

Unity Command Terminal

A simple and highly performant in-game drop down Console.

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Command Terminal is based on an implementation by Jonathan Blow done in the Jai programming language.

Usage

Copy the contents from `CommandTerminal` to your `Assets` folder. Attach a `Terminal` Component to a game object. The console window can be toggled with a hotkey (default is backtick), and another hotkey can be used to toggle the full size window (default is shift+backtick).

Enter `help` in the console to view all available commands, use the up and down arrow keys to traverse the command history, and the tab key to autocomplete commands.

Registering Commands

There are 3 options to register commands to be used in the Command Terminal.

1. Using the `RegisterCommand` attribute:

The command method must be static (public or non-public).

```
[RegisterCommand(Help = "Adds 2 numbers", MinArgCount = 2, MaxArgCount = 2)]
static void CommandAdd(CommandArg[] args) {
    int a = args[0].Int;
    int b = args[1].Int;

    if (Terminal.IssuedError) return; // Error will be handled by Terminal

    int result = a + b;
    Terminal.Log("{0} + {1} = {2}", a, b, result);
}
```

`MinArgCount` and `MaxArgCount` allows the Command Interpreter to issue an error if arguments have been passed incorrectly, this way you can index the `CommandArg` array, knowing the array will have the correct size.

In this case the command name (`add`) will be inferred from the method name, you can override this by setting `Name` in `RegisterCommand`.

```
[RegisterCommand(Name = "MyAdd", Help = "Adds 2 numbers", MinArgCount = 2, MaxArgCount = 2)]
```

2. Using a FrontCommand method:

Here you still use the `RegisterCommand` attribute, but the arguments are handled in a separate method, prefixed with `FrontCommand`. This way, `MaxArgCount` and `MinArgCount` are automatically inferred.

This also allows you to keep the argument handling `FrontCommand` methods in another file, or even generate them procedurally during a pre-build.

```
[RegisterCommand(Help = "Adds 2 numbers")]
static void CommandAdd(int a, int b) {
    int result = a + b;
    Terminal.Log("{0} + {1} = {2}", a, b, result);
}

static void FrontCommandAdd(CommandArg[] args) {
    int a = args[0].Int;
    int b = args[1].Int;

    if (Terminal.IssuedError) return;

    CommandAdd(a, b);
}
```

3. Manually adding Commands:

`RegisterCommand` only works for static methods. If you want to use a non-static method, you may add the command manually.

```
Terminal.Shell.AddCommand("add", CommandAdd, 2, 2, "Adds 2 numbers");
```