API: Basics

Accessing a Script/Component

Getting access to another script/Component on the same object your script is attached to

The method needed is as follows:

GetComponent<nameOfScriptOrComponent>()

The return type will be the same as the nameOfScript and you can save it to a variable of that type.

For example if you wanted the Transform Component on the object you would use:

Transform testTransform = GetComponent<Transform>();

Warning: If there is no such component attached to the object you will get an error

Getting access to another script/Component an object your script is NOT attached to

Strategy: Get access to the object first and then access the script on it.

Accessing the object

To access an object, first you need its name and then you find it.

GameObject.Find("name of object here")

Example: Trying to get access to the common GameManager object

GameObject.Find("GameManager")

To access its component you can use the earlier code on the object

GameObject.Find("GameManager").GetComponent<Transform>()

Access Variable/Method on another component

Once you have a reference to the component simply call the variable or method to get access to it. Make sure the Variable/Method is part of the API, or is publically accessible

Variable:

GetComponent<ComponentName>.VariableName

Method:

GetComponent<ComponentName>.MethodName(inputsNeeded)