Top-down Multiplayer Shooter Template

(Netcode for GameObjects, Lobby, Relay) v1.0.4

About

Multiplayer project template. Designed as a starter pack: recommended to import package into a new empty project.

Contains 5 scenes, 2 characters (player, enemy), 3 weapons (pistol, rifle, shotgun), 4 power-ups (movement speed, fire rate, weapon accuracy, medkit).

Uses Lobby, Relay multiplayer services and Netcode for GameObjects.

Project structure:

\Content - character models, weapon models, animations, icons, materials

\Prefabs - character prefabs (player, enemy), drop element prefabs, UI, weapons

\Scenes - all game scenes, including demo scene at \Scenes\Demo\Demo.unity

\ScriptableObjects - drop element configs, NetworkPrefabsList (required by Netcode)

\Scripts - all game code

Scenes:

BootScene - Scene to start from. Used as a place to initialize settings and network. Loads only once - on game start.

LoadingScene - Scene that we see, when switching between scenes.

MainMenu - menu, where we can start new game or join existing, set player name, select player color and switch server region.

GameScene - scene with gameplay itself

Demo - demo scene at \Scenes\Demo\Demo.unity

Where to start:

After the installation guide, we recommend to start from SettingsManager on Boot Scene. It's a permanent object (DontDestroyOnLoad) which contains all project settings, therefore it's the best entry point, which would lead to all the parts of the game.

Also we recommend to check PlayerDataKeeper. This script works with PlayerPrefs and contains data about local player.

Running on few instances:

To run several instances on the same computer, could be used <u>ParrelSync</u> for editor and command line arguments, for standalone builds: -authProfileName uniqueProfileName, where uniqueProfileName - unique name for <u>every</u> instance.

If you are using ParrelSync, uncomment code at LobbyDataControl, lines 109-117.

```
//Uncomment code below if you are using ParrelSync
//#if UNITY_EDITOR

//if (Application.isEditor && ParrelSync.ClonesManager.IsClone())
//{

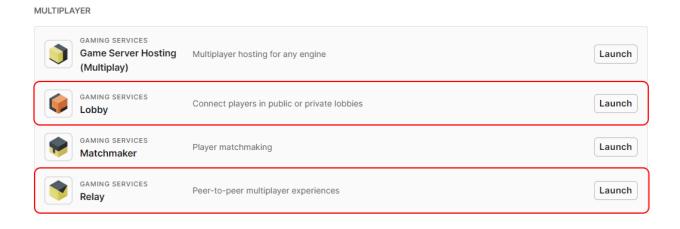
// string customArgument = ParrelSync.ClonesManager.GetArgument();
// AuthenticationService.Instance.SwitchProfile($"Clone_{customArgument}_Profile");
// PlayerDataKeeper.authProfileName = customArgument;
///
///
////
///#endif
```

Installation Guide

- 1. Create project in <u>Unity Dashboard</u> (if it's not created)
 - 1.1 Select Projects from the primary navigation menu.
 - 1.2 Click Create project in the upper-right of the Projects page.
 - 1.3 Enter a project name and **COPPA** designation.
 - 1.4 Click Create project.

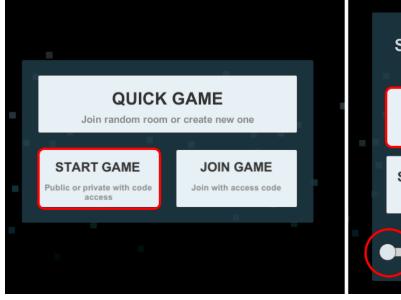
For more information, see the documentation on managing Unity projects.

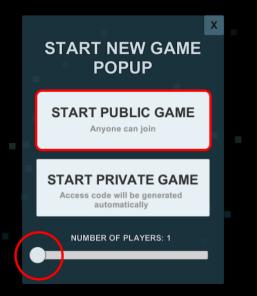
2. Setup Lobby and Relay in <u>Unity Services Dashboard</u> > Multiplayer



3. Launch full game version from \Scenes\BootScene.scene or demo version from \Scenes\Demo\Demo.scene

To launch full game for 1 player, press "START GAME", set "NUMBER OF PLAYERS" to 1 (move slider left) and press "START PUBLIC GAME"





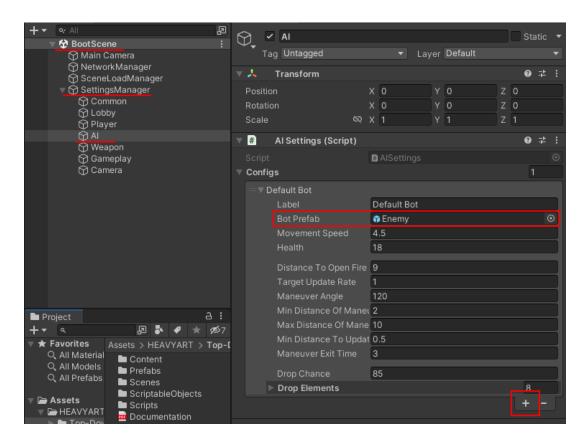
How To

How to add new bot

- Open boot scene.
- Find SettingsManager. Select AI child object.
- Press + below Configs collection. It will automatically copy last bot config and add it to the end of Configs collection. Now, it's possible to change its settings.

To add new Al prefab:

- Copy existing one and put its copy to Bot Prefab field.
- Add new prefab to NetworkPrefabsList at \ScriptableObjects\



When game spawns a bot, it selects one, randomly from the configs list. For more details, check source code (NetworkObjectsSpawner.cs).

How to add new player

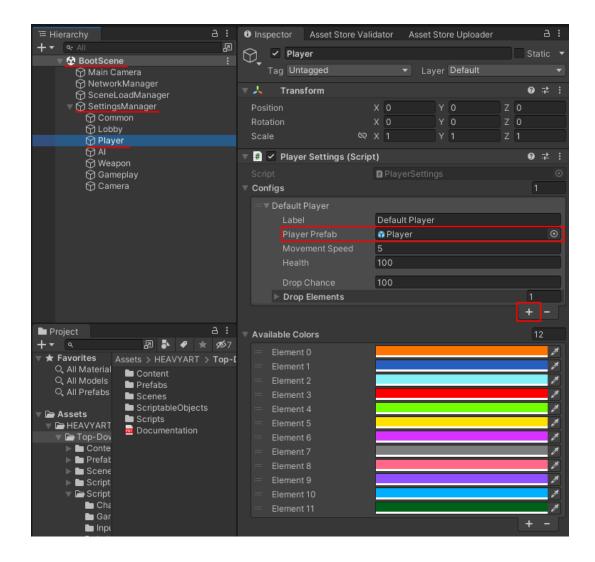
- Open boot scene.
- Find SettingsManager. Select Player child object.
- Press + below Configs collection. It will automatically copy last player config and add it to the end of Configs collection. Now, its possible change it's settings.

To add new player prefab:

- Copy existing one, and put its copy to Player Prefab field.
- Add new prefab to NetworkPrefabsList at \ScriptableObjects\

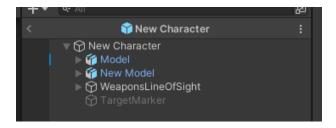
To select player, set PlayerDataKeeper.selectedPrefab value, from code, during runtime. Currently there is only one player in project, and value is always 0. However, it's ready to expand.

For more details, check source code: PlayerDataKeeper.selectedPrefab property and ServiceUserController.GetLocalPlayerSpawnParameters() method.

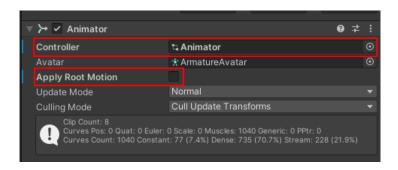


How to change character model (Player, Enemy)

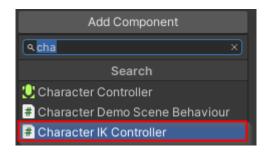
- Open character prefab.
- Put a new character model, next to the old one. Set its position and rotation to zero.



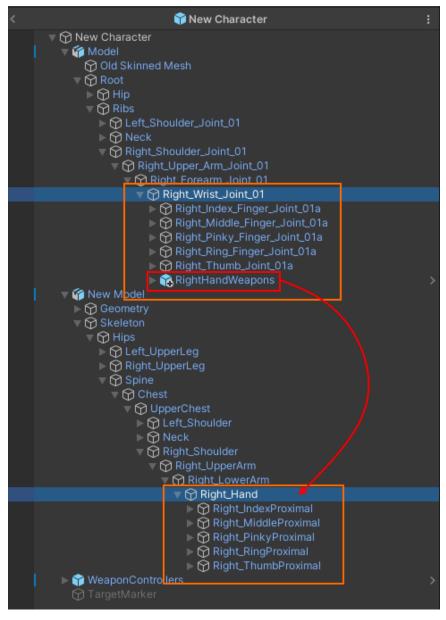
- Copy animator controller from old model to the new model and turn off root motion.



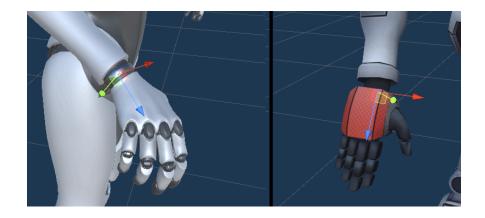
- Add a CharacterIKController component to a new character model. It will be used to attach model's left hand to the selected weapon's grip using Inverse Kinematics.



- Drag RightHandWeapons object, from old model's right hand (wrist), to new model's right hand (wrist):

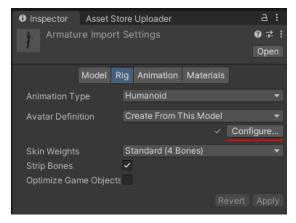


- Set RightHandWeapons position and rotation to zero.
- Make sure RightHandWeapons gizmo pointed in the right direction. Rotate it, if it isn't.

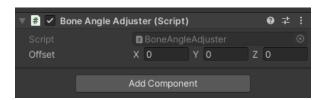


If something still looks wrong, we recommend configuring required bones in the Rig tab of the character's model or use **BoneAngleAdjuster** (details below).

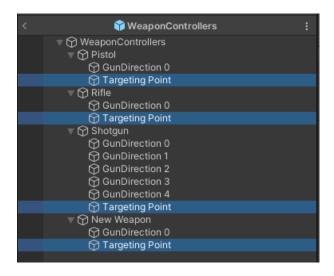
Try to rotate required bone in avatar mapping tab and press "Done". Changes will be applied in runtime.



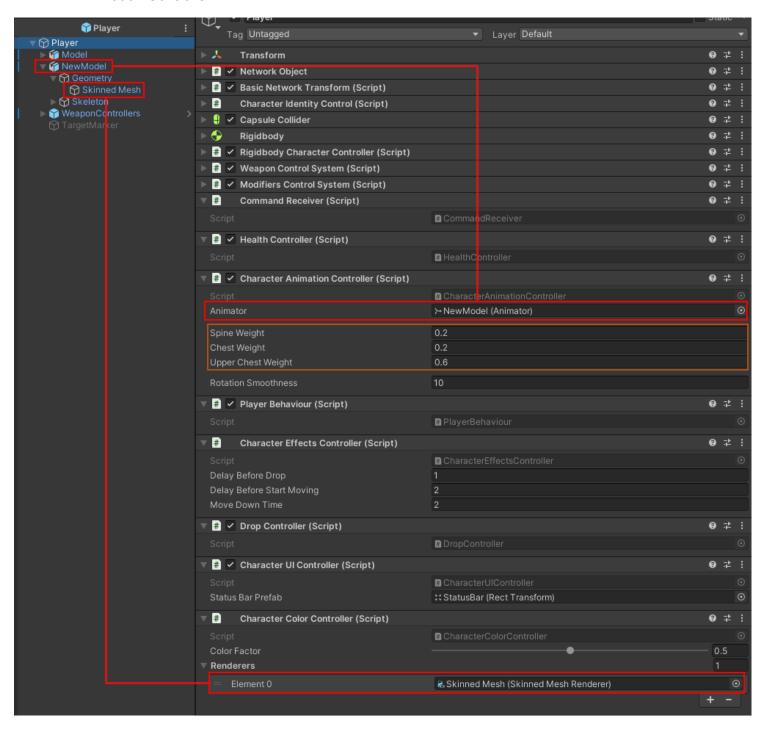
Caution: rig configuration would be saved, even after turning off play mode. In addition to rig configuration, project includes **BoneAngleAdjuster** - simple tool for adjusting bone rotation in runtime. It's designed to add offset to existing bone rotation.

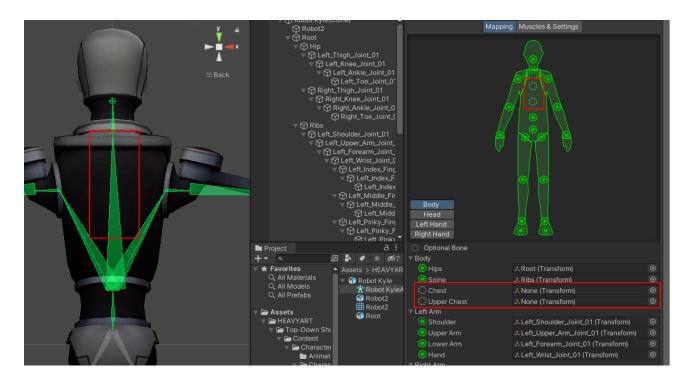


For correction of weapon aiming direction, every character contains Targeting Point transform, parrented to WeaponControllers. It makes it possible to adjust aiming offset for every weapon separately.



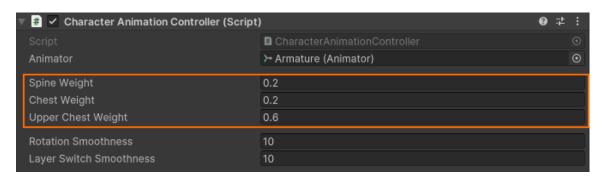
- Update Animator field in Character Animation Controller with new model's animator. (image below)
- If it's a player, update Renderers collection in Character Color Controller with new model's renderers. (Al doesn't have Character Color Controller)
- Set up Spine Weight, Chest Weight, Upper Chest Weight parameters in Character Animation Controller.



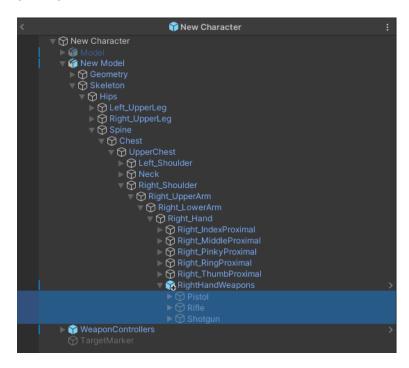


Some skeletons could miss spine bones, like a player's robot model. In this case we recommend to set weights to left existing bones.

Otherwise we recommend to spread weights through all spine bones.

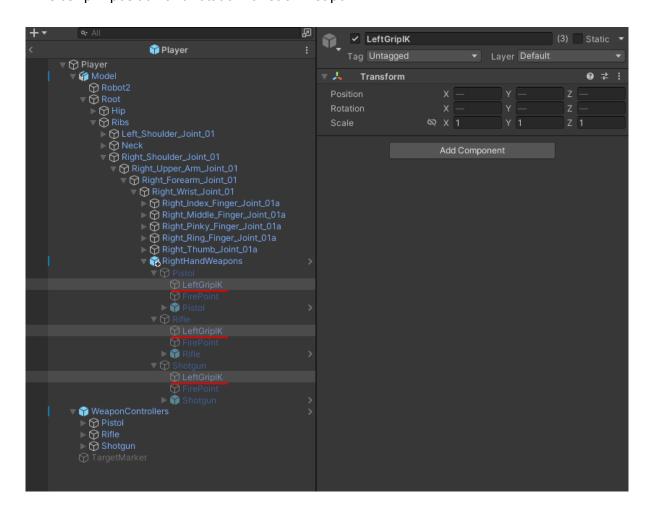


- Set up positions and rotations for weapon models (located in the right hand). Note: Don't leave RightHandWeapons child objects turned on, otherwise they will be shown in game, from beginning.

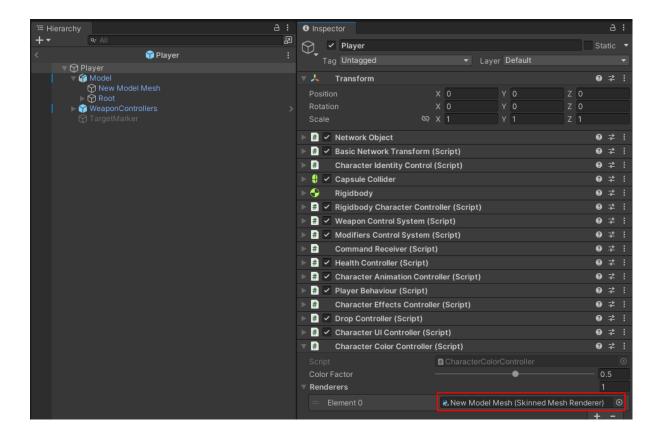


- Now, when everything is done, we can remove old model and save prefab.

Note: In case if you want to further adjust left hand position of the model, you can tweak LeftGripIK position and rotation for each weapon.



- To make the new model change its color, link character's mesh with **CharacterColorController** component.



Every CharacterColorController contains:

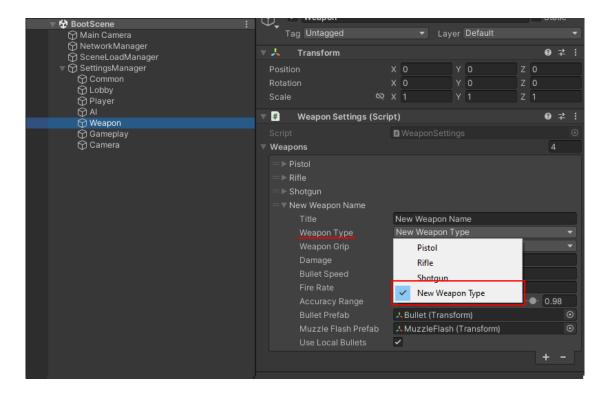
Renderers: reference to the mesh renderers that will be repainted.

All the materials related to the mesh are stored in **SkinnedMeshRenderer**(default mesh component).

Color factor: force of repaint (color replacement). 1 means 100%.

How to add new weapon

- Open WeaponType.cs enum and add new weapon type.
- Open boot scene.
- Find SettingsManager. Select Weapon child object.
- Press + below Weapons collection. It will automatically copy last weapon config and add it to the end of Weapons collection.
- Select new defined weapon type in Weapon Type field drop-down menu



- Open WeaponControllers prefab at \Prefabs\CharacterParts
- Duplicate one of existing weapons and set its Weapon Type to our new type. Here you can add new guns(barrels) to weapons and set up their default directions.

Usual weapons have one barrel, shotgun has five.

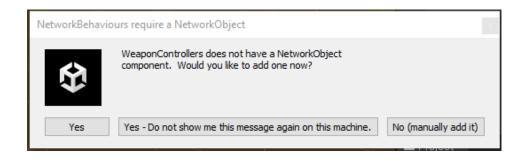
WeaponModelTransformKeeper will be set up inside character prefabs, during next steps.

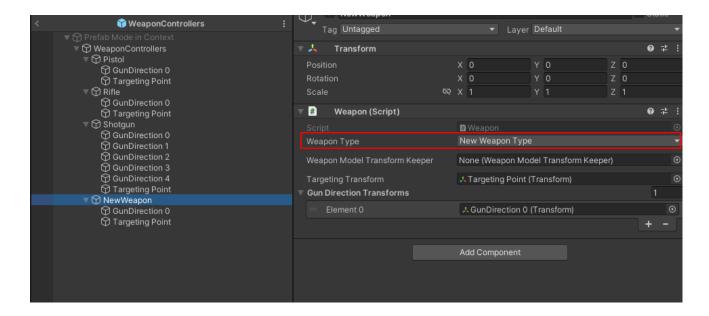
Note: To prevent editor from showing "NetworkBehaviours require a NetworkObject" popup, objects in WeaponControllers with components inherited from **NetworkBehaviour** have a **NetcodeComponentResolver** component.

It adds NetworkObject component on selecting object and removes it on its deselecting.

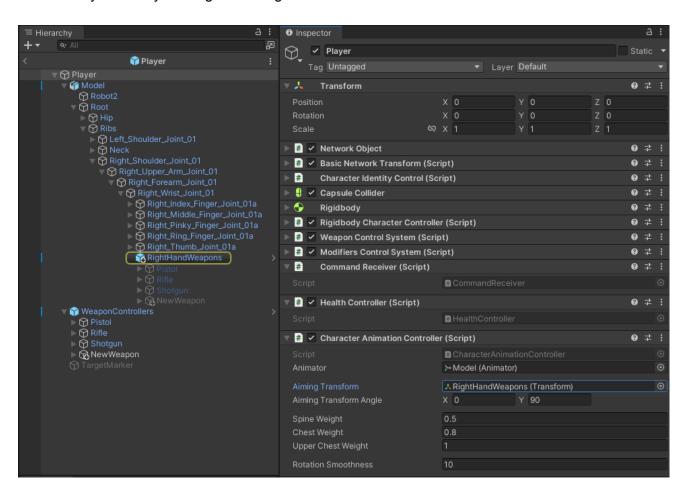
If something went wrong, please turn off play mode, select required object (click on it) and deselect it (click on a free space or another object).

Resolver will remove **NetworkObject** component on disable event.





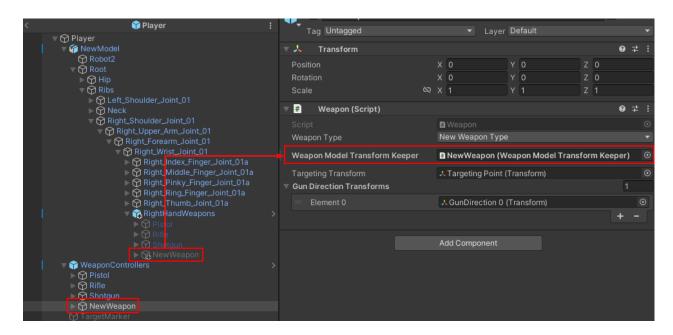
- Open RightHandWeapons prefab at \Prefabs\CharacterParts
- Duplicate one of RightHandWeapons child objects (weapons).
- Open character prefab and find RightHandWeapons object in character's right hand. It's easy to find by clicking on Aiming Transform Field in CharacterAnimationController.



- Link our new weapon from RightHandWeapons to our new weapon from Weapon Controllers, as shown on screenshot (drag and drop an object).

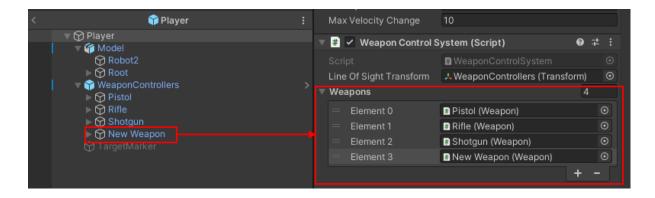
This is how we let weapons control know, where graphics, fire point and left IK grip are stored.

Every weapon in RightHandWeapons contains WeaponModelTransformKeeper component.



Note: Don't leave RightHandWeapons child objects turned on, otherwise they will be shown in game, from beginning.

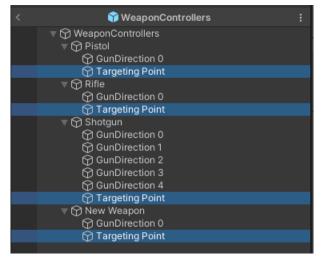
- Drag and drop our new weapon from Weapon Controllers to Weapons collection in WeaponControlSystem component on character root object.



- Check weapons with debug commands, stored in WeaponControlSystem.cs

```
# Unity Message | 0 references
private void Update()
{
    //Easy weapon switch for debugging
    if (Application.isEditor == true && identityControl.IsLocalPlayer == true)
    {
        if (Input.GetKeyDown(KeyCode.Alpha1)) ActivateWeaponServerRpc(WeaponType.Pistol);
        if (Input.GetKeyDown(KeyCode.Alpha2)) ActivateWeaponServerRpc(WeaponType.Rifle);
        if (Input.GetKeyDown(KeyCode.Alpha3)) ActivateWeaponServerRpc(WeaponType.Shotgun);
        if (Input.GetKeyDown(KeyCode.Alpha4)) ActivateWeaponServerRpc(WeaponType.NewWeaponType);
    }
}
```

Note: For correction of weapon vertical aiming direction, every character contains Targeting Point transform, parrented to WeaponControllers. It makes it possible to adjust aiming offset for every weapon.



How to add another game scene

- Duplicate existing GameScene. Change anything in Environment object.
- Add scene to Build Settings
- Set PlayerDataKeeper.selectedScene value, from code, during runtime.
- Start new game session. All joined clients will automatically load scene after you.

Currently there is only one scene in project, and value is always "GameScene". However, it's ready to expand.

How to add new pick-up object

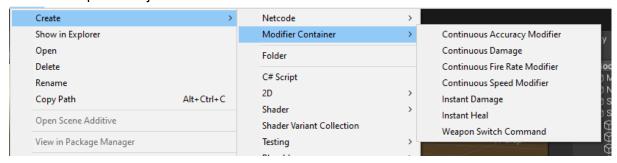
Pick-ups are made from two parts: Drop Item (prefab) and Scriptable Object with command. Project contains Modifiers Control System: solution similar to Command and Visitor patterns. It used to broadcast and process commands from picking up objects (weapons, power-ups, medkit) and receiving damage.

We can use already prepared commands and customize them, or create new (instructions below).

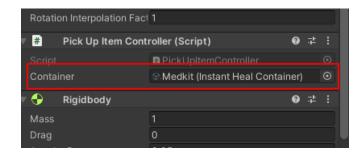
Existing commands	Description
Continuous Accuracy Modifier	Accuracy power-up with exit time
Continuous Damage	Damage (Fire, Poison, etc) with exit time
Continuous Fire Rate Modifier	Fire rate power-up with exit time
Continuous Speed Modifier	Movement speed power-up with exit time
Instant Damage	Damage. Used as bullet damage. Could be mines, etc
Instant Heal	Medkit
Weapon Switch Command	Weapon pick-up

Scriptable objects used with pick-ups stored at \ScriptableObjects\Drop Configs. Pick-up prefabs stored at \Prefabs\Drop

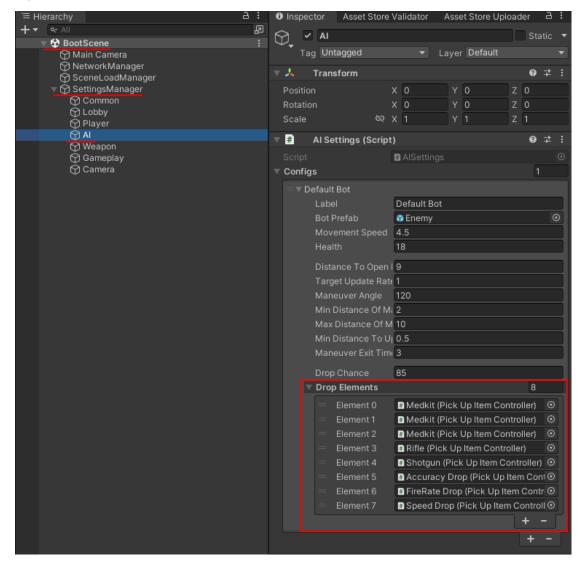
- Create scriptable object from menu: Assets > Create > Modifier Container



- Copy one of existing prefabs at \Prefabs\Drop, and replace its scriptable object (in Container field) with the newly created scriptable object.



- Open boot scene. Find SettingsManager. Select AI child object.
- Add newly created prefab to AI Settings > Configs > Drop Elements collection.
- Add prefab to Network Prefabs List. \ScriptableObjects\NetworkPrefabsList.asset If you want to increase chances for this drop to be instantiated, add it few times.



How to create new modifiers/commands

Project contains Modifiers Control System: solution similar to Command and Visitor patterns. It used to broadcast and process commands from picking up objects (weapons, power-ups, medkit) and receiving damage.

To create your own modifiers/commands follow next steps:

- Create new class and inherit it from **InstantModifier** or **ContinuousModifier**. **InstantModifier** is a base class for modifiers with <u>no duration</u> (commands). **ContinuousModifier** is a base class for modifiers with duration.
- Add [Serializable] attribute above class name.
- Define class constructor like on examples below

Instant modifier:

Continuous modifier (contains tag):

All continuous modifiers in project are tagged with first letters of every next word in a name. Tag for **N**ew**C**ustom**M**odifier could be "**ncm**".

Tags required to group continuous modifiers with the same effect into one single modifier with longer activity time.

- Override SerializeModifier and DeserializeModifier methods.

Important: Keep new modifiers in the same namespace as ModifierBase.

Instant Modifier:

```
[System.Serializable]
public class NewCustomModifier : InstantModifier
   //Custom Parameters
   public int newIntParameter;
   public float newFloatParameter;
   public string newStringParameter;
   public NewCustomModifier()
        type = GetType().Name;
   protected override void SerializeModifier()
       object[] outputData = new object[]
           newIntParameter,
           newFloatParameter,
           newStringParameter
       serializedData = Newtonsoft.Json.JsonConvert.SerializeObject(outputData);
    protected override ModifierBase DeserializeModifier(string inputData)
       object[] data = Newtonsoft.Json.JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<object[]>(inputData);
       newIntParameter = System.Convert.ToInt32(data[0]);
       newFloatParameter = System.Convert.ToSingle(data[1]); //Index 1
       newStringParameter = data[2].ToString();
       return this;
```

SerializeModifier and DeserializeModifier methods designed to contain instructions to pack and unpack custom data, stored in fields of certain modifiers.

In this example, **SerializeModifier** takes three custom fields (newIntParameter, newFloatParameter, newStringParameter), packs them to object[] and serializes them into JSON string. There could be any other JSON-compatible variables.

Game will use this JSON to <u>send</u> modifier trough network.

DeserializeModifier required to receive modifier and restore it back from JSON.

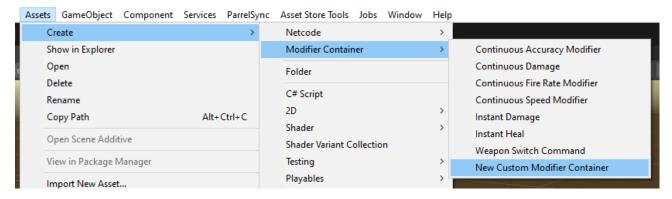
Continuous Modifier:

```
[System.Serializable]
public class NewCustomModifier : ContinuousModifier
   public float newFloatParameter;
   public NewCustomModifier()
       type = GetType().Name;
       tag = "ncm";
   protected override void SerializeModifier()
       //Pack custom parameters to array
       object[] outputData = new object[]
           newFloatParameter,
           duration,
           tag
       serializedData = Newtonsoft.Json.JsonConvert.SerializeObject(outputData);
   protected override ModifierBase DeserializeModifier(string inputData)
       object[] data = Newtonsoft.Json.JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<object[]>(inputData);
       newFloatParameter = System.Convert.ToSingle(data[0]);
       duration = System.Convert.ToSingle(data[1]);
       tag = data[2].ToString();
       return this;
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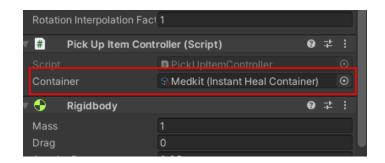
For more details, check other modifiers stored in Scripts\Modifiers\Defined Modifiers folder.

- Create new class NewCustomModifierContainer an inherit it from ModifierContainerBase
- Add CreateAssetMenu
- Override GetConfig() method

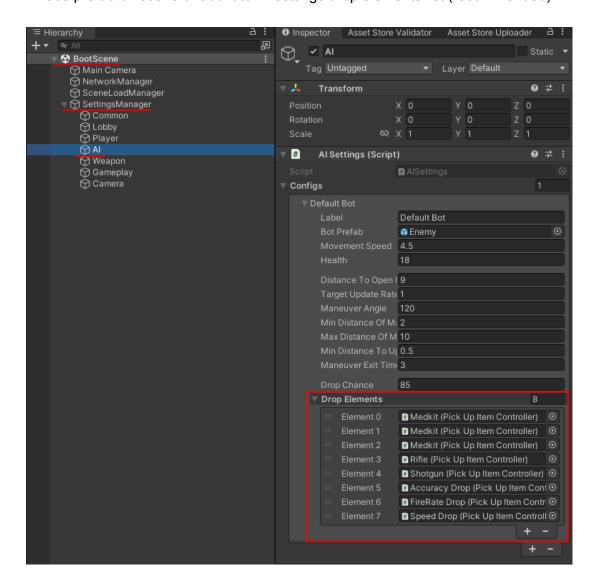
- Create container: Assets > Create > Modifier Container > New Custom Modifier Container



- Copy one of prefabs from Prefabs\Drop .
- Drag and drop just created New Custom Modifier Container file into PickUpItemController
- > Container field on a prefab.



- Place prefab on scene or add it to Al settings drop elements list (recommended).



- Add prefab to Network Prefabs List. ScriptableObjects\NetworkPrefabsList.asset
- Add **NewCustomModifier's** handling method to ModifiersControlSystem.

This method has to process modifier's logic. Also, it's supposed to be called <u>outside</u> ModifiersControlSystem, from component where it's required.

How it works: For every modifier type (or few) we have special handling methods stored in ModifiersControlSystem.

When we need to check something related to this modifier (status, value, etc), we call this method. Usually, it's called every frame.

Examples:

HandleHealthModifiers method calls from HealthController component, to process received heal and damage commands.

CalculateFireRateMultiplier method calls from Weapon component, to check its fire rate according to acquired power-ups.

HandleWeaponSwitchCommands method calls from WeaponControlSystem, to process changing of weapon.

Inside the method, we check if we have required modifier at all, if we do - we run custom logic and return the result. If we don't - return default value (or nothing).

Character can get modifiers from bullet hit or from picking up drop elements. ModifiersControlSystem receives every modifier from CommandReceiver component. Check ModifiersControlSystem and CommandReceiver for more details.

Modifiers could:

- take arguments and return updated data, like HandleHealthModifiers method.
- return multipliers, like CalculateSpeedMultiplier, CalculateFireRateMultiplier or CalculateAccuracyMultiplier.
- do nothing and work as flag: ContainsModifier<NewCustomModifier>()
- work with callback delegates, like HandleWeaponSwitchCommands.
- do any other custom logic

So, long story short: modifier is a command object. :)

Note: ModifiersControlSystem is a component. Every character has its own ModifiersControlSystem with its own active modifiers.

However it could be used anywhere else, outside character logic.

Lobby

Class name	Description
LobbyManager	Singleton. Contains methods to create and join lobby, including private rooms with password. Contains methods to host new game, when lobby is full and ready to start game session.
LobbyDataControl	Part of LobbyManager. Private object. Contains all the necessary properties, events and methods required by lobby to work with data (players, IDs, etc).
LobbyGameHostingControl	Part of LobbyManager. Private object. Contains methods to host or join hosted game using Relay service. Receives join/host commands from LobbyActivityControl. Also contains available regions and its updates.
LobbyActivityControl	Part of LobbyManager. Private object. Contains logic to update lobby timeouts. Required by lobby services, to know, lobby is still alive. Contains logic to check player statuses, before game start. Requires to make sure no one was disconnected (in unhandled way) while waiting, otherwise lobby updates its status to waiting for players.

Game

Class name	Description
GameManager	Singleton. Contains methods and events to control game status. Also contains list of user scores.
NetworkObjectsControl	Part of GameManager. Public object. Stores lists of all characters on scene: players, bots, service objects. Used to have easy access to any type of characters.
NetworkObjectsSpawner	Part of GameManager. Public object. Used to spawn/respawn characters and bots.

Character

Class name	Description
PlayerBehaviour	Playable character logic: movement, rotation, fire command.
AlBehaviour	Bot character logic: navigation, movement, rotation, looking for targets, battle maneuvers, fire command.
BasicNetworkTransform	Simplified logic of NetworkTransform. Easy to setup. No surprises. Contains interpolation and extrapolation.
CharacterIdentityControl	Contains identity markers: isPlayer, isBot. Overrides: IsLocalPlayer, IsOwner, OwnerClientId form NetworkBehaviour. Also contains custom character spawn parameters.
RigidbodyCharacterController	Using Unity rigidbody, instead of CharacterController.
CharacterAnimationController	Controls character animations, animation layers and skeleton to aim in the correct direction. For correction of aiming direction, every character contains Targeting Point transform, parrented to WeaponControllers: WeaponControllers Weapon
CharacterColorController	Players start color setup.
CharacterEffectsController	Currently contains character death scenario (turn of colliders, move under ground etc.) Could be extended to use for appearance effect.
CharacterUIController	Controls HUD if it's a local player or status bar if it's bot or other player.
DropController	Controls what character could drop on death event.
HealthController	Controls current vitality status. Also runs death event.
TargetMarkerController	Controls marker that shows when someone puts a gun on character.
CommandReceiver	Receives modifiers/commands.

ModifiersControlSystem	Contains currently active power ups (speed, fire rate, accuracy) and commands, waiting for processing (damage, switch weapon). More detailed information is provided in the source code.
WeaponControlSystem	Main weapon control class. Contains all the weapons and controls to manage them. Every weapon has a <u>Weapon</u> component on it. Weapons spawn bullet game objects with <u>Bullet</u> components on them. More detailed information is provided in the source code.

Other

Class name	Description
ServiceUserController	Session user object. For service usage only. Spawns as separated game object.
PickUpItemController	Handles picking up and destroying weapons and power up boxes.
PlayerDataKeeper	Static class. Loads/Saves local data. Works with PlayerPrefs.
SceneLoadManager	Singleton. Works with loading target scenes through LoadingScene. Contains two ways of loading scenes: regular and network oriented. More detailed information is provided in the source code.
GameCameraController	Game camera, targeted on local player.
BoneAngleAdjuster	Small tool to adjust character bone rotation in runtime.