Blueprints Tips

9th Week, 2022





Blueprint Editor shortcuts (1)

- > Shortcuts to create **GET** and **SET** nodes
- Ctrl + Drag: to create **GET** node
 - Alt + Drag: to create (SET) node



< Shortcuts to create GET and SET nodes >

- Dropping a variable on an input parameter pin: to create a GET

Add pin ⊕

Make B = Score

node

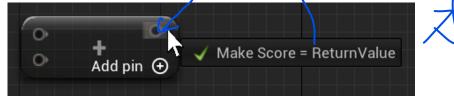
< Dragging a variable and dropping it on an input pin to create a GET node >



Blueprint Editor shortcuts (2)

- Dropping a variable on an output parameter pin: to create a

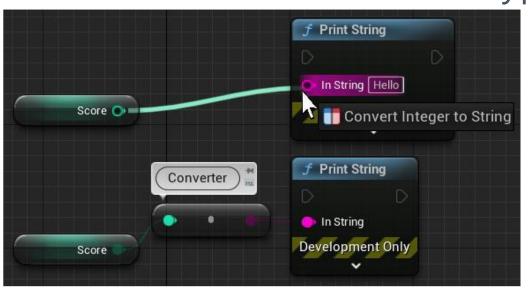
SET node



< Dragging a variable and dropping it on an output pin to create a SET node >

> The Blueprint Editor has an automatic type conversion

system.

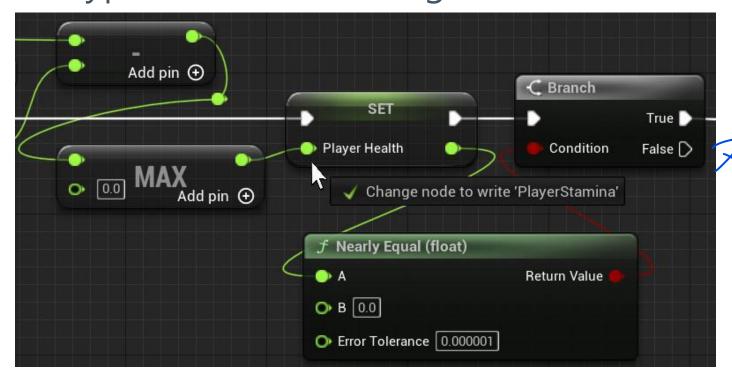


< Creating a converter node >



Blueprint Editor shortcuts (3)

In the Blueprint Editor, it is possible to change an existing node for another node that uses the same variable type without breaking the connections.

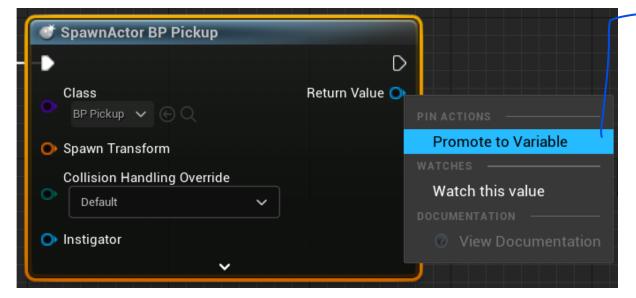




Blueprint Editor shortcuts (4)

> The **Promote to Variable** option: A shortcut to create variable based on the type of an input or output pin of a

node.



< Promoting the return value to a variable >

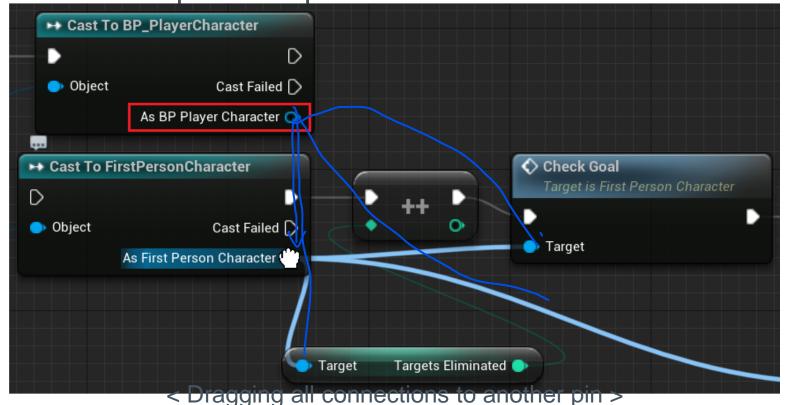


Blueprint Editor shortcuts (5)

> Alt + Click: to break all the connections of a pin

> Ctrl + Drag: to move all the connections of a pin to

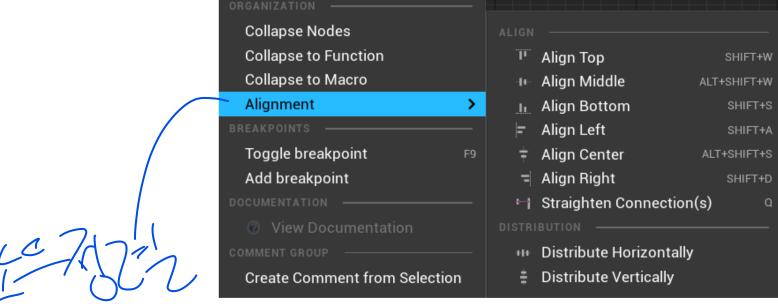
another compatible pin



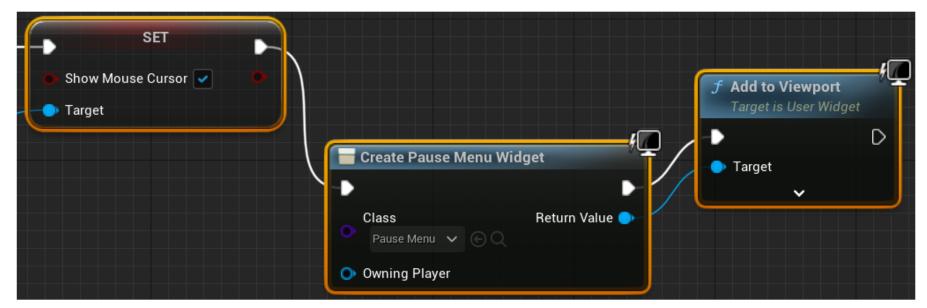


Blueprint Editor shortcuts (6)

> The Blueprint Editor offers several options for node alignment.



< The Alignment options >



< These nodes will be aligned >



< The nodes after applying Straighten Connection(s) >



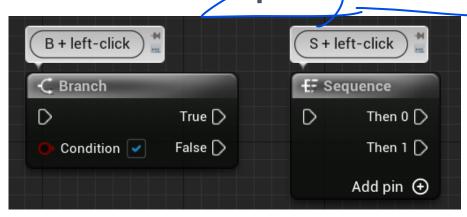
Blueprint Editor shortcuts (7)

> Shortcut keys to create some common nodes in

Blueprints

– B + left-click: to create a **Branch** node

– S + left-click: to create a Sequence node

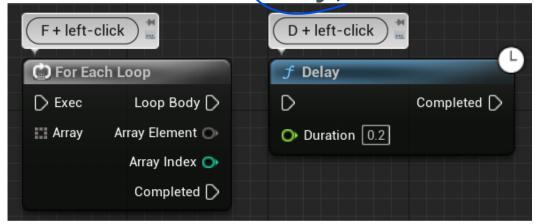


< Shortcuts for Branch and Sequence nodes >



Blueprint Editor shortcuts (8) + = = =

- F + left-click: to create a For Each Loop node
- D + left-click: to create a **Delay** node

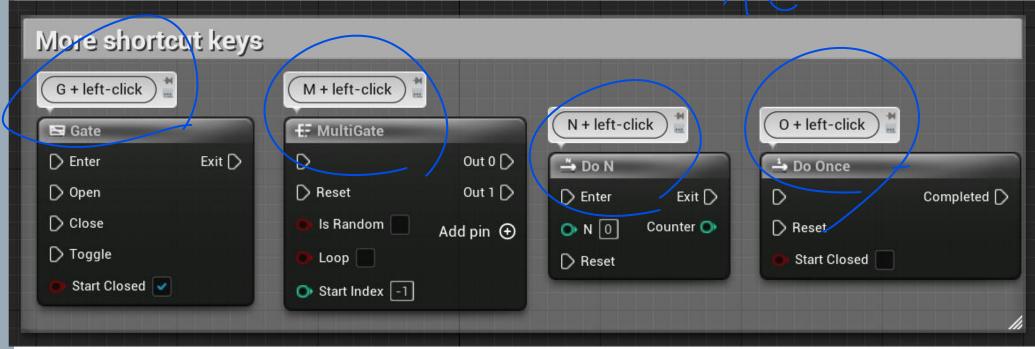


< Shortcuts for the For Each Loop and Delay nodes >



Blueprint Editor shortcuts (9)

> To create comment box around some nodes, first select the nodes, then right-click on one of the selected nodes and select the **Create Comment** option from **Selection**, or you can just press the C key.



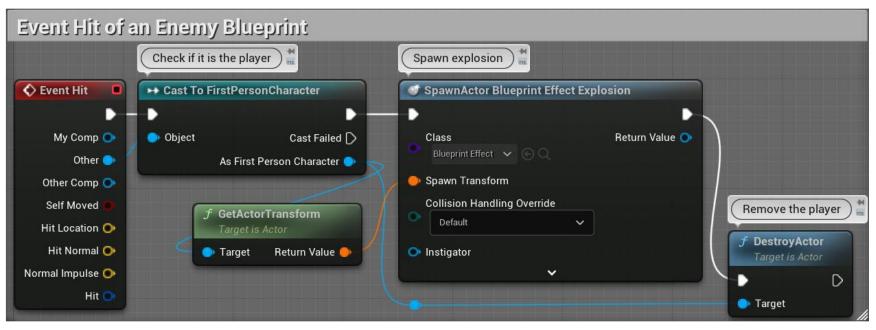


Blueprint best practices (1)

- > Blueprint responsibilities
 - When creating a Blueprint, you need to decide what its responsibilities will be.
 - This refers to what it will do and what it will not do.
 - You need to make the Blueprint as independent as possible.
 - A Blueprint must be responsible for its internal state.



Blueprint best practices (2)



< Event hit o an enemy Blueprint >

- But you decide to change the way the player dies.



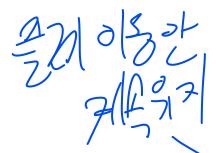
< Creating the Death event in the FirstPersonCharacter Blueprint >



< New Version of Event Hit of Enemy Blueprint >



Blueprint best practices (3)



- A Level Blueprint must be used only for logic and situations specific to one Level.
 - > If your game rules logic changes, then you will need to all the Level Blueprint of the new Level.
 - A better place to implement game rules logic is in a GameMode Blueprint class.
 - > The <u>logic for other actors</u> should be implemented in <u>Blueprint class</u> rather than being implemented in the Level Blueprint.



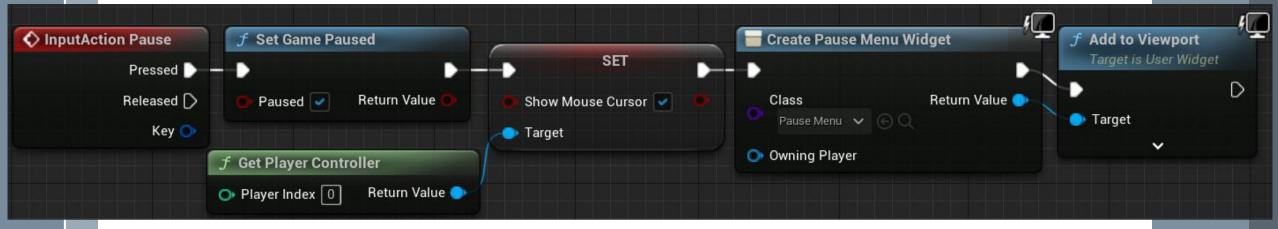
Blueprint best practices (4)

- > Managing Blueprint complexities
 - A Blueprint EventGraph can become very complex and scary.
 - Abstraction is used to handle complexities by hiding low-level details, allowing the developer to focus on a problem at a high abstraction level.
 - A simple way to apply abstraction: to select a group of nodes and convert them into a collapsed graph, Function, or Macro.
 - > To convert the nodes, right-click on the selected nodes.

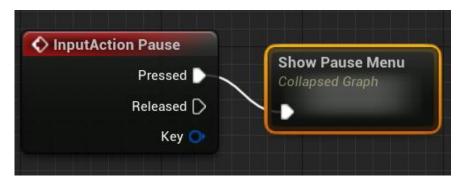


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< Node used to show the Pause Menu >

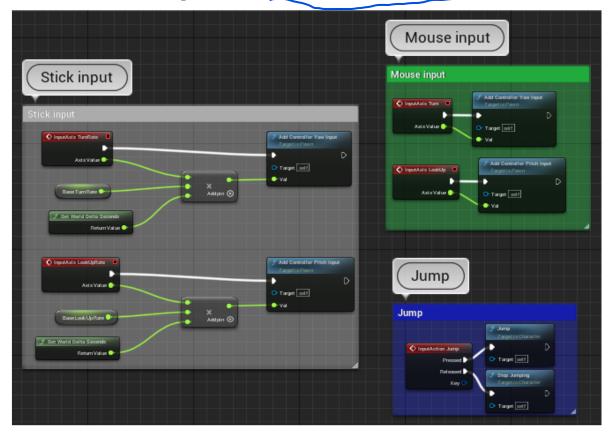


< The nodes were converted into a collapsed graph >



Blueprint best practices (5)

 Another handy tool that can increase the readability of a complex EventGraph is comment box





Blueprint best practices (6)



Blueprint best practices (7)



Blueprint best practices (8)



Blueprint best practices (9)