

FLOW - UI Toolkit Extended

Flow is a Unity asset designed to extend the capabilities of the UI Toolkit. It provides a set of extension functions and custom visual elements that allow developers to build complex and responsive UI layouts using a fluent and chainable API. The asset's design promotes a clean, readable, and maintainable codebase by abstracting common styling and layout operations into concise, expressive method calls.

Key Features

- **FLOW API:** Chainable methods such as `Expand()`, `Border()`, `Margin()`, and `BGColor()` enable quick styling adjustments.
- **Custom Visual Elements:** Includes elements like `Div`, `Row`, `Column`, `Circle`, and `Rectangle` that extend Unity's native `VisualElement` for specialized layouts.
- **Responsive Layouts:** Easily create dynamic and responsive editor and runtime UI with built-in methods for spacing, alignment, and scaling.
- **Easy Integration:** Designed to work seamlessly with Unity Editor scripts, enabling rapid prototyping and efficient UI development.

API Documentation

Namespace: `SABI.Flow`

Alignment

- `AlignContent<T>(this T element, StyleEnum<Align> alignContent)`
Description: Sets the `alignContent` style property of a `VisualElement`.

- `AlignItems<T>(this T element, StyleEnum<Align> alignItems)`
Description: Applies the `alignItems` style property to a `VisualElement`
- `AlignSelf<T>(this T element, StyleEnum<Align> alignSelf)`
Description: Sets the `alignSelf` property, allowing an element to override its container's alignment settings.
- `JustifyContent<T>(this T element, Justify justify)`
Description: Configures the `justifyContent` style property, determining how space is distributed among child elements.
- `Flex<T>(this T element)`
Description: Sets the display style of the element to `Flex`, enabling flexbox layout.
- `FlexBasis<T>(this T element, Length flexBasis)`
Description: Defines the initial main size of an element before any flex-grow or flex-shrink adjustments.
- `FlexDirection<T>(this T element, FlexDirection direction)`
Description: Specifies the direction of the flex layout (e.g., row or column).
- `FlexGrow<T>(this T element, float grow = 1)`
Description: Determines how much the element will grow relative to its siblings.
- `FlexShrink<T>(this T element, float shrink)`
Description: Defines the shrink factor of the element when there is insufficient space.
- `FlexWrap<T>(this T element, Wrap wrap)`
Description: Sets the `flexWrap` property to control whether flex items should wrap onto multiple lines.
- `CenterF<T>(this T element)`
Description: Centers the element using flexbox properties.
- `CenterT<T>(this T element)`
Description: Centers the element using absolute positioning.

Animations

- `TransitionDelay<T>(this T element, StyleList<TimeValue>? delay = null)`
Description: Sets the transition delay for a `VisualElement` using a provided `StyleList<TimeValue>`. If no delay is specified, a default delay of 1 second is used.
- `TransitionDelay<T>(this T element, float delay)`
Description: Overload that accepts a float value for delay in seconds.
- `TransitionDurationTransitionDuration<T>(this T element, StyleList<TimeValue>? duration = null)`
Description: Sets the transition duration using a provided `StyleList<TimeValue>`. Defaults to 0.2 seconds if no duration is provided.
- `TransitionDuration<T>(this T element, float duration)`
Description: Overload that accepts a float value for duration.
- `TransitionProperty<T>(this T element, StyleList<StylePropertyName>? property = null)`
Description: Sets the transition property for the element using a `StyleList<StylePropertyName>`. Defaults to transitioning all properties if not provided.
- `TransitionProperty<T>(this T element, string property)`
Description: Overload that accepts a string for the transition property.
- `TransitionTimingFunction<T>(this T element)`
Description: Sets the transition timing function to the default easing mode (`EaseInOutSine`).
- `TransitionTimingFunction<T>(this T element, EasingMode timingFunction)`
Description: Overload that accepts a custom easing mode.
- `Animate<T>(this T element, float duration = AnimationDuration, EasingMode easingMode = AnimationTimingFunction, float delay = AnimationDelay, string property = AnimationTransitionProperty)`
Description: A convenience method that chains the transition delay, duration, property, and timing function methods to apply a complete animation transition.

Border

- `BorderWidth<T>(this T element, float value = DefaultBorderWidth)`
Description: Sets the same border width on all four sides.
- `BorderWidth<T>(this T element, float topBottomValue, float leftRightValue)`
Description: Sets a specific width for top/bottom and left/right.
- `BorderWidth<T>(this T element, float top, float bottom, float left, float right)`
Description: Allows separate values for each side.
- Methods like `BorderWidthTop`, `BorderWidthBottom`, `BorderWidthLeft`, and `BorderWidthRight` allow setting border width on specific sides.
- `BorderWidthTopBottom` and `BorderWidthLeftRight` provide an easy way to set both top & bottom or left & right simultaneously.
- `BorderRadius<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description: Sets the same radius for all four corners.
- `BorderRadius<T>(this T element, Length topBottomValue, Length leftRightValue)`
Description: Sets one radius for the top and bottom and another for the left and right.
- `BorderRadius<T>(this T element, Length topLeft, Length topRight, Length bottomRight, Length bottomLeft)`
Description: Assigns different radius values to each corner.
- Methods like `BorderRadiusTopLeft`, `BorderRadiusTopRight`, `BorderRadiusBottomLeft`, and `BorderRadiusBottomRight` let you set the radius for one specific corner.
- `BorderRadiusTop`, `BorderRadiusBottom`, `BorderRadiusLeft`, and `BorderRadiusRight` are used to set the radius for paired corners.
- `BorderColor<T>(this T element, StyleColor? color = null)`
Description: Sets the same color for all sides; defaults to white.
- `BorderColor<T>(this T element, StyleColor topBottomValue, StyleColor leftRightValue)`
Description: Sets different colors for top/bottom and left/right.

- `BorderColor<T>(this T element, StyleColor bottomColor, StyleColor topColor, StyleColor leftColor, StyleColor rightColor)`
Description: Allows for distinct colors for each side.
- `BorderColorRandom<T>(this T element)` sets a random color.
- `NoBorderColor<T>(this T element)` removes the border color by setting it to clear.
- Similar to width, methods like `BorderColorTop`, `BorderColorBottom`, `BorderColorLeft`, and `BorderColorRight` let you set colors on specific sides.
- `BorderColorTopBottom` and `BorderColorLeftRight` let you set colors for the top & bottom or left & right sides simultaneously.

Box

- `public static T Enable<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the `VisualElement` to an enabled state.
- `public static T Disable<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Disables the `VisualElement`, making it non-interactive.
- `public static T Cursor<T>(this T element, StyleCursor cursor)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the cursor style using a `StyleCursor`.
- `public static T Cursor<T>(this T element, UnityEngine.UIElements.Cursor cursor)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the cursor style using a `UnityEngine.UIElements.Cursor`.
- `public static T Display<T>(this T element, DisplayStyle display)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the element's display style.
- `public static T Show<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Makes the element visible by setting its display to `Flex`.
- `public static T Hide<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Hides the element by setting its display style to `None`.
- `public static T Overflow<T>(this T element, StyleEnum<Overflow> overflow)` where `T : VisualElement`

Description: Sets the overflow style, controlling how content that exceeds bounds is handled.

- `public static T OverflowHidden<T>(this T element) where T : VisualElement`

Description: Sets the overflow to Hidden.

- `public static T OverflowVisible<T>(this T element) where T : VisualElement`

Description: Sets the overflow to Visible.

- `public static T Tooltip<T>(this T element, string tooltip) where T : VisualElement`

Description: Assigns a tooltip string to the element for providing additional information.

- `public static T SetStyle<T>(this T element, T transferer) where T : VisualElement`

Description: Copies style properties from one VisualElement to another using the FlowUtil.CopyStyle method.

Color

- `BGColor<T>(this T element, StyleColor? color = null)`

Description: Sets the background color of the element to the specified StyleColor, or to the default if none is provided.

- `BGColor<T>(this T element, float r, float g, float b, float a = 1)`

Description: Sets the background color using individual red, green, blue, and optional alpha values.

- `BGColor<T>(this T element, float rgb, float a = 1)`

Description: Sets a grayscale background color by applying the same value for red, green, and blue.

- `BGColorEditorDefault<T>(this T element)`

Description: Applies the default background color defined for the Unity editor by retrieving it via FlowUtil.GetDefaultEditorBGColor().

- `BGColorRandom<T>(this T element, StyleColor? color = null)`

Description: Sets a random background color using Random.ColorHSV(), ensuring a unique appearance.

- `NoBGColor<T>(this T element)`
Description: Clears the background color by setting it to transparent (`Color.clear`).
- `BGColor<T>(this T element, Color color1, Color color2, GradientDirection gradientDirection = GradientDirection.Horizontal, float gradientInfluence = 0.5f)`
Description: Applies a gradient background to the element. The gradient is created by blending `color1` and `color2` along the specified direction with a defined influence.
- `BGGradientHorizontal<T>(this T element, Color color1, Color color2, float gradientInfluence = 0.5f)`
Description: Convenience method for applying a horizontal gradient.
- `BGGradientVertical<T>(this T element, Color color1, Color color2, float gradientInfluence = 0.5f)`
Description: Convenience method for applying a vertical gradient.
- `Opacity<T>(this T element, float value = 0.5f)`
Description: Sets the opacity of the element to the specified value, allowing for transparency effects.
- `TextColor<T>(this T element, StyleColor? color = null)`
Description: Sets the text color of the element. If no color is provided, it uses the default text color.

Composition

- `public static T Container<T>(this T element) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies a combination of border styling, margin, padding, and expansion to create a container.
- Internally, it calls `Border()`, `Margin()`, `Padding()`, and `Expand()` in sequence.
- `public static T Border<T>(this T element) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies border styling to the element by setting border radius, border width, and border color.

- `public static T Row<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Configures the element to display its children in a horizontal layout by enabling flex and setting the flex direction to Row.
- `public static T Column<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the element to arrange its children vertically by setting the flex direction to Column.
- `public static T ColumnReverse<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:
 - Arranges the children of the element in a reversed vertical order by setting the flex direction to ColumnReverse.
- `public static T RowReverse<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Arranges the children of the element in a reversed horizontal order by setting the flex direction to RowReverse.
- `public static T Expand<T>(this T element, float grow = 1)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the flex grow property of the element, allowing it to expand and fill available space.

Events

- `public static T OnClick<T>(this T element, Action callback)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Registers a callback to be invoked on a click event.
- `public static T OnMouseEnter<T>(this T element, Action callback)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Invokes the callback when the mouse enters the element's bounds.
- `public static T OnMouseLeave<T>(this T element, Action callback)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Invokes the callback when the mouse leaves the element.

- `public static T OnMouseDown<T>(this T element, Action callback)`
where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T OnMouseUp<T>(this T element, Action callback)`
where `T : VisualElement`
- Description: Registers callbacks for when the mouse button is pressed or released.
- `public static T OnHover<T>(this T element, Action<T> onEnter, Action<T> onExit)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Combines mouse enter and leave events to handle hover effects. The `onEnter` callback is triggered when the mouse enters, and the `onExit` callback is triggered when the mouse leaves.
Note: This method first invokes `onExit` to ensure any pre-hover state is handled before applying the animation and registering the callbacks.

Font

- `public static T FontSize<T>(this T element, float size = DefaultFontSize)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the font size of the element.
- `public static T FontColor<T>(this T element, Color color)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the font color.
- `public static T Italic<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies italic styling by setting the font style to `Italic`.
- `public static T Bold<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies bold styling to the text.
- `public static T BoldAndItalic<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies both bold and italic styling.
- `public static T NoFontStyle<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Resets font style to normal.

- `public static T FontStyleAndWeight<T>(this T element, FontStyle fontStyle) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets a custom font style and weight.
- `public static T FontAsset<T>(this T element, Font font) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies a specific font asset to the element.
- `public static T UnityTextAlign<T>(this T element, StyleEnum<TextAnchor> align) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the text alignment using a `StyleEnum<TextAnchor>`.
- `public static T UnityTextAlignCenter<T>(this T element) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Centers the text by default.
- `public static T TextOverflow<T>(this T element, StyleEnum<TextOverflow>? overflow = null) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets how text overflow is handled, defaulting to ellipsis if no value is provided.
- `public static T TextShadow<T>(this T element, StyleTextShadow shadow) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies a shadow effect to the text.
- `public static T TextOutlineColor<T>(this T element, StyleColor? color = null) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the outline color for the text; defaults to red if not specified.
- `public static T TextOutlineWidth<T>(this T element, float width = 1) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the outline width.
- `public static T LetterSpacing<T>(this T element, float spacing) where T : VisualElement`
`public static T WordSpacing<T>(this T element, float spacing) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Adjust the spacing between letters and words, respectively.
- `public static T UnityParagraphSpacing<T>(this T element, float spacing) where T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the spacing between paragraphs.

- `public static T UnityTextOverflowPosition<T>(this T element, TextOverflowPosition position)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the position where text overflow occurs.
- `public static T H1<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies a bold font style, sets the font size to 32, and applies a top-bottom margin of 21.4f.
- `public static T H2<T>(this T element)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Applies a bold font style with a font size of 24 and a margin of 18.
- `H3, H4, H5, H6`
Description: Each method applies a descending scale for font size and margin, ensuring a visual hierarchy. For example, `H3` uses 18.72f font size with a margin of 15.6f, `H4` uses 16 with 12, `H5` uses 13.28f with 9, and `H6` uses 10.72f with 7.

Background Image

- `public static T BackgroundImage<T>(this T element, Background background)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the background image of the element using a provided Background object.
- `public static T BackgroundPositionX<T>(this T element, StyleBackgroundPosition positionX)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the horizontal position of the background image.
- `public static T BackgroundPositionY<T>(this T element, StyleBackgroundPosition positionY)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description: Sets the vertical position of the background image.

Margine

- `Margin<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description: Applies the same margin on all sides of the element. If no value is provided, it defaults to 15.

- `Margin<T>(this T element, Length topBottomValue, Length leftRightValue)`
Description:Sets the top and bottom margins to `topBottomValue` and the left and right margins to `leftRightValue`.
- `Margin<T>(this T element, Length top, Length bottom, Length left, Length right)`
Description:Allows specifying individual margin values for the top, bottom, left, and right sides.
- `MarginTop<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description:Sets the top margin of the element. Defaults to 15 if no value is provided.
- `MarginBottom<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description:Sets the bottom margin of the element, using the default value if none is specified.
- `MarginLeft<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description:Sets the left margin of the element with an optional custom value.
- `MarginRight<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description:Sets the right margin of the element, using the default value if not provided.
- `MarginTopBottom<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description:Applies the same margin to both the top and bottom sides.
- `MarginLeftRight<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
Description:Applies the same margin to both the left and right sides.

Padding

- `public static T Padding<T>(this T element, Length? value = null)`
where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets the same padding on all four sides (top, bottom, left, right).If no value is provided, the default padding of 15 is applied.
- `public static T Padding<T>(this T element, Length topBottomValue, Length leftRightValue) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets the top and bottom padding to topBottomValue and the left and right padding to leftRightValue.

- public static T Padding<T>(this T element, Length top, Length bottom, Length left, Length right) where T : VisualElement

Description:

- Allows specifying separate padding values for the top, bottom, left, and right sides.
- public static T PaddingTop<T>(this T element, Length? value = null) where T : VisualElement

Description:Sets the padding for the top side, defaulting to 15 if no value is provided.

- public static T PaddingBottom<T>(this T element, Length? value = null) where T : VisualElement

Description:Sets the padding for the bottom side with an optional custom value.

- public static T PaddingLeft<T>(this T element, Length? value = null) where T : VisualElement

Description:Sets the left padding of the element.

- public static T PaddingRight<T>(this T element, Length? value = null) where T : VisualElement

Description:Sets the right padding of the element.

- public static T PaddingTopBottom<T>(this T element, Length? value = null) where T : VisualElement

Description:Applies the same padding to both the top and bottom sides.

- public static T PaddingLeftRight<T>(this T element, Length? value = null) where T : VisualElement

Description:

- Applies the same padding to both the left and right sides.

Size

- public static T Size<T>(this T element, Length value) where T : VisualElement

Description:Sets both the height and width of the element to the same value.

- `public static T FixedSize<T>(this T element, Length width, Length height) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Fixes the element's size by setting both its minimum and maximum sizes to the specified width and height.

- `public static T FixedSize<T>(this T element, Length size) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets a square fixed size by applying the same value to both width and height constraints.

- `public static T Size<T>(this T element, Length width, Length height) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets the element's width and height individually.

- `public static T Width<T>(this T element, Length width) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets the element's width.

- `public static T Height<T>(this T element, Length height) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets the element's height.

- `public static T FixedWidth<T>(this T element, Length width) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets a fixed width by applying the same value to both the element's minimum and maximum widths.

- `public static T FixedHeight<T>(this T element, Length height) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets a fixed height by applying the same value to both the element's minimum and maximum heights.

- `public static T MinSize<T>(this T element, Length value) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets both the minimum width and height to the specified value.

- `public static T MinSize<T>(this T element, Length width, Length height) where T : VisualElement`

Description:Sets the minimum width and height individually.

- `public static T MaxSize<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets both the maximum width and height to the specified value.
- `public static T MaxSize<T>(this T element, Length width, Length height)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets the maximum width and height individually.
- `public static T MinHeight<T>(this T element, Length minHeight)` where `T : VisualElement` `public static T MaxHeight<T>(this T element, Length maxHeight)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets the minimum or maximum height respectively.
- `public static T MinWidth<T>(this T element, Length minWidth)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T MaxWidth<T>(this T element, Length maxWidth)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets the minimum or maximum width respectively.

Transform

- `public static T Rotate<T>(this T element, StyleRotate rotate)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets the rotation of the element using a `StyleRotate` object.
- `public static T Rotate<T>(this T element, float rotate)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T Scale<T>(this T element, StyleScale scale)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Applies a scale transformation to the element.
- Overloads: `public static T Scale<T>(this T element, Vector3 scale)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T Scale<T>(this T element, float scale)` where `T : VisualElement`

- `public static T Position<T>(this T element, Position position)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets the CSS-like positioning of the element.
- `AbsolutePosition<T>():` Sets position to Absolute.
- `RelativePosition<T>():` Sets position to Relative.
- `public static T Translate<T>(this T element, StyleTranslate translate)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Applies a translation (movement) transformation to the element.
- Overloads:`public static T Translate<T>(this T element, Vector3 translate)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T Translate<T>(this T element, float x, float y, float z)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T TransformOrigin<T>(this T element, Length x, Length y)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Sets the origin point for transform operations, affecting rotation and scaling.
- `public static T Bottom<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T Left<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T Right<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`
- `public static T Top<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Each method sets the corresponding directional property (bottom, left, right, or top) to a specified value.
- `public static T StretchTopToBottom<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Applies the same value to both the top and bottom properties.
- `public static T StretchLeftToRight<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`
Description:Applies the same value to both the left and right properties.

- `public static T Stretch<T>(this T element, Length value)` where `T : VisualElement`

Description: Sets the same value for top, bottom, left, and right, effectively stretching the element's boundary.