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| React Three Fiber  training project  By Wawa Sensei mesh portal material [Watch on youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W_VR92Pqgs&list=PLpepLKamtPjiUF6PvVUbIFhx9HaS0qJs_) |

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# Overview

## AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO

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Sensei use two open source for background and model, which are:

* [Blockade Labs Skybox - AI-Generated 3D Worlds](https://skybox.blockadelabs.com/) for the Background
* [Quaternius • Ultimate Monsters](https://quaternius.com/packs/ultimatemonsters.html) for the Monsters model

Conclude of 10 parts of progressing

* 1: BlockadeLabs worlds
* 2: Pocket Monsters
* 3: MeshPortalMaterial
* 4: Refacto
* 5: Text
* 6: Enter into worlds
* 7: Camera Controls
* 8: Hover monster animation
* 9: useCursor
* 10: Final result

This is an application using useTextures function and the BackFace, GLTFJSX, useAnimation, useCursor,…

Now let’s start

# DETAIL THE WORK

## BLOCKADELABS WORLDS

Access the link of 3D Texture Background Generator and download like 3 of them for 3 kind of themes such as fire, water, nature world.

Just access to [Blockade Labs Skybox - AI-Generated 3D Worlds](https://skybox.blockadelabs.com/) and

* Fill in the prompt the description of background which you want to see.
* Select style.
* Press ‘Generate’.

For the time-saving, I will download all the assets that needs for this project (Textures, Font)

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Initialize project with some Basic R3F components:

* OrbitControl
* ambientLight
* <mesh> and any object you can feel comfortable inside with material.

src/App.js

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src/index.js

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Starter pack is done:

A colorful circle with a white background

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Now you want to test the texture apply on that sphere using meshBasicMaterial map with useTexture function variables.

Then you will want to add Environment preset=”sunset” to get nice light theme.

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A beach with rocks and water

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The face will be always convex to our view. So we just need Backface.

Also Increasing segment width and height makes texture more smooth.

Note: Backface means when you drag the texture to the left, the texture move to the right.

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## POCKET MONSTERS

Go to [Quaternius • Ultimate Monsters](https://quaternius.com/packs/ultimatemonsters.html) to download some free 3D models that we gonna use in this example.

My choice:

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Use command of GLTFJSX to convert .gltf file to jsx file.

* npx gltfjsx public/models/<GLTF file name> -o “public/models/<JSX output file name>” -r “<root folder path which GLTF files will be served>”

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⚠️The different with and without -r: It will correct the path that link to GTLF file.

* With -r “public”

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* Without -r “public”

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Then we rename “Model” to any names you like and set animation for it before adding to the scene.

⚠️Can use useEffect once to console.log the actions to pick action names

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Final add the mesh to the scene, also adjust the position of it.

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Cartoon cat on a beach

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## MESHPORTALMATERIAL

You can find document of MeshPortalMaterial at the offical Drei Github.

The only rule for this mesh to work properly is:

* There is a mesh acting as children of MeshPortalMaterial

Example:

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The above mesh, we will call it Cat’s mesh

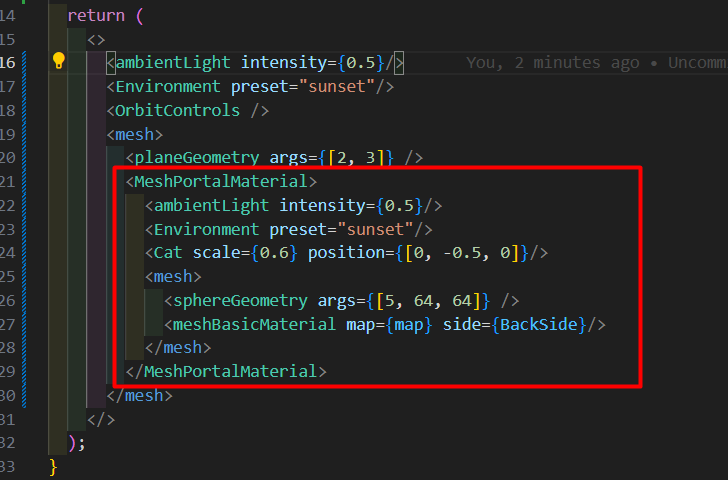
In this example, we want to make the portal one as plane. So we add <planeGeometry/> and <MeshPortalMaterial> into a mesh.

Order of the mesh will be

<mesh>

* <planeGeometry />
* <MeshPortalMaterial>
  + Cat’s mesh

⚠️ Put light in the nested <mesh> too or we won’t see anything.



And the result

A cartoon cat on a beach

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⚠️ The limit of the <mesh> is that you can’t turn the plane arround to see their ‘but’ 😁

So we set the MeshPortalMaterial a side={THREE.DoubleSide}

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This THREE is from

Import \* as THREE from ‘three.js’

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The result is:

A cartoon of a fish

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⚠️If we look from the side, the plane is plat so we can’t see a thing when plane align with our view 90-degree angle.

So solution to fix that is replace the plane with the Rounded Box where you can set the depth to see from the side angle

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| Before (~90 degrees)  A letter i with a blue sky  Description automatically generated | After |

## REFACTO

Because we gonna make 2 more small mesh like what we are doing.

So we need a Component to generate more easily, called MonsterStage

MonsterStage will return the <group {…props}> of all Cat’s mesh, the Cat and the texture will all be variables.

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Generate two more with 2nd , 3rd mesh with different model and texture with some small adjust about position and rotation

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Remember to set idle animation for 2nd and 3rd model

## TEXT

Add the Text at the bottom of the card to show more description about the scene

First, we add the <Text> to MonsterStage function

Then:

* We set font, fontSize, position
* We set anchorY to align the bottom of box.

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But Why z-position is 0.051 and anchorY is bottom ?

The z position of RoundedBox is 0.1 and if we set 0.05 z for the <Text>, it will conflict with the front and back face. So +0.001 to make sure, it’s on front face.

The anchorY “bottom” will move slightly the Text toward the Y position to 0 point.

The result:

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Now, to make the text to stand out, we need to set color and name, but as variable like this

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The result:

A group of cartoon characters

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## ENTER INTO WORLDS

We need a flag to show that which section is active right now.

Declare

* Const [active, setActive] = useState(‘’);

And we put active and setActive into properties of MonsterStage

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On the RoundedBox, we set event onDoubleClick to setActive scene name.

When the active is correct with the name, MeshPortalMaterial will blend with the global background by set blend = 1

And when the name is reactive, that mean the Mesh will close.

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To make the blend become smoother, we useRef and useFrame on the <MeshPortalMaterial>

* Install maath to calculate transition to blend the background.
* useFrame with \_state, delta to help the calculate function more accurate
* Combine with easing.damp(<object>, <prop>, <target>, <delta>)

A computer screen with text and red arrow

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⚠️Research this maath library

Result: smoother animation

A cactus in a field

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## CAMERA CONTROLS

Now we set the camera to center the scene, we useRef on <CameraControls>.

* Declare a Ref on Camera
* useEffect whenever active is changed.
* Set the position of the target to the camera to look at.
* useThree to select the component inside a scene
* scene.getObjectByName(active).getWorldPosition(targetPosition); to pass the active roundedBox position to targetPosition
* Set the camera control: the position of target camera looks at, the position of camera.

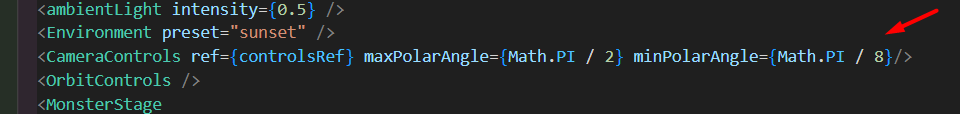
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To fix the user experience when they can keep rotating to max out by set maxPolarAngle and minPolarAngle



## HOVER MONSTER ANIMATION

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Set hover to animate the model

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## USECURSOR

To max out the UX

## 10. FINAL RESULT