



Unity Game Engine

Introduction to Unity – Adding projectile and enemies

Unity Manual: <http://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/index.html>

Unity Script References: <http://docs.unity3d.com/ScriptReference/index.html>

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A basic FPS

- Continuing to the previous work, let's add features for
 - Shooting into the scene
 - Detecting and responding to hits
 - Making characters/enemies that wander around
 - Spawning new objects(enemies) in the scene

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Detail steps to take

1. Enable the player to shoot into the scene.
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Ray

- A *ray* starts out at a point (**origin**) and extends out in a specific **direction** infinitely.



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What is Raycasting?

- Raycasting is the use of ray-surface intersection tests to solve a variety of problems in computer graphics and computational geometry.
- Raycasting tells us what objects in the environment the ray runs into. In other words, Raycasting determines what intersects the ray when you cast a ray.

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When do we use Raycasting?

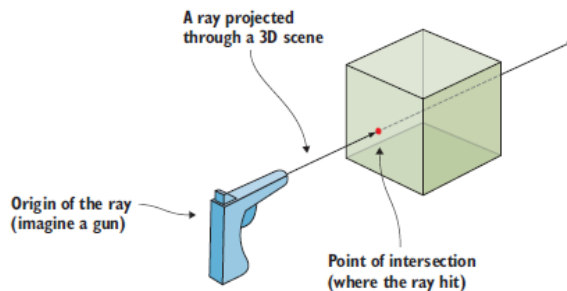
- To handle shooting
- To determine what's 'in front of' (line of sight) an autonomous agent for AI purposes.
- ...

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Shooting via Raycasting

- When you fire a bullet from a gun: A ray is analogous to the path of the bullet, and raycasting is analogous to firing the bullet and seeing where it hits.



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Raycasting for FPS

- For a FPS, the ray generally starts at the camera position (ray origin) and then extends out through the center of the camera view.
 - In other words, you're checking for objects straight in front of the camera.

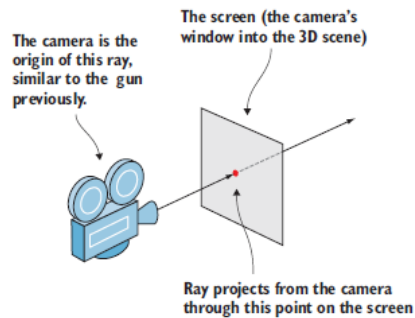


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Raycasting for FPS

- We'll implement shooting by projecting a ray that starts at the camera and extends forward through the center of the view.
 - This is a special case of an action referred to as *mouse picking*.



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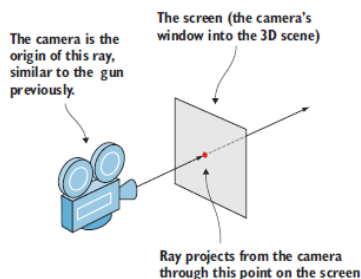
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Raycasting for FPS in Unity

- Generate Ray & Calculate the hit point
 - Use **Camera.ScreenPointToRay(point)** to create a ray that starts at the camera and projects at an angle passing through the center of the screen for a FPS.
 - Pass the ray to the method **Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit)** to perform raycasting using that ray.



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Functions for Raycasting

- **Camera.ScreenPointToRay(Vector3 position);**
 - Returns a ray object going from camera through a screen point. Resulting ray is in world space.
 - **position** is (x,y) pixel coordinates on the screen. **Position.z** is ignored). The bottom-left of the screen is (0,0); the right-top is (**pixelWidth** -1, **pixelHeight** -1).
- **Physics.Raycast(Ray ray, out RaycastHit hitInfo);**
 - Returns True if the **ray** intersects with a Collider, otherwise false.
 - If true is returned, **hitInfo** will contain more information about where the collider was hit.
 - **out** keyword causes arguments to be passed by reference.

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RayShooter.cs Script

- Create a new C# script, RayShooter.cs.
- Attach it to the camera (not the player object).

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```
using UnityEngine;
using System.Collections;
public class RayShooter : MonoBehaviour {
    private Camera _camera;
    void Start() {
        _camera = GetComponent<Camera>();
    }
    void Update() {
        if (Input.GetMouseButtonDown(0)) { //mouse left button down
            // create a ray that pass through the screen center
            Vector3 point = new Vector3(_camera.pixelWidth/2,
                                       _camera.pixelHeight/2, 0);
            Ray ray = _camera.ScreenPointToRay(point);

            // Raycast
            RaycastHit hit;
            if (Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit)) {
                Debug.Log("Hit " + hit.point);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

The script shoots a ray when the mouse has been clicked and displays the hit point to the console.

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RayShooter.cs Explained

- The camera component is retrieved in `Start()`.
- The code checks if the mouse left buttons was pressed.
- `Input.GetMouseButtonDown(int button)`
 - Returns true during the frame the user pressed the given mouse button.
 - `button`: 0 for left button, 1 for right button, 2 for middle button.
- `_camera.ScreenPointToRay(point)`
 - z value of the point will be ignored.
 - (x,y) of the point is a screen point. The bottom-left of the screen is (0,0); the right-top is (`pixelWidth`-1,`pixelHeight`-1).

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RayShooter.cs Explained (2)

- `RaycastHit` data structure includes a bundle of information about the intersection of the ray, including the intersection/hit point and the hit object.
 - <https://docs.unity3d.com/ScriptReference/RaycastHit.html>
- `Physics.Raycast()` method checks for intersections with the given ray, fills in data about the intersection, and returns true if the ray hit anything.
- The code emits a console message to indicate when an intersection occurred with the 3D coordinates of the point where the ray hit.

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Adding Visual Indicators – Aiming Spot

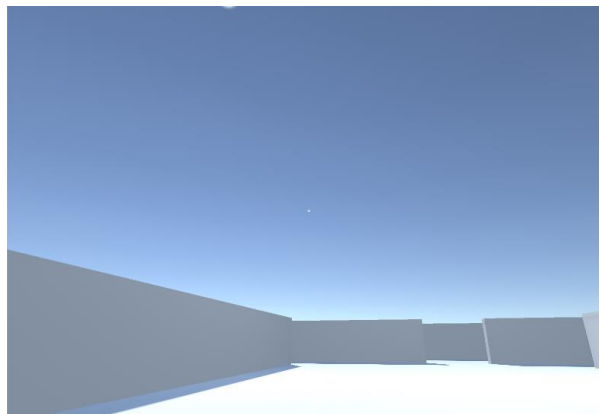


- an aiming spot on the center of the screen

```
//RayShooter Script
...
void Start() {
    _camera = GetComponent<Camera>();
    Cursor.lockState = CursorLockMode.Locked;
    Cursor.visible = false;
}
void OnGUI() {
    int size = 12;
    float posX = _camera.pixelWidth/2 - size/4;
    float posY = _camera.pixelHeight/2 - size/2;
    GUI.Label(new Rect(posX, posY, size, size), "");
}
...
```

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Adding Visual Indicators – Aiming Spot



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Add Aiming Spot

- **Cursor settings in `Start()`**
 - hides the mouse cursor at the center of the screen.
- **`OnGUI()`**
 - Every `MonoBehaviour` automatically responds to an `OnGUI()` method.
 - `OnGUI()` runs every frame right **after** the 3D scene is rendered, resulting in everything drawn during `OnGUI()` appearing on top of the 3D scene.
- **`GUI.Label()` displays an asterisk (*) in the center of the screen.**

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Types of Targets

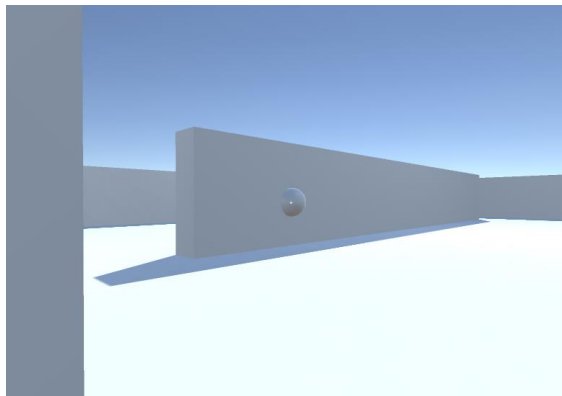
- Environment (static target)
 - When the ray hits, show a bullet hole.
- Enemy (moving target)
 - When the ray hits, make it die.

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Adding Visual Indicators – Bullet Hole

- Bullet hole - a mark where the ray hit (let's put a sphere)



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Adding Visual Indicators – Bullet Hole

- StartCoroutine() sets a coroutine in motion.

```
...  
void Update() {  
    if (Input.GetMouseButtonDown(0)) {  
        Vector3 point = new Vector3(_camera.pixelWidth/2,  
                                     _camera.pixelHeight/2, 0);  
        Ray ray = _camera.ScreenPointToRay(point);  
        RaycastHit hit;  
        if (Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit)) {  
            StartCoroutine(SphereIndicator(hit.point));  
        }  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

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Unity Coroutines

- When you call a function, it runs to completion before returning.
- This effectively means that a function call can't be used to contain a procedural animation or a sequence of events over time.
 - See Fade() function example.

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Unity Coroutines (2)

- Consider the Fade() function called in Update() to fade the scene.

```
void Update() {  
    ..  
    Fade()  
    ..  
}  
void Fade() {  
    for (float f = 1f; f >= 0; f -= 0.1f) {  
        Color c = renderer.material.color;  
        c.a = f;  
        renderer.material.color = c;  
    }  
}
```

- It won't see the effect you want. The object will disappear instantly. In order for the fading to be visible, the alpha must be reduced over a sequence of frames to show the intermediate values being rendered. However, the function will execute in its entirety within a single frame update. The intermediate values will never be seen.

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Unity Coroutines (3)

- Solution: you can design Update function 1) to fade on frame-by-frame basis or 2) use a coroutine.
- Coroutines are a great way of writing routines that need to happen over time.

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Unity Coroutines (4)

- A coroutine is declared like this:

```
IEnumerator Fade() {  
    for (float f = 1f; f >= 0; f -= 0.1f) {  
        Color c = renderer.material.color;  
        c.a = f;  
        renderer.material.color = c;  
        yield return null;  
    }  
}
```

Return type should be **IEnumerator** and the **yield keyword in the return statement**. Any function that includes the yield statement is understood to be a coroutine and the IEnumerator return type need not be explicitly declared:

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Unity Coroutines (5)

- To set a coroutine running (invoke), you need to use the `StartCoroutine` function.
- By default, a coroutine is resumed on the frame after it yields
- It is also possible to introduce a time delay using `WaitForSeconds`.

```
void Update() {  
    if (Input.GetKeyDown("f")) {  
        StartCoroutine("Fade");  
    }  
}  
  
IEnumerator Fade() {  
    for (float f = 1f; f >= 0; f -= 0.1f) {  
        Color c = renderer.material.color;  
        c.a = f;  
        renderer.material.color = c;  
        yield return new WaitForSeconds(.1f);  
    }  
}
```

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SphereIndicator Coroutine

```
...
void Update() {
    if (Input.GetMouseButtonDown(0)) {
        Vector3 point = new Vector3(_camera.pixelWidth/2,
            _camera.pixelHeight/2, 0);
        Ray ray = _camera.ScreenPointToRay(point);
        RaycastHit hit;
        if (Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit)) {
            StartCoroutine(SphereIndicator(hit.point));
        }
    }
    private IEnumerator SphereIndicator(Vector3 pos) {
        GameObject sphere =
            GameObject.CreatePrimitive(PrimitiveType.Sphere);
        sphere.transform.position = pos;
        yield return new WaitForSeconds(1);
        Destroy(sphere);
    }
    ...
}
```

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SphereIndicator Coroutine

- This method creates a sphere at a point in the scene and then removes that sphere a second later.
- The **yield** keyword causes the coroutine to temporarily pause, handing back the program flow and picking up again from that point in the next frame.
- `WaitForSeconds(1)` causes the coroutine to pause for one second.

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Unity Coroutines (6)

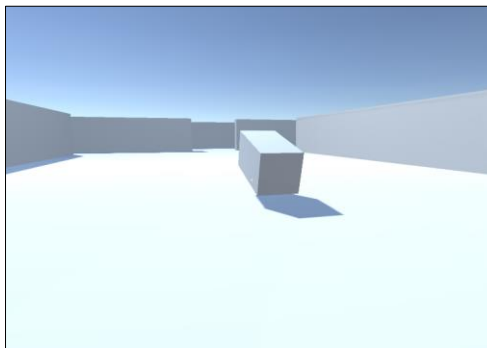
- Coroutines seemingly run in the background of a program, through a repeated cycle of running partway and then returning to the rest of the program.
 - Coroutines are *not* threads. It will be executing on the main thread of the game.
 - A coroutine is like a function that has the ability to pause execution and return control to Unity but then to continue where it left off on the following frame.

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Enemy (moving target)

- Enemy (moving target)
 - When the ray hits, make it die.
 - The target object will fall over and disappear when you shoot it.



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Create a Target Enemy

- Create an enemy
 - Create a new cube object (Navigation: GameObject > 3D Object > Cube)
 - Scale as you want. Elongate it vertically.
 - Name the object Enemy.
- Create a new script called **ReactiveTarget.cs**.
- Attach the script to the Enemy.

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ReactiveTarget.cs

```
using UnityEngine;
using System.Collections;
public class ReactiveTarget : MonoBehaviour {
    public void ReactToHit() {
        StartCoroutine(Die());
    }
    private IEnumerator Die() {
        this.transform.Rotate(-75, 0, 0);
        yield return new WaitForSeconds(1.5f);
        Destroy(this.gameObject);
    }
}
```

The target object will fall over and disappear when you shoot it.

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Modify Rayshooter.cs Script

```
...
RaycastHit hit;
if (Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit)) {
    GameObject hitObject = hit.transform.gameObject;
    ReactiveTarget target =
        hitObject.GetComponent<ReactiveTarget>();
    if (target != null) {
        //Debug.Log("Target hit");
        target.ReactToHit();
    } else {
        StartCoroutine(SphereIndicator(hit.point));
    }
}
...
```

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Resource

- RayShoot.cs
- ReactiveTarget.cs

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