

SPRITEFONT SCRIPT INTERFACE

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The `ISpriteFontInstance` interface derives from `IWorldInstance` to add APIs specific to the Sprite font plugin.

SpriteFont APIs

text

The string currently displayed by the Sprite Font object.

typewriterText(str, duration)

Set the text over time by starting with an empty string and gradually adding characters until the full text of `str` is written out, over a `duration` specified in seconds. Note modifying the `text` property while text is being written out will cancel the effect.

typewriterFinish()

If text is being written out with the `typewriterText()` method, force it to finish immediately.

characterScale

The current text scale, defaulting to 1 for normal scale.

characterSpacing

The extra space in pixels to add horizontally between characters.

lineHeight

The extra space in pixels to add vertically between lines. 0 is the default size, negative values make lines closer together, and positive values space lines out further apart.

horizontalAlign

A string specifying the horizontal alignment of the text within the object bounding box, which must be one of `"left"`, `"center"` or `"right"`.

verticalAlign

A string specifying the vertical alignment of the text within the object bounding box, which must be one of `"top"`, `"center"` or `"bottom"`.

wordWrapMode

A string specifying the way to wrap text when it reaches the end of a line. This can be either `"word"` to wrap entire space-separated words, `"character"` to wrap at any character, or `"cjk"` to wrap at any character but with special handling for Chinese, Japanese and Korean punctuation.

textWidth

textHeight

getTextSize()

Read-only values indicating the size of the actual text content within the Sprite Font object's rectangle. The method allows getting both values at the same time.

hasTagAtPosition(tag, x, y)

Return a boolean indicating if there is text with a specific tag at the given position (case insensitive). For example if the text has the BBcode `Hello [tag=mytag]world[/tag]`, then testing if the tag "mytag" is at a given position return `true` if that position is over just the part of the text that says "world", else `false`.

getTagAtPosition(x, y)

Look up the tag for a part of the text at a given position and return the tag if any, else return an empty string if no tag is specified. For example if the text has the BBcode `Hello [tag=mytag]world[/tag]`, then the tag at a position over the word "world" is "mytag", and the tag at a position over the word "Hello" is "".

getTagCount(tag)

getTagPositionAndSize(tag, index)

Get the number of fragments, and the size and position of each fragment by its zero-based index, for a given tag. Note that a single tag may be broken in to multiple fragments - see the section *Tagged range fragmentation* in the [Text object manual entry](#) for more details (which applies equally to SpriteFonts). The `getTagPositionAndSize()` method returns the position and size as an object with the properties `{x, y, width, height}`.