How to Create a VR Application using Godot 4.0.1 and Godot XR Tools

Introduction

This guide will walk you through the process of creating a VR application using Godot 4.0.1 and Godot XR tools. You'll learn how to set up the environment, add controllers, configure movement, and more.

Prerequisites

- A VR headset
- Godot 4.0.1 installed
- Godot XR tools installed

Step 1: Download and Install Godot Engine

- 1. Open a web browser and navigate to the Godot website.
- 2. Click on "Download Latest" and select the standard Godot engine 4.0.1 for download.
- 3. Once downloaded, open the download folder and extract the contents of the zip file.

Step 2: Launch Godot Application

- 1. Navigate into the extracted folder and launch the Godot application.
- 2. Dismiss the open Assets Library pop-up.

Step 3: Create a New Project

- 1. Click on the "New Project" button.
- 2. Enter "Godot VR Demo" as the project name.
- 3. Click on "Create Folder" and then "Create and Edit" to create the project.

Step 4: Add XR Tools Plugin

- 1. Click on the "Asset Library" button at the top of the window.
- 2. Search for "Godot XR tools" and download it.
- 3. Install the downloaded files.

Step 5: Configure XR Settings

- 1. Open the project settings and switch to the "Plugins" tab.
- 2. Enable the Godot XR tools plugin.
- 3. Switch to the "General" tab and scroll to the XR section.
- 4. Enable both OpenXR and the associated shaders.
- 5. Click on the "Save and Restart" button.

Step 6: Set Up the Scene

1. Click on "3D Scene" to create a top-level 3D node named "Main."

2. Rename the scene file to "main.tscn."

Step 7: Add VR Components

- 1. Under the Main node, add a child of type XR origin 3D.
- 2. Add an XR camera 3D node under the XR origin.
- 3. Add 2 XR controller 3D nodes under the XR origin for both hands.
- 4. Adjust the positions of the camera and controllers for player height and hand positions.

Step 8: Configure Controllers

- 1. Rename the XR controllers to "Left Controller" and "Right Controller."
- 2. Configure the left controller tracker to left hand and pose to aim.
- 3. Configure the right controller tracker to right hand and pose to aim.

Step 9: Add Environment and Start VR Scene

- 1. Navigate to the "Godot XR tools" folder and drag the "Start XR" scene under the Main node.
- 2. Set the modified scene as the main scene.

Step 10: Test VR Scene

- 1. Save the scene modifications and set the main scene.
- 2. Click on the play button to test the VR scene with your headset.(Refer 1st document for Steps to connect Meta Quest 2 to PC)
- 3. The controller joysticks can be used to move, strafe, and turn the player.

Step 11: Adding Movement

- 1. Expand the XR origin 3D node and browse to the "Godot XR tools" functions folder.
- 2. Drag the "Movement Direct" scenes under the left and right controllers.
- 3. Drag the "Movement Turn" scene under the right controller.

Step 12: Configure Movement

- 1. Select the left controller's movement direct node and set the maximum speed to 3 meters per second and enable strafing.
- 2. Set the right controller's movement direct node speed to 3 meters per second.
- 3. The movement turn node should already be correctly configured.

Step 13: Save and Test Movement

- 1. Save the scene and press play to test the VR scene with movement.
- 2. Use the controller joysticks to move, strafe, and turn the player.

Conclusion

Congratulations! You've successfully created a VR application using Godot 4.0.1 and Godot XR tools. Feel free to explore further and enhance your VR experience with additional features and interactions.

Youtube Link

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