

3D User Interfaces – Tutorial 2 (Video)

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Topics Today

- Quaternions (for practical use)
- Left & right handed coordinate systems
- Observer & Publisher/Subscriber Pattern
- Event Systems in Unity

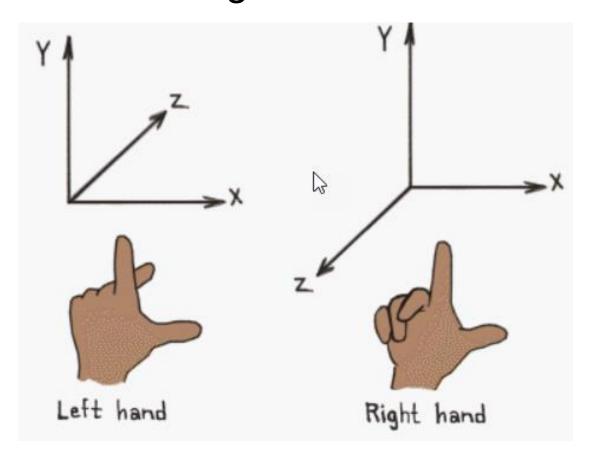


Quaternions (for practical use)

- unit quaternions can represent rotations
- Are typically stored as a vector (x, y, z) and a scalar w
- Attention! Quaternions have their own calculus,
 you cannot multiply them with the same operations as vectors or scalars
- Allow for smooth interpolations between orientations (SLERP)
- There are conversion formulars to other rotation representations (euler angles, axis/angle, 3x3 Matrix)
- Less processing heavy and more precise then rotation matrices
- "4-dimensional extension of imaginary numbers"



Left- and Right-Handed Coordinate Systems



Source: https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/learn-arcore/9781788830409/03e5338d-02f1-4461-a57a-ef46a976f96b.xhtml



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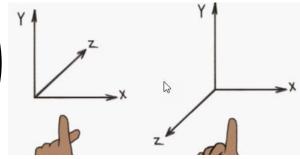
Changing the basis of a coordinate system

• "just" multiplying on axis by -1 works for positions, but not orientations

Correct solution (similarity transform)

$$B = P * A * inverse(P)$$

 $P_{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



A ... Input Pose Matrix (4x4)

B ... Output Pose Matrix (4x4)

P... Correction Matrix (depends on how the coordinate systems differ)

Source and further explanations:

https://www.dariomazzanti.com/uncategorized/change-of-basis/

https://towardsdatascience.com/change-of-basis-3909ef4bed43

$$P_{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2)



Left- and Right- Handed Coordinate Systems



Source: https://ahmetburul.medium.com/coordinate-systems-of-3d-applications-guideddfa2194ed88



Exercise: Think about it ...

Using slide 5 & 6

P(1) represents the conversion from which software tools to which?

For which software can you use P(2)?

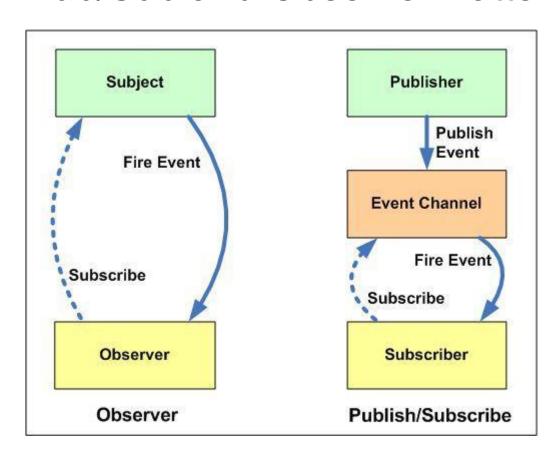
The blog post for Homework 1 shows the following coordinate system for smartphones. Which correction matrix P(3) needs to be applied to give the pose in Unity Coordinate systems?*



^{*=} If the graphic in the blog post is meant that way, this transformation is done in Unity internally! You do not need to perform this operation manually in homework 1.



Pub/Sub and Observer Patterns



Equivalent? -> Ongoing controversy

If you want to differentiate

Observer

- Tightly coupled
- Synchronous implementation

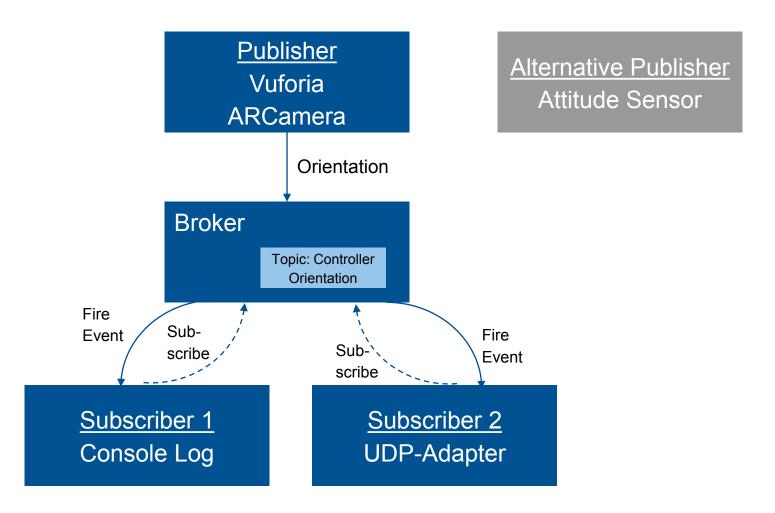
Pub/Sub

- Publisher & Subscriber do not know each other
- Broker/Event Channels
- Asynchronous

https://hackernoon.com/observer-vs-pub-sub-pattern-50d3b27f838c



Pub/Sub in the homework





Events in Unity

Version 1 (High-Level): Unity Events

Can be used via Unity Inspector View

Better for collaborative work with designers

Default UnityEvent =>

<= custom (with dynamic parameters)





Source & Further information:

https://gamedevbeginner.com/events-and-delegates-inunity/#:~:text=Events%20in%20Unity%20are%20a,from%20withi n%20their%20own%20class

HealthBar



Events in Unity

Version 2 (mid-level): C# events & Actions

- Specialized C# delegates for event systems
- Delegates => C# Data container for functions (similar to Java lambda expressions)
- Actions => specific delegates, convenient for usage with event declarations
- If no class subscribes to an event,
 a Nullpointer-Exception can be triggered
 - Therefore OnGameOver?.Invoke()
- Not scene-related, can be used "game-wide" (esp. if combined with Singletons)

```
using System;
public class PlayerHealth : MonoBehaviour
    public static event Action<string> OnGameOver;
    public void TakeDamage(float damage)
        health -= damage;
        if(health < 0)
            OnGameOver?.Invoke("The game is over");
public class AnotherClass : MonoBehaviour
    void RestartGame()
        // Restart the game!
    private void OnEnable()
        PlayerHealth.onGameOver += RestartGame;
```

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