README 3D Artist

General

- Use maya's project map hierarchy
 - ../project_name/scenes = location for scenes
 - ../project_name/images = location for textures

Naming convention

- Scene names must have a keyword of what it contains. No "_" allowed.
 - stone1
 - stoneLarge
 - stones
- Static meshes should have same name as the scene name
- Animated meshes should have same keyword as the scene name
 - meshName = player
 - sceneName = playerAttack

- Textures should have same keyword as the mesh as well as clear explanation what type of texture it is.
 - meshName = player
 - textureName = playerDiffuseTexture

Animation

- Before binding a skin make sure to freeze transform the mesh
 - Modify -> Freeze Transformations
- Make sure to have correct orientation on joints before animating
 - Rot = +x

Pre-exporting

- Make sure everything is named according to name convention
- Make sure every texture is linked correct in maya project and have right dds type. When to use a specific DDS is listed below.
- Make sure the mesh is of correct scale
- Make sure the mesh is positioned at the correct place
 - Default is at origin of scene
- Make sure all history is deleted.
 - Static meshes = Edit -> Delete All by Type -> History
 - Animated meshes = Edit -> Delete All by Type- > Non-Deformer History
- Always send the whole map hierarchy, and not separated files.

DDS

- DXT1 (no alpha)
 - Diffuse maps without transparency
 - Specular Maps
- DXT1 (with alpha)
 - Diffuse maps with transparency (hard edges), example: Leafs
- DXT5
 - Diffuse maps with transparency (soft edges), example: Clouds
- DXT5Nm
 - Normal maps