure that under “*Other Settings*” you have selected the proper **API Level** and **Target Architecture** for the Android device that you want to use. For Oculus Quest, the API level should be “Android 8.0 Oreo” and the Target Architecture should be ARM64 (ARMv7 may also work). Also, under “XR Settings” make sure that you have enabled “**Virtual Reality Support**” and include the required SDKs for your device.

(6) If you are building for the Quest 2, make sure to set the Color Space in the project settings android section to “Gamma”.

## 7 Troubleshooting and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

- (1) Where in my own program do I have to create the GestureRecognition or GestureCombination object?

*You can create the gesture recognition object anywhere in your project. There are no special requirements where to do it. Commonly, it is created in the XR rig or Oculus/HTC Vive VR framework where the controller input is processed, but this is just one option.*

- (2) How can I get the position of VR controllers (Oculus Touch, HTC Vive Controllers, Valve Knuckles controller etc)?

*As you can see in the Sample\_OneHanded.unity scene, you can use the generic Unity XR rig with two objects "Left Hand" and "Right Hand" which are set to be Generic XR Controllers. So they work for any supported VR device.*

*Then, in the C# script you can just use*

```
GameObject left_hand = GameObject.Find("Left Hand");  
gc.contdStroke(Side_Left, left_hand.transform.position, left_hand.transform.rotation);
```

*or*

```
GameObject right_hand = GameObject.Find("Right Hand");  
gc.contdStroke(Side_Right, right_hand.transform.position, right_hand.transform.rotation);
```

*If in your project you cannot use the XR rig, please check out the Unity documentation for which commands will relate to your device:*

<https://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/OpenVRControllers.html>

- (3) How can I save my own recorded gestures to use them the next time I start Unity?

In your own script, you can save your recorded gestures with

```
gr.saveToFile("C:/where/you/want/your/myGestureCombos.dat");
```

This file you can then load next time you start the program.

If you used the GestureRecognitionSample\_OneHanded Unity file, then your gestures will be saved in your asset folder in

GestureRecognition\Sample\_TwoHanded\_MyRecordedGestures.dat

Please see the GestureRecognitionSample\_OneHanded.cs script on line 429 to see how it works.

- (4) How can I open and edit gesture database (.DAT) files?

*Please use the "GestureManager" scene in the Unity sample to open and edit.DAT gesture database files.*

- (5) The Gesture Recognition library does not detect if a gesture is different from all recorded gestures. I want to know if the user makes the gesture I recorded or not.

*The gesture recognition plug-in will always return the number of which other (known) gesture is most similar to the one you just performed.*

*If you want to check if the gesture you made is different from all the recorded gestures, use the following code instead of the normal “endStroke()” function:*

```
double similarity;  
int identified_gesture = endStroke(ref similarity);
```

*Then the similarity variable will give you a measurement of how similar the performed gesture was to the detected gesture. A value of one will indicate perfect similarity, a low value close to zero indicate great differences between the performed gesture and the recorded gesture. You can use this value to judge if the performed gesture is sufficiently similar to the recorded one.*

- (6) I want to use Gesture Recognition in my commercial project. What commercial licensing options do you provide?

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- (7) Do I have to call “startTraining()” every time I start my game? Does it have to keep running in the background while my app is running?

*No, you only need to call startTraining() after you have recorded new gesture data (samples) and want these new recordings to be used by the AI. However, you need to save the AI after training to a database file (.DAT) and load this file in your game before using the other gesture recognition functions.*

*While the training is running, you cannot use any of the other functions, so you cannot let training run in the background. You must start (and stop) training in between using the AI.*

- (8) How long should I let the training run to achieve optimal recognition performance?

*Usually, the AI will reach its peak performance within one minute of training, but if you’re using a large number of gestures and samples, it may take longer. You can check the current recognition performance from the training callback functions and see if the performance still keeps increasing. If not, feel free to stop the training.*

(9) Gestures aren't recognized correctly when I look up/down/left/right or tilt my head.

*You can choose if the frame of reference for your gestures are the players point of view ("head") or the real world or game world ("world"). For example, if the player is looking up to the sky when performing a gesture towards the sky, then from a "world" frame-of-reference the direction is "up", but from players "head" point-of-view, the direction is "forward". Therefore, if you consider your gestures to be relative to the world "up" (sky) and "down" (ground) rather than the visual "upper end of the screen" and "lower end of the screen", then change the **frameOfReferenceUpDownPitch** to **FrameOfReference.World**. The same setting is available for the yaw (compass direction) and head tilt.*

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