### **Lab 4 : Animating a Character**

### **Lab Overview:**

This lab involves setting up an animated character using Unity's Animator system. You will configure an animation state machine, create transitions between animations, and modify the character script to control the animations based on user input.

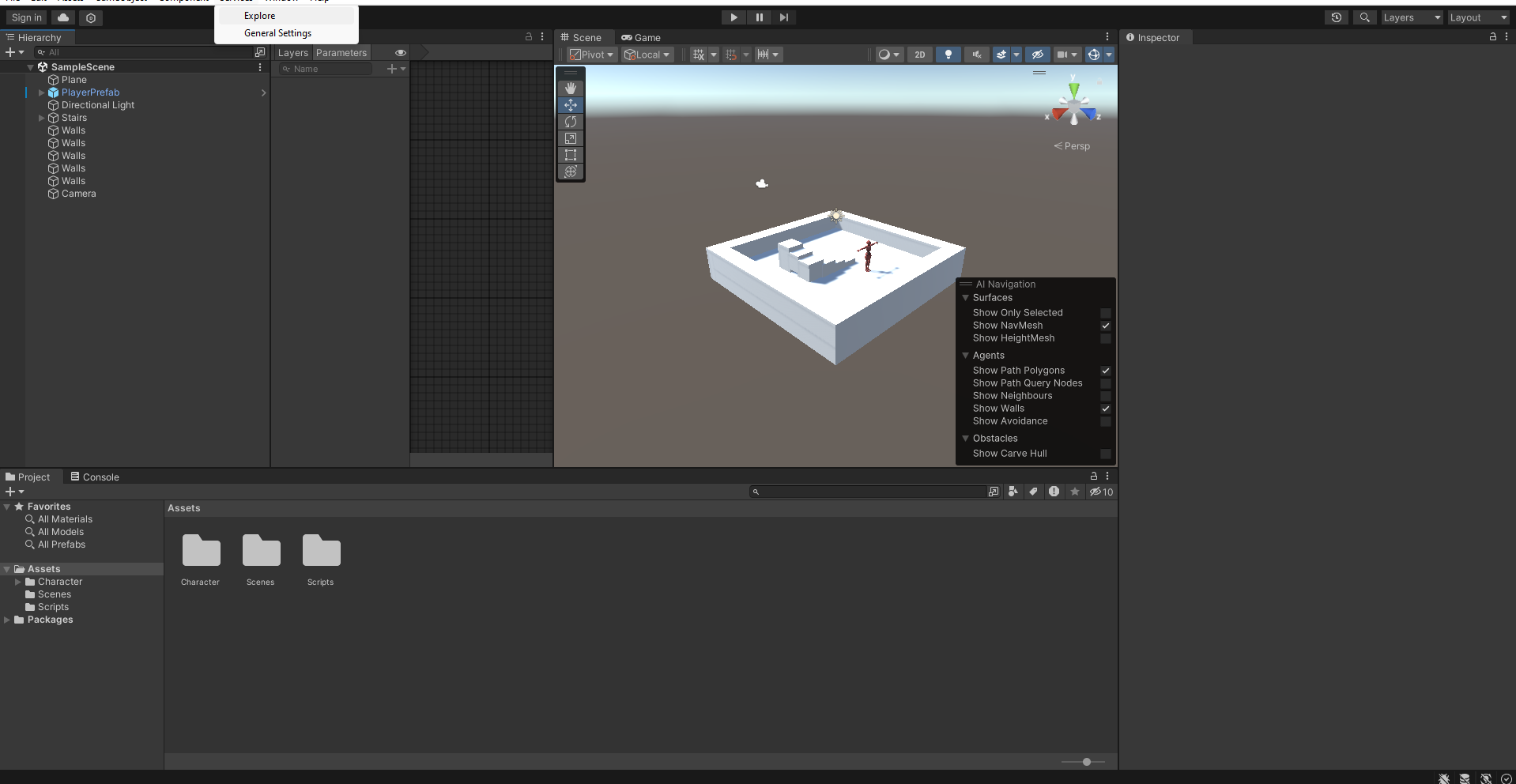
### **Step-by-Step Solution:**

### **Task 1: Setup the Animator and Avatar for Both the Character and Animations**

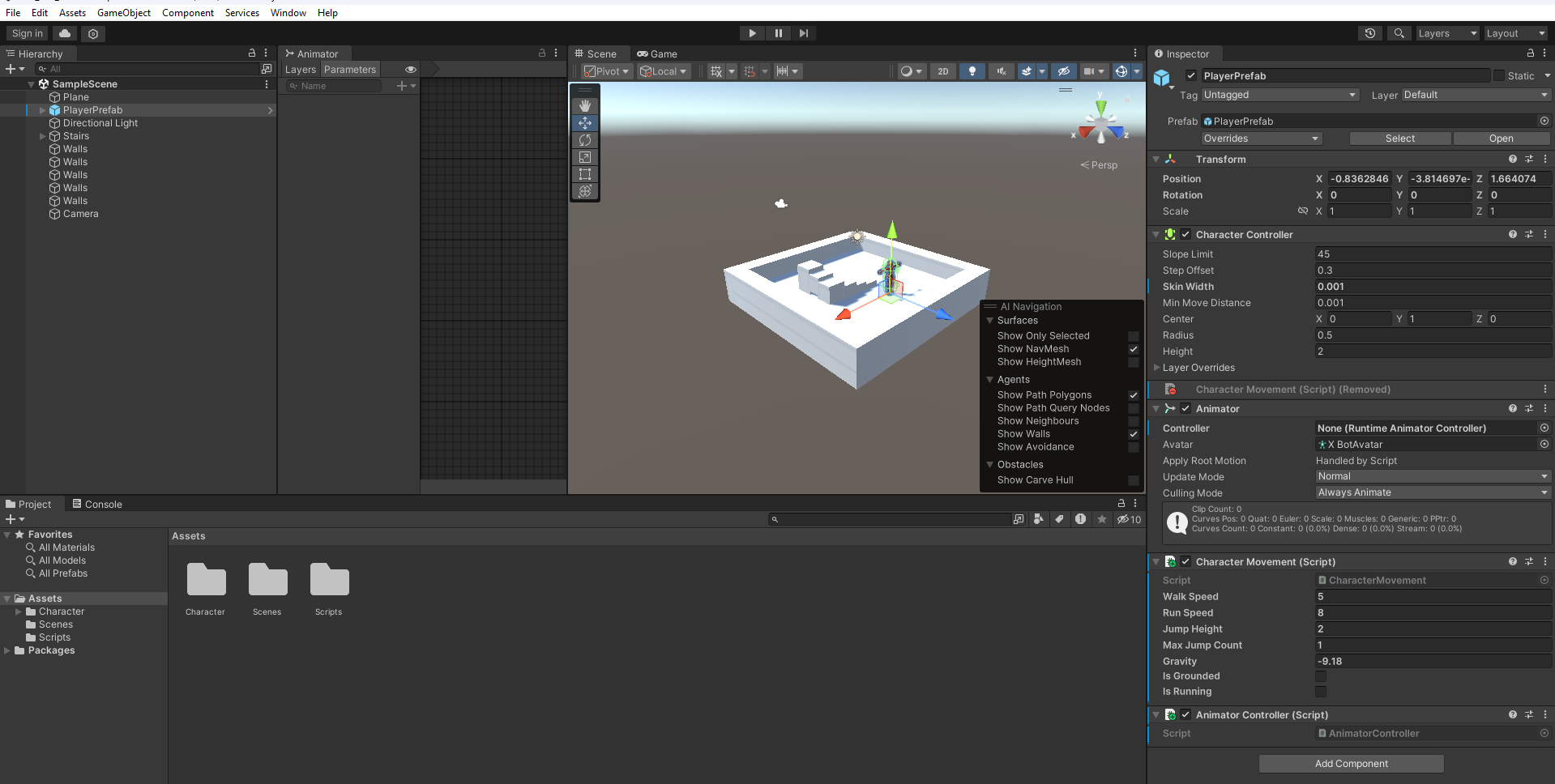
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   git clone https://github.com/amcnabbbaltar/420\_541\_Lab4

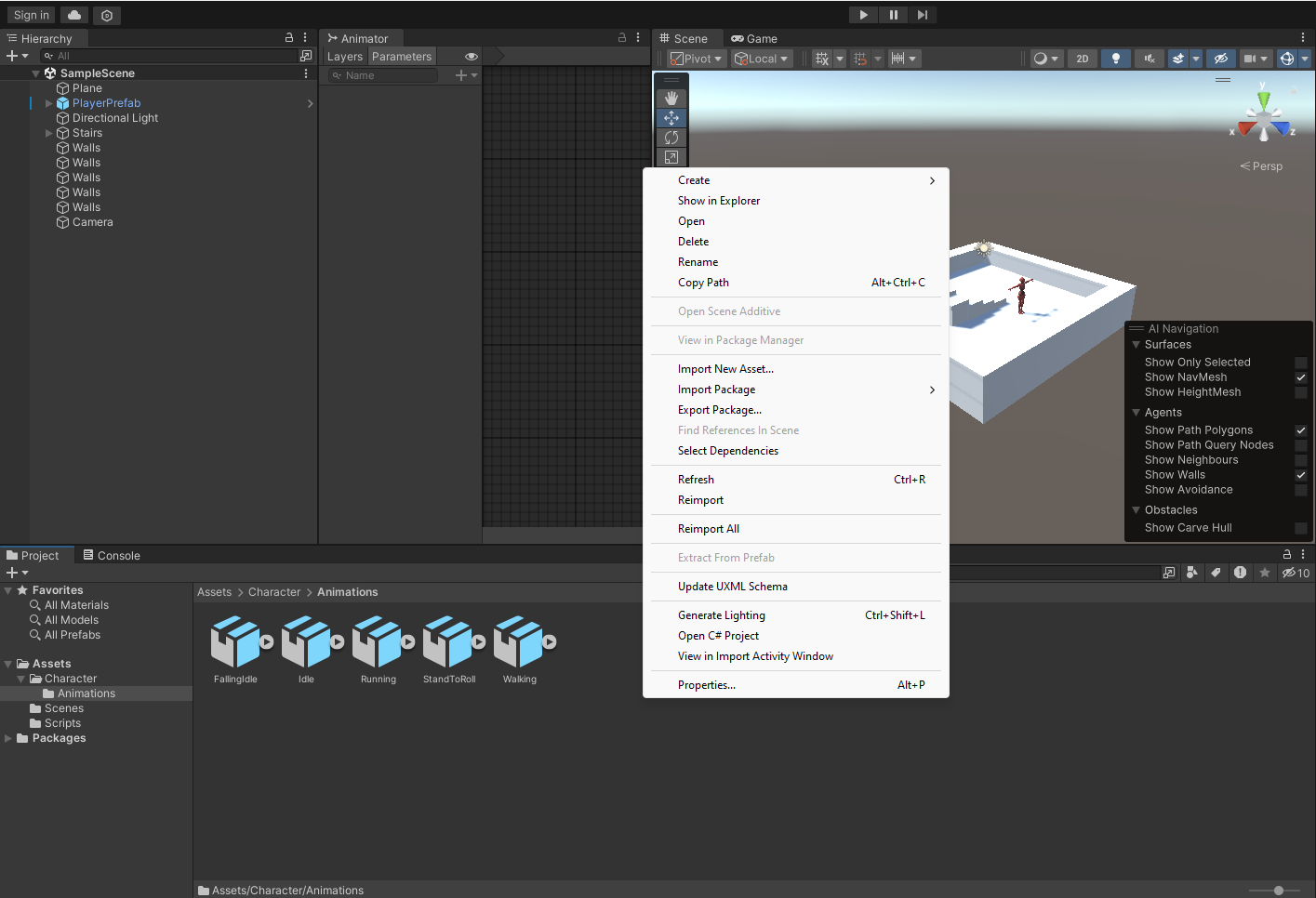
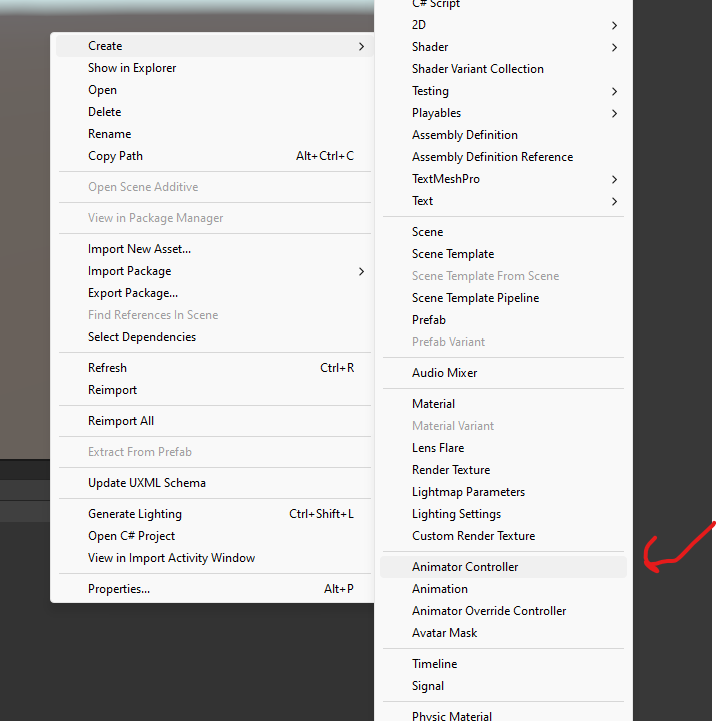
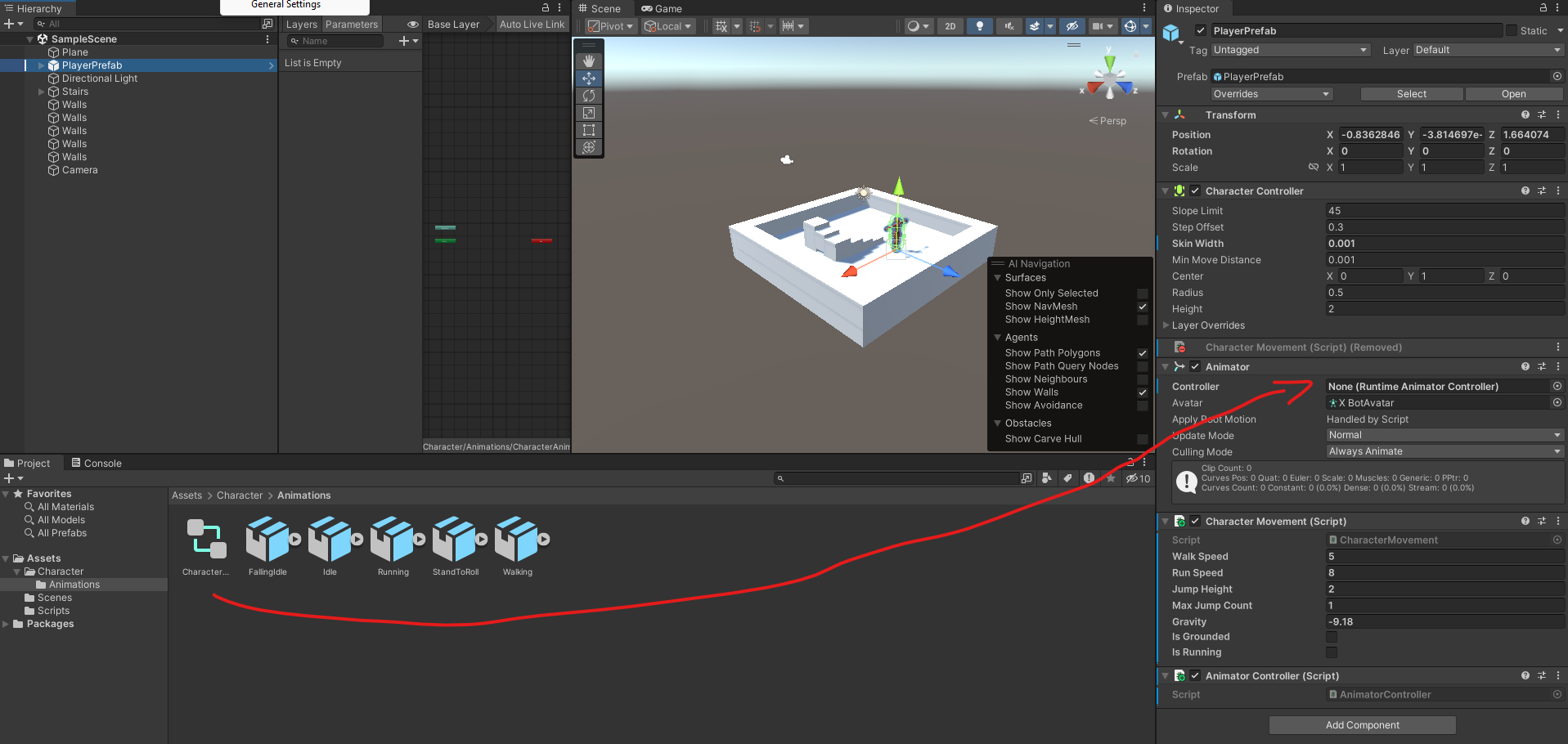
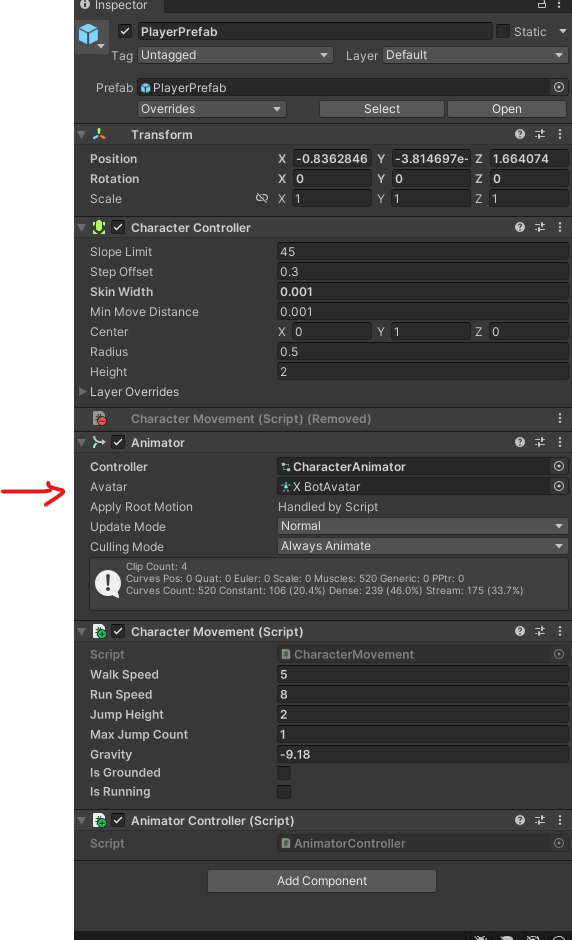
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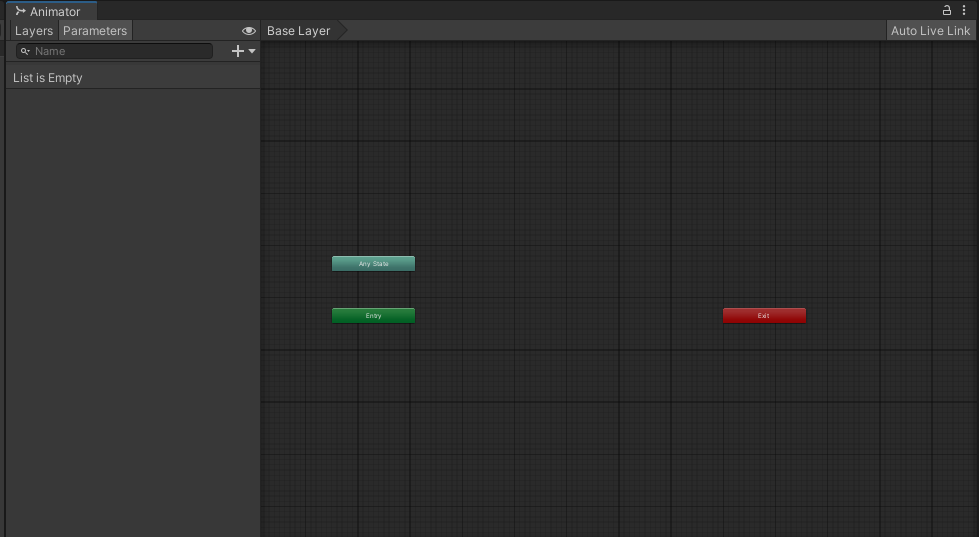
* + In the scene folder, Open the sample scene . You should see something like this



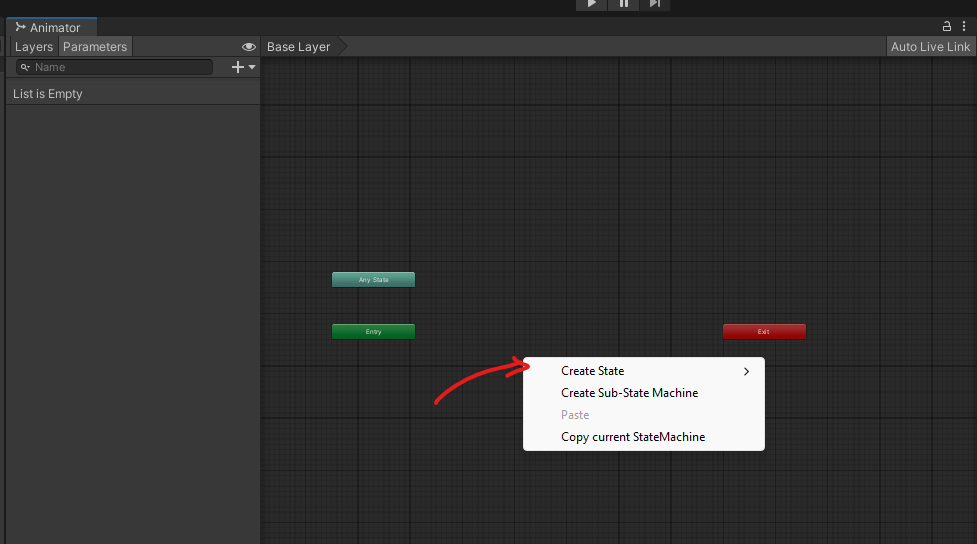
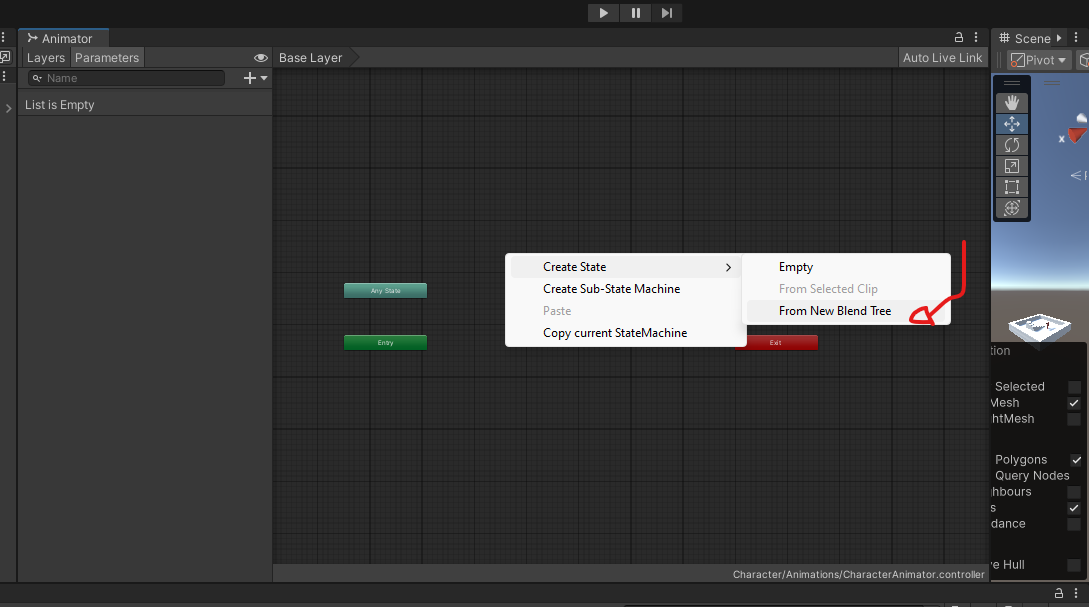
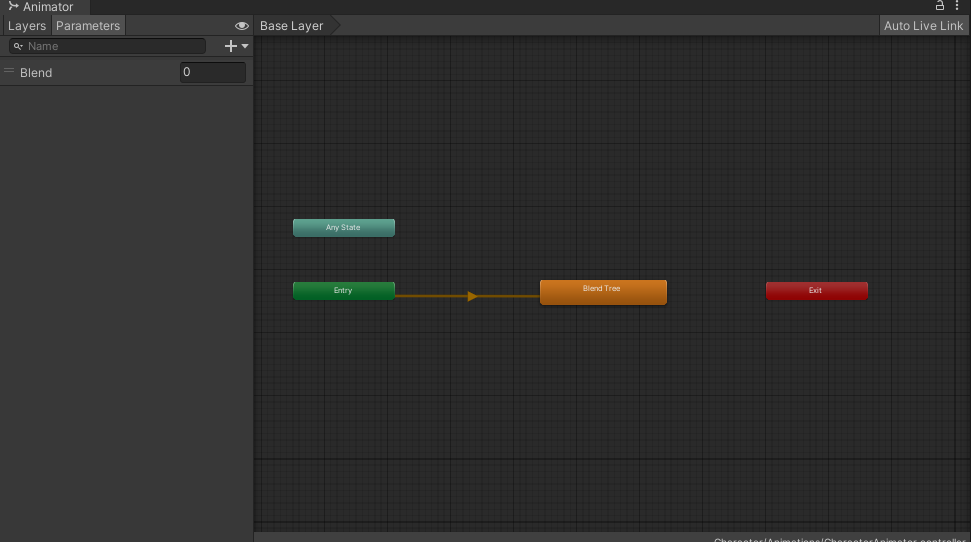
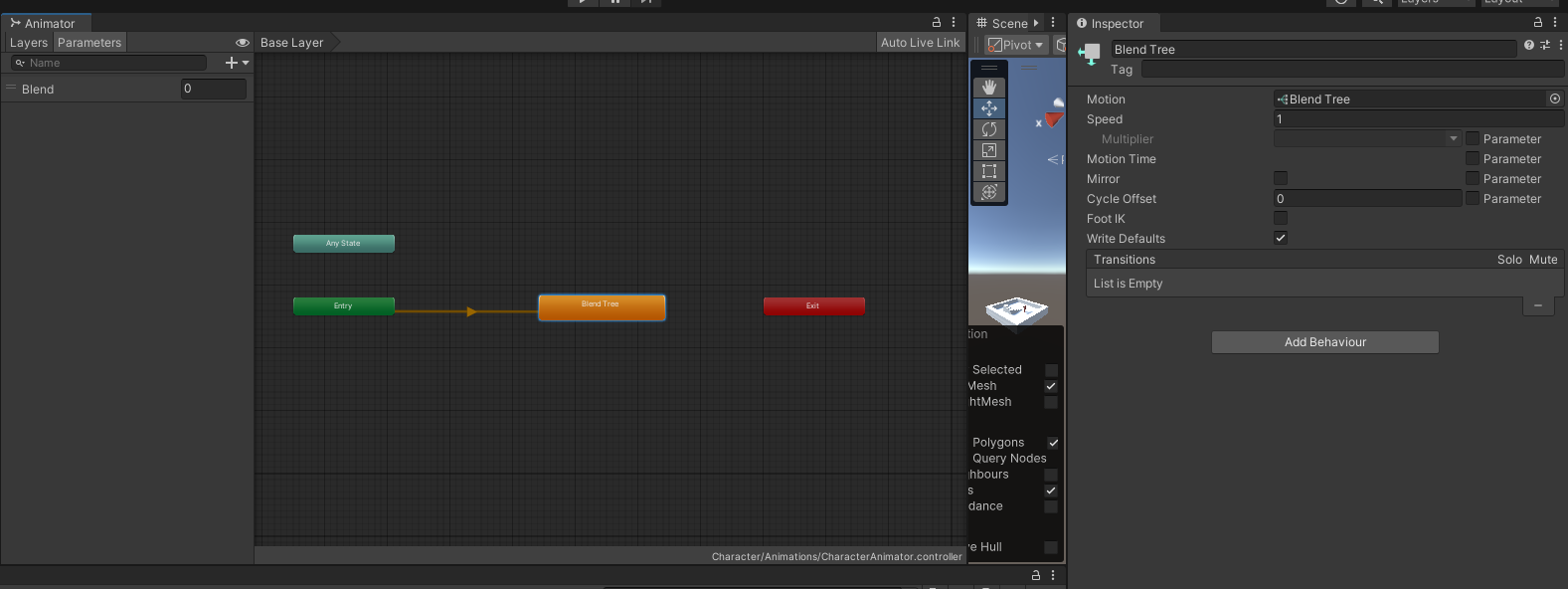
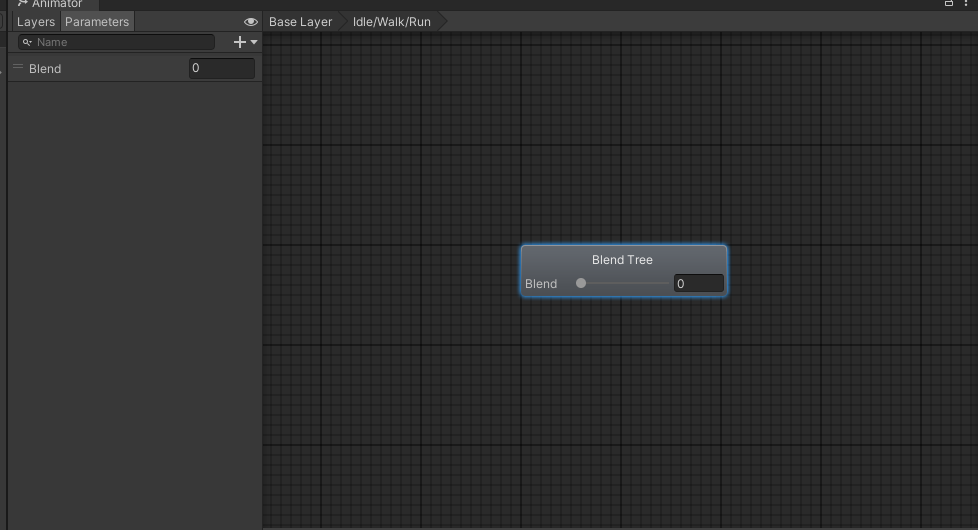
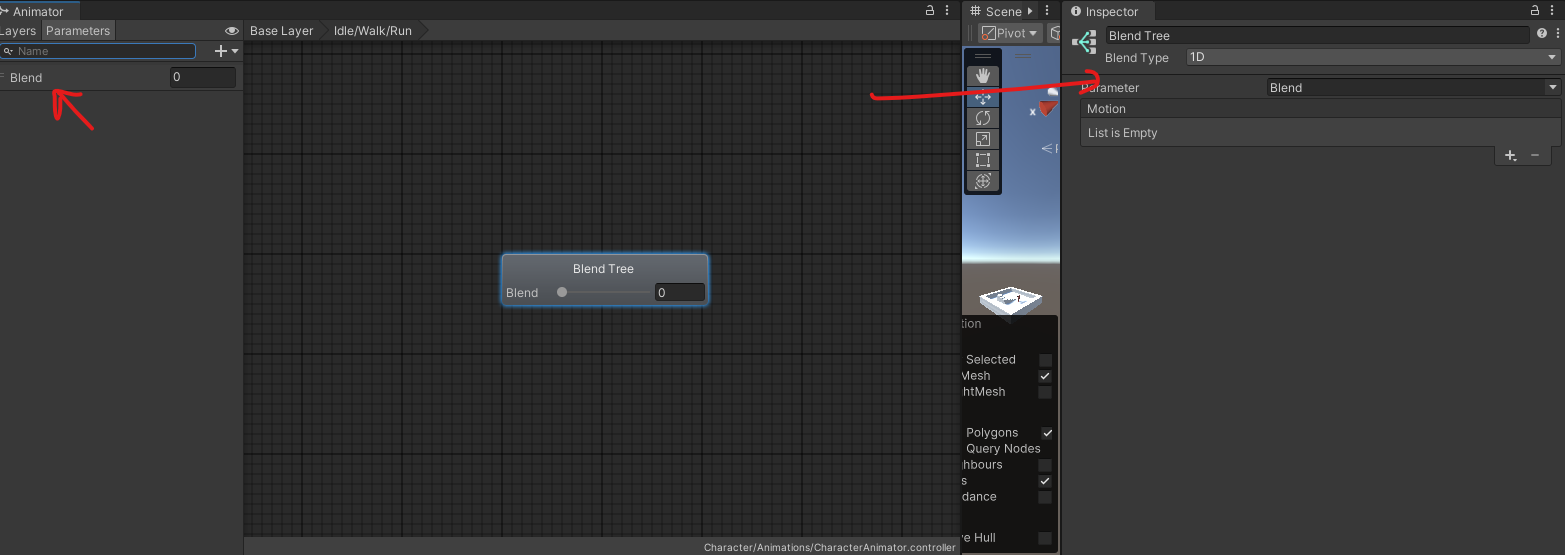
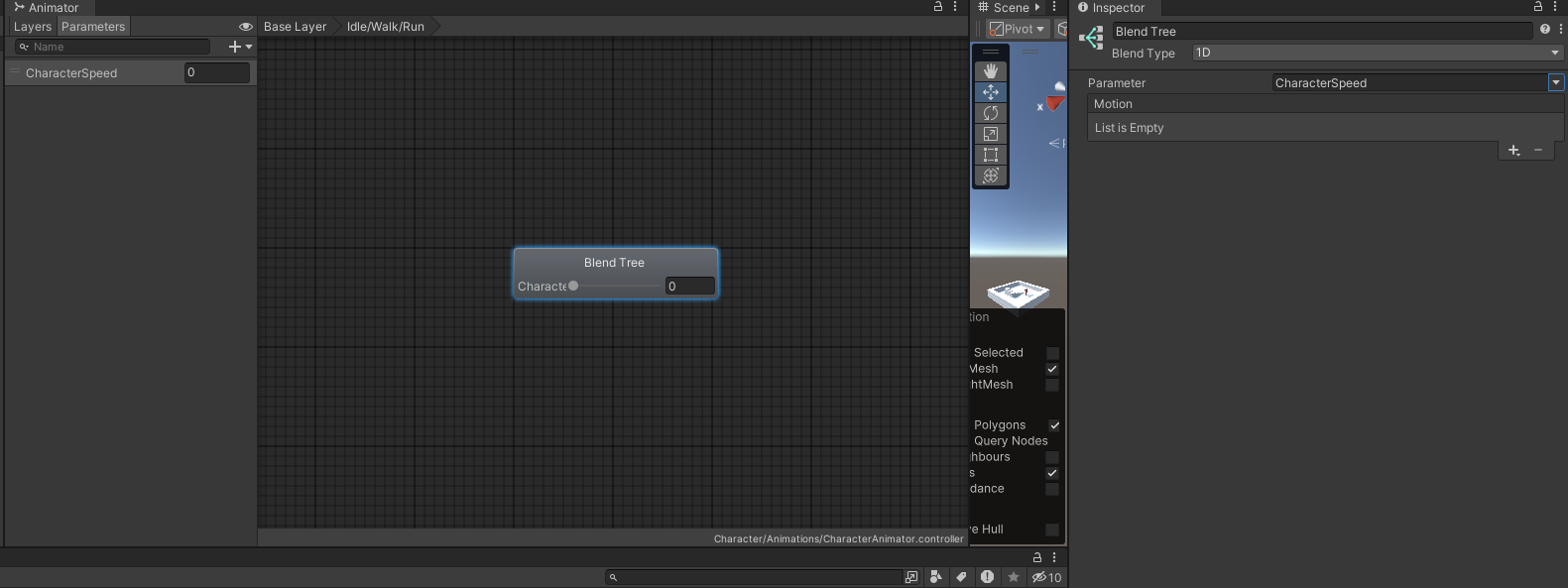
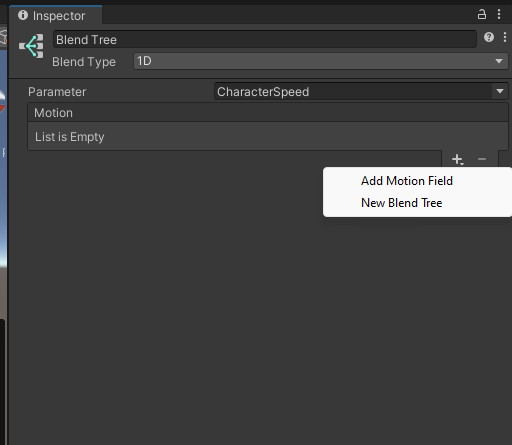
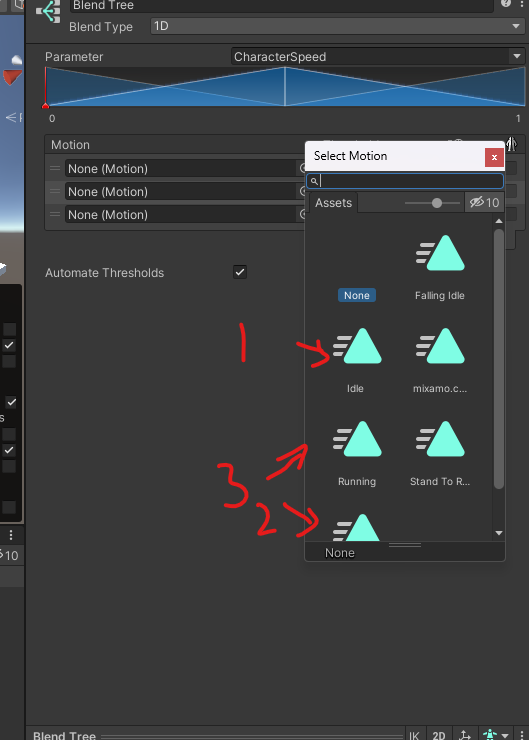
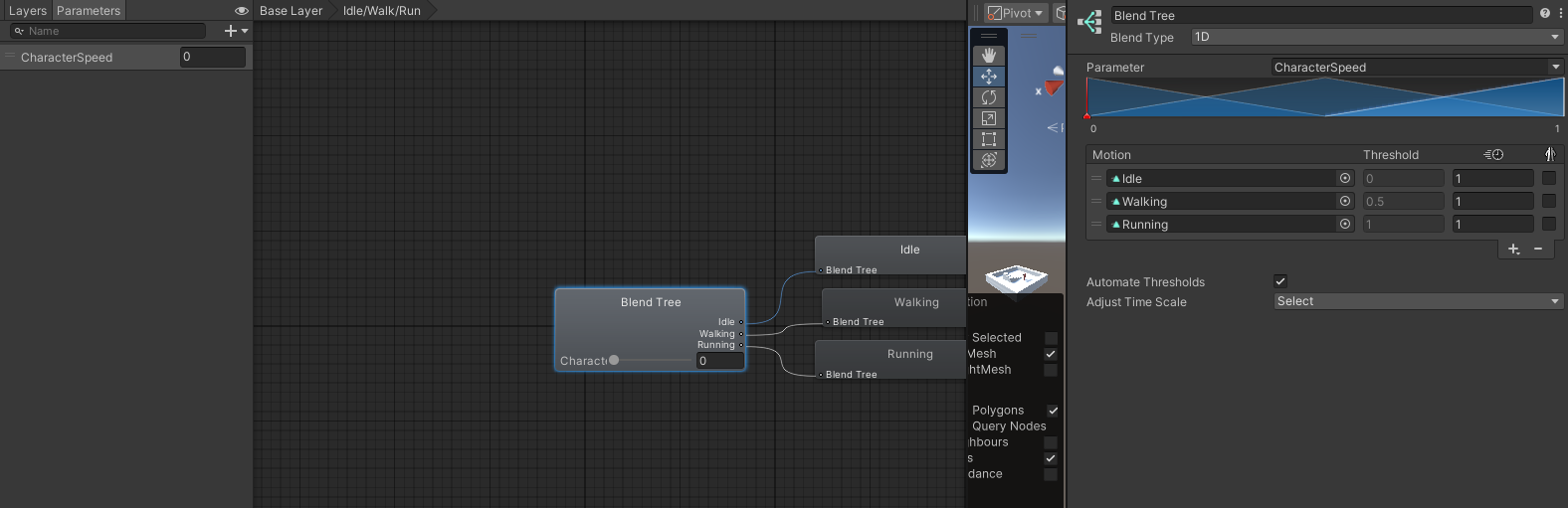
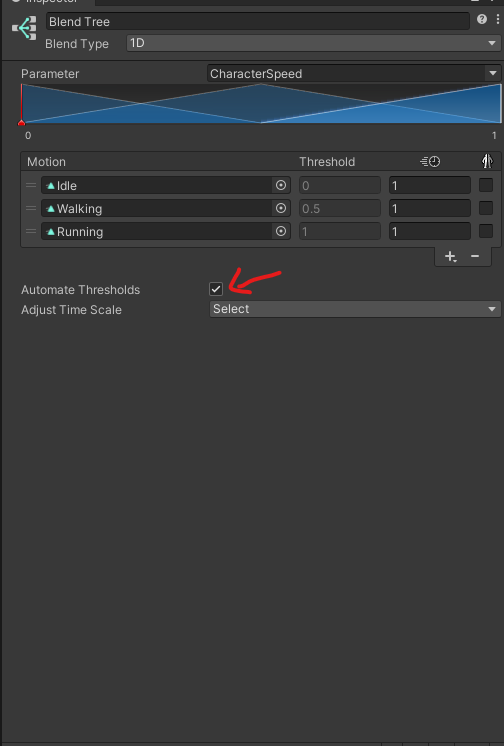
1. **Select Your Character:**
   * In Unity, go to the **Hierarchy** window and locate your Player prefab.



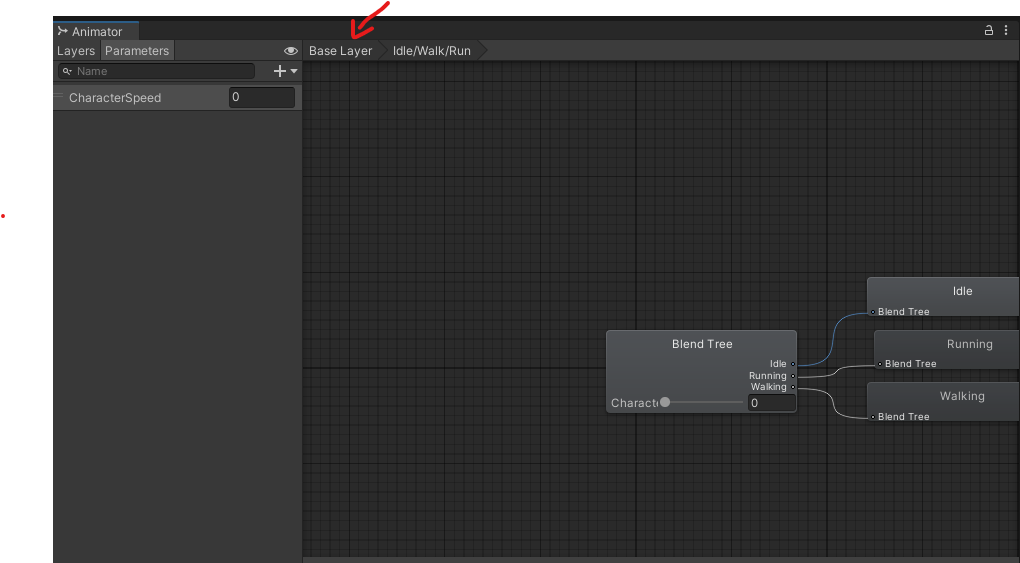
1. **Create an Animator Controller:**
   * In the **Assets** window (Project tab),open the **Character** Folder, then the **Animation** Folder
   * Then right-click and choose **Create > Animator Controller**.
   * Name the new Animator Controller, for example, CharacterAnimator.
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2. **Assign the Animator Controller to the Character:**
   * Select your character in the **Hierarchy** and look in the **Inspector** window.
   * Under the **Animator** component, assign the newly created CharacterAnimator controller by dragging it from the **Assets** window to the **Controller** slot in the **Animator** component.
   * 
3. **Ensure the Avatar is Assigned:**
   * In the **Animator** component, there is a field for **Avatar**. Ensure that the Avatar (skeleton) for your character is properly assigned here. Unity should auto-assign it when importing the character, but if it is missing, you can manually select the Avatar file associated with your character model.
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4. **Open the Animator Controller:**
   * You should already have animations (Idle, Walking, Running, Rolling, Falling) in your **Animation** folder( Assets/Character/Animation).
   * Open the **Animator** window by going to **Window > Animation > Animator or by double clicking on the CharacterAnimator** in the assets view .
     1. You should see a window like this that pop up



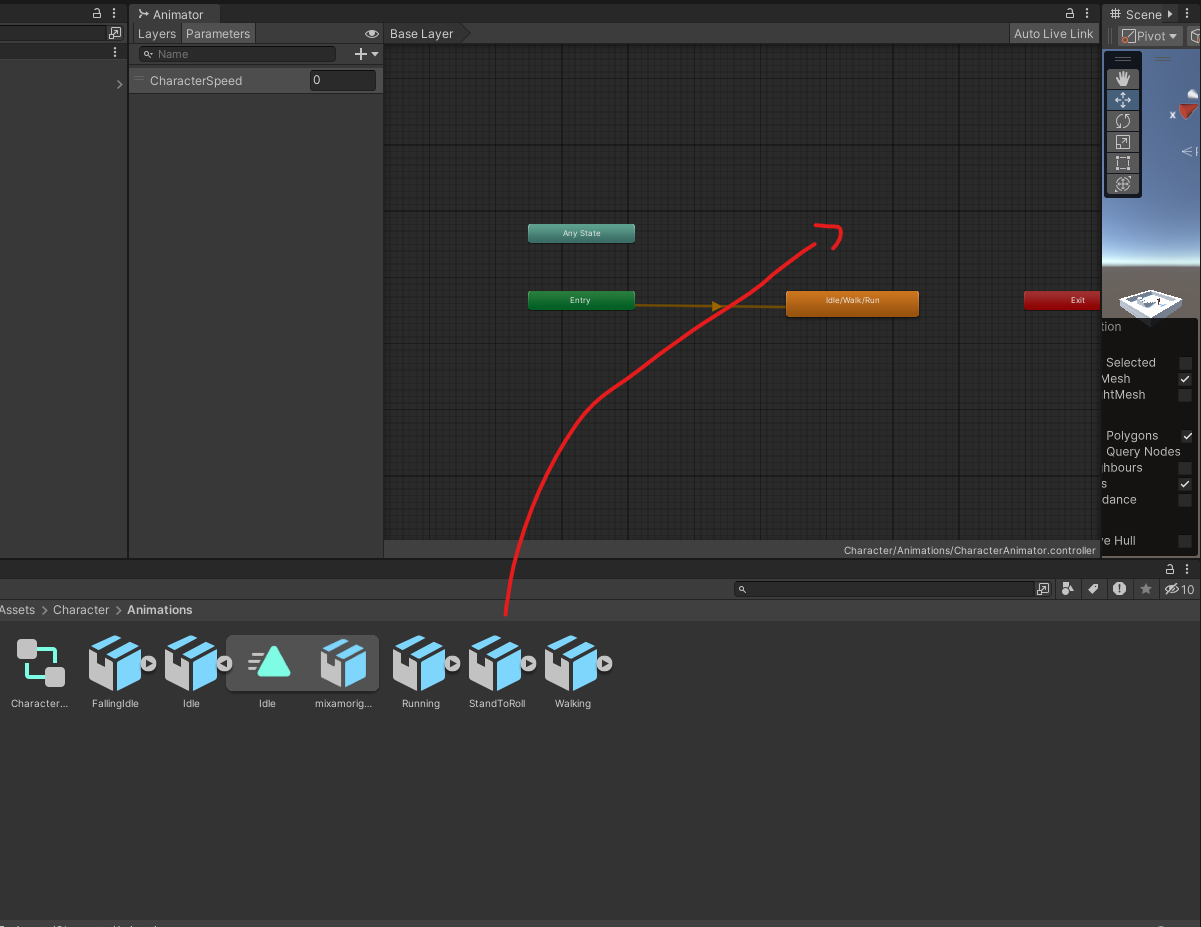
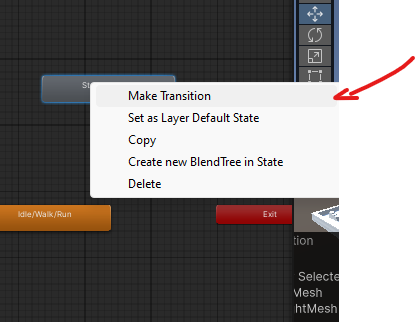
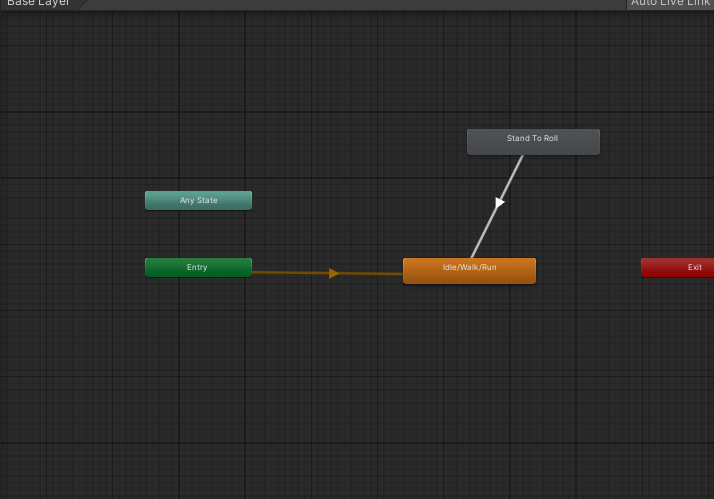
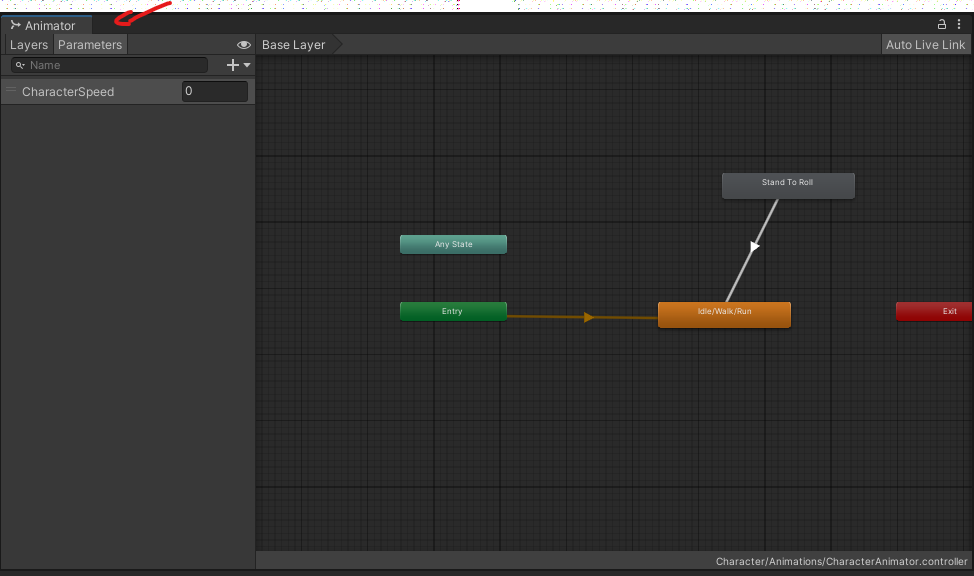
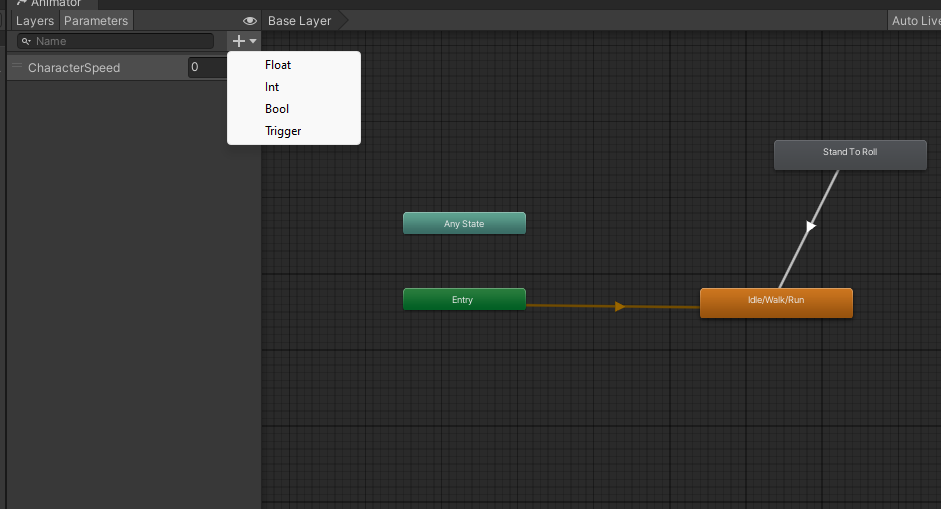
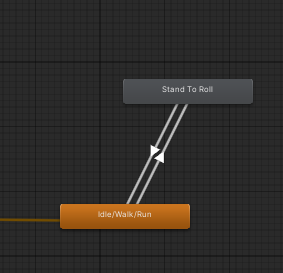
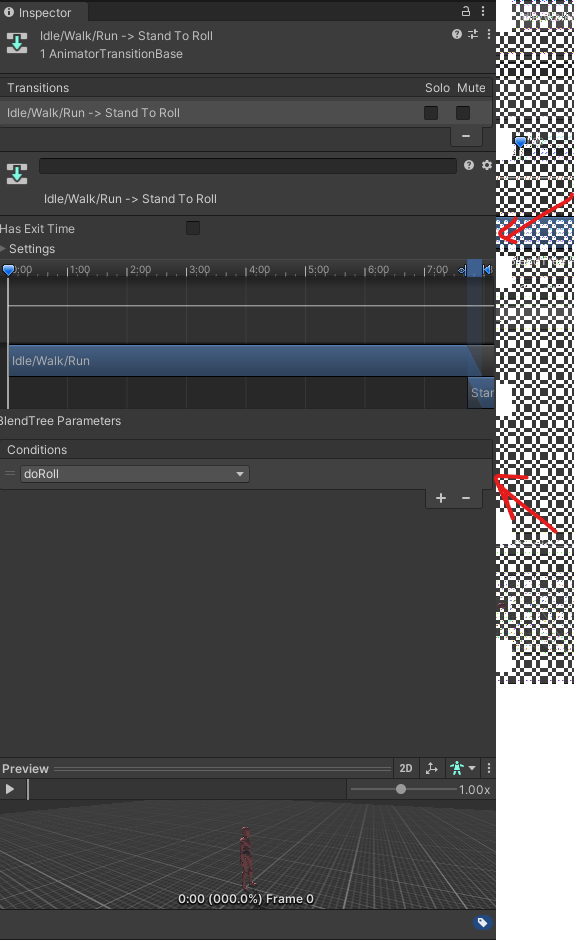
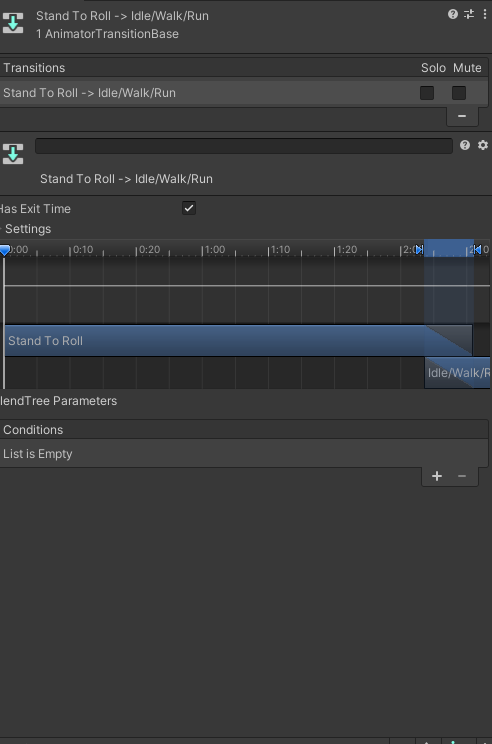
### **Task 2: Create a Blend Tree for Movement (Idle/Walking/Running)**

1. **Create a Blend Tree State:**
   * In the **Animator** window, right-click in an empty space and choose **Create State > From New Blend Tree**.
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   * 
     + In order to rename it. Right click on the Orange box and details of that stat should show up in the inspector
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     + You can now rename the State at the top of the Inpsector
     + Rename this blend tree Idle/Walking/Running to represent the different movement states.
   * By default, this state should appear in **orange**, meaning it is the entry state (the default state when the game starts).
2. **Open the Blend Tree:**
   * Double-click on the Idle/Walking/Running state to open the blend tree editor.
   * 
3. **Set the Blend Parameter:**
   * In the **Inspector** panel (while the blend tree is selected), you will see a **Blend** section.
   * 
   * Set the **Blend Parameter** to a new parameter called CharacterSpeed. This parameter will control which animation (Idle, Walking, or Running) plays based on the character’s speed.
4. **Add Animations to the Blend Tree:**
   * In the **Inspector** panel, click **+ Add Motion Field** to add animation slots to the blend tree.
   * 
   * Drag the **Idle** animation to the first slot, **Walking** to the second, and **Running** to the third slot.
   * 
   * Your blend tree all setup should look like this
   * 
5. **Configure Speed Thresholds:**
   * Set the speed values for each animation to correspond with different character speeds:
     + Idle: Speed = 0
     + Walking: Speed = 5
     + Running: Speed = 7
   * As the Character Speed parameter increases from 0 to 2, the blend tree will interpolate between these animations based on the speed of the character.
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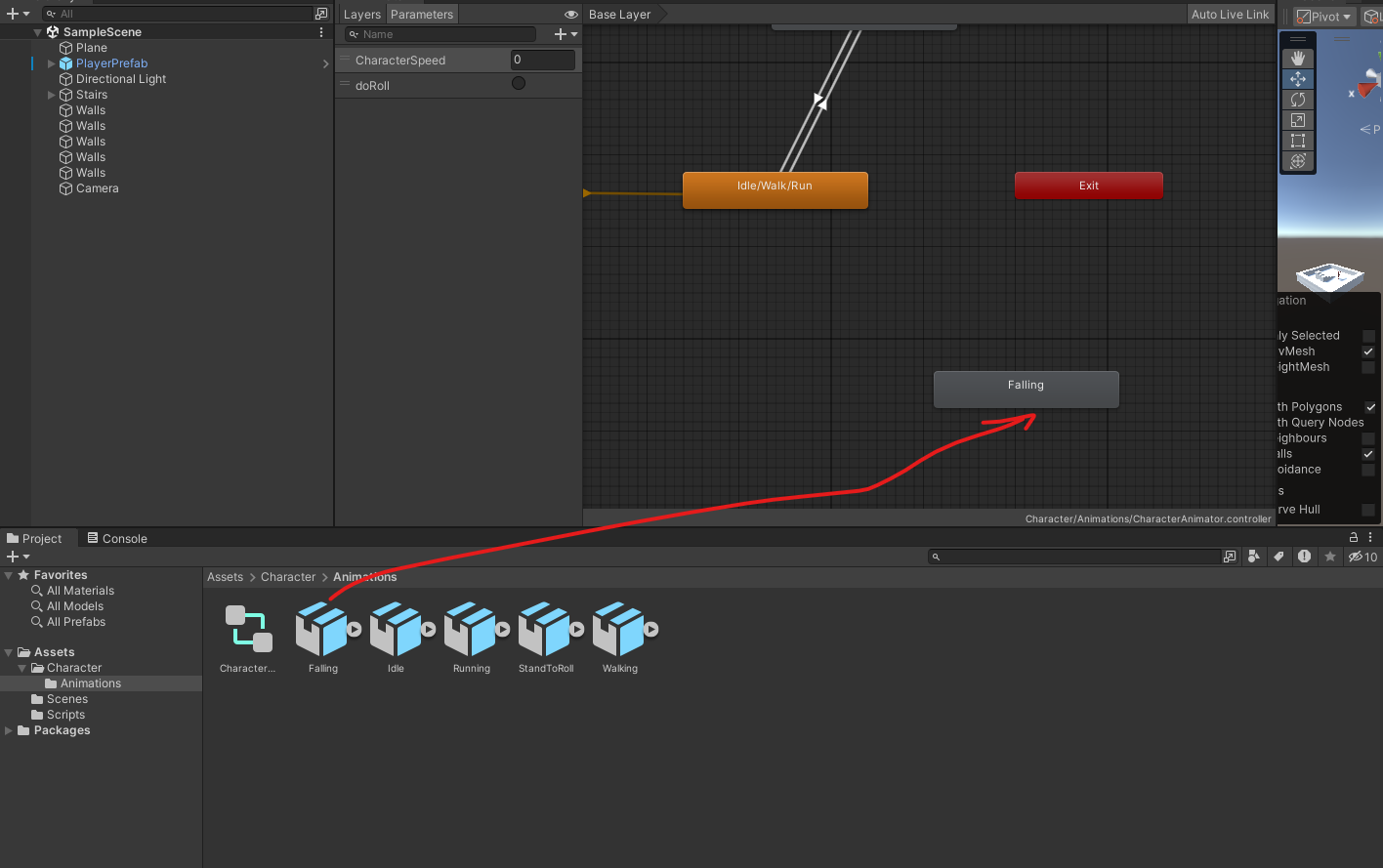
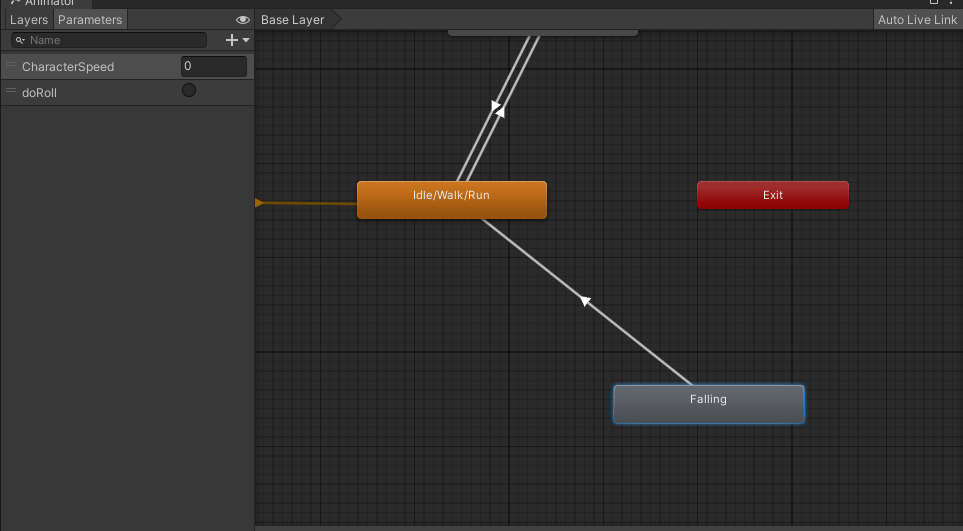
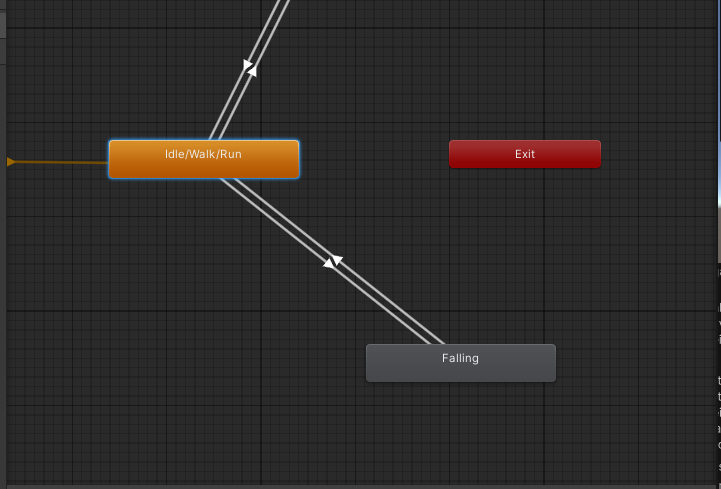
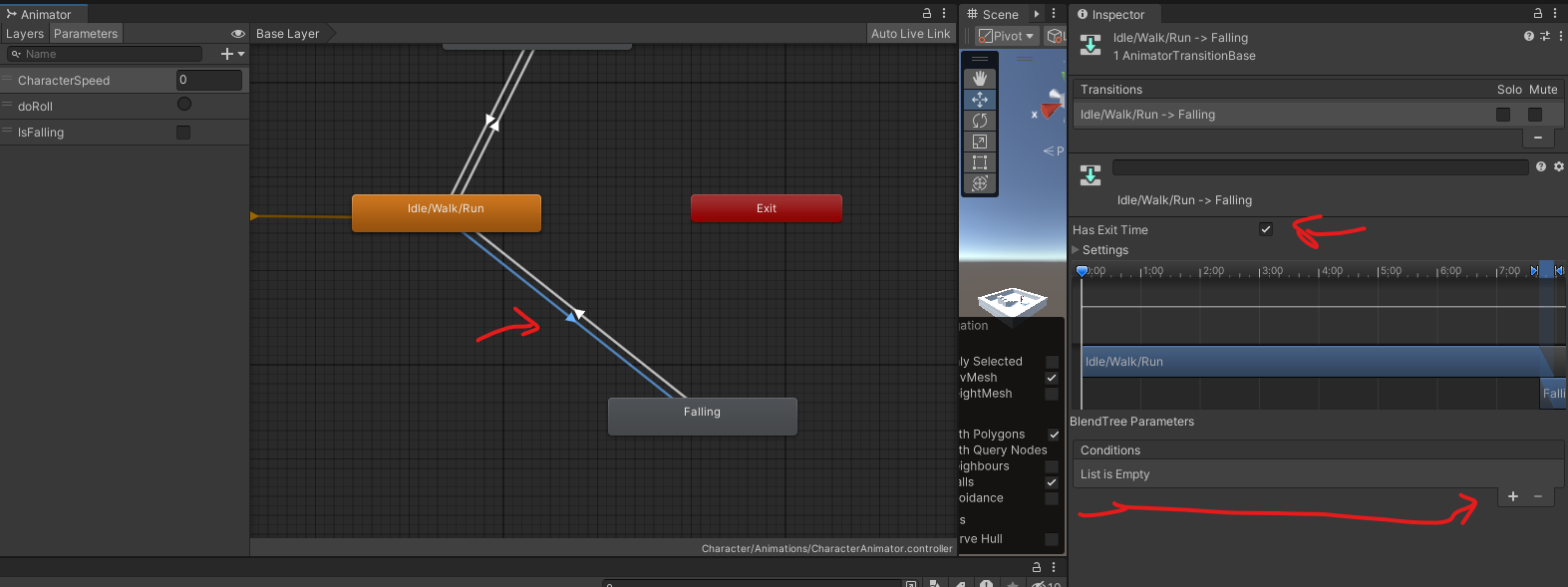
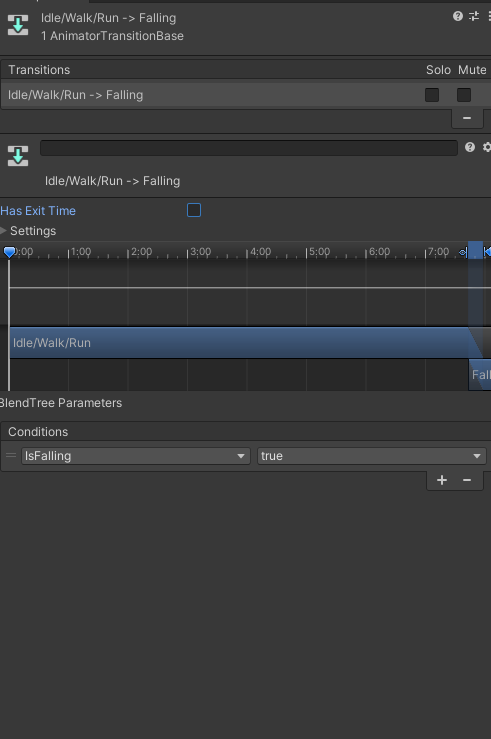
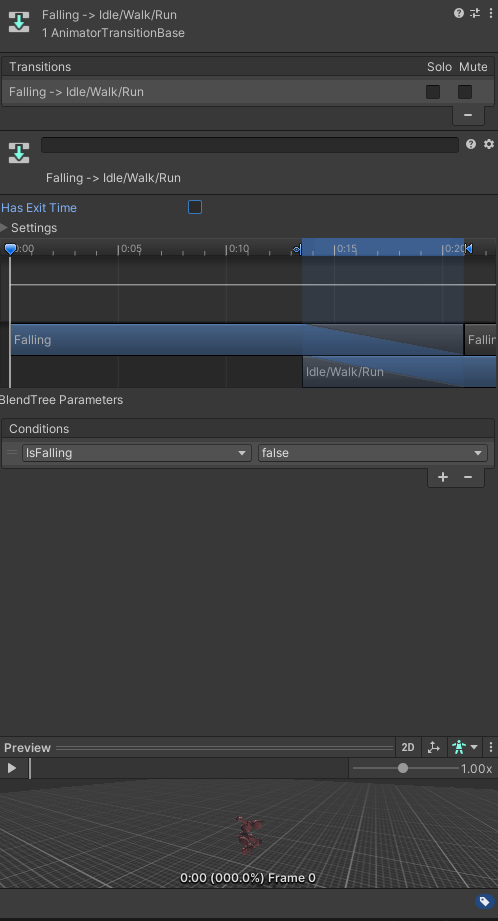
Go back to the base layer in the Animator by clicking on the Base Layer Button :



### **Task 3: Create Transitions for the "Stand to Roll" Animation**

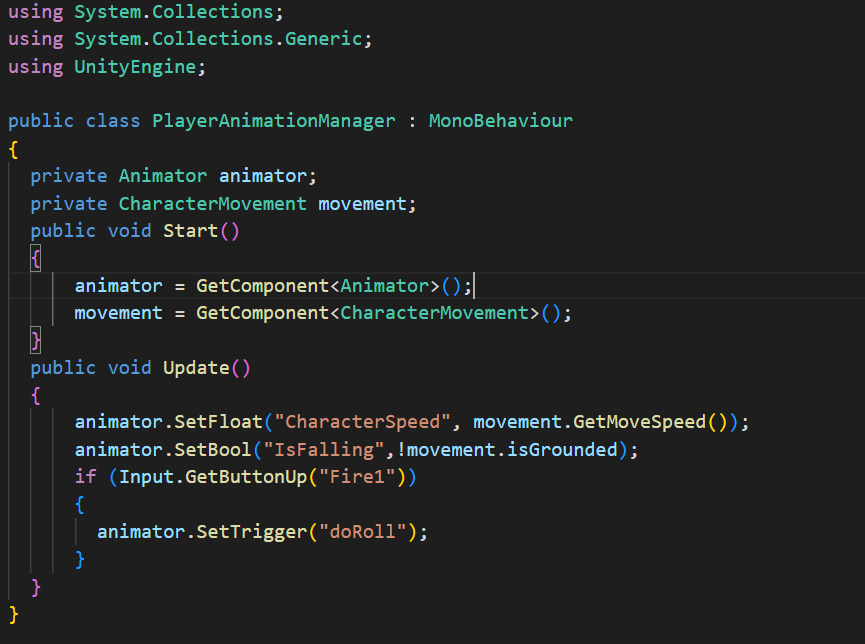
1. **Add the Rolling Animation:**
   * Drag the **Stand to Roll** animation from your **Assets** folder into the **Animator** window, creating a new state.
2. **Create a Transition from Idle/Walking/Running to Rolling:**
   * Right-click on the Idle/Walking/Running blend tree and select **Make Transition**.
   * Drag the arrow to the **Stand to Roll** state.
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3. **Create a Transition from Rolling back to Idle/Walking/Running:**
   * Right-click on the **Stand to Roll** state, choose **Make Transition**, and drag the arrow back to the Idle/Walking/Running blend tree.
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4. **Setup the "IsRolling" Parameter:**
   * In the **Animator** window, click the **Parameters** tab (next to Layers).
   * 
   * Add a new **Trigger** parameter called doRoll.
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   * By the end your stand to roll should be connected like the previous picture
5. **Configure Transition Conditions:**
   * Select the transition from Idle/Walking/Running to **Stand to Roll**.
     1. Add the parameter doRoll in the condition
     2. Uncheck Has Exit time
     3. 
   * Select the transition back to Idle/Walking/Running make sure the HasExitTime is still checked to make sure the roll animation plays fully before going back to the Idle/Walk/Run state
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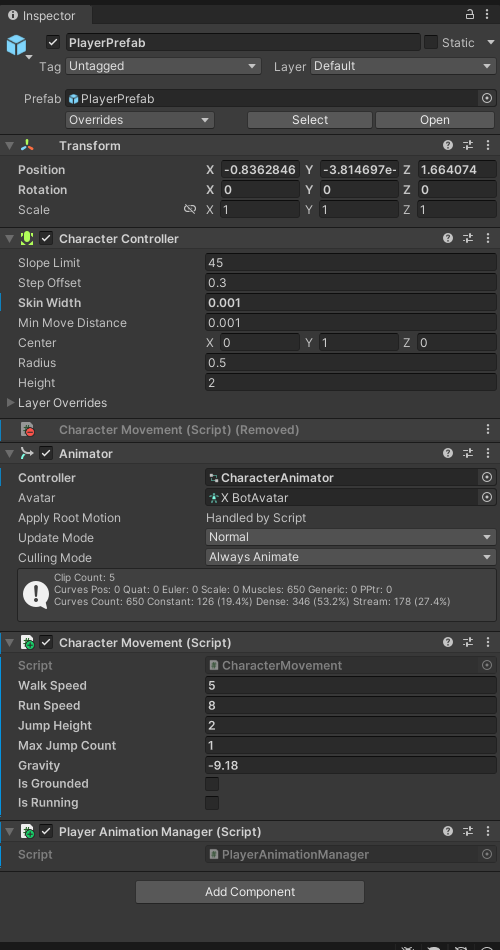
### **Task 4: Create Transitions for Falling Animation**

1. **Add the Falling Idle Animation:**
   * Drag the **Falling** animation from your **Assets** folder into the **Animator** window, creating a new state.
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2. **Create a Transition from Idle/Walking/Running to Falling:**
   * Right-click on the Idle/Walking/Running state, select **Make Transition**, and drag the arrow to the **Falling** state.
   * 
3. **Create a Transition from Falling back to Idle/Walking/Running:**
   * Right-click on the **Falling** state, select **Make Transition**, and drag the arrow back to Idle/Walking/Running.
   * 
4. **Setup the "IsFalling" Parameter:**
   * In the **Parameters** tab, add a new **Bool** parameter called IsFalling.
   * 
5. **Configure Transition Conditions:**
   * Select the transition from Idle/Walking/Running to **Falling**.
   * In the **Inspector**, set the condition to **IsFalling == true** and make sure HasExitTime is checked off. ( We want to transition as soon as IsFalling Becomes true
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   * 
   * Select the transition from **Falling Idle** back to Idle/Walking/Running and set the condition to **IsFalling == false** and we also want to make sure HasExitTime is checked off.
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### **Task 5: Create an PlayerAnimationManager Script to Control Animation Parameters**

Create a script called PlayerAnimationManager on the Player prefab use this code





### **Final Steps:**

1. **Test Your Project:**
   * Press **Play** in Unity to test the character’s animations. Ensure the transitions between Idle, Walking, Running, Rolling, and Falling work as expected based on your inputs.
2. **Submission:**
   * Send a link to your github \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Use the LEA submission tool to provide the link to your OneDrive or GitHub repository, or upload the zipped project.