

The Photographer's Guide to Los Santos

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Preface

“Los Santos. The city of shitheads. Where else would he be?”

— Trevor Philips

Chapter 1

Introduction

About The Photographer's Guide to Los Santos

The Photographer's Guide to Los Santos sits between a touristic guide and a photography manual, and between an exhibition catalogue and a peak behind the scenes of artwork creation.

The Photographer's Guide to Los Santos is an ongoing project that builds on top of a research on artistic practices within spaces of computer games, with a particular focus on in-game photography, machinima and digital visual arts. It follows some themes and ideas previously explored in the exhibition *How to Win at Photography*, while focusing more specifically on the relationship between computer games and photographic activities inside the world of Grand Theft Auto V.

The idea of a guide refers to in-game photography as a form of 'virtual tourism' (Book, 2003), which was also the premise of an actual tourist guide published by Rough Guides in their 2019 *Rough Guide to XBOX*. Yet this guide project also understands the game world as a site for image production and artistic creation, turning the game into a destination for a 'game art tourist'. The Photographer's Guide to Los Santos presents the game environment of Grand Theft Auto V both as a space to explore and in which to create images, as well as a place to navigate and learn about some of the most important artworks that it has enabled to create.

The project also brings together several experiences from teaching in-game photography as an artistic practice in different educational settings and institutions, compiling materials and tools for students and artists interested in engaging with the field. The tourist guide of the game world doubles as a photography manual for the in-game photography age, featuring tutorials ranging from game screenshotting to computer programming for creative modding. Through the

practical exercises, the project invites to rethink the game object as a space for creative, subversive and critical endeavours, which can be played differently, documented, reclaimed or modified through an artistic approach.

Finally, the project draws inspiration from the works of artists who have explored the ‘metaplay’ of photographing game worlds instead of following the game rules and attempt to reach the goal of winning. The Photographer’s Guide to Los Santos is indebted to all the artists it features, but was particularly inspired by Gareth Damian Martin’s live streamed workshop *Photography Tour of No Man’s Sky* (realized for Now Play This Festival 2020), Total Refusal & Ismaël Joffroy Chandoutis’s 2021 in-game lecture performance and guided tour *Everyday Daylight* (realized for the CCS Paris), and Alan Butler’s epic 2020 live endurance performance *Witness to a Changing West* (realized for Screen Walks) and his ‘Content Replication Assignments’.

Grand Theft Auto V Studies

Los Santos is the Grand Theft Auto V’s fictional, parodic version of real-life Los Angeles. Just like Los Angeles is the global centre of film and commercial media production, Los Santos is the epicentre of in-game photography and machinima creation. While it may seem reductive to only focus on a single game to address the larger phenomenon of in-game photography, GTA V is the biggest source of creative outputs to date, with its extended open world and one of the largest community of active modders.

Launched in 2013, the game contains a world map of more than 80 square kilometers of total area, which includes the urban area of the city of Los Santos and the rural area of Blaine County. This incredibly vast environment features a large desert region, dense forest, several mountains, beachside towns, on top of the large metropolis of Los Santos. The game simulates the everyday life of hundreds of individual NPCs (while it allegedly counts a population of over 4 million) as well as counting 28 animal species, and more than 800 buildings in GTA V are based on real-life landmarks.

The size of the photorealistic simulation is only matched by the complexity of the game engine and its code, which - thanks to the effort of GTA V’s modding community - allows players to use the game world as a powerful tool to create new scenes, take controls of its algorithmic entities, modify cameras and reshaping the game into a movie set or a photo studio.

Grand Theft Auto V Tourism

The project can be seen as something between a playful travel guide of Los Santos and one of the star maps offered to tourist in Hollywood, pointing to the

homes of movie actors and hollywood celebrities. This guide allows players to explore the game environment following some of the most interesting artworks that have been created with(in) it. It's divided in thematic chapters that follow different artistic practices, taking place in different locations of the game environment, followed by different tutorials and exercises connected with the works and the space analyzed.

The themes explore different approaches and practices connected to established artistic and photographic currents, with a general introduction text that gives an overview of the ideas, contexts and issues connected to the specific topic. A selection of artworks for each themes is presented by a curatorial statement, introducing the work and its artistic relevance. The work is accompanied by information on the in-game location in which it was produced, inviting the readers to reach the destination in Grand Theft Auto V through maps and indications.

The game environment thus becomes the space for possible 'art tours', getting insights into the artworks made in GTA V. This form of game tourism allows the player to see the behind the scenes, and experience the making of the works in its place of origin. While the complex algorithms of GTA V produce unexpected interactions and scenes, Los Santos is also stuck in the same time forever. Gas stations, shops, palm trees remain in the same state and location forever, allowing the tourist to witness the exact scene that was first encountered by the artists.

Grand Theft Auto V Art Education

This project is also an attempt to introduce a video game as a space for artistic intervention, and an invitation to use its mechanics, its code and its environment as a creative tool itself. The game can be played, documented and captured through a form of artistic play, that differs from normative gameplay and does not focus on advancing and winning but rather engages with the game object critically. Furthermore, the game software can also be manipulated, modified and used as an apparatus to create new images and interactions. The goal of this guide is to combine a curatorial approach that leads the viewer to discover the artworks made in GTA V with a hands on approach that teaches the player the tools for possible artistic interventions in this space.

Games are often seen as producing specific cultures and shaping identities through through forms of play that follow the intentions of the developer. Here we understand games as objects to be reclaimed and tools to be deconstructed and rebuilt, both conceptually and literally. Consequently, players are not just passive actors that push buttons in the sequence that they are taught by the machine and its softwares, but open up the black box of the game and become critical thinkers and makers that actively play with the game, or even against it.

The Photographer's Guide to Los Santos can be employed as a resource to accompany workshops for students and artists approaching computer games and interested in learning how to engage with it. Each thematic chapter features a tutorial section that introduces different techniques and strategies to capture images within Grand Theft Auto V, connected to the examples and locations of each section. The chapters are thought to be experienced in order, as the tutorials at times rely on knowledge that is built on top of previous lessons. Each tutorial is accompanied by content replication assignments, in which the readers is invited to use the skills learned from each chapter to recreate a work presented in that section. Tutorials are intended for anyone who might be playing GTA V for the first time in their life and do not assume any previous experience, although some basic idea of programming is helpful when dealing with scripting and modding the game.

Chapter 2

Architecture Photography

//general intro on architecture in game spaces, the construction of virtual cities, architecture photography and how it relates to the game environment, the player as a photographer documenting urban spaces...

The Continuous City, by Gareth Damian Martin

Gareth Damian Martin, *Outskirts*, from *The Continuous City*,

Gareth Damian Martin, *Pathways*, from *The Continuous City*,

artwork text

More about *The Continuous City*

Interview with Gareth Damian Martin

Getting there

- The intersection of Interstate 4 and Interstate 5 manifests the architecture of traffic of the megalopolis.

Readings

Heterotopias

Mark D Teo, The Urban Architecture of Los Angeles and Grand Theft Auto, 2015. https://www.academia.edu/18173221/The_Urban_Architecture_of_Los_Angeles_and_Grand_Theft_Auto

Tutorial

Photographing the Game Screen

Analogue Game Photography

Screenshotting

Content Replication Assignment

Chapter 3

Social Documentary

//general intro on simulating society, the creation of NPCs, documentary and street photography traditions connected to politics of visibility and representation, and how they relate to the politics of simulation, how the player-photographer documents the creation of complex social spaces and reveals the process of simulating people and issues of class, gender, race in the game space...

***Down and Out in Los Santos* by Alan Butler**

artwork text

More about *Down and Out in Los Santos*

Getting There

The homeless camp in Los Santos is under the Olympic Freeway in Strawberry.

Dignity Village is a tent city established by homeless people near Procopio Beach, east of Paleto Bay.

***Fear and Loathing in GTA V* by Morten Rockford Ravn**

artwork text

More about *Fear and Loathing in GTA V*

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Tutorial

In-game Smartphone Camera

Snapmatic is the photo app on your simulated mobile phone in GTA V.

- Press UP on the d-pad to bring up your phone.
- Select the Snapmatic app - it's on the bottom left of the homescreen.
- You can shuffle through filters with DOWN on the d-pad or borders with UP on the d-pad.
- Move the camera with the RIGHT STICK and zoom in and out with the LEFT STICK.
- You're also able to concentrate focus and depth of field.
- To take selfie press the R3 STICK to turn the camera on yourself.
- L3 will let you pull different facial expressions.
- LEFT on the d-pad will let you strike more of a pose (this changes depending on the character).
- Once you're happy, take the photo with X on the PS4 and A on the Xbox One and save it to the Gallery

Content Replication Assignment

Chapter 4

Re-enactment Photography

//general introduction on the development of photorealism in games, the relationship between photography and CGI, the remediation of photographic images and the analog apparatus, the player as photographer situated in the tradition of conceptual photographers like Sherrie Levine and Sturtevant, the copy as a conceptual approach that create new meaning through a similar image but a different context...

26 Gasoline stations in GTA V by Lorna Ruth Galloway

artwork text

More about *26 Gasoline stations in GTA V*

Getting There

- Globe Oil Gas Station, Innocence Blvd & Alta St, South Los Santos
- LTD Gas Station, Davis Ave & Grove St, South Los Santos
- LTD Gas Station, Mirror Park Blvd & W Mirror Dr, Mirror Park
- Globe Oil Gas Station, Clinton Ave & Fenwell Pl, Vinewood Hills
- Xero Gas Station, Strawberry Ave & Capital Blvd, South Los Santos
- RON Gas Station, Davis Ave & Macdonald St, South Los Santos
- Xero Gas Station, Calais Ave & Innocence Blvd, Little Seoul
- LTD Gas Station, Lindsay Circus & Ginger St, Little Seoul
- RON Gas Station, N Rockford Dr & Perth St, Morningwood
- Xero Gas Station, Great Ocean Hwy, Pacific Bluffs

***A Study on Perspective* by Roc Herms**

artwork text

More about *A Study on Perspective*

Getting There

Vinewood Sign, Vinewood Hills

Further references

***Little Books of Los Santos* by Luke Caspar Pearson**

artwork text

More about *Little Books of Los Santos*

***26 Gasoline stations in GTA V* by M. Earl Williams**

artwork text

More about *26 Gasoline stations in GTA V*

Readings

Tutorial

Scene Director Mode

Content Replication Assignment

Chapter 5

Nature Documentary

//general introduction about the creation of a synthetic forms of nature, ecological issues, creation of virtual sublime, flora and fauna that are usually props that become the focus of the player's explorations, "virtual world naturalism"...

San Andreas Streaming Deer Cam by Brent Watanabe

artwork text

More about *Deercam*

Getting There

Mount Chiliad is located in the Chiliad Mountain State Wilderness, and it is the tallest mountain in the game at 798m above sea level. The state park is home to lots of wildlife such as deer and mountain lions.

Virtual Botany Cyanotype by Alan Butler

//selection of flora from GTA V

artwork text

More about *Virtual Botany Cyanotype*

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Scripting Introduction

Preparation and Setup

- Install Windows 11
- Download and install Steam (with a copy of GTA V or buy the game if you do not have it. GTA V is 100+ GB so it will take a few hours depending on your internet connections)
- Download Script Hook V, go to the bin folder and copy `dinput8.dll` and `ScriptHookV.dll` files into your GTA V directory `C:\Program Files (x86)\Steam\steamapps\common\Grand Theft Auto V`
- Download Script Hook V dot net, copy the `ScriptHookVDotNet.asi` file, `ScriptHookVDotNet2.dll` and `ScriptHookVDotNet3.dll` files into your GTA V directory `C:\Program Files (x86)\Steam\steamapps\common\Grand Theft Auto V`
- Create a new folder in GTA V directory and call it “scripts”.
- Download and install Visual Studio Community (free version of VS). Open Visual Studio and check the .NET desktop development package and install it
- Run GTA V and test if Script Hook V is working by pressing F4. This should toggle the console view.

Creating a Mod File

- Open Visual Studio
- Select File > New > Project
- Select Visual C# and Class Library (.NET Framework)
- Give a custom file name (e.g. `moddingTutorial`)
- Rename public class `Class1` as “`moddingTutorial`” in the right panel Solution Explorer

- In the same panel go to References and click add References... > Browse > browse to Downloads
- Select ScriptHookVDotNet > ScriptHookVDotNet2.dll and ScriptHookVDotNet3.dll and add them
- Also add System.Windows.forms
- Also add System.Drawing
- In your code file add the following lines on top:

```
using GTA;
using GTA.Math;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.Drawing;
using GTA.Native;
```

- Modify class moddingTutorial to the following:

```
namespace moddingTutorial
{
    public class moddingTutorial : Script
    {
        public moddingTutorial()
        {
            this.Tick += onTick;
            this.KeyUp += onKeyUp;
            this.KeyDown += onKeyDown;
        }

        private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
        }

        private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
        {
        }

        private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
        {
            if (e.KeyCode == Keys.H)
            {
                Game.Player.ChangeModel(PedHash.Cat);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
}
}
```

- Save file
- Go to Documents > Visual Studio > Project > moddingTutorial > moddingTutorial > `moddingTutorial.cs`
- Copy the .cs file in the GTA V directory inside the scripts folder
- Open GTA V, run the game in Story Mode (mods are only allowed in single player mode, not in GTA Online) and press 'H' to see if the game turns your avatar into a cat
- Note: every time you make changes to your .cs file in the scripts folder you can hit F4 to open the console, type `Reload()` in the console for the program to reload the script and test again the changes.

onTick, onKeyUp and onKeyDown

The main events of Script Hook V Dot Net are `onTick`, `onKeyUp` and `onKeyDown`. Script Hook V Dot Net will invoke your functions whenever an event is called.

The code within the `onTick` brackets is executed every interval milliseconds (which is by default 0), meaning that the event will be executed at every frame, for as long as the game is running.

```
private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    //code here will be executed every frame (or per usef defined interval)
}
```

If your function is written inside `onKeyDown` (withiin the curly brackets following `onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e){}`), your code will be executed every time a key is pressed. If your function is written inside `onKeyUp`, your code will be executed every time a key is released.

```
private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{
    //code here will be executed whenever a key is released
}

private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{
    //code here will be executed whenever a key is pressed
}
```

We can specify which code is executed based on what keys are pressed/released

```
private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{
    if (e.KeyCode == Keys.H)
    {
        //code here will be executed whenever the key 'H' is pressed
    }
}
```

Change Player Model

The player character is controlled as `Game.Player`. `Game.Player` can perform different functions, including changing the avatar model, and performing tasks.

Change the 3D model of your character by using the `ChangeModel` function. The function needs a model ID, in order to load the model file of our game character. You can browse through this list of models to find the one you want to try: <https://wiki.gtanet.work/index.php/Peds>

These models are all PedHashes, basically ID numbers within the PedHash group. Copy the name of the model below the image and add it to PedHash. For example if you choose the model Cat, you'll need to write `PedHash.Cat`.

To change the model of your player character into a cat you can write the following function:

```
Game.Player.ChangeModel(PedHash.Cat);
```

add it in your .cs file in the `onKeyDown` event, triggered by the pressing of the 'h' key:

Example code

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

using GTA;
using GTA.Math;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.Drawing;
using GTA.Native;
```

```

namespace moddingTutorial
{
    public class moddingTutorial : Script
    {
        public moddingTutorial()
        {
            this.Tick += onTick;
            this.KeyUp += onKeyUp;
            this.KeyDown += onKeyDown;
        }

        private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e) //this function gets executed
        {
        }

        private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e) //everything inside here is
        {
        }

        private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e) //everything inside here
        {
            //when pressing 'H'
            if(e.KeyCode == Keys.H)
            {
                //change player char into a different model
                Game.Player.ChangeModel(PedHash.Cat);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

Tasks

Our character can be controlled by our script, and given actions that override manual control of the player. These actions are called *Tasks* and in order to assign tasks to our characters we have to define our `Game.Player` as `Game.Player.Character`. The `Game.Player.Character` code gets the specific model the player is controlling.

Now we can give tasks to the character by adding the `Task` function: `Game.Player.Character.Task`.

Finally we can specify what task to give the character by choosing a task from `TaskInvoker` list of possible actions.

Jump:

```
Game.Player.Character.Task.Jump();
```

Wander around:

```
Game.Player.Character.Task.WanderAround();
```

Hands up for 3000 milliseconds:

```
Game.Player.Character.Task.HandsUp(3000);
```

Task Sequences

You can create sequence of multiple tasks by using `TaskSequence` and the `PerformSequence` function. Create a new `TaskSequence` with a custom name, add tasks to it with `AddTask`, close the sequence with `Close` and then call `Task.PerformSequence` to perform the sequence.

```
TaskSequence mySeq = new TaskSequence();
mySeq.AddTask.Jump();
mySeq.AddTask.HandsUp(3000);
mySeq.Close();

Game.Player.Character.Task.PerformSequence(mySeq);
```

Random

We can add randomness by using a randomly generated number, which makes things outside of the predefined programme controlled by us and introduces more autonomous behaviours. We use the `Random` function to create a randomly generated number between our minimum and maximum parameter (if only one parameter is inserted, the minimum is 0).

```
Random rnd = new Random();
int month = rnd.Next(1, 13); // creates a number between 1 and 12
int dice = rnd.Next(1, 7); // creates a number between 1 and 6
int card = rnd.Next(52); // creates a number between 0 and 51
```

Let's create a number to generate a random duration between 1 and 6 seconds, for the `HandsUp` task.

```
Random rnd = new Random();  
int waitingTime = rnd.Next(1, 7);  
Game.Player.Character.Task.HandsUp(waitingTime * 1000);
```

Subtitles and Notifications

Generate subtitles with a custom text string and duration (in milliseconds):

```
UI.ShowSubtitle("Hello World", 3000);
```

Generate a notification with a custom text string:

```
UI.Notify("Hello World");
```

Content Replication Assignment

Deercam reenactment

Write a mod script to change your game character into a deer by pressing a key, and make it autonomously wander around Los Santos by pressing another key.

Chapter 6

Surrealist Photography

//general introduction about avant garde traditions of distancing from reality and exploring the possibilities of CGI decoupled from realism adn life-like simulation, the game as an engine that can be used to create oniric scenes, which in turn reveal the untapped possibilities hidden within the game code, the player as a modder which can generate worlds within the world...

Alexey Andrienko aka HAPP v2

artwork text

More about Happ v2

Getting There

Chumash Beach

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Scripting Characters

NPCs

NPCs are non playable characters and in GTA V scripting they are called **Peds**. Peds are an entity like Props or Vehicles and can be created, assigned different

model textures, equipped with weapons and controlled through different tasks.

Spawn a new NPC

A GTA V Ped can be created by the `World.CreatePed` function. This takes two parameters: an ID to assign the 3D model and textures, and the location where the Ped is created.

The model IDs are the same we used in the previous tutorial, when we changed our character's appearance to a cat. A list of all available models can be found [here](#). `PedHash.Cat`, `PedHash.Deer`, `PedHash.AviSchwartzman` are all possible IDs we can assign to the NPC we want to create. We can create a new model variable, which we will name 'myPedModel' and assign it a model ID:

```
Models myPedModel = "PedHash.AviSchwartzman";
```

The location where the NPC is created through a `vector3` data type, which represents a vector in 3D space. This basically means a point that contains X, Y and Z coordinates. We can give absolute coordinates, making the Ped appear at a specific location in the game, but we can also use a location relative to our position in the game. In order not to risk making a Ped appear somewhere completely outside of our view – on some mountain or in the sea – let's look at a `vector3` that points to a position in front of the player.

We want to establish the player with `Game.Player.Character`, followed by a function that retrieve the player position within the game world. That's called by using `GetOffsetInWorldCoords`, which takes a `vector3`. The values of the X, Y and Z of the vector 3 offset the location based on the origin point represented by the player. Therefore, we can move the place where we want the Ped to appear by adding values to the X axis (left or right of player), Y axis (ahead or behind the player), and Z axis (above or below the player). To make a Ped appear in front of the player we can create a `vector3` data type with 0 for X, 5 for Y and 0 for Z: `new Vector3(0, 5, 0)`. Let's make a `vector3` variable, which we will name 'myPedSpawnPosition', assign it the values above for X, Y and Z coordinates from the player position.

```
Vector3 myPedSpawnPosition = Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWorldCoords(new Vector3(
```

Now we can use the model and the position variables to spawn the NPC in front of the player. We'll create a Ped named 'myPed1' and use the `World.CreatePed` function with the two variables as parameters:

```
var myPed1 = World.CreatePed(myPedModel, myPedSpawnPosition);
```

Example code


```

using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

using GTA;
using GTA.Math;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.Drawing;
using GTA.Native;

namespace moddingTutorial
{
    public class moddingTutorial : Script
    {
        public moddingTutorial()
        {
            this.Tick += onTick;
            this.KeyUp += onKeyUp;
            this.KeyDown += onKeyDown;
        }

        private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e) //this function gets executed continuously
        {
        }

        private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e) //everything inside here is executed once
        {
        }

        private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e) //everything inside here is executed once
        {
            //when pressing 'K'
            if(e.KeyCode == Keys.K)
            {
                //select a model and store it in a variable
                Models myPedModel = "PedHash.AviSchwartzman";
                //create a position relative to the player
                Vector3 myPedSpawnPosition = Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWorldCoords(new Vector3(0, 0, 0));
                //create a Ped with the chosen model, spawning at the chosen position
                var myPed1 = World.CreatePed(myPedModel, myPedSpawnPosition);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```
    }
}
```

Control Multiple NPCs

You can create multiple NPCs and give them custom names. Let's create a human NPC and a cat NPC and call them Jim and MannyTheCat respectively:

```
var Jim = World.CreatePed(PedHash.AviSchwartzman, Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWorldC
var MannyTheCat = World.CreatePed(PedHash.Cat, Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWorldC
```

Try to kill one of the Ped NPCs you created by using the Kill().

```
Jim.Kill();
```

Note that when you kill your Ped 'Jim', it falls on the floor and it won't actually respond to any call or task you will give it, but it's not removed from the game. To remove a specific Ped you not use the Delete function, which will remove that instance (and will make the NPC disappear).

```
Jim.Delete();
```

To handle groups of NPCs we can use the List class. A List is a collection of objects, and a List of Peds allows us to store our NPCs. We can use an index to retrieve and control specific Peds in the group. You can see the reference for more detailed information.

Create a List of Peds named myPeds as a global variable in the public class moddingTutorial : Script.

```
List<Ped> myPeds = new List<Ped>();
```

In the onKeyDown function private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e) create 5 new Peds with a For Loop

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
{
    //spawn a new Ped called newPed
    var newPed = World.CreatePed(PedHash.AviSchwartzman, Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWorldC
    //add the new Ped to my list of Peds myPeds
    myPeds.Add(newPed);
}
```

Now all the 5 **Peds** are part of the `myPeds[]` **List**. You can control each **Ped** individually by calling their individual number ID in the group. The first spawned **Ped** is `myPed[0]`, the last one is `myPeds[4]`.

Kill the 3rd spawned NPC:

```
myPeds[2].Kill();
```

Nearby NPCs

Script Hook V DOT Net provides a function `GetNearbyPeds` which groups all the **Peds** within a nearby radius from a character.

Create a new group that adds **Peds** which are closer than 20 meters from the player:

```
Ped[] NearbyPeds = World.GetNearbyPeds(Game.Player.Character, 20f);
```

Use a Foreach Loop to get every **Ped** in the group and kill them:

```
foreach (Ped p in NearbyPeds)
{
    p.Kill();
}
```

`GetNearbyPeds` does not sort out individual **Peds** in the group based on distance, so we have to do a bit of manual filtering to get the nearest NPC within the chosen radius from the player character.

Define the global variables in the public class `public class moddingTutorial : Script`:

```
float lastDistance;
Ped Squad1Leader = null;
Ped oldSquad1Leader = null;
```

Get and parse the nearby NPCs in the `OnTick` function `private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e)`:

```
//set radius
float maxDistance = 25f;
//get nearest peds
Ped[] pedsGroup = World.GetNearbyPeds(Game.Player.Character, maxDistance);
```

```

float lastDistance = maxDistance;
foreach (Ped ped in pedsGroup)
{
    float distance = ped.Position.DistanceTo(Game.Player.Character.Position);
    if (distance < lastDistance)
    {
        Squad1Leader = ped;
        lastDistance = distance;
    }
}

if (Squad1Leader != null && oldSquad1Leader != Squad1Leader)
{
    Squad1Leader.Kill();
}
oldSquad1Leader = Squad1Leader;

```

Give Tasks to NPCs

A Ped can be given a task using the `Task` function, just like we did in the previous tutorial for the player character.

```
myPed1.Task.WanderAround();
```

Some tasks involve interacting with other characters (Peds or `Game.Player.Character`) or take different parameters like positions (`vector3`), duration (in milliseconds), and other data types. We can give our NPC the task to fight against the player by using the `FightAgainst` function, which requires a Ped parameter – which in the case of the player is expressed as `Game.Player.Character`.

```
myPed1.Task.FightAgainst(Game.Player.Character); //give npc task to fight against player
```

Try to replace the task to “fight against” with “flee from (player)”, “hands up”, “jump”... or some of the other available tasks.

See the `TaskInvoker` list for possible tasks, or click on the list of available tasks below.

List of Available Tasks

```

void AchieveHeading (float heading, int timeout=0)

void AimAt (Entity target, int duration)

```

```

void AimAt (Vector3 target, int duration)

void Arrest (Ped ped)

void ChatTo (Ped ped)

void Jump ()

void Climb ()

void ClimbLadder ()

void Cower (int duration)

void ChaseWithGroundVehicle (Ped target)

void ChaseWithHelicopter (Ped target, Vector3 offset)

void ChaseWithPlane (Ped target, Vector3 offset)

void CruiseWithVehicle (Vehicle vehicle, float speed, DrivingStyle style=DrivingStyle.Normal)

void DriveTo (Vehicle vehicle, Vector3 target, float radius, float speed, DrivingStyle style=DrivingStyle.Normal)

void EnterAnyVehicle (VehicleSeat seat=VehicleSeat.Any, int timeout=-1, float speed=1f, EnterVehicleOptions options=EnterVehicleOptions.Default)

void EnterVehicle (Vehicle vehicle, VehicleSeat seat=VehicleSeat.Any, int timeout=-1, float speed=1f, EnterVehicleOptions options=EnterVehicleOptions.Default)

void FightAgainst (Ped target)

void FightAgainst (Ped target, int duration)

void FightAgainstHatedTargets (float radius)

void FightAgainstHatedTargets (float radius, int duration)

void FleeFrom (Ped ped, int duration=-1)

void FleeFrom (Vector3 position, int duration=-1)

void FollowPointRoute (params Vector3[] points)

void FollowPointRoute (float movementSpeed, params Vector3[] points)

void FollowToOffsetFromEntity (Entity target, Vector3 offset, float movementSpeed, int timeout=-1)

```

```
void GoTo (Entity target, Vector3 offset=default(Vector3), int timeout=-1)

void GoTo (Vector3 position, int timeout=-1)

void GoStraightTo (Vector3 position, int timeout=-1, float targetHeading=0f, float distance=10f)

void GuardCurrentPosition ()

void HandsUp (int duration)

void LandPlane (Vector3 startPosition, Vector3 touchdownPosition, Vehicle plane=null)

void LeaveVehicle (LeaveVehicleFlags flags=LeaveVehicleFlags.None)

void LeaveVehicle (Vehicle vehicle, bool closeDoor)

void LeaveVehicle (Vehicle vehicle, LeaveVehicleFlags flags)

void LookAt (Entity target, int duration=-1)

void LookAt (Vector3 position, int duration=-1)

void ParachuteTo (Vector3 position)

void ParkVehicle (Vehicle vehicle, Vector3 position, float heading, float radius=20.0f)

void PerformSequence (TaskSequence sequence)

void PlayAnimation (string animDict, string animName)

void PlayAnimation (string animDict, string animName, float speed, int duration, float blendInSpeed)

void PlayAnimation (string animDict, string animName, float blendInSpeed, int duration, float blendOutSpeed)

void PlayAnimation (string animDict, string animName, float blendInSpeed, float blendOutSpeed, int duration)

void RappelFromHelicopter ()

void ReactAndFlee (Ped ped)

void ReloadWeapon ()

void RunTo (Vector3 position, bool ignorePaths=false, int timeout=-1)

void ShootAt (Ped target, int duration=-1, FiringPattern pattern=FiringPattern.Default)
```

```

void ShootAt (Vector3 position, int duration=-1, FiringPattern pattern=FiringPattern.Default)
void ShuffleToNextVehicleSeat (Vehicle vehicle=null)
void Skydive ()
void SlideTo (Vector3 position, float heading)
void StandStill (int duration)
void StartScenario (string name, float heading)
void StartScenario (string name, Vector3 position, float heading)
void SwapWeapon ()
void TurnTo (Entity target, int duration=-1)
void TurnTo (Vector3 position, int duration=-1)
void UseParachute ()
void UseMobilePhone ()
void UseMobilePhone (int duration)
void PutAwayParachute ()
void PutAwayMobilePhone ()
void VehicleChase (Ped target)
void VehicleShootAtPed (Ped target)
void Wait (int duration)
void WanderAround ()
void WanderAround (Vector3 position, float radius)
void WarpIntoVehicle (Vehicle vehicle, VehicleSeat seat)
void WarpOutOfVehicle (Vehicle vehicle)
void ClearAll ()

```

```

void ClearAllImmediately ()

void ClearLookAt ()

void ClearSecondary ()

void ClearAnimation (string animSet, string animName)

```

Animations

//TO DO

Teleporting

We can change the location of the player character or of any Ped or Vehicle entity by using the native function `SET_ENTITY_COORDS`. This function needs an entity and X, Y and Z coordinate to teleport to. We need to know the exact coordinates of the locations we want to teleport to, but thankfully the modding community forums provide lists with all available coordinates we can teleport to. Let's take the XYZ coordinates of the top of Mount Chiliad (the highest point in the game) to teleport our player character to.

LOCATION: Top of the Mt Chilad
 COORDINATES: X:450.718 Y:5566.614 Z:806.183

To create a teleport function we will use a native function. Script Hook V Dot Net is a wrapper for the C++ ScriptHook, calling the functions in Scripthook to do things in the game. However, there are some functions that are not in Script Hook V Dot Net and in order to use these, we have to use the native calling from Script Hook.

Native functions are called with `Function.Call` followed by their corresponding hash name and parameters. They use this structure:

```
Function.Call(Hash.HASH_NAME, input_params);
```

The native function for teleporting expects the hash `SET_ENTITY_COORDS`, the ped entity to teleport, and the X, Y and Z coordinates to teleport the character to. `Function.Call(Hash.SET_ENTITY_COORDS, Ped ped, X, Y, Z, 0, 0, 1);`

The function to teleport the player character to the top of Moutn Chiliad is:

//Teleport to the top of Mount Chiliad

Function.Call(Hash.SET_ENTITY_COORDS, Game.Player.Character, 450.718f, 5566.614f, 806.183f, 0, 0,

See this list of locations to find their respective coordinates or click on the list below

List of Locations with Coordinates

INDOOR LOCATIONS

Strip Club DJ Booth X:126.135 Y:-1278.583 Z:29.270

Blaine County Savings Bank X:-109.299 Y:6464.035 Z:31.627

Police Station X:436.491 Y: -982.172 Z:30.699

Humane Labs Entrance X:3619.749 Y:2742.740 Z:28.690

Burnt FIB Building X:160.868 Y:-745.831 Z:250.063

10 Car Garage Back Room X:223.193 Y:-967.322 Z:99.000

Humane Labs Tunnel X:3525.495 Y:3705.301 Z:20.992

Ammunation Office X:12.494 Y:-1110.130 Z: 29.797

Ammunation Gun Range X: 22.153 Y:-1072.854 Z:29.797

Trevor's Meth Lab X:1391.773 Y:3608.716 Z:38.942

Pacific Standard Bank Vault X:255.851 Y: 217.030 Z:101.683

Lester's House X:1273.898 Y:-1719.304 Z:54.771

Floyd's Apartment X:-1150.703 Y:-1520.713 Z:10.633

FIB Top Floor X:135.733 Y:-749.216 Z:258.152

IAA Office X:117.220 Y:-620.938 Z:206.047

Pacific Standard Bank X:235.046 Y:216.434 Z:106.287

Fort Zancudo ATC entrance X:-2344.373 Y:3267.498 Z:32.811

Fort Zancudo ATC top floor X:-2358.132 Y:3249.754 Z:101.451

Torture Room X: 147.170 Y:-2201.804 Z:4.688

OUTDOOR LOCATIONS

Main LS Customs X:-365.425 Y:-131.809 Z:37.873

Very High Up X:-129.964 Y:8130.873 Z:6705.307

IAA Roof X:134.085 Y:-637.859 Z:262.851

FIB Roof X:150.126 Y:-754.591 Z:262.865

Maze Bank Roof X:-75.015 Y:-818.215 Z:326.176

Top of the Mt Chilad X:450.718 Y:5566.614 Z:806.183

Most Northerly Point X:24.775 Y:7644.102 Z:19.055

Vinewood Bowl Stage X:686.245 Y:577.950 Z:130.461

Sisyphus Theater Stage X:205.316 Y:1167.378 Z:227.005

Galileo Observatory Roof X:-438.804 Y:1076.097 Z:352.411

Kortz Center X:-2243.810 Y:264.048 Z:174.615

Chumash Historic Family Pier X:-3426.683 Y:967.738 Z:8.347

Paleta Bay Pier X:-275.522 Y:6635.835 Z:7.425

God's thumb X:-1006.402 Y:6272.383 Z:1.503

Calafia Train Bridge X:-517.869 Y:4425.284 Z:89.795

Altruist Cult Camp X:-1170.841 Y:4926.646 Z:224.295

Maze Bank Arena Roof X:-324.300 Y:-1968.545 Z:67.002

Marlowe Vineyards X:-1868.971 Y:2095.674 Z:139.115

Hippy Camp X:2476.712 Y:3789.645 Z:41.226

Devin Weston's House X:-2639.872 Y:1866.812 Z:160.135

Abandon Mine X:-595.342 Y: 2086.008 Z:131.412

Weed Farm X:2208.777 Y:5578.235 Z:53.735

Stab City X: 126.975 Y:3714.419 Z:46.827

Airplane Graveyard Airplane Tail X:2395.096 Y:3049.616 Z:60.053

Satellite Dish Antenna X:2034.988 Y:2953.105 Z:74.602

Satellite Dishes X: 2062.123 Y:2942.055 Z:47.431

Windmill Top X:2026.677 Y:1842.684 Z:133.313

Sandy Shores Building Site Crane X:1051.209 Y:2280.452 Z:89.727

Rebel Radio X:736.153 Y:2583.143 Z:79.634

Quarry X:2954.196 Y:2783.410 Z:41.004

Palmer-Taylor Power Station Chimney X: 2732.931 Y: 1577.540 Z:83.671

Merryweather Dock X: 486.417 Y:-3339.692 Z:6.070

Cargo Ship X:899.678 Y:-2882.191 Z:19.013

Del Perro Pier X:-1850.127 Y:-1231.751 Z:13.017

Play Boy Mansion X:-1475.234 Y:167.088Z:55.841

Jolene Cranley-Evans Ghost X:3059.620 Y:5564.246 Z:197.091

NOOSE Headquarters X:2535.243 Y:-383.799 Z:92.993

Snowman X: 971.245 Y:-1620.993 Z:30.111

Oriental Theater X:293.089 Y:180.466 Z:104.301

Beach Skatepark X:-1374.881 Y:-1398.835 Z:6.141

Underpass Skatepark X:718.341 Y:-1218.714 Z: 26.014

Casino X:925.329 Y:46.152 Z:80.908

University of San Andreas X:-1696.866 Y:142.747 Z:64.372

La Puerta Freeway Bridge X: -543.932 Y:-2225.543 Z:122.366

Land Act Dam X: 1660.369 Y:-12.013 Z:170.020

Mount Gordo X: 2877.633 Y:5911.078 Z:369.624

Little Seoul X:-889.655 Y:-853.499 Z:20.566

Epsilon Building X:-695.025 Y:82.955 Z:55.855 Z:55.855

The Richman Hotel X:-1330.911 Y:340.871 Z:64.078

Vinewood sign X:711.362 Y:1198.134 Z:348.526

Los Santos Golf Club X:-1336.715 Y:59.051 Z:55.246

Chicken X:-31.010 Y:6316.830 Z:40.083

Little Portola X:-635.463 Y:-242.402 Z:38.175

Pacific Bluffs Country Club X:-3022.222 Y:39.968 Z:13.611

Vinewood Cemetery X:-1659993 Y:-128.399 Z:59.954

Paleta Forest Sawmill Chimney X:-549.467 Y:5308.221 Z:114.146

Mirror Park X:1070.206 Y:-711.958 Z:58.483

Rocket X:1608.698 Y:6438.096 Z:37.637

El Gordo Lighthouse X:3430.155 Y:5174.196 Z:41.280

Content Replication Assignment

Teleport the player to a beach, spawn ten whales on the shore and generate an NPC wandering around them and take a screenshot in the style of HAPP V2.

Chapter 7

Hyperrealism

//intro to the artistic current of photorealism and hyperrealism in painting and drawing, connected to the idea of photorealism and simulation in games (attempt to simulate life itself, not just photography), relationship between the game and the physical world, the way virtual spaces influence and shape society (training self driving cars in GTA V, CGI shaping architecture of buildings and object...), the blurring of the lines between virtual and physical...

8k by Aram Bartholl

Aram Bartholl, *8k*, installation view

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More about 8k

Getting there

- Land Act Dam, Tataviam Mountains

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Tutorial

Setting Camera Views

GTA V has 4 default camera views, which can be switched by pressing the V key on PC. To set a specific camera view we can use the native function

SET_FOLLOW_PED_CAM_VIEW_MOD, followed by number 0, 1, 2 or 4 to establish the desired point of view:

- 0 - Third Person View - Close
- 1 - Third Person View - Mid
- 2 - Third Person View - Far
- 4 - First Person View

Switch to first person view:

```
Function.Call(Hash.SET_FOLLOW_PED_CAM_VIEW_MODE, 4);
```

Controlling the Game Camera

Create Multiple Cameras

Attach a Camera to an Entity

Example code

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

using GTA;
using GTA.Math;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.Drawing;
using GTA.Native;
using System.IO;

namespace moddingTutorial
{
    public class moddingTutorial : Script
    {
        Vector3 myCamPos;
        int CamSelect = 0;
        Ped newPed = null;
        Camera myCam;
```

```

public moddingTutorial()
{
    this.Tick += onTick;
    this.KeyUp += onKeyUp;
    this.KeyDown += onKeyDown;
}

private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e) //this function gets executed continuously
{
    //exits from the loop if the game is loading
    if (Game.IsLoading) return;

    //update the cameras if the ped is spawn
    if (newPed != null)
    {
        //create the cameras if none have been created yet.
        if (myCam == null)
        {
            UI.ShowSubtitle("Set new camera");
            myCam = World.CreateCamera(Vector3.Zero, newPed.Rotation, 50f);
            // Set the camera position (relative pos)
            myCamPos = new Vector3(0, 0, 1f);
        }
        //attach the cameras
        myCam.AttachTo(newPed, myCamPos);
        //sync rotation
        myCam.Rotation = newPed.Rotation;
    }
}

private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e) //everything inside here is executed once
{
    //press control+K to switch between gameplay default camera and the NPC camera
    if (e.KeyCode == Keys.K && e.Modifiers == Keys.Shift && newPed != null)
    {
        CamSelect = (CamSelect + 1) % 2;
        switch (CamSelect)
        {
            case 0: World.RenderingCamera = null;
                UI.ShowSubtitle("Showing Gameplay Cam View");
                break;
            case 1: World.RenderingCamera = myCam;
                UI.ShowSubtitle("Showing NPC Cam View");
                break;
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }

    }

}

private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e) //everything inside here
{
    if(e.KeyCode == Keys.G)
    {
        //spawn new Ped
        newPed = World.CreatePed(PedHash.Cat, Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetI
    }

    if (e.KeyCode == Keys.H)
    {
        //follow player (persistent)
        Function.Call(Hash.TASK_FOLLOW_TO_OFFSET_OF_ENTITY, newPed.Handle, Gam
        //look at player
        newPed.Task.LookAt(Game.Player.Character);
    }
    if (e.KeyCode == Keys.J)
    {
        //stop NPC
        newPed.Task.ClearAll();
    }
    if (e.KeyCode == Keys.L)
    {
        //delete ped
        newPed.Delete();
    }
}
}
}

```

7.0.1 Switching Character through Satellite Camera View

Example code

```

/*
    this was adapted from code shared by LeeC22 on gtaforums.com
    https://gtaforums.com/topic/951002-c-looking-for-player-switch-sample-solved-by-me
*/

using System;

```



```

using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

using GTA;
using GTA.Math;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.Drawing;
using GTA.Native;
using System.IO;

namespace moddingTutorial
{
    public class moddingTutorial : Script
    {
        Ped newPed = null;
        Vector3 SwitchLocation2;
        List<Vector3> switchLocations = new List<Vector3>();
        int index = 0;
        List<String> models = new List<String>();
        int modelIndex = 0;

        public moddingTutorial()
        {
            this.Tick += onTick;
            this.KeyUp += onKeyUp;
            this.KeyDown += onKeyDown;

            //add locations to the switchLocations list
            switchLocations.Add(new Vector3(24.775f, 7644.102f, 18.055f)); //Most Northerly Point
            switchLocations.Add(new Vector3(-595.342f, 2086.008f, 130.412f)); //Mine
            switchLocations.Add(new Vector3(150.126f, -754.591f, 261.865f)); //FIB Roof

            //add models to the models list
            models.Add("s_m_m_doctor_01");
            models.Add("s_m_m_migrant_01");
            models.Add("a_c_cormorant");
            models.Add("a_c_deer");
            models.Add("a_c_pug");
        }

        private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e) //this function gets executed continuously
        {

```

```

//If the character switch is in process
if (Function.Call<bool>(Hash.IS_PLAYER_SWITCH_IN_PROGRESS))
{
    //If Switch State is 8 - that's the point when it starts dropping to t
    if (Function.Call<int>(Hash.GET_PLAYER_SWITCH_STATE) == 8)
    {
        //Set the player to the switch location
        Game.Player.Character.Position = switchLocations[index];

        //Generate the hash for the chosen model
        int poshHash = Game.GenerateHash(models[modelIndex]);

        //Create the model
        Model poshModel = new Model(poshHash);

        //Check if it is valid
        if (poshModel.IsValid)
        {
            //Wait for it to load, should be okay because it was used to c
            while (!poshModel.IsLoaded)
            {
                Wait(100);
            }

            //Change the player model to the target ped model
            Function.Call(Hash.SET_PLAYER_MODEL, Game.Player, poshHash);

            //Let the game clean up the created Model
            poshModel.MarkAsNoLongerNeeded();
        }
        else
        {
            //Falls to here if the model valid check fails
            Function.Call(Hash.SET_PLAYER_MODEL, Game.Player, (int)PedHash

        }

        //Delete the target ped as it's no longer needed
        newPed.Delete();

        // Set the switch outro based on the gameplay camera position
        // Function.Call((Hash)0xC208B673CE446B61, camPos.X, camPos.Y, cam

        Function.Call((Hash)0xC208B673CE446B61, GameplayCamera.Position.X,

```

```

        //Call this unknown native that seems to finish things off
        Function.Call(Hash._0x74DE2E8739086740);

        //Make the character wander around autonomously
        Game.Player.Character.Task.WanderAround();
    }
}

private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{

}

private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{
    if (e.KeyCode == Keys.G)
    {
        //Stop previous tasks
        Game.Player.Character.Task.ClearAll();

        //Move the index to the next location
        index++;
        if (index >= switchLocations.Count) index = 0;

        //Move the index to the new ped model
        modelIndex++;
        if (modelIndex >= models.Count) modelIndex = 0;

        //Create the ped to switch to
        newPed = World.CreatePed(models[modelIndex], switchLocations[index]);

        //Native function to initiate the switch
        Function.Call(Hash.START_PLAYER_SWITCH, Game.Player.Character.Handle, newPed.Handle);
    }
}
}
}

```

Scripting Cinematic Fade Out/ In

Script Hook has native functions to create a fade to/from black. The function hash are DO_SCREEN_FADE_OUT and DO_SCREEN_FADE_IN and they are followed by the number of milliseconds to go from full black to showing the scene and viceversa.

Let's create a fade to black over 3 seconds when we press the letter key 'O':

```
if (e.KeyCode == Keys.O)
{
    Function.Call(Hash.DO_SCREEN_FADE_OUT, 3000);
}
```

And a fade over 3 seconds when we press the letter key 'I':

```
if (e.KeyCode == Keys.I)
{
    Function.Call(Hash.DO_SCREEN_FADE_IN, 3000);
}
```

We could also create an automated check in our onTick loop, which keeps seeing if the screen has been faded to black. We can use the native function IS_SCREEN_FADED_OUT which is a boolean data type. This means it will return either true or false. If it returns true, it means the screen has been faded out.

Let's add an If statement in our onTick loop to check if the screen has been faded to black, and if so we call a fade in over 3 second:

```
if (Function.Call<bool>(Hash.IS_SCREEN_FADED_OUT))
{
    Wait(500);
    GTA.Native.Function.Call(Hash.DO_SCREEN_FADE_IN, 3000);
}
```

Now if you try to hit the 'O' key, the screen will fade out, and then it will automatically fade in again.

Natural Vision Evolved Mod

Natural Vision Evolved is a graphic mod developed by Jamal Rashid, aka Razed. This mod enhances GTA V's lighting, weather effects, ambient colours, world textures, building models, pushing the photo-realism and cinematic looks. While the mod contains settings for different hardware settings, it's recommended to have a relatively powerful PC with a good graphic card. Here

you can find minimum and recommended requirements for Natural Vision Evolved mod.

Setup:

- Go to razedmods.com/gta-v and download Natural Vision Evolved (6.2 Gb).
- Go to openiv.com/ and download Open IV, Open 'ovisetup' and install Open IV on your computer.
- Open the Open IV app and select GTA V Windows. Choose Grand Theft Auto V folder `C:\Program Files (x86)\Steam\steamapps\common\Grand Theft Auto V`
- Once Open IV is open, go to your file window select the **Tools** menu on top of the window, and select **ASI Manager**. In **ASI Manager** install all options: ASI Loader, OpenIV.ASI and openCamera.
- Select **Tools** again and click **Options**. Click on the "mods" folder tab and select **Allow edit mode only for archive inside "mods" folder**. Click **Close**.
- Back in Open IV, select **Edit mode** at the top right of the window. Select **OK** on the pop up window.
- Now you can add your mod to the mods folder.
- Open the NVE mod folder and copy the subfolder containing the settings you want (low/medium/ultra graphics) to your GTA V directory folder `C:\Program Files (x86)\Steam\steamapps\common\Grand Theft Auto V`.
- Go back to your downloads and inside the NVE folder select the installation files and open number 1 and 2 with Open IV in the correct order. Always choose to select "mod" folder and select install.
- Go back to your downloads and inside the NVE folder you can choose some optional addons. Install/Uninstall them with Open IV as above Always choose to select "mod" folder and select install.
- Open GTA V, press **ESC** to bring up the menu and go to **SETTINGS**. Adjust the graphics quality, making sure **Shader Quality**, **Particle Quality** and **Post FX** are set to **<Very High>**. Restart the game to make change in effect.

Content Replication Assignment

Chapter 8

Meta-Photography

// General intro on the artistic reflection on the photographic medium itself, the tradition of conceptual photography and the connection to the simulation of the camera and the act of photographing virtual worlds

GTA V Photography Bot

Crossroad of Realities by Benoit Paillé

Readings

Tutorial

Virtual Keys

The most reliable way to send keyboard and mouse input is the SendInput function in user32.dll.

The SendInput function takes three parameters: the number of inputs, an array of INPUT for the inputs we want to send, and the size of our INPUT struct. The INPUT struct includes an integer that indicates the type of input and a union for the inputs that will be passed.

Keys are mapped to Direct Input Keyboard hex codes. You can find a list of all hex codes for each key here or below.

List of DirectX key mappings

Value	Macro	Symbol
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0x01	DIK_ESCAPE	Esc
0x02	DIK_1	1
0x03	DIK_2	2
0x04	DIK_3	3
0x05	DIK_4	4
0x06	DIK_5	5
0x07	DIK_6	6
0x08	DIK_7	7
0x09	DIK_8	8
0x0A	DIK_9	9
0x0B	DIK_0	0
0x0C	DIK_MINUS	-
0x0D	DIK_EQUALS	=
0x0E	DIK_BACK	Back Space
0x0F	DIK_TAB	Tab
0x10	DIK_Q	Q
0x11	DIK_W	W
0x12	DIK_E	E
0x13	DIK_R	R
0x14	DIK_T	T
0x15	DIK_Y	Y
0x16	DIK_U	U
0x17	DIK_I	I
0x18	DIK_O	O
0x19	DIK_P	P
0x1A	DIK_LBRACKET	[
0x1B	DIK_RBRACKET]
0x1C	DIK_RETURN	Enter
0x1D	DIK_LContol	Ctrl (Left)
0x1E	DIK_A	A
0x1F	DIK_S	S
0x20	DIK_D	D
0x21	DIK_F	F
0x22	DIK_G	G
0x23	DIK_H	H
0x24	DIK_J	J
0x25	DIK_K	K
0x26	DIK_L	L
0x27	DIK_SEMICOLON	;
0x28	DIK_APOSTROPHE	'
0x29	DIK_GRAVE	`
0x2A	DIK_LSHIFT	Shift (Left)
0x2B	DIK_BACKSLASH	\
0x2C	DIK_Z	Z
0x2D	DIK_X	X

0x2E	DIK_C	C
0x2F	DIK_V	V
0x30	DIK_B	B
0x31	DIK_N	N
0x32	DIK_M	M
0x33	DIK_COMMA	,
0x34	DIK_PERIOD	.
0x35	DIK_SLASH	/
0x36	DIK_RSHIFT	Shift (Right)
0x37	DIK_MULTIPLY	* (Numpad)
0x38	DIK_LMENU	Alt (Left)
0x39	DIK_SPACE	Space
0x3A	DIK_CAPITAL	Caps Lock
0x3B	DIK_F1	F1
0x3C	DIK_F2	F2
0x3D	DIK_F3	F3
0x3E	DIK_F4	F4
0x3F	DIK_F5	F5
0x40	DIK_F6	F6
0x41	DIK_F7	F7
0x42	DIK_F8	F8
0x43	DIK_F9	F9
0x44	DIK_F10	F10
0x45	DIK_NUMLOCK	Num Lock
0x46	DIK_SCROLL	Scroll Lock
0x47	DIK_NUMPAD7	7 (Numpad)
0x48	DIK_NUMPAD8	8 (Numpad)
0x49	DIK_NUMPAD9	9 (Numpad)
0x4A	DIK_SUBTRACT	- (Numpad)
0x4B	DIK_NUMPAD4	4 (Numpad)
0x4C	DIK_NUMPAD5	5 (Numpad)
0x4D	DIK_NUMPAD6	6 (Numpad)
0x4E	DIK_ADD	+ (Numpad)
0x4F	DIK_NUMPAD1	1 (Numpad)
0x50	DIK_NUMPAD2	2 (Numpad)
0x51	DIK_NUMPAD3	3 (Numpad)
0x52	DIK_NUMPAD0	0 (Numpad)
0x53	DIK_DECIMAL	. (Numpad)
0x57	DIK_F11	F11
0x58	DIK_F12	F12
0x64	DIK_F13	F13 (NEC PC-98)
0x65	DIK_F14	F14 (NEC PC-98)
0x66	DIK_F15	F15 (NEC PC-98)
0x70	DIK_KANA	Kana Japanese Keyboard
0x79	DIK_CONVERT	Convert Japanese Keyboard
0x7B	DIK_NOCONVERT	No Convert Japanese Keyboard

0x7D	DIK_YEN	¥	Japanese Keyboard
0x8D	DIK_NUMPADEQUALS	=	NEC PC-98
0x90	DIK_CIRCUMFLEX	^	Japanese Keyboard
0x91	DIK_AT	@	NEC PC-98
0x92	DIK_COLON	:	NEC PC-98
0x93	DIK_UNDERLINE	_	NEC PC-98
0x94	DIK_KANJI		Kanji Japanese Keyboard
0x95	DIK_STOP		Stop NEC PC-98
0x96	DIK_AX		(Japan AX)
0x97	DIK_UNLABELED		(J3100)
0x9C	DIK_NUMPADENTER		Enter (Numpad)
0x9D	DIK_RCONTROL		Ctrl (Right)
0xB3	DIK_NUMPADCOMMA	,	(Numpad) NEC PC-98
0xB5	DIK_DIVIDE	/	(Numpad)
0xB7	DIK_SYSRQ		Sys Rq
0xB8	DIK_RMENU		Alt (Right)
0xC5	DIK_PAUSE		Pause
0xC7	DIK_HOME		Home
0xC8	DIK_UP	↑	(Arrow up)
0xC9	DIK_PRIOR		Page Up
0xCB	DIK_LEFT	←	(Arrow left)
0xCD	DIK_RIGHT	→	(Arrow right)
0xCF	DIK_END		End
0xD0	DIK_DOWN	↓	(Arrow down)
0xD1	DIK_NEXT		Page Down
0xD2	DIK_INSERT		Insert
0xD3	DIK_DELETE		Delete
0xDB	DIK_LWIN		Windows
0xDC	DIK_RWIN		Windows
0xDD	DIK_APPS		Menu
0xDE	DIK_POWER		Power
0xDF	DIK_SLEEP		Windows

Example code

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

using GTA;
using GTA.Math;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.Drawing;
using GTA.Native;
```

```

using System.IO;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;

namespace moddingTutorial
{
    public class moddingTutorial : Script
    {
        //this bunch of stuff is to control keyboard and mouse
        [StructLayout(LayoutKind.Sequential)]
        public struct KeyboardInput
        {
            public ushort wVk;
            public ushort wScan;
            public uint dwFlags;
            public uint time;
            public IntPtr dwExtraInfo;
        }
        [StructLayout(LayoutKind.Sequential)]
        public struct MouseInput
        {
            public int dx;
            public int dy;
            public uint mouseData;
            public uint dwFlags;
            public uint time;
            public IntPtr dwExtraInfo;
        }
        [StructLayout(LayoutKind.Sequential)]
        public struct HardwareInput
        {
            public uint uMsg;
            public ushort wParamL;
            public ushort wParamH;
        }
        [StructLayout(LayoutKind.Explicit)]
        public struct InputUnion
        {
            [FieldOffset(0)] public MouseInput mi;
            [FieldOffset(0)] public KeyboardInput ki;
            [FieldOffset(0)] public HardwareInput hi;
        }
        public struct Input
        {
            public int type;

```

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        public InputUnion u;
    }
    [Flags]
    public enum InputType
    {
        Mouse = 0,
        Keyboard = 1,
        Hardware = 2
    }
    [Flags]
    public enum KeyEventF
    {
        KeyDown = 0x0000,
        ExtendedKey = 0x0001,
        KeyUp = 0x0002,
        Unicode = 0x0004,
        Scancode = 0x0008
    }
    [Flags]
    public enum MouseEventF
    {
        Absolute = 0x8000,
        HWheel = 0x01000,
        Move = 0x0001,
        MoveNoCoalesce = 0x2000,
        LeftDown = 0x0002,
        LeftUp = 0x0004,
        RightDown = 0x0008,
        RightUp = 0x0010,
        MiddleDown = 0x0020,
        MiddleUp = 0x0040,
        VirtualDesk = 0x4000,
        Wheel = 0x0800,
        XDown = 0x0080,
        XUp = 0x0100
    }

    [DllImport("user32.dll", SetLastError = true)]
    private static extern uint SendInput(uint nInputs, Input[] pInputs, int cbSize);
    [DllImport("user32.dll")]
    private static extern IntPtr GetMessageExtraInfo();
    bool pressKey = false;

    public moddingTutorial()

```

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{
    this.Tick += onTick;
    this.KeyUp += onKeyUp;
    this.KeyDown += onKeyDown;
}

private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e) //this function gets executed
{
}

private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{
}

private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{
    if (e.KeyCode == Keys.H)
    {
        //define the pressing of the arrow up key
        Input[] keyUP_press = new Input[]
        {
            new Input
            {
                type = (int)InputType.Keyboard,
                u = new InputUnion
                {
                    ki = new KeyboardInput
                    {
                        wVk = 0,
                        wScan = 0xC8, // key ARROW UP
                        dwFlags = (uint)(KeyEventF.KeyDown | KeyEventF.Scancode), //ke
                        dwExtraInfo = GetMessageExtraInfo()
                    }
                }
            }
        };

        //define the release of the arrow up key
        Input[] keyUP_release = new Input[]
        {
            new Input
            {
                type = (int)InputType.Keyboard,
                u = new InputUnion

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```

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        this.KeyDown += onKeyDown;
    }

    private void onTick(object sender, EventArgs e) //this function gets executed continuously
    {

```

```

if(botOn)
{
    //SET PLAYER INVINCIBLE
    Function.Call(Hash.SET_PLAYER_INVINCIBLE, Game.Player, true);

    //SET 1st PERSON VIEW
    Function.Call(Hash.SET_FOLLOW_PED_CAM_VIEW_MODE, 4);

    //TASK SEQUENCE
    TaskSequence mySeq = new TaskSequence();

    //WALK
    Random rndWalk = new Random();
    int Walk = (int)rndWalk.Next(-10, 10);
    //Game.Player.Character.Task.RunTo(Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWo
    mySeq.AddTask.GoTo(Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWorldCoords(new Vec

    //RUN
    Random rndRun = new Random();
    int Run = (int)rndRun.Next(-10, 10);
    //Game.Player.Character.Task.RunTo(Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWo
    mySeq.AddTask.RunTo(Game.Player.Character.GetOffsetInWorldCoords(new Vec

    //WANDER AROUND
    //Game.Player.Character.Task.WanderAround();
    mySeq.AddTask.WanderAround();
    mySeq.Close();
    Game.Player.Character.Task.PerformSequence(mySeq);

    //LET IT WANDER FOR RANDOM TIME
    Random rndWandering = new Random();
    int Wandering = (int)rndWandering.Next(20, 50);
    Wait(Wandering*1000);
    Game.Player.Character.Task.ClearAll();
    Wait(500);

    //~TO DO: teleport character if it's in the water
    if (Game.Player.Character.IsSwimming) //(Function.Call<bool>(Hash.IS_PE
    {
        //teleport
    }

    if (Game.Player.Character.IsStopped)
    {
        //PHOTO TAKING STUFF (VIRTUAL KEYS)

```



```

UI.ShowSubtitle("take out phone", 1000);
keyOut(0xC8, 1000); //Arrow UP
Wait(1000);
UI.ShowSubtitle("move down", 1000);
keyOut(0xD0, 500); //Arrow DOWN
Wait(1000);
UI.ShowSubtitle("take left", 1000);
keyOut(0xCB, 500); //Arrow LEFT
Wait(1000);
UI.ShowSubtitle("open app", 1000);
keyOut(0x1C, 500); //ENTER
Wait(3000);

//RANDOM ZOOM
//ZOOM IN
Random rndZoomIn = new Random();
int ZoomIn = (int)rndZoomIn.Next(4, 14);
UI.ShowSubtitle("Zooooooming In " + ZoomIn + " times", 2000);
for (int i = 0; i < ZoomIn; i++)
{
    mouseWheelOut(130);
    Wait(20);
}
Wait(1000);
//ZOOM OUT
Random rndZoomOut = new Random();
int ZoomOut = (int)rndZoomOut.Next(2, 8);
UI.ShowSubtitle("Zooooooming Out " + ZoomOut + " times", 2000);
for (int i = 0; i < ZoomOut; i++)
{
    mouseWheelOut(unchecked((uint)-130));
    Wait(20);
}
Wait(3000);

//TO DO: SMOOTH RANDOM MOUSE XY
/*Random rndCamMove = new Random();
int camMove = rndCamMove.Next(5, 10);
UI.ShowSubtitle("find the right framing", 1000 + (20 * camMove));
for (int i = 0; i < camMove; i++)
{
    Random rndX = new Random();
    Random rndY = new Random();
    int newX = rndX.Next(-10, 10);
    int newY = rndY.Next(-10, 10);

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        //mouseOut(newX*2, newY*2); //mouse xy
        mouseOut(newX * 10, 0); //mouse xy
        Wait(500);
    }
    Wait(2000);*/

    //CHOOSE A RANDOM FILTER
    Random rnd = new Random();
    int filter = rnd.Next(14);
    UI.ShowSubtitle("choose a random filter", 1000 + (500 * filter));
    for (int i = 0; i < filter; i++)
    {
        keyOut(0xD0, 500); //Arrow DOWN
        Wait(500);
    }
    Wait(1000);

    //TAKE PHOTO
    UI.ShowSubtitle("take photo", 1000);
    keyOut(0x1C, 500); //ENTER
    Wait(5000);

    //DELETE PHOTO
    UI.ShowSubtitle("delete photo", 1000);
    keyOut(0xD3, 500); //DELETE
    Wait(2000);

    //CLOSE THE CAMERA APP
    UI.ShowSubtitle("close app", 1000);
    keyOut(0x01, 500); //ESC
    Wait(2000);

    //PUT AWAY THE PHONE
    UI.ShowSubtitle("put away phone", 1000);
    keyOut(0x01, 500); //ESC

    Wait(4000);
}

//VIRTUAL MOUSE X AND Y MOVEMENT
public static void mouseOut(int coordX, int coordY)
{
    //mouse move xy

```

```

Input[] inputs = new Input[]
{
    new Input
    {
        type = (int) InputType.Mouse,
        u = new InputUnion
        {
            mi = new MouseInput
            {
                dx = coordX,
                dy = coordY,
                dwFlags = (uint)(MouseEventF.Move),
                dwExtraInfo = GetMessageExtraInfo()
            }
        }
    }
};
SendInput((uint)inputs.Length, inputs, Marshal.SizeOf(typeof(Input)));
}

//VIRTUAL MOUSE WHEEL SCROLLING
public static void mouseWheelOut(uint duration)
{
    //mouse wheel
    Input[] inputs = new Input[]
    {
        new Input
        {
            type = (int) InputType.Mouse,
            u = new InputUnion
            {
                mi = new MouseInput
                {
                    dx = 100,
                    dy = 100,
                    //time = 0,
                    mouseData = duration,
                    dwFlags = (uint)(MouseEventF.Wheel),
                    dwExtraInfo = GetMessageExtraInfo()
                }
            }
        }
    };
    SendInput((uint)inputs.Length, inputs, Marshal.SizeOf(typeof(Input)));
}

```

```

//VIRTUAL KEY PRESS AND RELEASE
public static void keyOut(ushort hexKey, int delay)
{
    //key pressed
    Input[] inputs = new Input[]
    {
        new Input
        {
            type = (int)InputType.Keyboard,
            u = new InputUnion
            {
                ki = new KeyboardInput
                {
                    wVk = 0,
                    wScan = hexKey, //0xC8,
                    dwFlags = (uint)(KeyEventF.KeyDown | KeyEventF.Scancode),
                    dwExtraInfo = GetMessageExtraInfo()
                }
            }
        }
    };

    //key released
    Input[] inputs2 = new Input[]
    {
        new Input
        {
            type = (int)InputType.Keyboard,
            u = new InputUnion
            {
                ki = new KeyboardInput
                {
                    wVk = 0,
                    wScan = hexKey, //0xC8,
                    dwFlags = (uint)(KeyEventF.KeyUp | KeyEventF.Scancode),
                    dwExtraInfo = GetMessageExtraInfo()
                }
            }
        }
    };

    //send key press / delay / release
    SendInput((uint)inputs.Length, inputs, Marshal.SizeOf(typeof(Input)));
    Wait(delay);
}

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        SendInput((uint)inputs2.Length, inputs2, Marshal.SizeOf(typeof(Input)));
    }

    private void onKeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
    {
    }

    private void onKeyUp(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
    {
        if (e.KeyCode == Keys.H)
        {
            //SWITCH THE BOT ON/OFF
            botOn = !botOn;
            UI.ShowSubtitle($"GTA V Photographer Bot is {(botOn ? "~g~ON" : "~r~OFF")}", 3000);
        }
    }
}

```

Content Replication Assignment