Diamond 1.0

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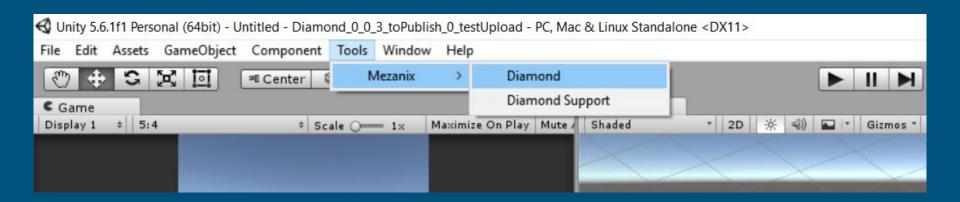
Before Diving in Diamond

Diamond use the State Machine concept. You can have an idea about it here

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Open Diamond

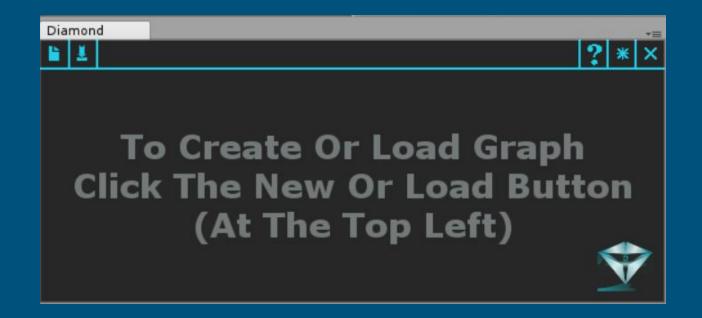
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Diamond Window

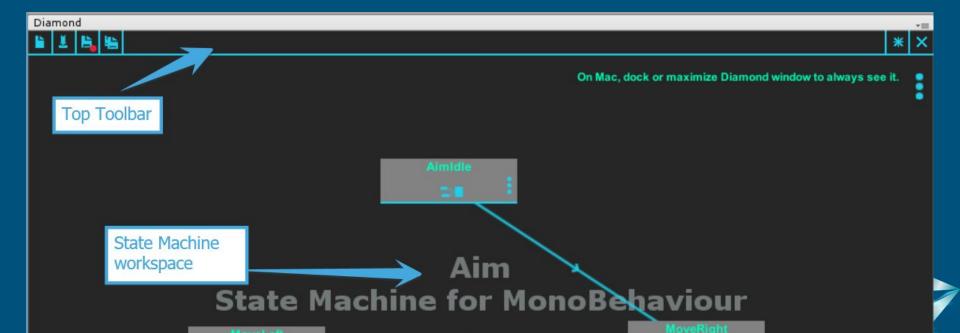
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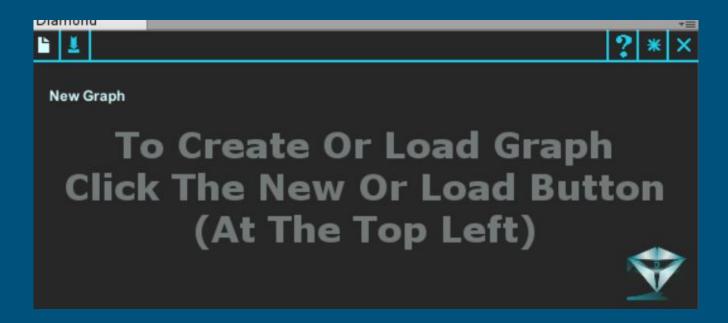
Diamond Window with Graph

If you already have a graph loaded, you will see this window:



Create a new Graph

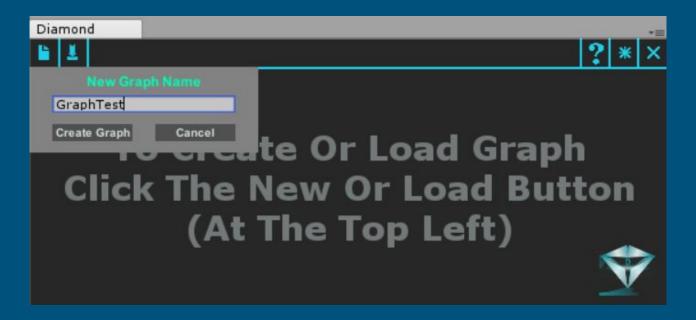
Click the new button





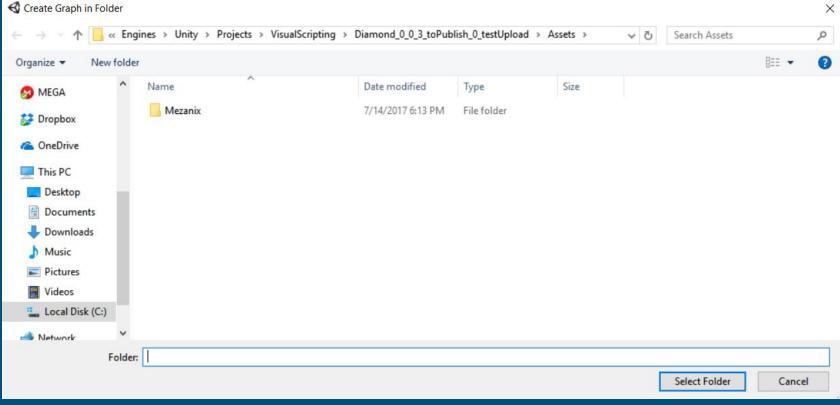
Create a new Graph

The New Graph menu will appear, call it GraphTest and click Create Graph



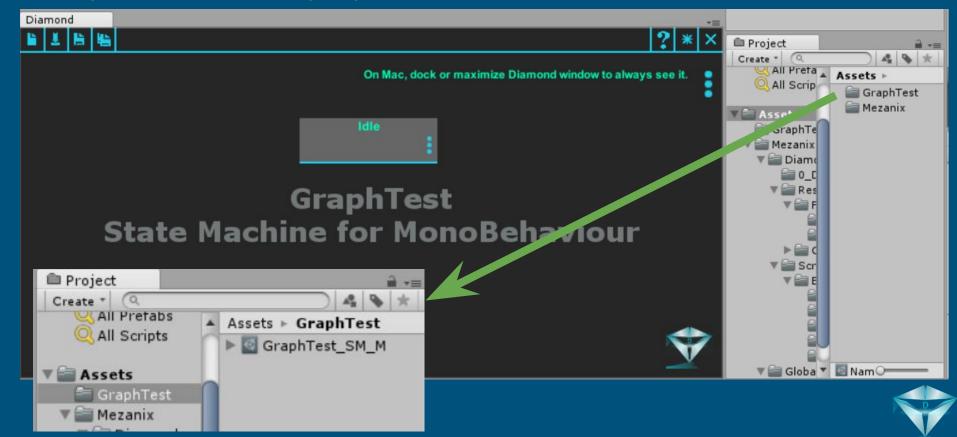


After choosing a name, Diamond ask you where to save your graph and prompt you somewhere in your Unity project folder (same path for your last loaded graph, otherwise at the project root).



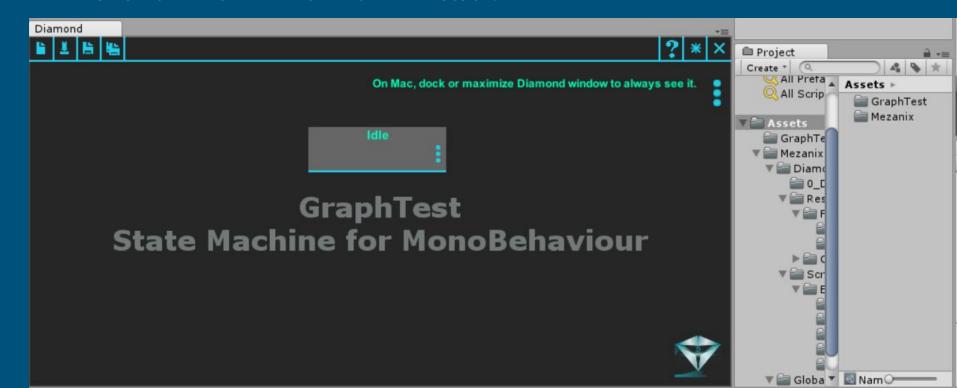


Diamond creates a folder for your graph with the same name of the graph. Inside it you have your graph object with the "_SM_M" suffix standing for "State Machine For MonoBehaviour"



So it's a State Machine graph. A state machine holds many states and has only one active state at each time. At least one state has to be in the state machine. Every new graph has his default state created with it, the Idle state.

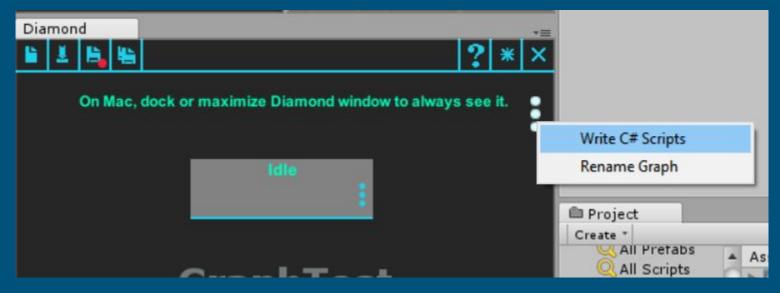
You can't delete or rename the Idle state.



Generate your C# scripts

Your graph is now created, you can generate your scripts by clicking the options button of your graph (top right).

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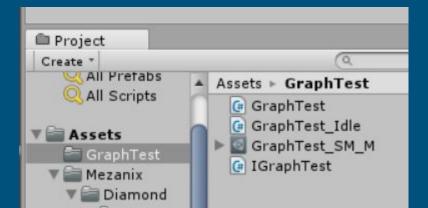


Even if your graph has no logic yet, scripts are generated. In the generated scripts, there's only one that Unity accepts to attach to a gameobject, it's the only one deriving from MonoBehaviour and has the same name of our graph, in this case the GraphTest.cs one..

Other scripts are helpers, representing your graph elements. In our empty graph we have one state, the Idle state. So we have a script called GraphTest_Idle.cs.

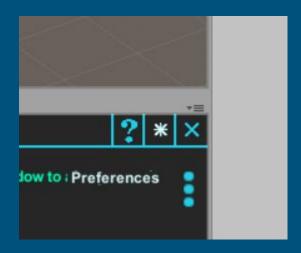
Notice that we have a script called IGraphTest.cs (the graph name + "I" as prefix). It's an Interface used to manage the switching between the states.

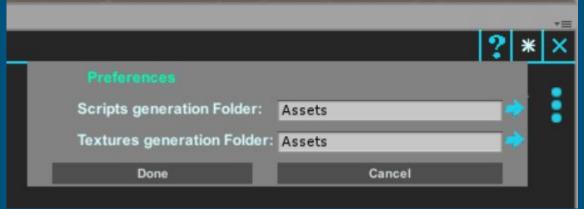
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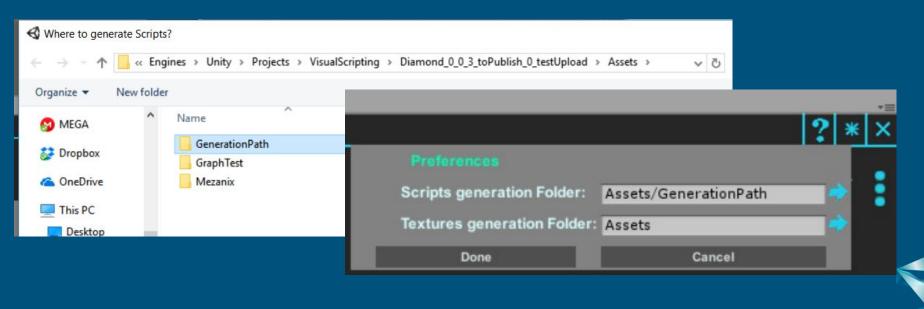
Click the preferences asterix (top right), click the blue arrow at the right and a explorer / finder window will open asking to select the scripts generation path



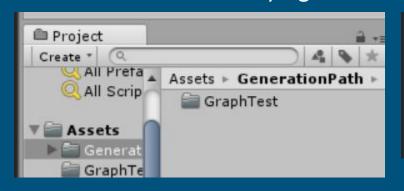


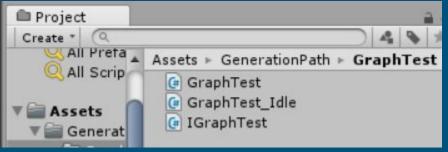


Inside the project I created a folder called "GenerationPath" and selected it. Last and not least, click Done to close menu and save the preferences.



Now generate your scripts again. Scripts are generated in the desired path but we have an error saying that we have already a definition of our classes.





- Assets/GraphTest/GraphTest.cs(7,15): error CS0101: The namespace `ScriptsCreatedByDiamond' already contains a definition for `GraphTest.cs
- 👔 Assets/GraphTest/GraphTest_Idle.cs(7,15): error CS0101: The namespace `ScriptsCreatedByDiamond' already contains a definition for `Grap
- Assets/GraphTest/IGraphTest.cs(6,19): error CS0101: The namespace `ScriptsCreatedByDiamond' already contains a definition for `IGraphTe

Remember that we have already generated the scripts for the same graph in another folder, that was the project root folder (<u>slide</u>).

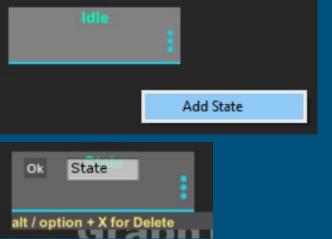
We haven't the right to create 2 classes with the same name in the same namespace in a C# solution.

So if you want a new path to your scripts, simply delete the old ones and ask Diamond to generate your new scripts at the new path. If your script is already attached to a gameobject, after modifying its path, you need sometimes to reattach it.



Create a new state

In your state machine workspace (somewhere near the Idle state) right click and choose "Add State". A new state is added asking you to rename it, you can simply press return (or click OK) if you want the default name. I named it "zoom". Create another state and call it "deZoom".





Create a new logic

The default state is the Idle. letting the graph without transitions, means running only the Idle state even if another states existe. To go from the Idle to the deZoom state we have to create a logic in the Idle state. Click the Idle's option button and choose "Add Logic". Call your logic "logic". To edit your logic, click again the Idle's option button and choose "Edit Logic -> 1. logic".

Now the logic editor is opened (see the next slide)

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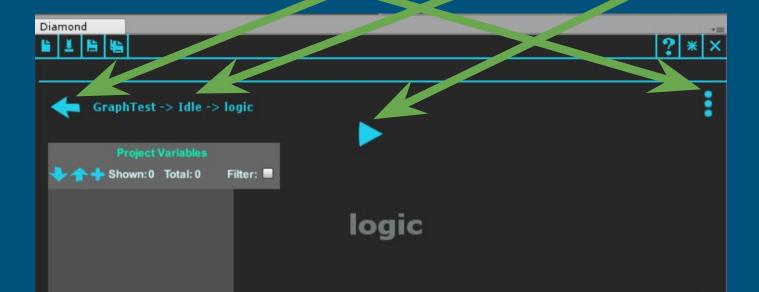






The logic editor

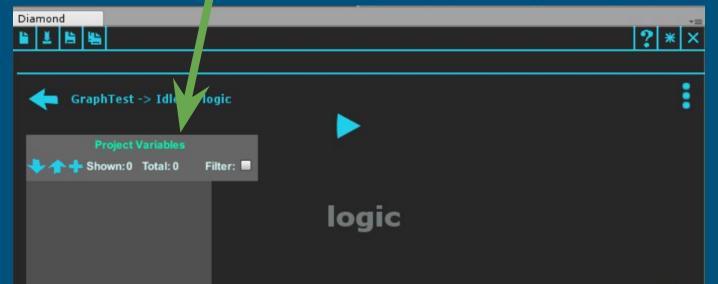
4 things to know about the logic editor: the back button, the address, the play button, and the options button.





The logic editor

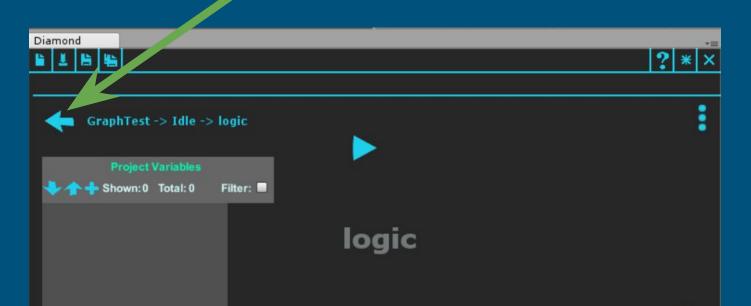
One more thing: the project variables. Variables that are static, so they concern the whole project and could be used to communicate data between logics.





The logic editor - the back button

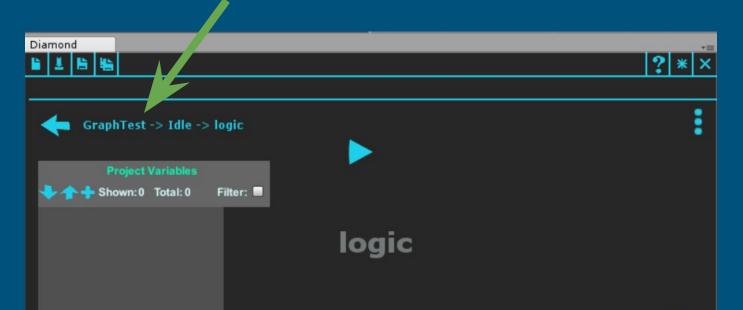
The back button is simply to return to the graph root (the states editor) where you had defined your states. Hotkey: alt / option + b





The logic editor - the address

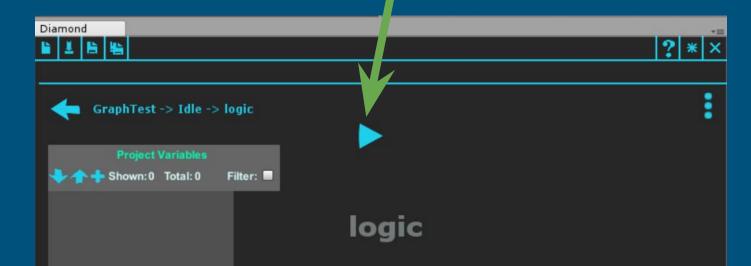
The address indicates where you are, in this case, we are in the graph "GraphTest", in the state "Idle", and finally in the logic "logic".





The logic editor - the play button

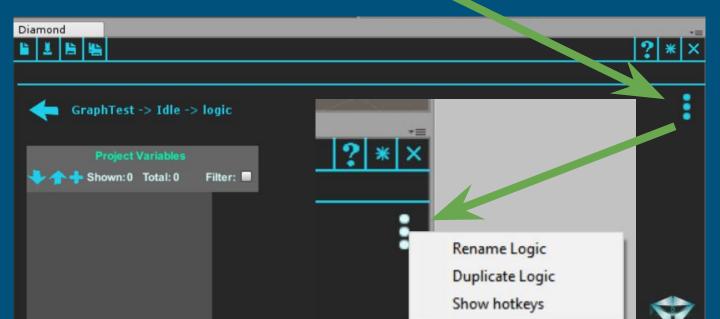
The play button help you testing your logic. So you can see the logic executed in front of your eyes before generating the scripts. If you return back to the states editor your logic will stop running





The logic editor - the options button

The options button let you rename, duplicate your logic, and show the hotkeys list.





Create a new logic node

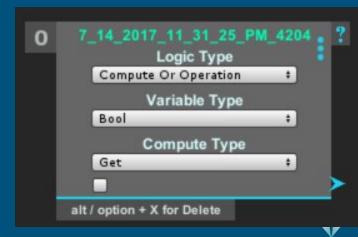
In your logic editor, right click and choose "Add Logic Node".

After his name, the logic node has 3 stages:

- 1. Logic Type what I want to do?
- 2. Variable Type on which variable?
- 3. Compute Type what to do with this variable?

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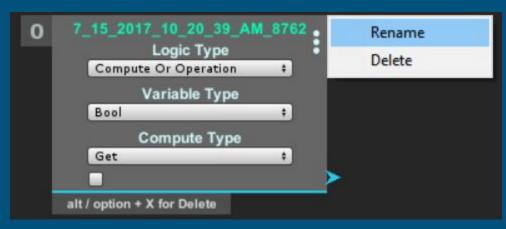




Rename logic node

Click the logic node options button (top right) select rename and write goToState. Press the return key to confirm.

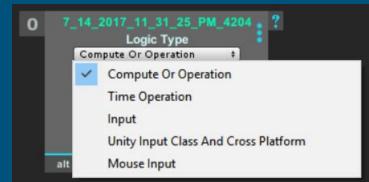
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The logic node - the Logic Type



The Logic Type has 5 options:

- 1. Compute Or Operation the most common one, any kind of operation like addition for an int or changing the Field Of View of a camera
- 2. Time Operation about time and frames,. To have access to the frame delta time, the time since level load, and perform periodic pulses, etc..
- 3. Inputs and cross platform ones, the simple Input is for desktop only, second one is for all inputs and the third one (Mouse Input) is to have the mouse position after freeing the cursor. Some First Person cameras lock the cursor to the screen and we have to free the cursor before getting its position

The logic node - the Variable Type

The Variable Type can be simple as a bool, float, int, Vector3 etc...

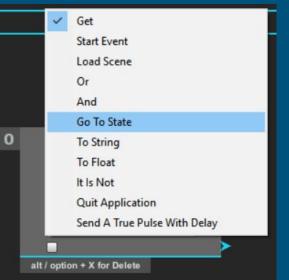
Or an object like a game object, a component transform, a camera, a Texture 2D, etc..

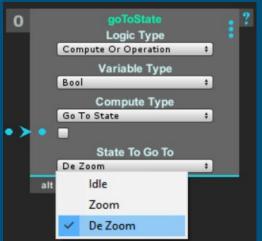
The combination of the Logic Type and the Variable Type choices tells to the Logic Node what Compute Type list to show to you



The logic node - the Compute Type

If we have selected Compute Or Operation for the Logic Type and Bool for the Variable Type, the Compute Type will show us this list in which I selected the "Go To State". Is to make a transition to another state.





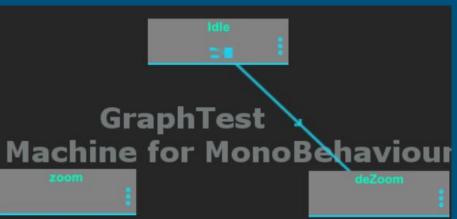
I selected to go to the deZoom state. I have to check the box to activate the transition.

P.S. If you don't see other states list, save your graph



State's Transition

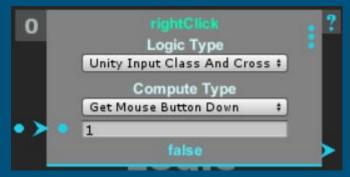
After creating the go to state logic node in the previous slide, return to the states editor (back button) and you will see an arrow indicating the transition. Idle is the first activated state, since we have checked the box of the goToState logic node (previous slide), at the first frame of the game, the transition will be executed and the deZoom state will become the activated one.



Even if the box in the goToState logic node isn't checked, the transition in the left image will still showing itself indicating that potentially we have a transition between these states depending on the bool value (the checkbox) of the goToState logic node.

Zoom Camera - Right Click

After creating the Idle->deZoom transition, let's dive in the deZoom state. Create and edit a logic in the deZoom state (like in <u>slide</u>). Add a logic node (like in <u>slide</u>), rename it rightClick (like in <u>slide</u>), for its Logic Type select Unity Input Class And Cross Platform, for its Compute Type select Get Mouse Button Down and in the field enter 1 (0->left, 1->right, and 2->middle, you can go to 6 for more complex mouses).

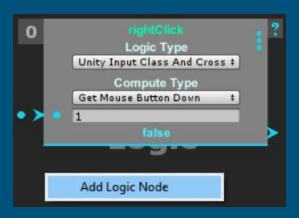


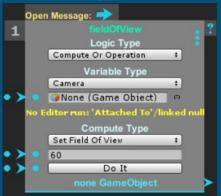
This logic node means: when the right mouse is clicked down, the output will switch to True once.



Zoom Camera - Field OF View

Near to your rightClick logic node add a new one and rename it fieldOfView. In Logic Type select Compute Or Operation, in Variable Type select Camera, in Compute Type select Set Field Of View and fill the field by 60.



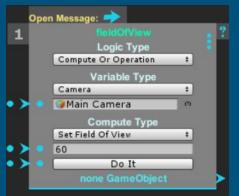


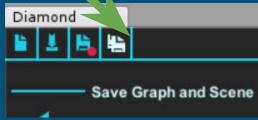
This logic node means: search a camera component in the gameobject and put its field of view to 60 degrees. We are in the deZoom state so we put the field of view to its default value (60).



Zoom Camera - Fill the GameObject Field Return to slide

From your hierarchy, drag the main camera and drop it in our logic node gameobject field. Save both your Diamond graph and your scene by clicking in the double save button on the Diamond top toolbar.

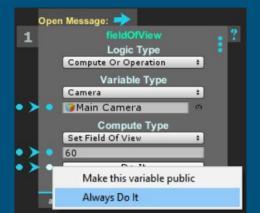




Even if the double save button isn't red, you need to click it to save your graph and to force saving the scene. This tells the scene to assign the Main Camera to the graph field, so after closing and reopening Unity, the Main Camera will still in the graph field.

Zoom Camera - Always Do IT

Click the options dot at the right of your Do It button, select Always Do It. Do It button control whether or not doing the logic node actions. Our case means: Whenever you are in the deZoom state, you have to put 60 in the Main Camera's field of view.

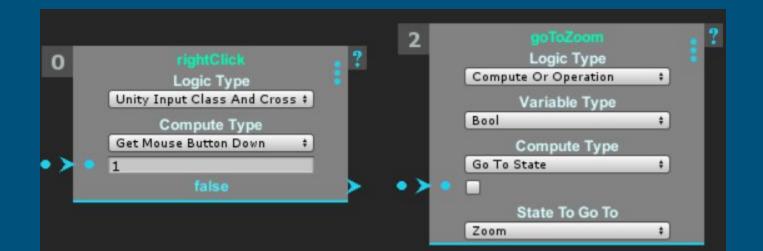






Zoom Camera - Go To Zoom

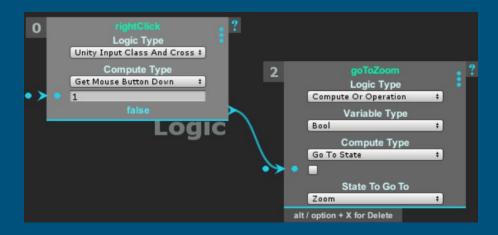
Near to the rightClick logic node, add a new logic node rename it goToZoom and fill its fields like showing.





Zoom Camera - Go To Zoom - Link

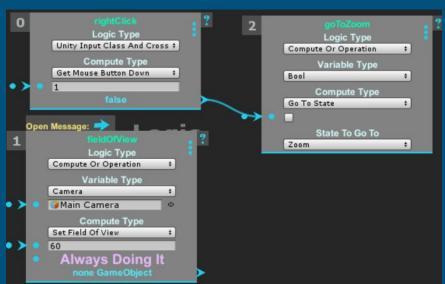
Click once at the output of the rightClick logic node, move to the input (the triangle) of the goToZoom logic node (no need to drag). This logic means: when I right click one, I will active the transition deZoom->zoom to zoom in the camera.



Both input and output are boolean. Don't worry about types compatibilities, Diamond won't accept to connect incompatible types.

Zoom Camera - deZoom logic

Our deZoom logic is complete now and should look like this.

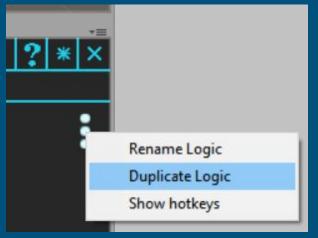


A logic node for the right click input, another to set the camera field of view, and the last one to go to the zoom state.

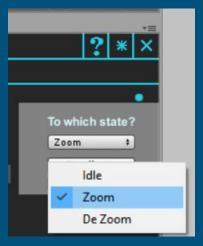


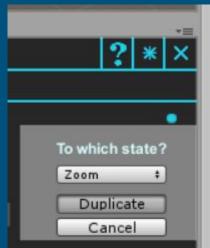
Zoom Camera - duplicate logic

Since our zoom logic is similar to the deZoom one, we will duplicate the deZoom logic. Choose to duplicate it to the zoom state.



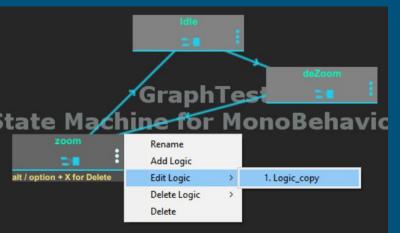


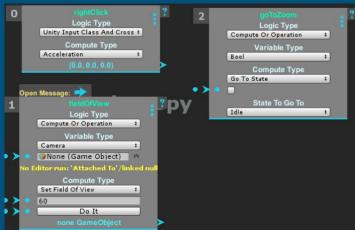




Zoom Camera - duplicate logic

Now return to the states editor (back button or alt / option + b) and click the options button of the zoom state. You will see our logic copy in the zoom state, edit it. You see the logic copied but need some modification (next slide).



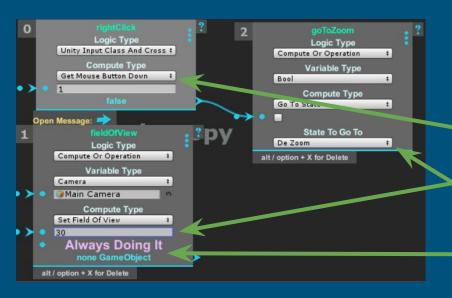




Zoom Camera - duplicate logic

Now, modify the duplicated logic like showing.

This state zoom in, to zoom in you need a lower camera's field of view



3 modifications to do:

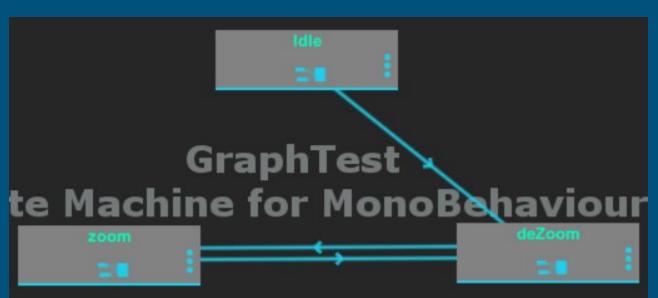
- Get Mouse Button Down
- 2. Set the Field Of View to 30
- 3. Set the destination state to De Zoom

Don't forget to always do it



Zoom Camera - Global View

By returning to our states editor notice the 3 transitions:

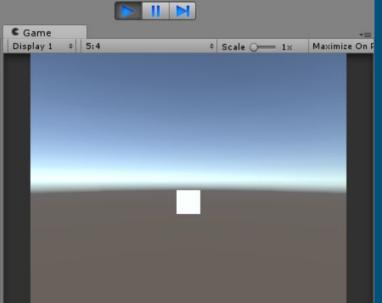


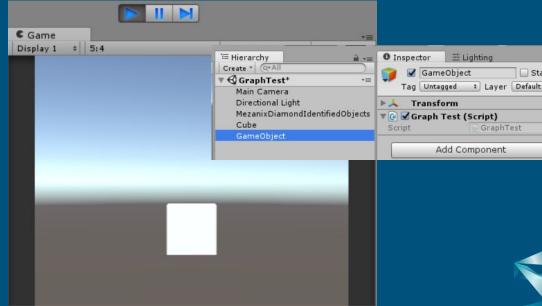
- Idle->deZoom on the game start
- 2. deZoom->zoom and inversely on right mouse click.



Zoom Camera - Apply

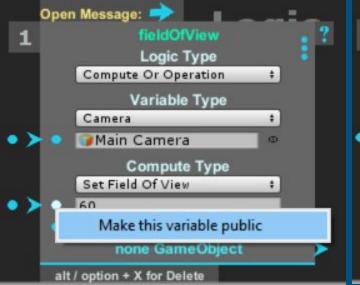
Now that our graph is done, write C# scripts (like <u>slide</u>). In your hierarchy, create a cube, put it in front of your Main Camera. Create also an empty gameobject and attach to it the GraphTest.cs script. Play the scene, left click in the Game window to activate it. Now clicking on the right click switches between zoom in / out of the Main Camera.

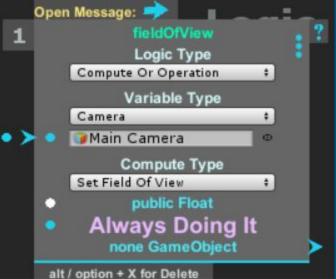




Zoom Camera - Public variables

We have finished the zoom camera feature. But Diamond graphs can be made in multiple ways. In the zoom camera, we had 2 values for the field of view, 30 for zoom-in (zoom) and 60 for zoom-out (deZoom). But these 2 values still in the graph, sometimes we need to modify variables directly in the generated script, so we need to make these variables public.



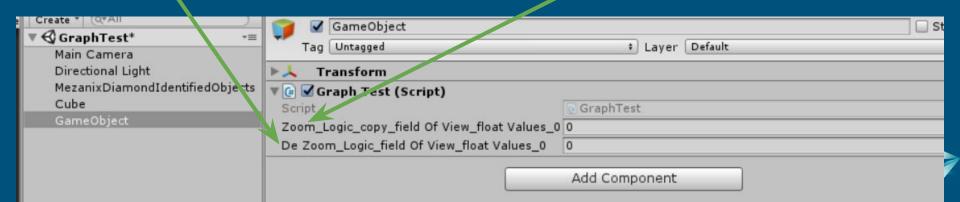


Go to the deZoom state, edit the logic and in the fieldOfView logic node make the variable public by clicking on the options dot at the right of the variable.

Zoom Camera - Public variables

The same thing you had done in the previous slide, now do it to the zoom state, to make the variable of the fieldOfView logic node public. Generate the scripts, and you will see 2 public variables in the script inspector of the gameobject. The public variable name is composed like so: "stateName" _ "logicName" _ "logicNodeName" _ "variableName".

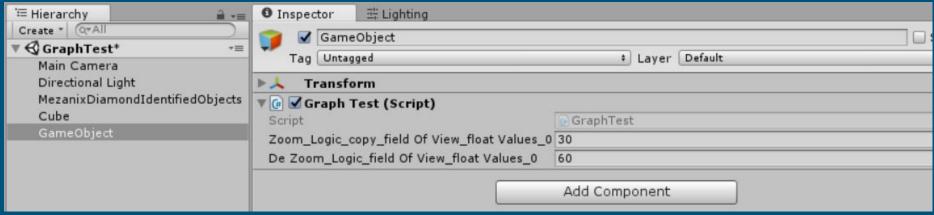
By the state names we can identify that the first one is for the zoom state and the second for the deZoom state.



Zoom Camera - Public variables

So now, independently of your Diamond graph, you can iterate and modify your variables without the need to reopen your graph or regenerate your script.

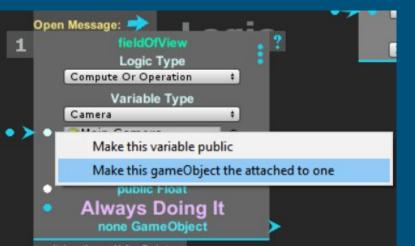
Diamond is a script generator, once you are happy with your graph, you generate your script and you continue dealing with your script.





Zoom Camera - Script on Camera

In our example of zoom camera we had filled the gameobject field by the main camera (slide). We had generated the script, attached it to an empty gameobject, and the script was acting in the main camera because it was filled by this camera. We can achieve the same logic without need to fill any gameobject field. Since we know that the script will act on the camera, we can attach it to the camera and tell to it to act on the gameobject holding it. To do so, go in both states, zoom and deZoom, edit the logic and in the fieldOfView logic node make the game object field "The Attached To One".





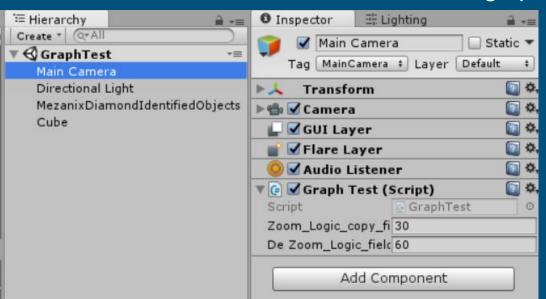
To make an "Attached To field" simply click the dot options at the right of the gameobject field



Zoom Camera - Script on Camera

Now generate your script, delete your empty gameobject from the scene (the one that was holding the GraphTest.cs script), and attach the script on the main camera.

Now you have a good script, with editable variables, and acting on its gameobject's camera. So this script, you can put it in another scene or another project and attach it to a camera and it will work without need to use Diamond graph again.





Conclusion

You know now how Diamond works. You can have further information here

http://mezanix.com/portfolio/diamond-documentation/

Or see other files at:

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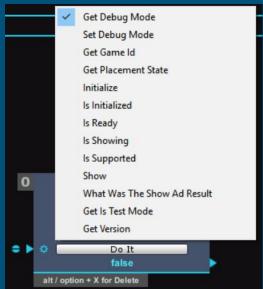
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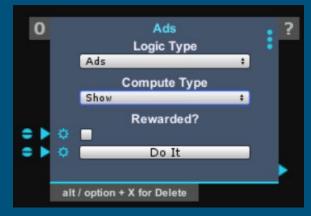
Unity Ads

Configure your logic node like so: Logic Type = Ads.

In the Compute Type you have the list of Ads functions. The most important one is 'Show'. Is to show video Ads, you can show rewarded or not rewarded video ads.



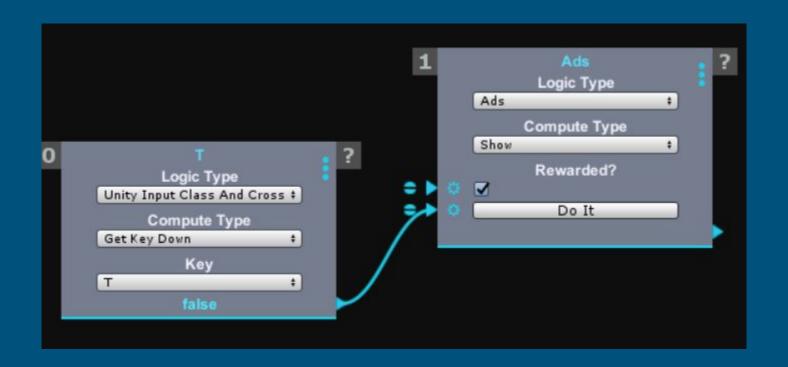






Unity Ads Example 1/2

Configure 2 logic nodes like below. In your build settings switch to a mobile platform. Generate your script and attach it to any gameobject.

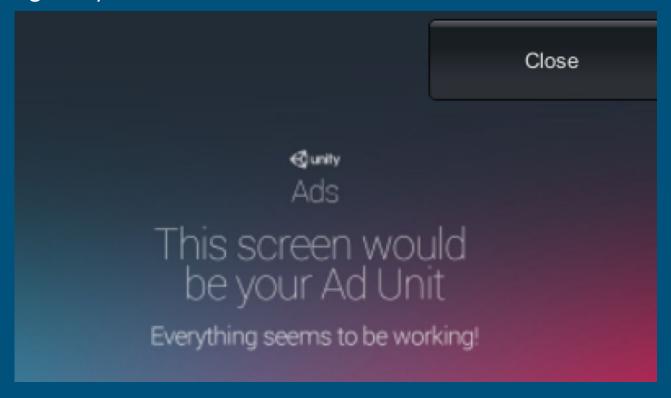




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Play your scene click inside the game window and press T. You will see this screen showing that your test is ok.

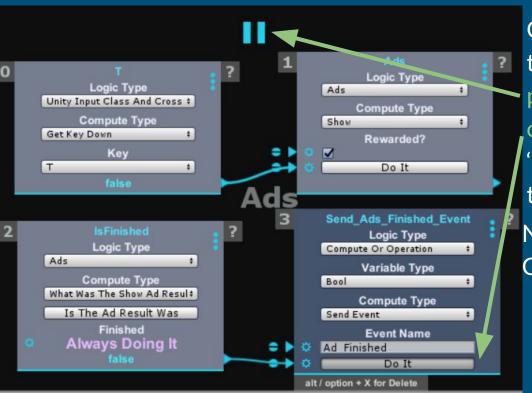


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Unity Ads. Reward the player 1/3 Diamond 1.1

Use Event System (not only for Ads, event system is a broadcasting to let graphs talk to each other)



Continue configuring your logic like in the image,

play the logic in Diamond and click on the Do It button of the

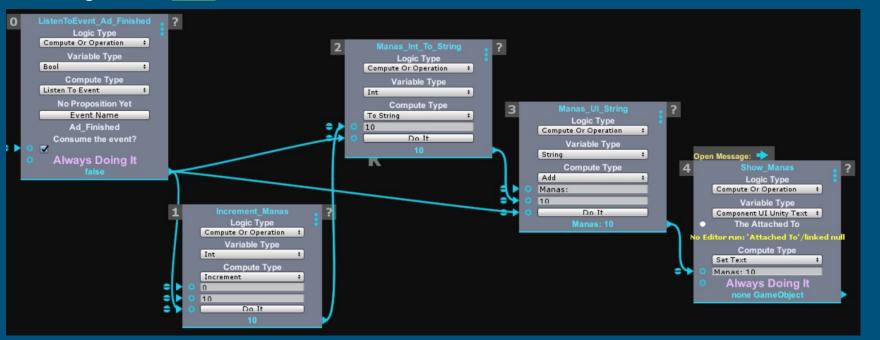
'Sent_Ads_Finished_Events' node, so this event is registered.

Now return to the states view and write C# scripts.



Unity Ads. Reward the player 2/3 Diamond 1.1 Use Event System

Create a new Diamond graph in which create a logic. Configure the logic like below. Write script and attach it to a Unity UI text in your scene. Play in Unity Editor, press T key and you will see the image of this <u>slide</u>, click on the <u>Close button</u> and see the result (next slide)





Unity Ads. Reward the player 3/3 Diamond 1.1

If you repeat pressing T and clicking close button the Manas will be increased by 10 each time.



Congrats, you have configured rewarded video ads and test it in your Unity editor.

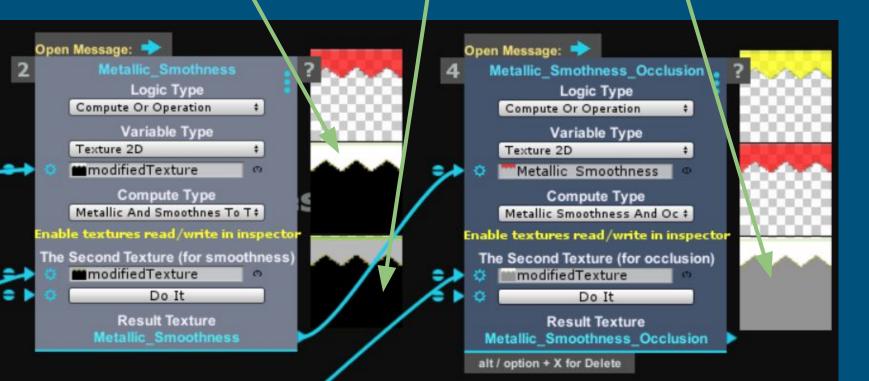
P.S. If you stop playing and replay your Unity Editor you will notice that your manas are re-init to zero. To save your manas in disque use the PlayerPrefs functions available in the int logic node.





Prepare PBR Textures

Combine Metallic Smoothness and Occlusion maps in one map





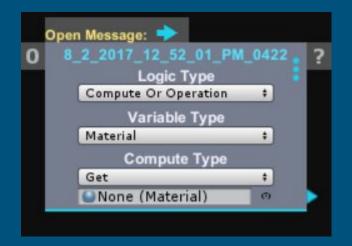
Enhanced Parallax Scrolling

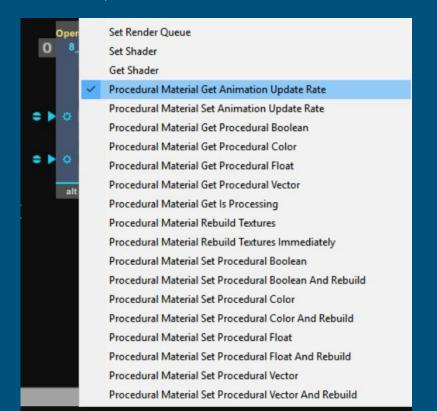
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Procedural Materials

In the Compute Type, access functions, variables, and your procedural properties of your procedural materials (for example your substances).







3D Grid Generator

Spawn any gameobject (prefab or scene object) in a customizable 3D grid.

Works in Runtime and in Editor.





Conclusion

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Before Diving in Diamond

Diamond use the State Machine concept. You can have an idea about it here

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finitestate_machine

Per Graph Scripts Generation Path

Each graph has its own scripts generation path indicated permanently in Diamonds editor and editable in the preferences.

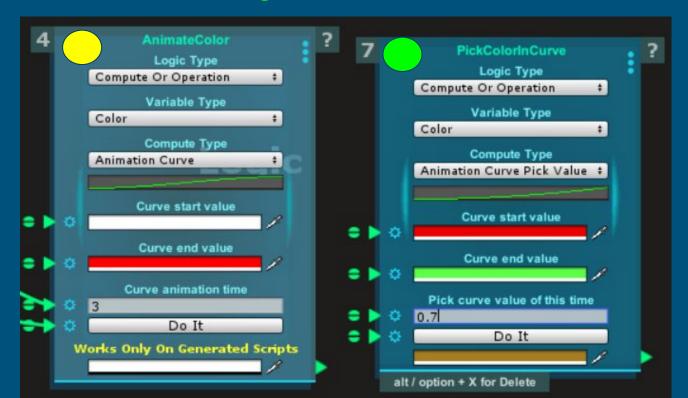




Animation Curves

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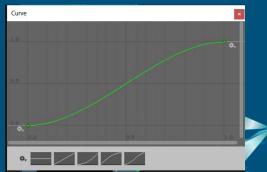
Animate floats, vectors and colors. In this image you can animate or pick a color on the curve according to 0.7 value on the curves normalized horizontal axis.



Click on the curve to edit it.

Double click on the curve line to add an editable Bezier point on the curve.

Right click Bezier point for more options.



Set and get material of game object

Access material and shared material.





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