

# Data Import

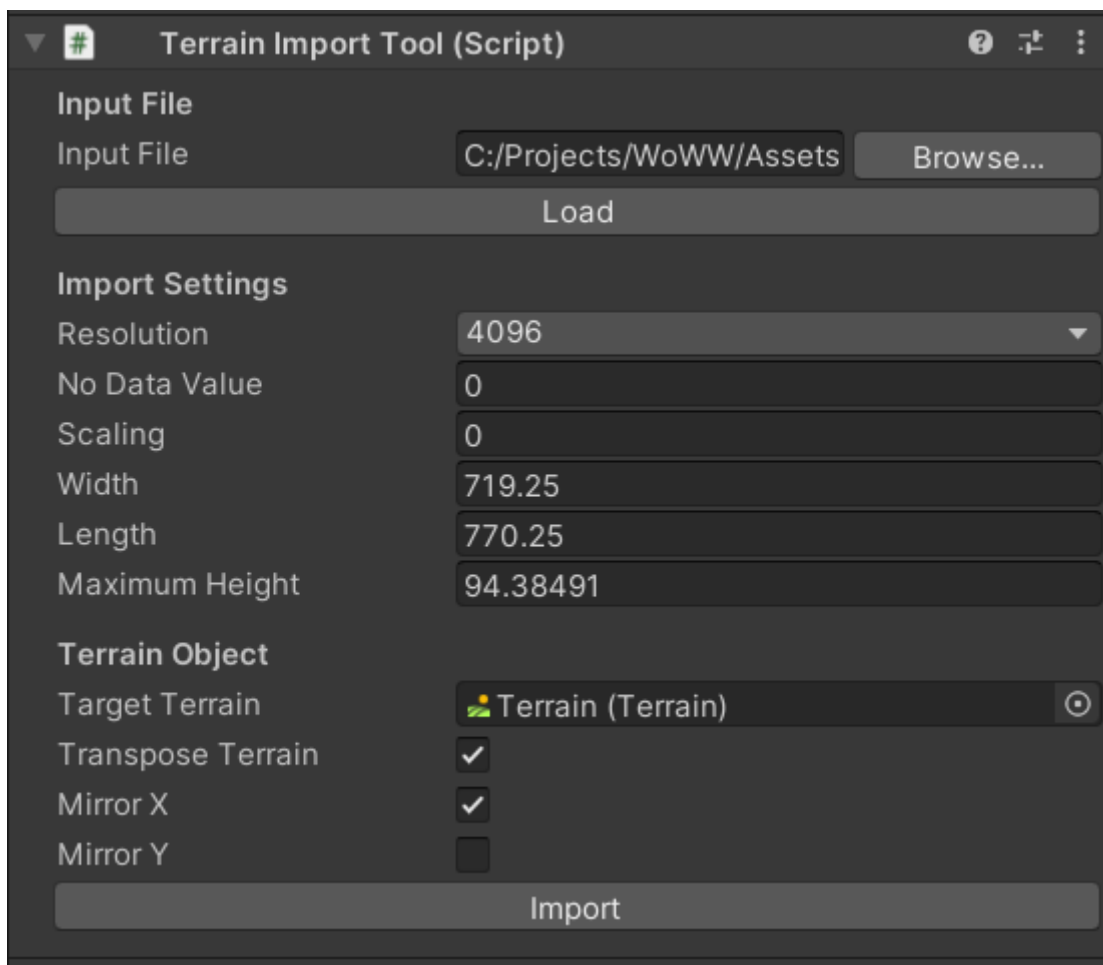
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This outlines the procedures to import new datasets into the project. There's two main parts, terrain import and flow data import.

## Creating the Scene

Refer to [New Scene Tutorial](#) on how to create a new scene. The name of the scene will be important later on, so choose one carefully.

## Terrain Import



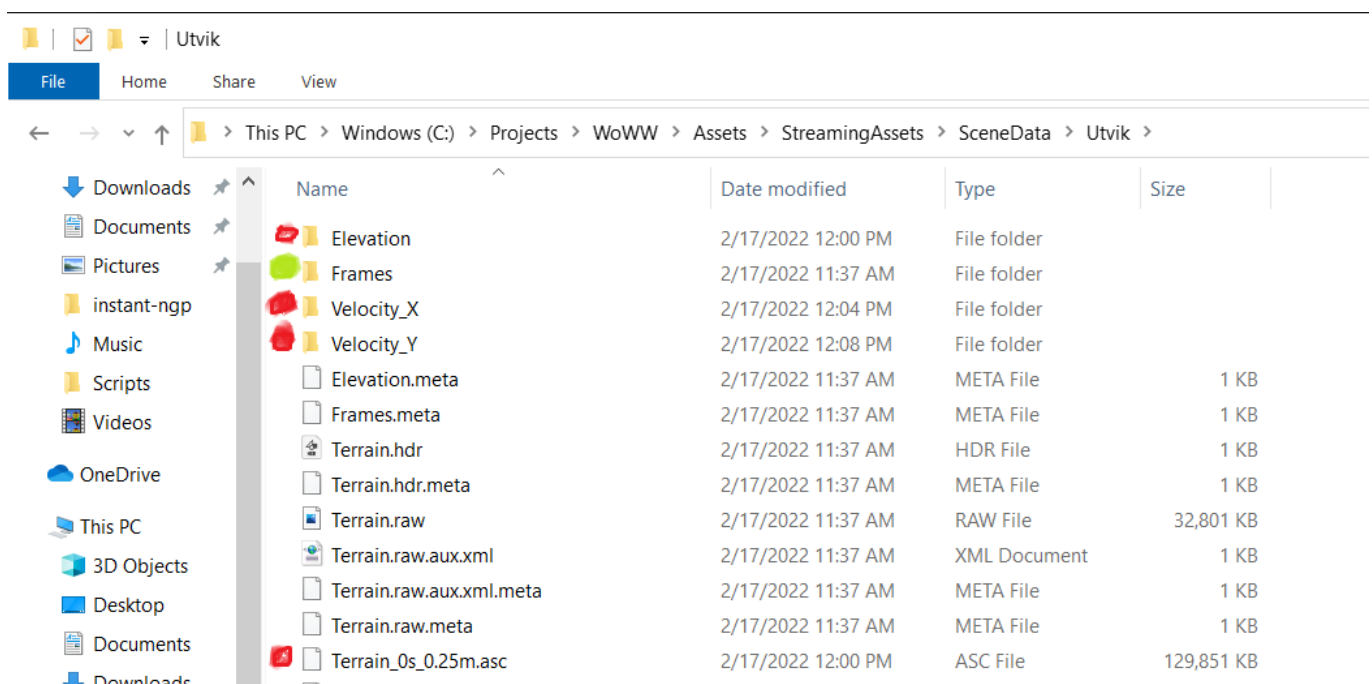
- To start, create an empty game object. Add the **Terrain Import Tool** component.
- Next, click on **Browse**, and navigate to the terrain file. Note that currently only **.asc** files are supported.
- Click on **Load** to load the terrain data. This can take some time.
- The fields below, such as **Width**, **Length**, and **Maximum Height** will get populated automatically depending on the terrain data. Only change these if you know what you are doing.
- You may decrease the **Resolution** if you wish to decrease the accuracy while improving performance.
- Select the **Target Terrain** to import data into.
- If necessary, enable mirroring along diagonal (**Transpose**) or either of the axes (**Mirror X**, **Mirror Y**)
- Click **Import**. If the result is incorrect (e.g. flipped along the diagonal) modify the import setting above and try again.

## Flow Data Import

To start with, we need to organize the data into a format that the flow import tool can work with. There are 4 required components that need to be in the same parent folder:

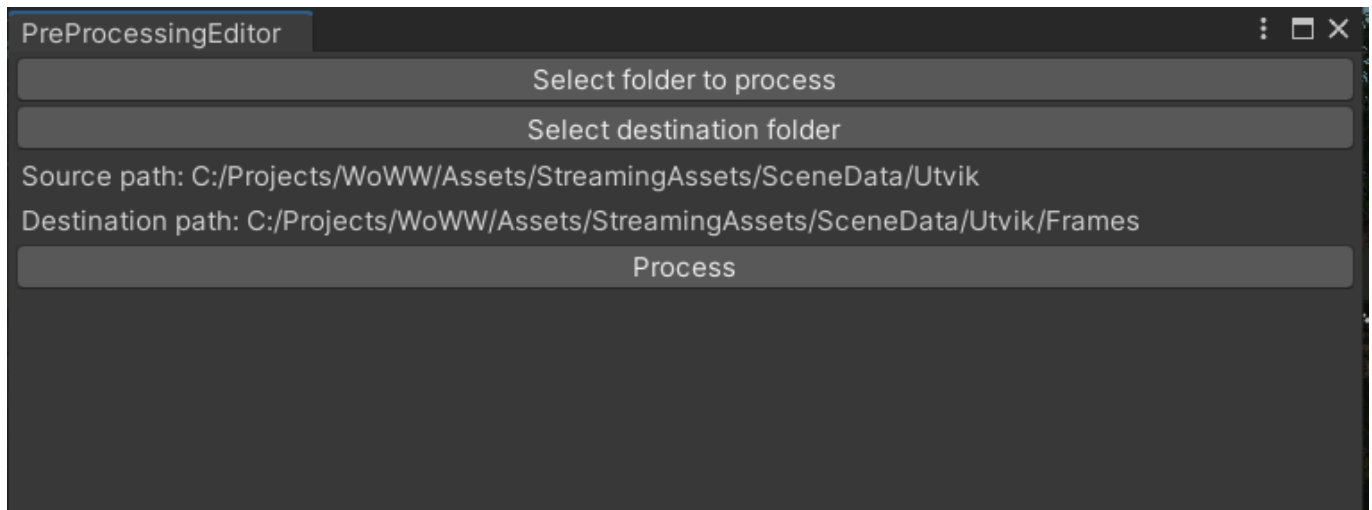
- **Elevation** Directory
  - Elevation **.asc** files of the surface, as it changes in time
- **Velocity\_X** Directory
  - Velocity along X axis **.asc** files of the surface, as it changes in time
- **Velocity\_Y** Directory
  - Velocity along Y axis **.asc** files of the surface, as it changes in time
- **Terrain.asc** File
  - The underlying terrain. This is required due to some preprocessing of the flow surface that happens
  - This is a file that is found by having **.asc** extension and the keyword **terrain** in it's name. Make sure there is *exactly one* such file in the folder.

Below is an example of a directory setup for being preprocessed. The required items are marked with a red mark:



Once you have the required structure, you can now navigate in the Unity project to **Window -> Breach -> Pre-processing**.

- **Select folder to process**
  - Select the parent folder of the 4 components, as explained above.
- **Select destination folder**
  - Select the folder where pre-processed data should be stored. Use `<Project>/Assets/StreamingAssets/SceneData/<Scene>/Frames`.
  - The `<Scene>` has to be the name of the scene you plan to use this data in, as created in the first step of this document.



- Click **Process**, and wait. Note that this operation can take some time depending on the size and amount of data, and will use all your available CPU resources.
  - A dataset as large as **Utvik** can take between 10 and 25 minutes on a decent system.

