

Getting Started

Adding the NuGet package to your project

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You need to pull NetAF into your project. The easiest way to do this is to add the NuGet package. The latest package and installation instructions are available here (<https://github.com/benpollarduk/netaf/pkgs/nuget/NetAF>).

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First Game

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Once the package has been installed it's time to jump in and start building your first game.

Items (items.html)

Setup

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Conditional Descriptions

To start with create a new Console application. Regardless of target framework, it should look something like this:

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```
namespace NetAF.GettingStarted
```

Attributes (attributes.html)

```
internal class Program
```

Commands

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```
private static void Main(string[] args)
```

```
{
```

Frame Builders (frame-

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```
}
```

End Conditions (end-

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Adding a PlayableCharacter

Every game requires a character to play as, lets add that next:

```
private static PlayableCharacter CreatePlayer()
{
    return new PlayableCharacter("Dave", "A young boy on a quest to find the meaning of life.");
}
```

In this example whenever **CreatePlayer** is called a new **PlayableCharacter** will be created. The character is called "Dave" and has a description that describes him as "A young boy on a quest to find the meaning of life."

Creating the game world

The game world consists of a hierarchy of three tiers: **Overworld**, **Region** and **Room**. We will create a simple **Region** with two **Rooms**. We can do this directly in the **Main** function for simplicity. To start with lets make the **Rooms**:

```
private static void Main(string[] args)
{
    var cavern = new Room("Cavern", "A dark cavern set in to the base of the mountain.", new Exit(Direction.North));
```

```
    var tunnel = new Room("Tunnel", "A dark tunnel leading inside the mountain.", new Exit(Direction.South));
}
```

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Although the **Rooms** haven't been added to a **Region** yet there are exits in place that will allow the player to move between them.

Games are boring without **Items** to interact with, let's add an item to the tunnel:

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```
var holyGrail = new Item("Holy Grail", "A dull golden cup, looks pretty old.", true);
```

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holyGrail);
```

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Looking good, but the **Rooms** need to be contained within a **Region**. **RegionMaker** simplifies this process, but sometimes creating a **Region** directly may be more appropriate if more control is needed. Here we will use **RegionMaker**.

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```
var regionMaker = new RegionMaker("Mountain", "An imposing volcano just East of town.",
```

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    if (cavern,
        [0, 1, 0] = tunnel
    );
```

This needs more breaking down. The **RegionMaker** will create a region called "Mountain" with a description of "An imposing volcano just East of town.". The region will contain two rooms, the cavern and the tunnel. The cavern will be added at position x 0, y 0, z 0. The tunnel will be added at position x 0, y 1, z 0, north of the cavern.

The game world is nearly complete, but the **Region** needs to exist within an **Overworld** for it to be finished. We will use **OverworldMaker** to achieve this:

```
var overworldMaker = new OverworldMaker("Daves World", "An ancient kingdom.", regionMaker);
```

This will create an **Overworld** called "Daves World" which is described as "An ancient kingdom" and contains a single **Region**.

All together the code looks like this:

```
var cavern = new Room("Cavern", "A dark cavern set in to the base of the mountain.",
new Exit(Direction.North));
```

```
var tunnel = new Room("Tunnel", "A dark tunnel leading inside the mountain.", new Exit(Direction.South));
```



```
var holyGrail = new Item("Holy Grail", "A dull golden cup, looks pretty old.", true);
```

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```
tunnel.AddItem(holyGrail);
```

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```
var regionMaker = new RegionMaker("Mountain", "An imposing volcano just East of town");
```

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```
{
```

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```
{0, 0} = cavern,
```

```
[0, 1, 0] = tunnel
```

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```
var overworldMaker = new OverworldMaker("Daves World", "An ancient kingdom.", regionMaker);
```

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Checking if the game is complete (commands.html)

For a game to come to an end it needs to reach either a game over state or a completion state.

Firstly let's look at the logic that determines if the game is complete. An **EndCheck** is required, which returns an **EndCheckResult** that determines if the game is complete.

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In this example let's make a method that determines if the game is complete. The game is complete if the player has the holy grail:

```
private static EndCheckResult IsGameComplete(Game game)
{
    if (!game.Player.FindItem("Holy Grail", out _))
        return EndCheckResult.NotEnded;

    return new EndCheckResult(true, "Game Complete", "You have the Holy Grail!");
}
```

If the player has the holy grail then the **EndCheckResult** will return that the game has ended, and have a title that will read "Game Complete" and a description that reads "You have the Holy Grail!".

A common game over state may be if the player dies:

```
private static EndCheckResult IsGameOver(Game game)
{
    if (game.Player.IsAlive)
        return EndCheckResult.NotEnded;

    return new EndCheckResult(true, "Game Over", "You died!");
}
```

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Creating the game

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The game now has all the required assets and logic it just needs some boilerplate to tie everything together before it is ready to play.

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A **GameCreationCallback** is required to instantiate an instance of a **Game**. This is so that new instances of the **Game** can be created as required.

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This requires some breaking down. The **Game** class has a **Create** method that can be used to create instances of **Game** with the following arguments:

- **Name** - the name of the game.
- **Introduction** - an introduction to the game.
- **Description** - a description of the game.
- **OverworldGenerator** - a callback for generating instances of the overworld.
- **PlayerGenerator** - a callback for generating instances of the player.
- **CompletionCondition** - a callback for determining if the game is complete.
- **GameOverCondition** - a callback for determining if the game is over.

Executing the game

The game is executed simply by calling the static **Execute** method on **Game** and passing in the game creation callback.

```
Game.Execute(gameCreator);
```

Bringing it all together

The full example code should look like this:

```

using NetAF.Assets;
using NetAF.Assets.Characters;
using NetAF.Assets.Locations;
using NetAF.Logic;
using NetAF.Utilities;
▼
namespace NetAF.GettingStarted
{
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    internal class Program
    {
        private static EndCheckResult IsGameComplete(Game game)
+ Locations
        {
            if (!game.Player.FindItem("Holy Grail", out _))
Items (items.html)
                return EndCheckResult.NotEnded;

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            return new EndCheckResult(true, "Game Complete", "You have the Holy Grai
Conditional Descriptions
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            private static EndCheckResult IsGameOver(Game game)
Attributes (attributes.html)
            {
                if (game.Player.IsAlive)
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                return EndCheckResult.NotEnded;
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                return new EndCheckResult(true, "Game Over", "You died!");

Frame Builders (frame-builders.html)
            private static PlayableCharacter CreatePlayer()
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            {
                return new PlayableCharacter("Dave", "A young boy on a quest to find the
                meaning of life.");
            }

            private static void Main(string[] args)
            {
                var cavern = new Room("Cavern", "A dark cavern set in to the base of the
                mountain.", new Exit(Direction.North));

                var tunnel = new Room("Tunnel", "A dark tunnel leading inside the mounta
                in.", new Exit(Direction.South));

                var holyGrail = new Item("Holy Grail", "A dull golden cup, looks pretty
                old.", true);

                tunnel.AddItem(holyGrail);

                var regionMaker = new RegionMaker("Mountain", "An imposing volcano just
                East of town.")
                {
                    [0, 0, 0] = cavern,
                    [0, 1, 0] = tunnel
                };
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```
var overworldMaker = new OverworldMaker("Daves World", "An ancient kingdom.", regionMaker);
```

```
var gameCreator = Game.Create(  
    "The Life Of Dave",  
    "Dave awakes to find himself in a cavern...",  
    "A very low budget adventure.",  
    overworldMaker.Make,  
    CreatePlayer,  
    IsGameComplete,  
    IsGameOver);
```

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```
Game.Execute(gameCreator);  
}
```

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Conditional Descriptions

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Simply build and run the application and congratulations, you have a working NetAF game!

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Namespace NetAF.Assets

Classes

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ConditionalDescription (NetAF.Assets.ConditionalDescription.html)

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Represents a conditional description of an object.

ConditionalDescription

Description (NetAF.Assets.Description.html)

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Description

Represents a description of an object.

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ExaminableObject

ExaminableObject (NetAF.Assets.ExaminableObject.html)

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ExaminationCallback

Represents an object that can be examined.

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ExaminationRequest

ExaminationRequest (NetAF.Assets.ExaminationRequest.html)

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ExaminationResult

Represents a request to examine an IExaminable.

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ExaminationScene

ExaminationResult (NetAF.Assets.ExaminationResult.html)

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IExaminable

Represents the result of an examination.

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IPlayerVisible

ExaminationScene (NetAF.Assets.ExaminationScene.html)

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Identifier

Represents a scene that an examination occurs in.

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Item (NetAF.Assets.Item.html)

Size (NetAF.Assets.Size.html)

Identifier (NetAF.Assets.Identifier.html)

+ NetAF.Assets.Attributes

Provides a class that can be used as an identifier.

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Item (NetAF.Assets.Item.html)

(NetAF.Assets.Characters.html)

Represents an item that can be used within the game.

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Structs

+ NetAF.Assets.Locations

Size (NetAF.Assets.Size.html)

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+ NetAF.Commands

Represents a size.

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+ NetAF.Conversations

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Interfaces

IExaminable (NetAF.Assets.IExaminable.html)

Represents any object that is examinable.



IPlayerVisible (NetAF.Assets.IPlayerVisible.html)

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Represents any object that is visible to a player.

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Delegates

ConditionalDescription

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Description

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ExaminationCallback (NetAF.Assets.ExaminationCallback.html)

ExaminableObject

Represents the callback for examinations.

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ExaminationRequest

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ExaminationResult

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ExaminationScene

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IExaminable

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IPlayerVisible

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Identifier

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