

Untitled Games Studio

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1. Limitations

Currently our game engine is being specifically designed with a third person player character in mind. Our engine does not have a complex physics system either. Due to these two major limitations, the scope for games created with Iridium Engine have to be small and without a lot of complex features such as rigidbodies, momentum transfer, dynamic cameras, etc.

2. Moving to a different genre

Our current game engine is designed for a Third person character based game. Moving to a genre such as RTS would required a few changes such as:

- a. Converting the actor classes to something more generic since an RTS has hundreds of various gameobject classes.
- b. Creating a tile based world instead of using level data
- c. Placing AI and other enemy intensive behavior on seperate threads.
- d. Perhaps the biggest change of all would be to UI. We would have to create an entire User Interface system which is pretty much non existent in Iridium.
- e. An engine integrated factory system that would efficiently create and destroy actors and resources. Since our game is pre-set with the required number of enemies and objects, we do not have to worry about runtime creation and destruction of gameobjects too much currently.
- f. Implementing camera to world raycasting. Currently for our game, we do not see a need for raycasts. If we were to switch to an RTS, we would be required to implement a raycast system so that the user can select the "tiles" to move the unit to.