

VRBasics

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Initial Set Up for HTC Vive and Oculus Rift

1. Download the SteamVR package version 1.2.3 from GitHub
https://github.com/ValveSoftware/steamvr_unity_plugin/releases/tag/1.2.3
2. Download the Oculus Integration package from the Unity Asset Store
3. Under Edit -> Project Settings -> Player make sure Virtual Reality Supported is checked and make sure both Oculus and OpenVR are included in your Virtual Reality SDKs list
4. Add a layer to your project named Ignore Collisions
5. Under Edit -> Project Settings -> Physics use the Layer Collisions Matrix to disable all collisions between the Ignore Collisions layer and all other layers
6. Select the instance of the VRBasics prefab in your scene and make sure the Ignore Collisions variable is set to the index of the Ignore Collisions layer

When using HTC Vive

Select the instance of the VRBasics prefab in your scene and select SteamVR from the VR Type drop down in the inspector. Make sure there is an active instance of the SteamVR CameraRig [VRBasics] prefab in your scene. Be sure to deactivate any OVR CameraRig [VRBasics] prefab instances from your scene.

When using Oculus Rift

Select the instance of the VRBasics prefab in your scene and select OVR from the VR Type drop down in the inspector. Make sure there is an active instance of the OVR CameraRig [VRBASICS] prefab in your scene. Be sure to deactivate any SteamVR CameraRig [VRBASICS] prefab instances from your scene.

If you only download the SteamVR package, delete the OVR CameraRig [VRBasics] from the VRBasics Prefabs folder and the VRBascis_Controller_OVR from the VRBasics Scripts folder to avoid compiler errors.

If you only download the Oculus Integration package, delete the SteamVR CameraRig [VRBasics] from the Prefabs folder and the VRBascis_Controller_SteamVR from the Scripts folder to avoid compiler errors.

WIDGETS

In the VRBasics -> Prefabs -> Widgets folder you will find four game objects. These objects can be used as a base for physics based interactions in VR worlds.

CONNECTOR

VRBasics_Connector

Connectors are game objects that have trigger colliders. Their purpose is to connect their parent object to another connector's parent object. For a connection to be made, the connectors touching must be of opposite type, one male and one female. They must also share a coupleID number.

Male connectors will present several options for how a connection can be broken.

1. Never – the connection, once made, cannot be broken
2. Force – if the proper amount of force is applied to the joint of the connection the connection will break
3. Grab – if either parent object in the connection is grabbed the connection will break *Examples:*

Plug and Outlet, Lid and Jar, Lego Blocks

How to use:

1. **Place a connector prefab widget as a child of each of the objects you would like to connect**
2. **Position and scale the trigger box collider of the connector**
3. **Make sure to make one connector male and one female and that they share a coupleID**
4. **Run your scene, when the connectors touch, a joint will be formed between the parent objects**

(See the riggedBlocks in the demoStation scene for examples of connectors)

LEVER

VRBasics_Lever and VRBasics_Hinge

Levers provide a stable mount for a child hinge to rotate around a singular axis. They also provide visual indication of how the lever will move in the Scene view by drawing a gizmo that displays the length of

the lever as well as the direction and limits of rotation. *Examples: Doors, Knobs, Dials, Switches, Needle of a Gauge*

How to use:

1. Place a lever prefab widget in your scene
2. Position and rotate the lever
3. Adjust the lever length property to roughly the size of the lever
4. Set the rotational limits of the child hinge object
5. Adjust the spring and damper settings of the hinge

(See the various levers in the cabinet of the demoStation in the demoStation scene for examples of levers)

RAIL

VRBasics_Rail and VRBasics_Slider

Rails provide a stable mount for a child slider to move back and forth along a single axis. They also provide visual indication of how the slider will move in the Scene view by drawing a gizmo that displays the length and direction of the rail as well as the position of the slider along the rail. *Examples: Sliding Toggles, Buttons, Drawers* **How**

to use:

1. Place a rail prefab widget in your scene
2. Position and rotate the rail
3. Adjust the rail length property to roughly the size of the slide
4. Adjust the position of the anchor of the rail
5. Adjust the starting position of the slider
6. Adjust the spring and damper settings of the slider

(See the various rails in the cabinet of the demoStation in the demoStation scene for examples of rails)

TOUCHER

VRBasics_TouchAndPushManager and VRBasics_GrabManager

The Toucher object is used to allow spatially tracked controllers to interact with virtual objects. The Toucher object contains a trigger collider used to indicate when a controller collides with a VRBasics_Touchable object.

The Pusher, a child object of the Toucher, contains a collider that is slightly smaller than the trigger collider of the Toucher. Once an object is touched, if it is set to pushable, the Pusher collider will move the object.

The Toucher is also used for collisions with VRBasics_Grabbable objects which are an extension of the VRBasics_Touchable class.

Examples: Finger, Hand

How to use:

- 1. Place a Toucher prefab widget as a child of a spatially track controller**
- 2. Position Toucher and scale the colliders if desired**

(To make an object touchable add the VRBasics_Touchable script to your game object. To make an object grabbable attach the VRBasics_Grabbable script.)