

# Unraveling Realities

Building HoloLens Apps  
With Unity & C#

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Good morning everyone –

Thanks for being here to take a look

At different digital realities,

The HoloLens, and Unity.

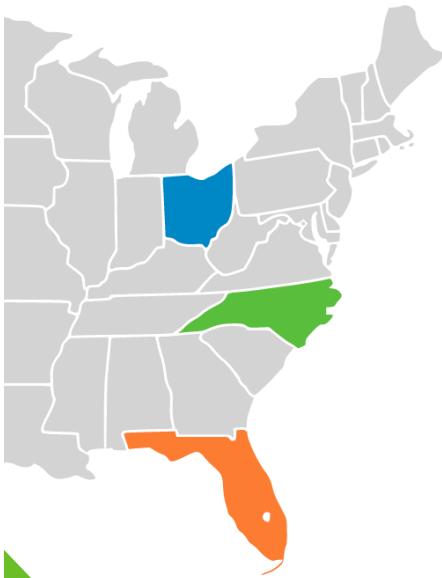
My name is Jeff McKenzie, and before we get started

I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself –

I like puppies, long walks on the beach...

And I'm also a Principal Consultant

At Cardinal Solutions – a little bit about Cardinal...



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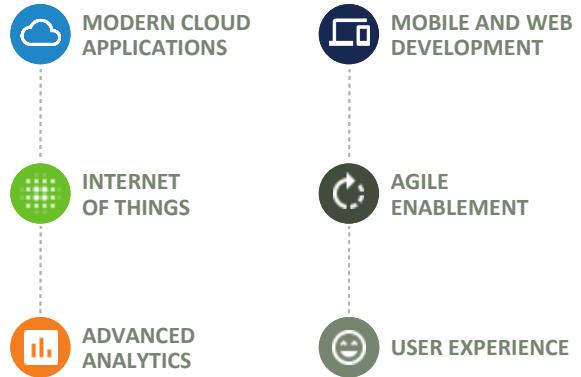
A little bit about cardinal – we are an IT services firm with About 500 full-time consultants, across the Midwest and east coast We've got an office here in Columbus, downtown in the arena district, With about 100 people, with a mix of Inhouse project work and On-site client work.

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Of fundamental and cutting edge technology.  
We've had significant IoT projects,  
Including several AR and HoloLens apps,  
And We do quite a bit of cloud work,



So actually my experience with VR and AR this started this summer,  
pretty soon after I joined Cardinal.

I was on bench waiting for my first assignment.

And my practice manager comes in and asks me,

Hey do you know anything about HoloLens?

I'm like, well I've heard about it...

And he says, we may have to give a demo of it  
in a couple weeks, and I've got this app I need loaded onto it.

On one hand, I'm like, wow that's pretty cool

And on the other hand I'm like TWO WEEKS, you gotta be kidding me.

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At that point in time, everything regarding  
Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, and Mixed Reality --  
Not to mention the Hololens --  
Was just one big mystery.  
It's cool that these devices can totally  
Change your experience, but what do these different  
Devices do, and how do they work?

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# Demystify

So my goal for today is to help try, or start to Demystify all of that, by taking a closer look First, at the HoloLens itself...

# Demystify HoloLens

Second, unraveling the different kinds  
Of computer-generated realities...

# Demystify

# VR | AR | MR

From Virtual Reality,  
Augmented Reality,  
And Mixed Reality..  
And Third....

# Demystify MR Dev

The process of creating your own  
Mixed reality application  
For the HoloLens.  
So let's get started with the first --



The Microsoft HoloLens, which I have right here.

[How many of you have seen this or are familiar with what it does?

Used it?]

And what this device does is allow the wearer to view

3D projections,

Within the context of the world around them.

I'll show you that in a minute here, but

Here's an example of what that kind of looks like....

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Who doesn't love Pokemon, right.

So here we have a 3d object sitting on a real-world table.

The term Microsoft uses to describe this experience  
Is Mixed Reality, because there's a mixture  
Of 3D objects with our surrounding environment, or reality.

So let's take a look.

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<https://www.engadget.com/2016/07/15/pokemon-go-gets-in-your-face-with-an-unofficial-hololens-demo/>

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# DEMO

# Unraveling Realities

Now that we've seen the HoloLens itself,  
I'd like for us to get a picture of  
Where it stands among different kinds -- or brands -- of realities,  
And show some examples to hopefully understand them better.

# VR

First up in our line of realities is VR, or virtual reality.

In my own experience, and when I've talked to other people,  
Generally people are familiar with VR, both as a technology and a term

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It's when the other types of computer-generated-realities come into play  
That things start to get confusing.

I got my first chance to try out a VR headset this summer.

And when I say headset, perhaps I should use the more precise term...

# Head-Mounted Display (HMD)

Head-mounted display..

Which is the technical term for...

# That Big Or Small Thing That You Put On Your Head Or In Front Of Your Face **(TBOSTTYPOYHOIFOYF)**

Something that you put on your head,

Whether that something is...

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An Oculus Rift....

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Or an HTC Vive....

That's attractive, isn't it? They look so much better in the marketing pictures.

This is the one I used this summer....

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Or Google Cardboard...

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<https://www.wearable.com/vr/wearable-why-google-cardboard-not-oculus-rift-will-drive-the-future-of-vr-976>

<https://www.wearable.com/media/images/2015/10/google-cardboard-virtual-014-1445269232-CcMt-full-width-inline.jpg>



So, like I said, this is the device I used this summer.

I'm part of the Application Development group at Cardinal Solutions,  
And for one of our quarterly practice events,  
We went to the Idea Foundry,  
Near west side

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They have co-working spaces, art exhibits,  
Drone racing, and VR is one of the activities they do.

[Anyone here tried out VR?]  
[what VR apps have you tried?]  
So one of the apps we got to try  
Is called....

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# RICHIE'S PLANK EXPERIENCE

Richie's Plank Experience --  
there are several VR apps with a similar concept,  
But I'm pretty sure this is the one we tried.

So you have the headset on and the person helping  
Turns you around so you are facing an elevator  
That's in your view.

You walk forward, physically, into the elevator...

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Then you have to turn around and press a button,  
Which takes you to the top floor.

The elevator doors open...

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And this is what you see –

You have to walk all the way out  
To the end of the plank and back.

And if you fall, the game simulates  
The feeling of falling through the air,  
Until, well, you “hit” the ground and it’s over.

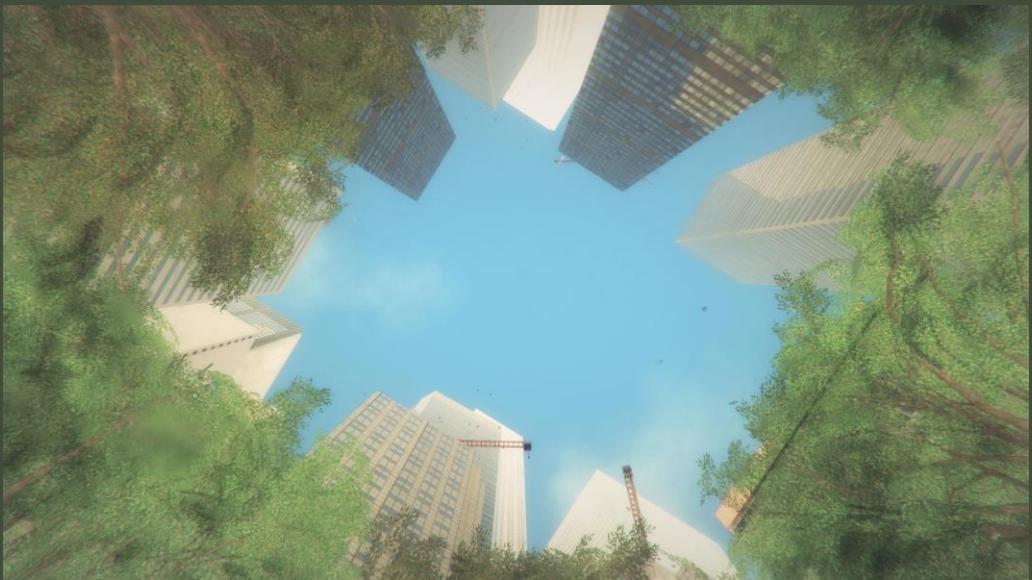
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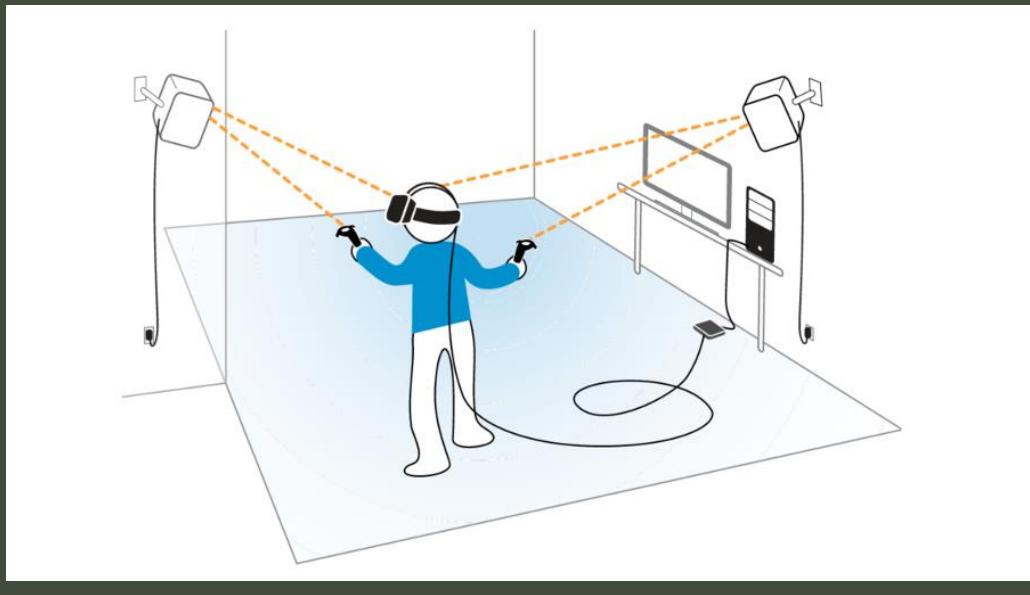
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So what was fascinating is that we were in a setup  
Kind of like this, you know, just walking around in a room,  
And people were TERRIFIED of getting on that plank.  
Now full disclosure, I didn't even try this, so  
I'm a big coward and everyone who tried it is braver than me.  
They have a monitor that shows what they are seeing,  
And you could see people looking around,  
Trying to put one foot in front of the other...

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Some people just gave up, others made it a few steps out  
And turned back.

One guy was just determined to get to the end,  
He just kind of threw himself out there,  
Almost hyperventilating, and made it all the way back.  
And he looked just exhausted.  
So that's the kind of power that virtual reality  
Can have on our experiences.

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# AR

So AR is up next.

AR stands for Augmented Reality.  
Where Virtual Reality replaces your entire view  
With a computer generated experience,

Augmented Reality is more of a light touch –  
It takes your real environment and layers  
Computer-generated objects over it.



As in this example, where graphics are overlaid  
On something like a smartphone or heads-up display.

So I'd like to explore by talking a little bit about  
And one of the biggest successes  
In the AR format.

Can anyone guess what that might be?

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That's right, the craze of summer 2016, Pokemon GO.

[How many here have at least downloaded this  
Onto your phone and tried it out?]

Yeah, me too.

Actually I think I have 150 apps on my phone,  
And 120 of those my daughter installed,  
So OF COURSE I have Pokemon GO on my phone.

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Did it seem particularly realistic?

Why or why not?

[.....]

maybe the images weren't realistic,

But the fact that they were "appearing" in actual places

I think gave them a sense of realism]

There were actual physical places where you know

You would find Pokemon.

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<https://www.gamecrate.com/20-tips-and-secrets-pok%C3%A9mon-go-wont-tell-you/14078>

# MR

From what we've seen so far with the HoloLens,  
Mixed Reality kind of combines VR and AR,  
With more realistic projections that appear  
To be part of our actual reality.  
VR gives you an intense experience,  
But it's very hard to recreate the physical world.  
AR gives us the physical reality, but again,  
What it augments is often not quite as engaging as VR.

# HoloLens Development

Allright, so the time has come to take a closer look  
At actually building a Mixed Reality application for HoloLens.  
To get a look at the full list of what you need,  
You can visit this link...

**developer.microsoft.com/  
en-us/windows/  
mixed-reality/  
install\_the\_tools**

Or you can just google hololens tools,  
Which will get you to this link.  
There are a few prerequisites –  
The first being the operating system...

# Win 10/8/7 Server 2012/2008

You will need the Windows 10 SDK,  
Which is supported on multiple operating systems,  
However, not all tools for HoloLens development work  
On all operating systems  
Windows 10 is recommended for the best experience.  
Next you will need Unity --

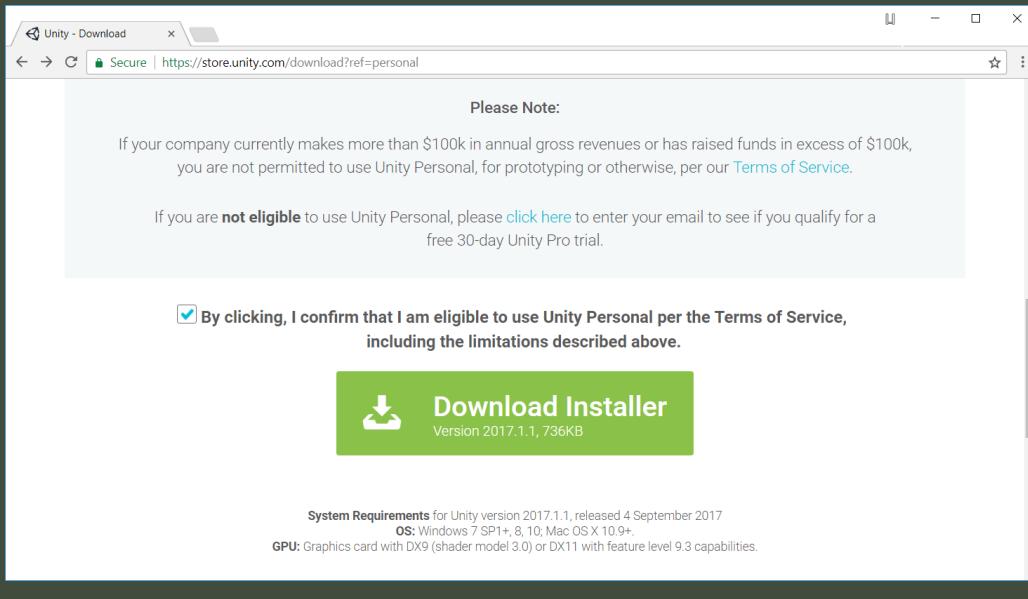


Which is a 2D and 3D game engine created by Unity technologies.  
[Anyone here used Unity before?]  
[What have you done with it?]  
So it's called a game engine, but really  
It can be used to create many different kinds  
Of graphic design and animations.  
you can get it at....



Store.unity.com.  
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That takes you to the download page.

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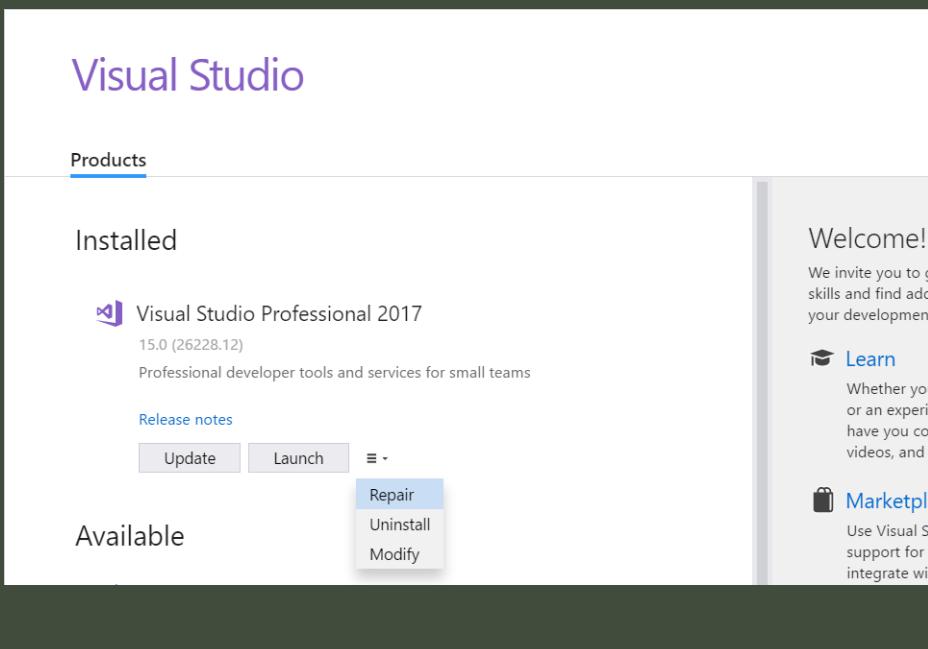
One note for the personal edition  
is that you can't use it for company work,  
if the company is larger than 100K.  
You also can't use it if you personally  
Have made 100K from using Unity during the last year.  
The latest version is 2017.1.1.  
Next you will need an integrated development environment,  
Or IDE...

# Visual Studio 2017 / 2015 (Community)

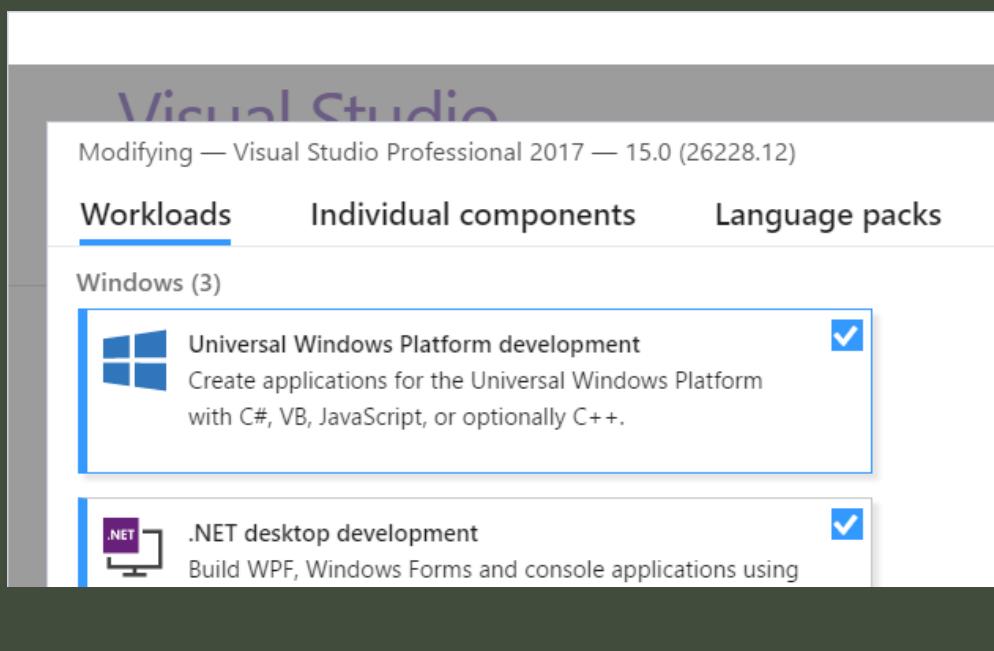
Microsoft recommends Visual Studio 2017,  
And that's what you should probably use  
If you already have it.

Right now I am using 2015 update 3  
and that works fine as well.

The community edition is free and  
Provides full support.

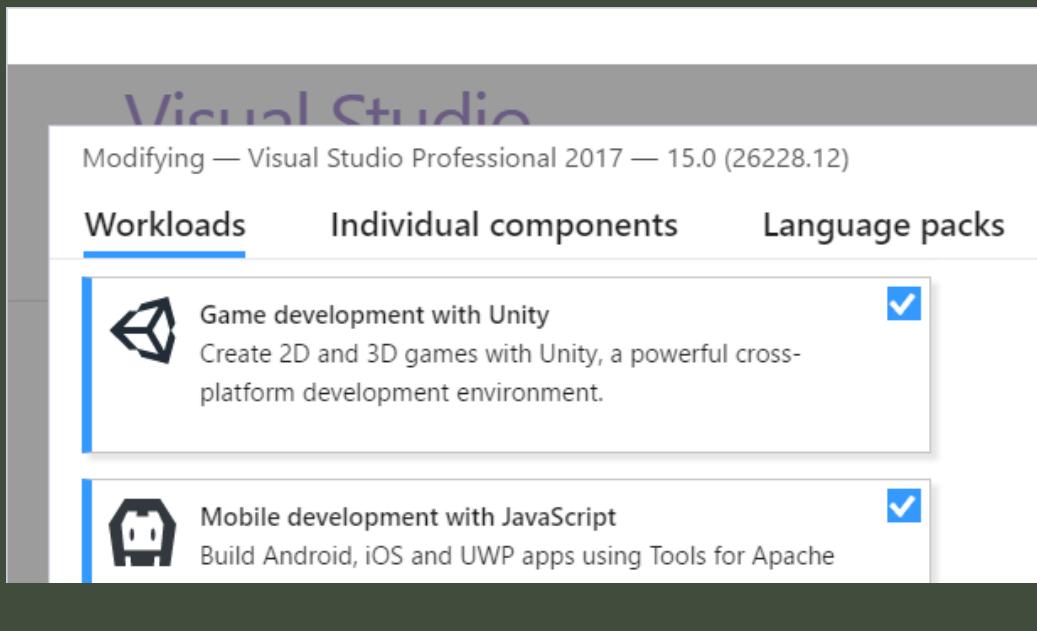


To make sure you have the correct features installed  
For 2017, you can go into the Visual Studio installer  
And select the Modify option.

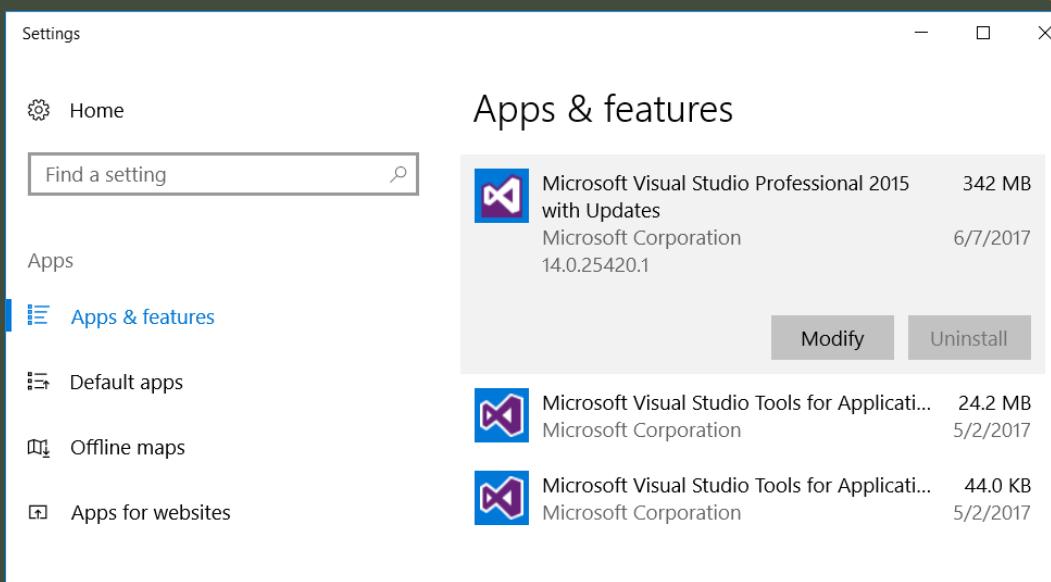


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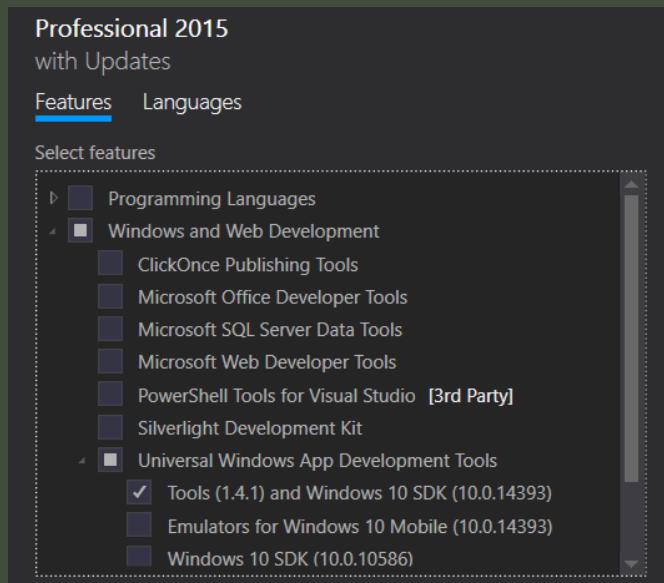
This includes the Windows 10 SDK I mentioned earlier.



And also Game Development with Unity

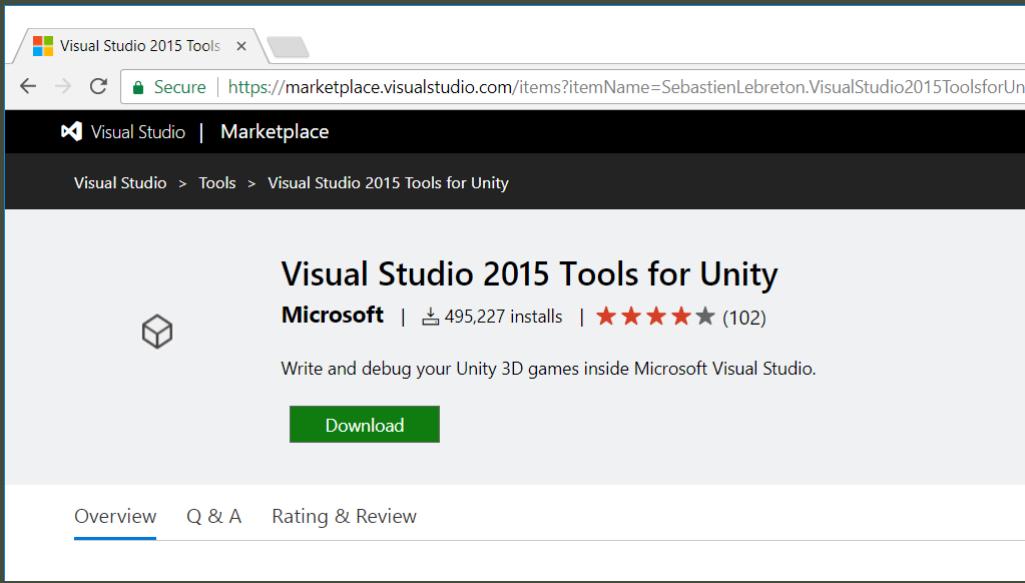


If you're working with Visual Studio 2015,  
You can go into Apps & Features in settings,  
And select the Modify option for your edition.



Under 2015 Features you'll want to select  
Tools and Windows 10 SDK  
As part of Universal Windows App Development Tools,  
Under Windows and Web Development

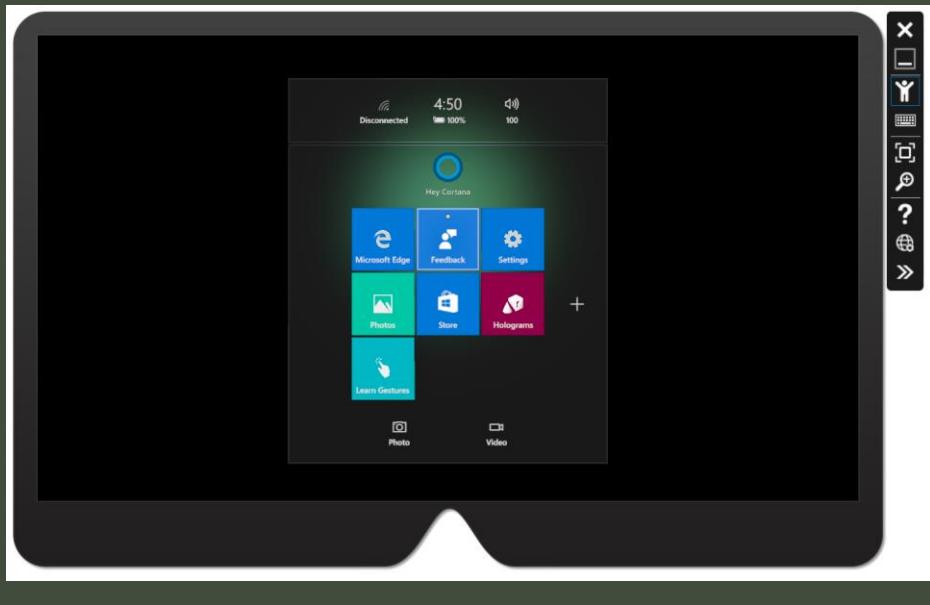
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Another thing you'll need for VS 2015 is the  
Visual Studio Tools for Unity –  
This allows you to do things like run an application in Unity  
And set breakpoints within Visual Studio.  
Visual Studio 2017 already comes with Unity Integration.  
And then, in order to see what your completed app  
Looks like, you can buy a \$3000 hololens,

# HoloLens Emulator

Or you can download and install  
the HoloLens Emulator



This is what it looks like,  
And we will get a better look here in a few minutes.  
You don't get to see to see what the app looks like  
In actual physical surroundings,  
But it's a pretty good indicator  
Of how the app is going to behave.

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[https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/mixed-reality/using\\_the\\_hololens\\_emulator](https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/mixed-reality/using_the_hololens_emulator)  
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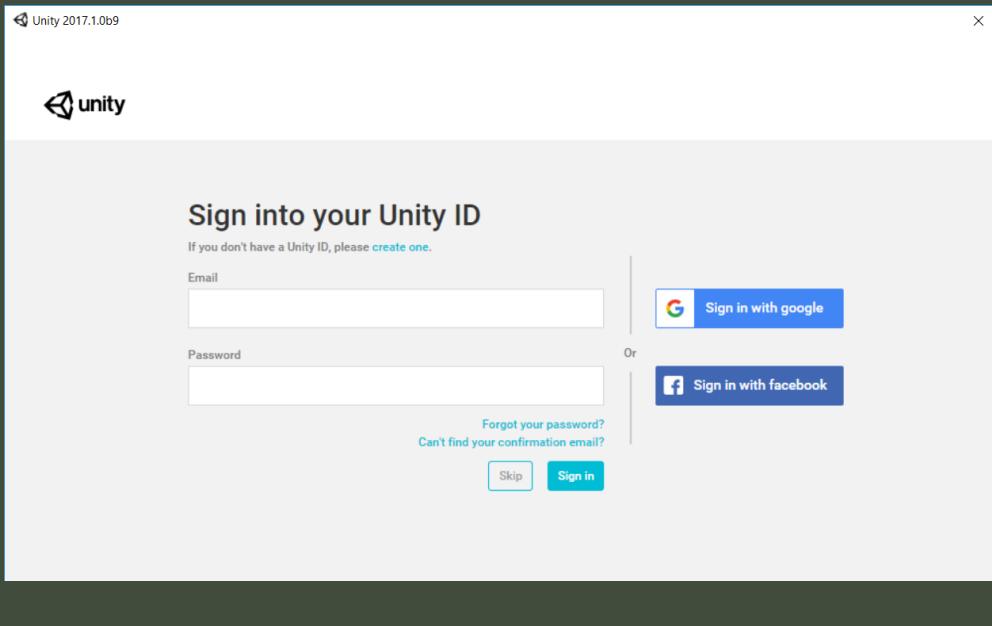
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Edge browser window titled "Install the tools". The URL in the address bar is [https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/mixed-reality/install\\_the\\_tools](https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/mixed-reality/install_the_tools). The page content is a table with two columns:

	Studio 2015 Update 3 is still supported, we recommend Visual Studio 2017 for the best experience.
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Unity 5.6 or Unity 2017.1	The Unity engine is an easy way to <a href="#">get started building a holographic app</a> .
Windows 10	Last known release: C.1 issued November 16th, 2016



OK lets take a look at Unity  
To get started with our project.  
Once you've downloaded and installed  
Unity for the first time...

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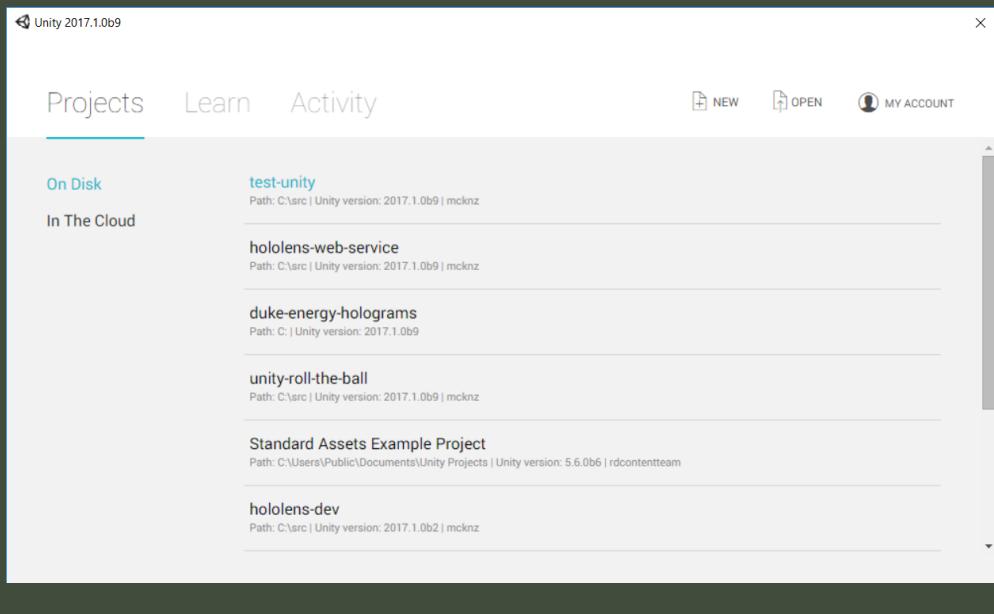
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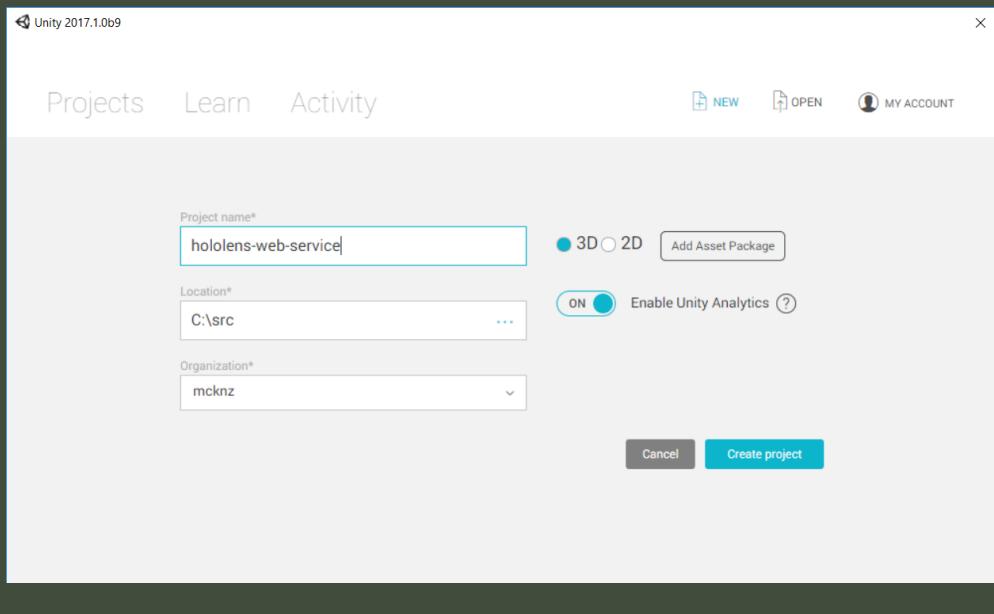
With Unity.com, or use your Google or Facebook account.

Once you sign in....

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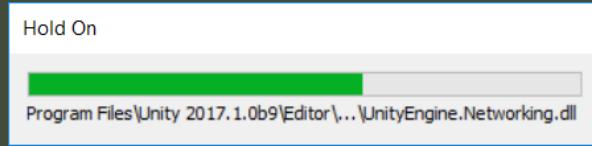


You're shown a list of any projects  
You might already have –  
If this is the first time you've used Unity  
You won't have any projects here.  
To start a new project, we can  
Click the New icon on the top right side.



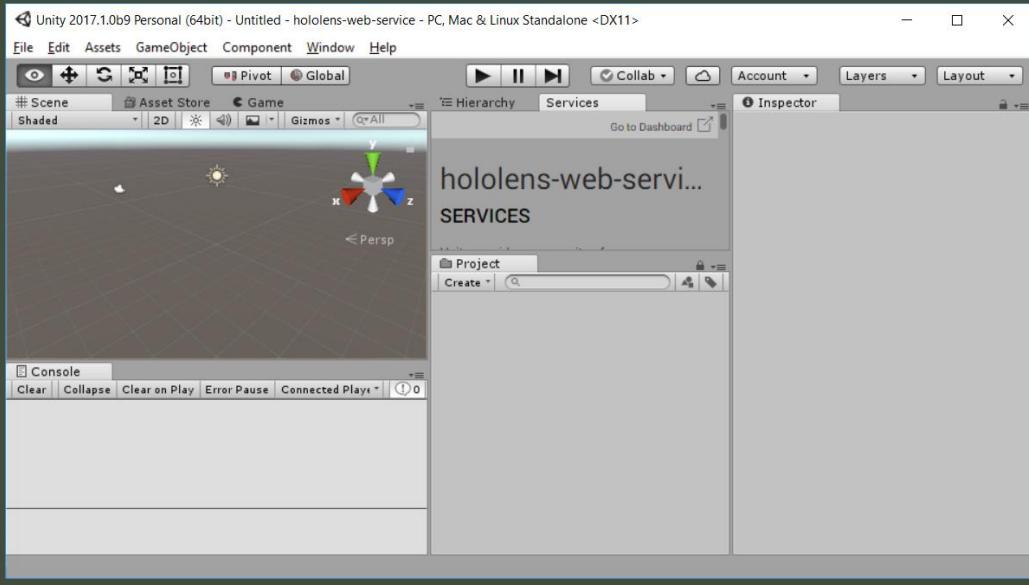
Here we can give a project name --  
We'll call it hololens-web-service --  
We can give A location on the local drive  
where we want the project to live.  
Here I'm setting a location just under my C drive.  
On the right, we will want to select a 3D project.  
Then we click create project....

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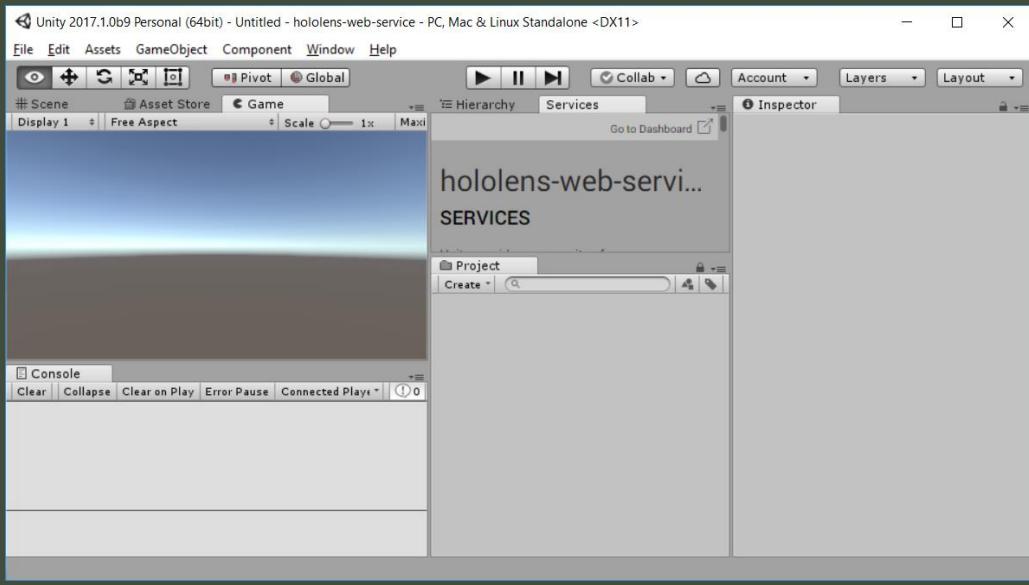
the new project gets created...

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Once it's done loading we can see the full Unity interface.  
There are 4 main areas here we'll be paying attention to.  
First is the scene panel, on the top left.  
This is where you place and manipulate 3d objects.

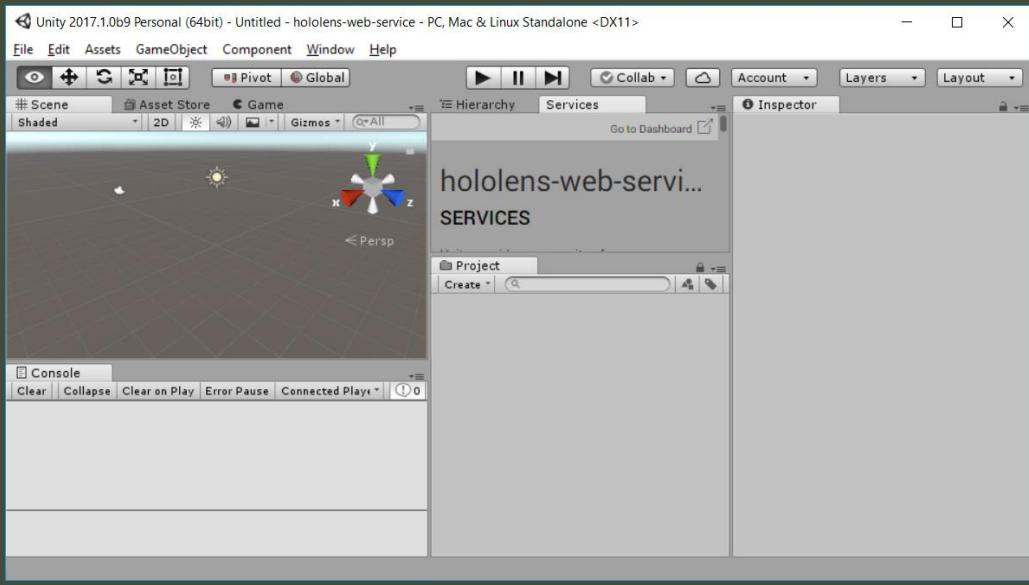
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In this same area is also the game tab,  
Which shows us a preview of the scene  
When it's run.

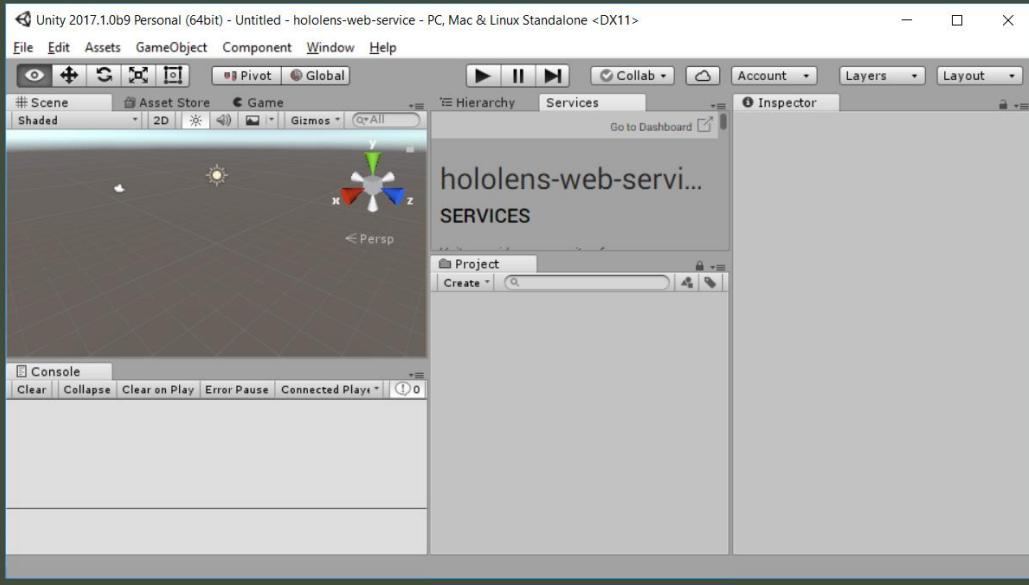
So for example, I can create a 3D object

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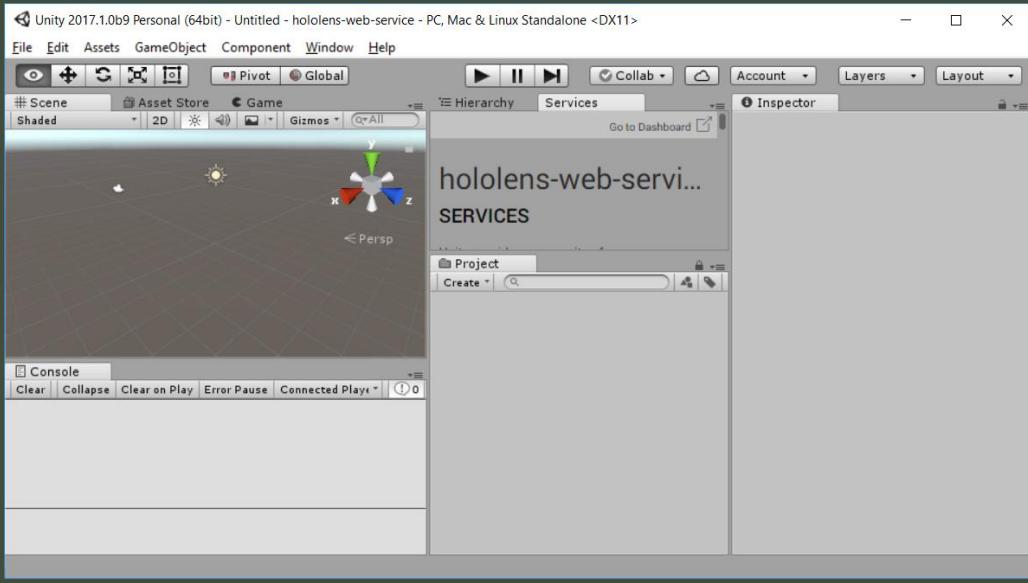
On the bottom left is the console,  
Which displays output,  
Such as logging and errors.

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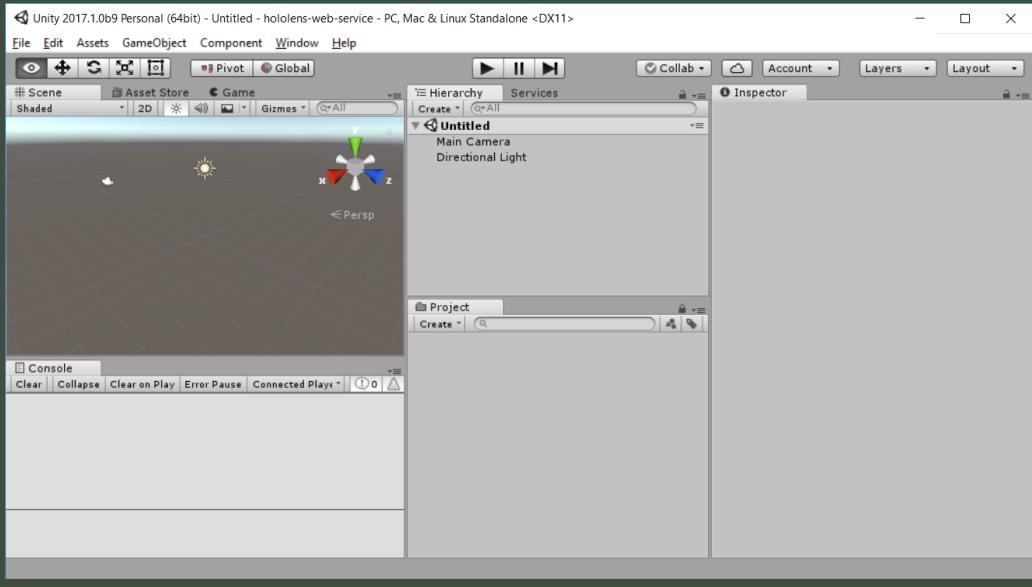
In the center we have a top and bottom panel as well.  
On the bottom is the project tab,  
Which will show everything we add to the project

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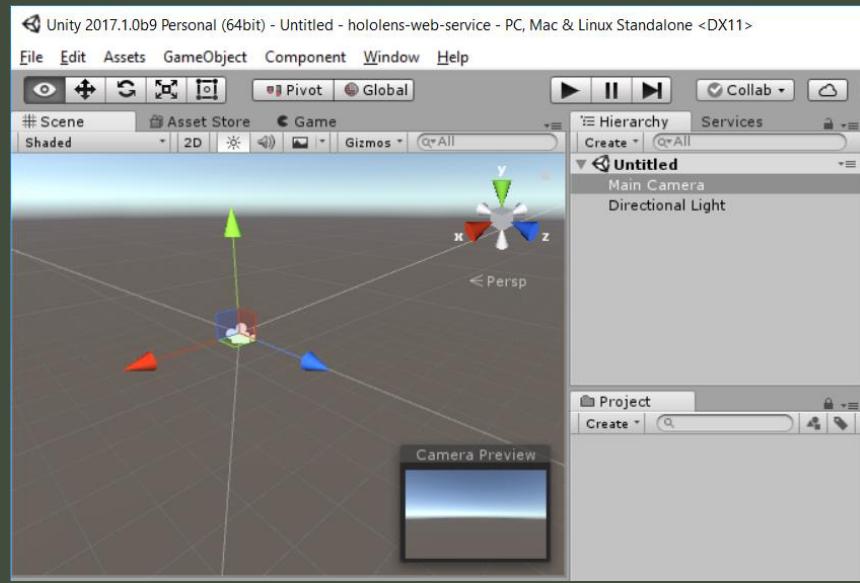
The top middle tab shows Services by default,  
Which provides links out to different Unity resources –  
But we really are interested in the Hierarchy tab,  
Which shows us all the contents of the scene.

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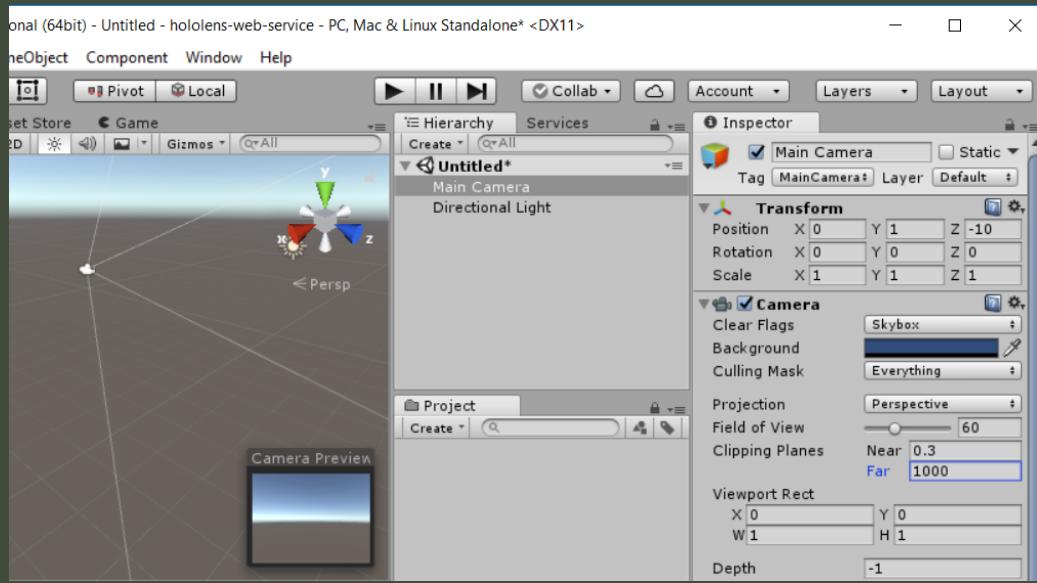
Here at the top we have the name of the scene,  
Which is “Untitled” by default.  
We also have a camera, called Main Camera  
And a light source, called Directional Light.

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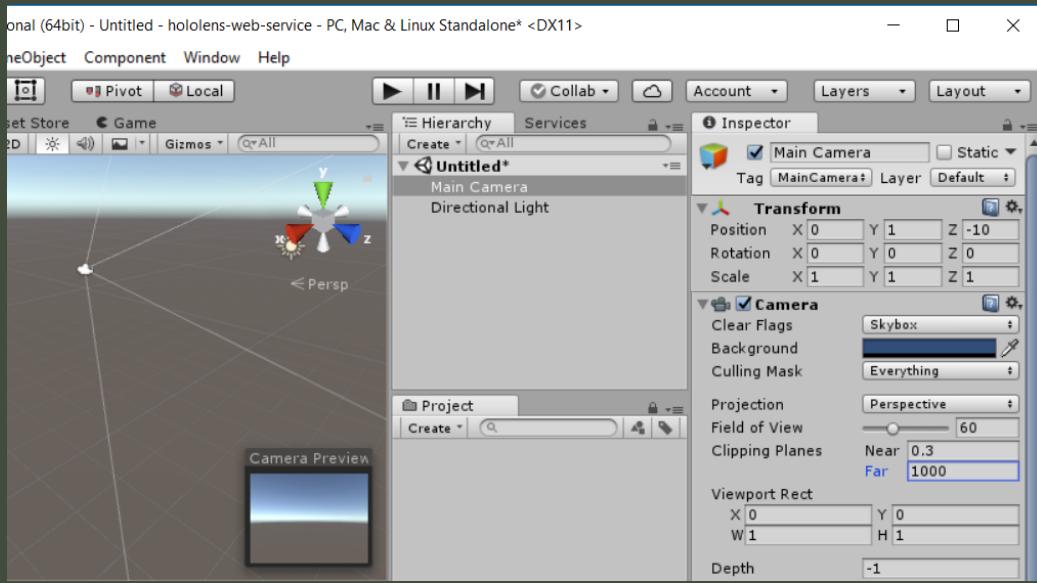


Let's take a closer look at the camera –  
When you select it, you see the geometrical shape  
That represents what we are looking at.

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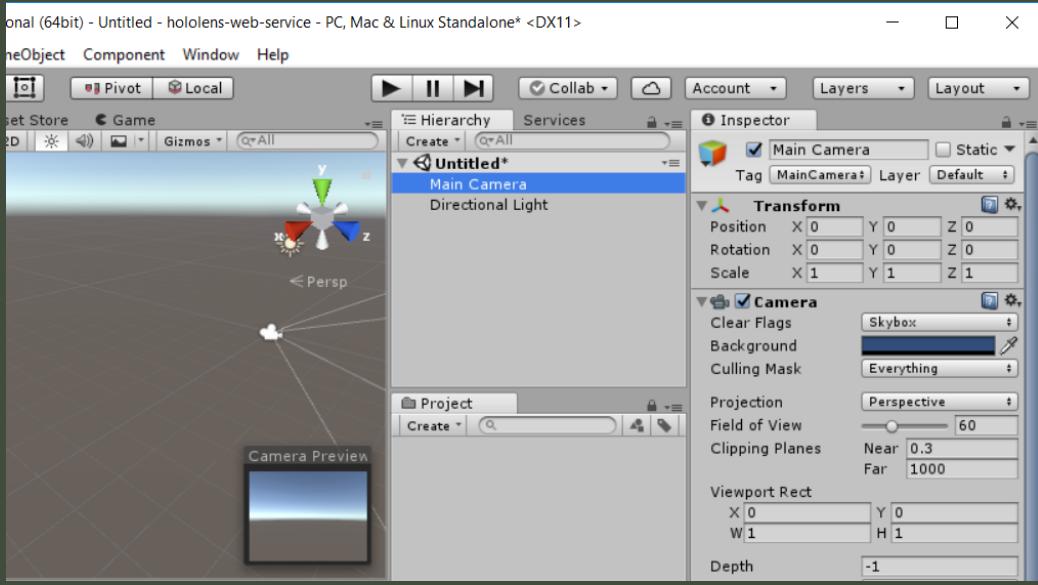


The fourth area we want to look at  
Is the Inspector tab on the far right.  
This area gives you more information  
And settings about the selected item,  
In this case, the camera.



The first setting on the camera  
That we want to look at is transform,  
Specifically the Position section.  
X is left to right, Y is up and down,  
And Z is forward and backward.  
These numbers correspond to meters  
In the rendered world.  
So by default we have X 0, Y 1, and Z: -10.  
This is a good position for a traditional game –  
Slightly up and back.  
But for HoloLens we want that to be right  
In front of the user, so we set it to  
All zeros.

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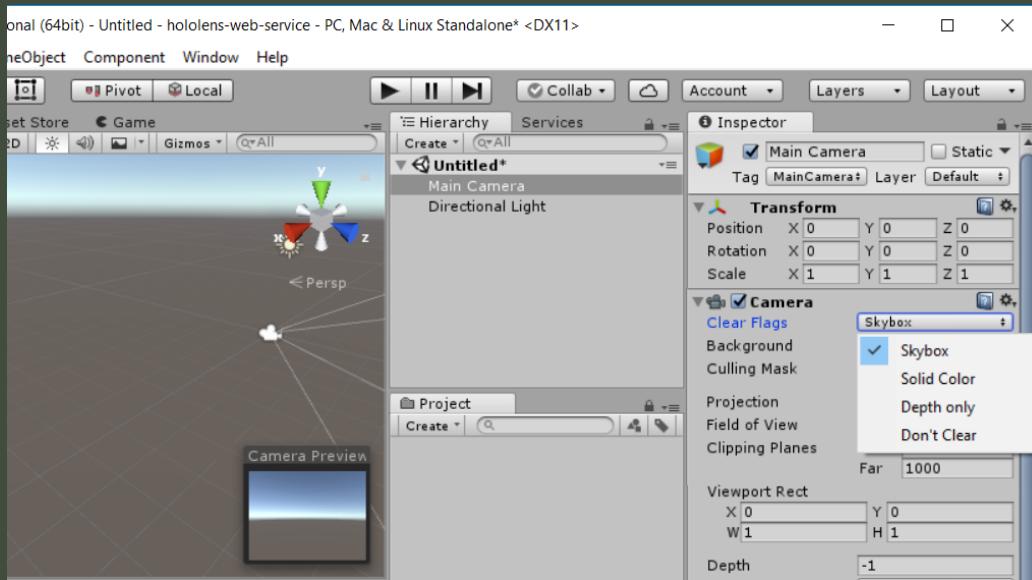
So that moves it forward and down a bit.

Next we need to change a couple of things

In the Camera area: Clear Flags and

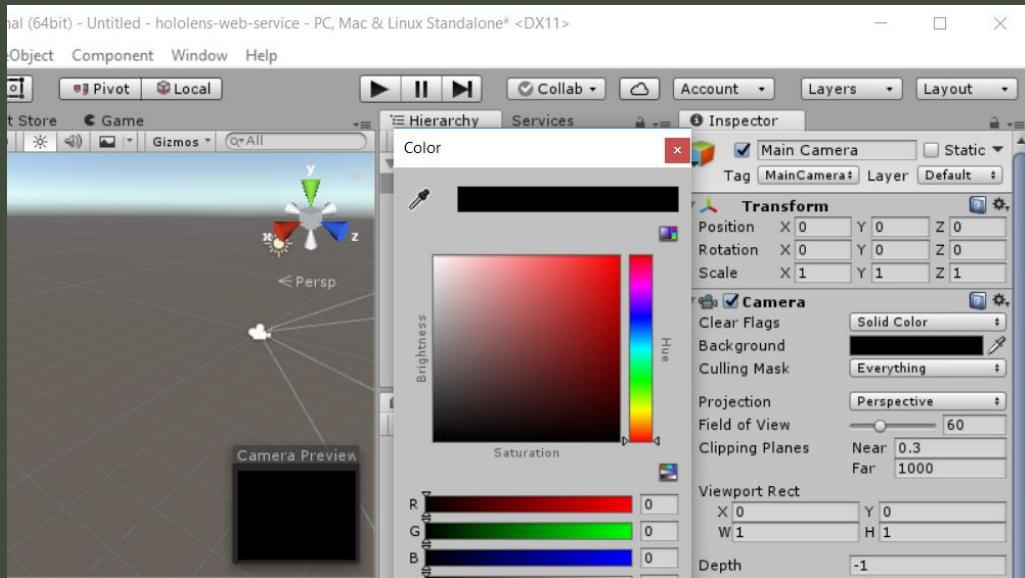
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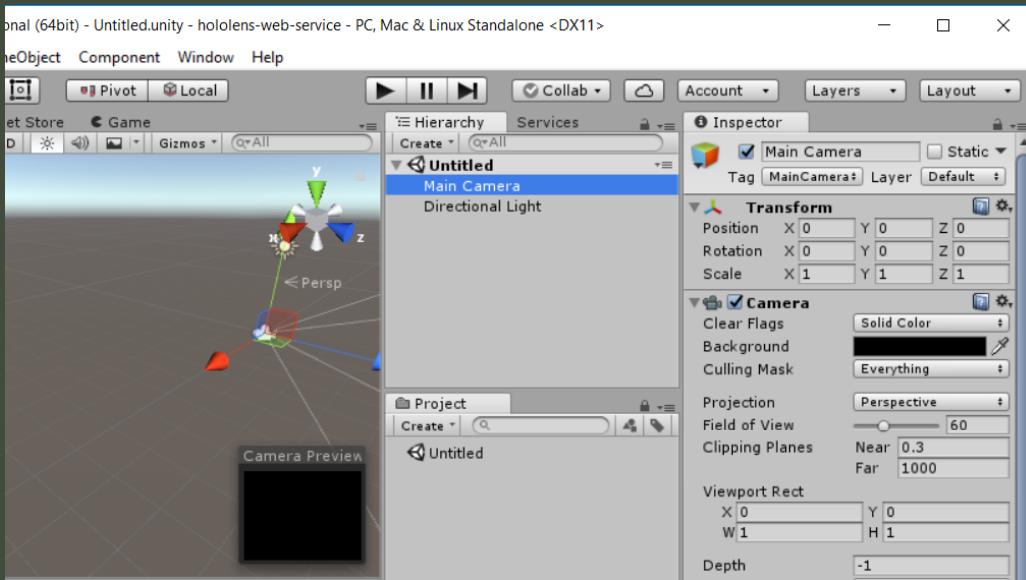
The default for clear Flags is skybox –  
[CLICK]

This is something you can apply a material to  
To give the effect of something on the horizon.  
We don't want that in HoloLens,  
Because we want everything to be transparent.

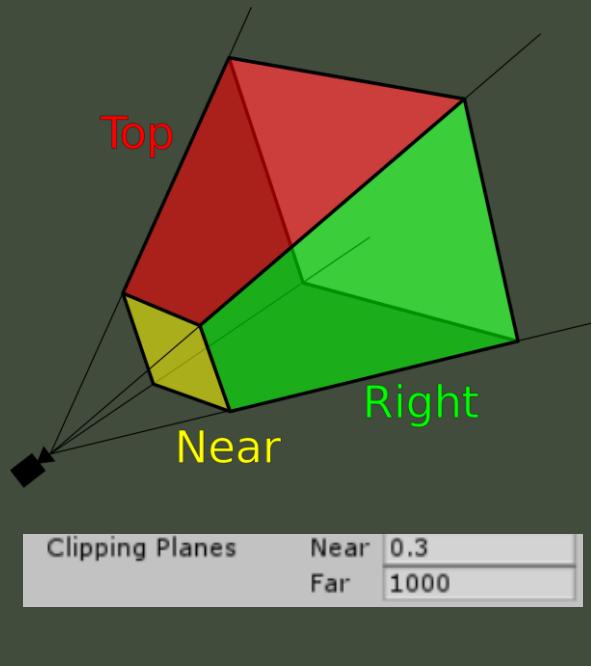


So we select solid color,  
and change the background to black –  
This ensures that whatever our scene is,  
It will render as transparent in the HoloLens.  
When light is applied to the scene,  
Essentially whatever is black will disappear.  
And you can see our Camera preview there  
Has turned black as well.

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Last item we need to adjust on the camera  
is the clipping panes, down on the lower right [CLICK].  
Clipping Panes determines the points where  
Objects are rendered, from the nearest point  
To the farthest places.  
To help you visualize a little bit....



Here's a better view of what the camera sees –  
You have the near clipping point in yellow  
And the far clipping point at the back of the shape.  
So the default near clipping pane for unity  
Is point-three meters, which is less than a foot.  
Looking at objects so close up can be uncomfortable,

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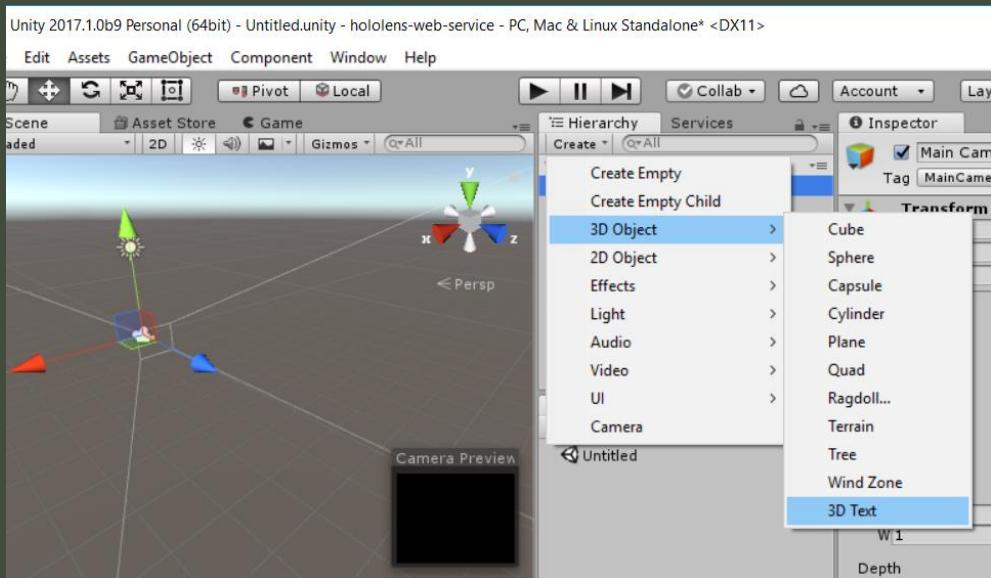
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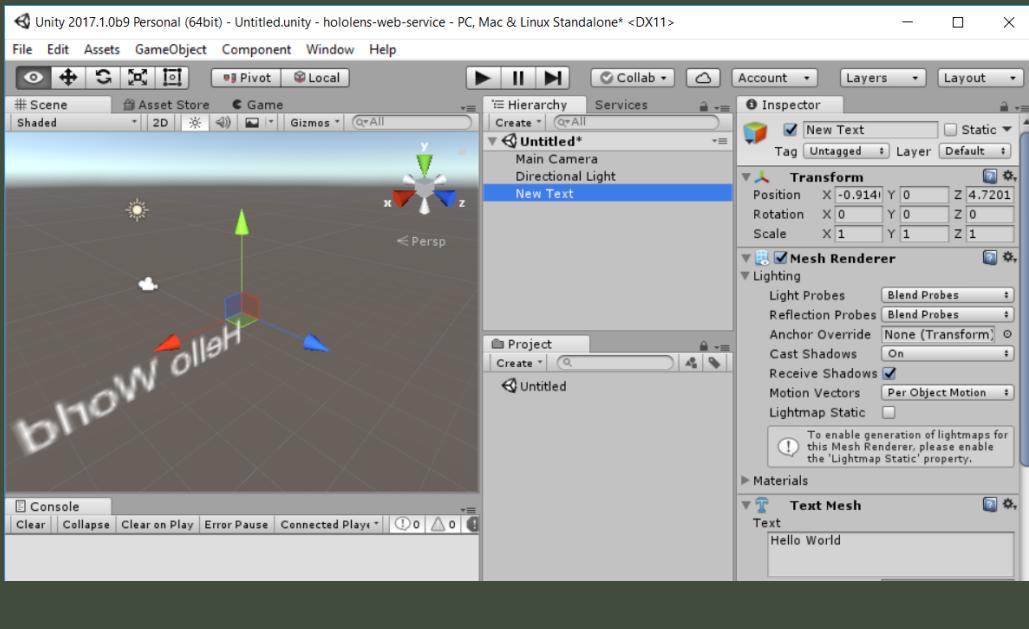
So Microsoft recommends a setting of point-85,  
Or about 2 and a half feet away  
We can keep the far setting the same,  
Because we don't want to restrict  
how far back objects appear.  
Ok, so that's it for the camera –  
As far as the lighting, the defaults are fine,  
So we don't need to make any changes there.

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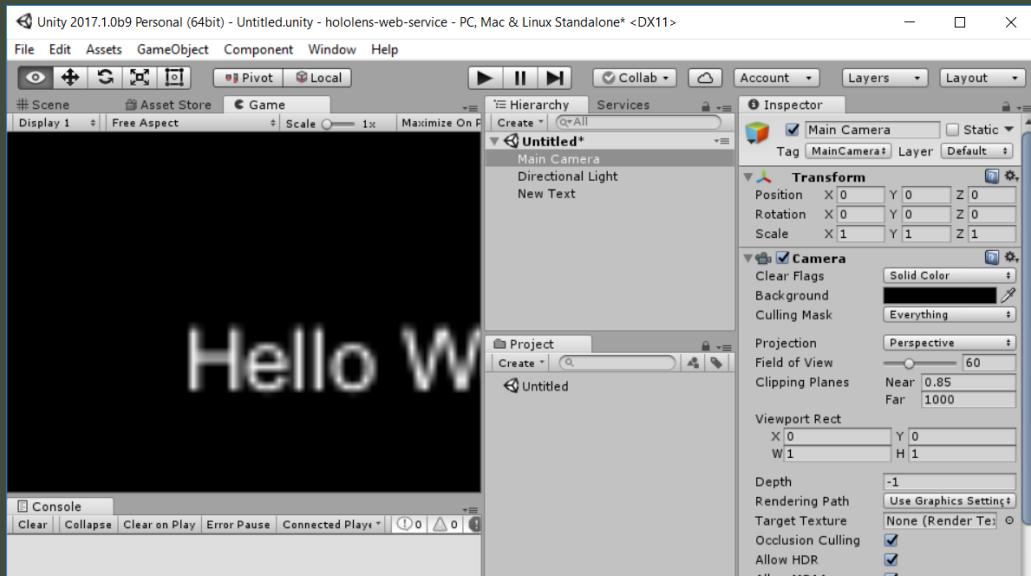
Let's go ahead and add our 3D text.  
I've moved the camera over to the left a bit  
So we can see the working area better.  
Then from the Hierarchy we click the create menu –  
Move to 3D object, then to 3D text.

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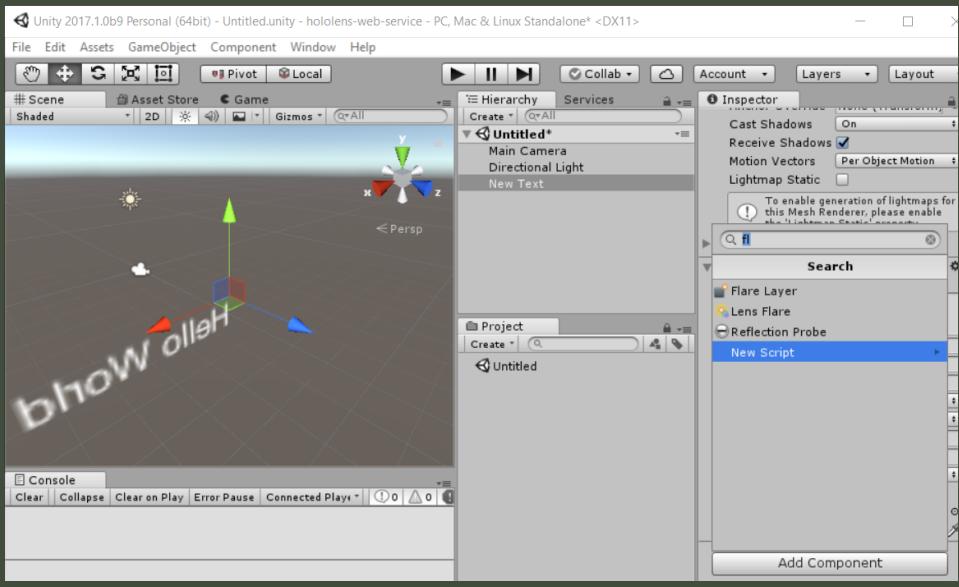


Unity drops that into the scene –  
You can see it looks backward  
because it's in front of the camera.  
When we click on the Game tab,  
We can see how it's actually  
Going to look.

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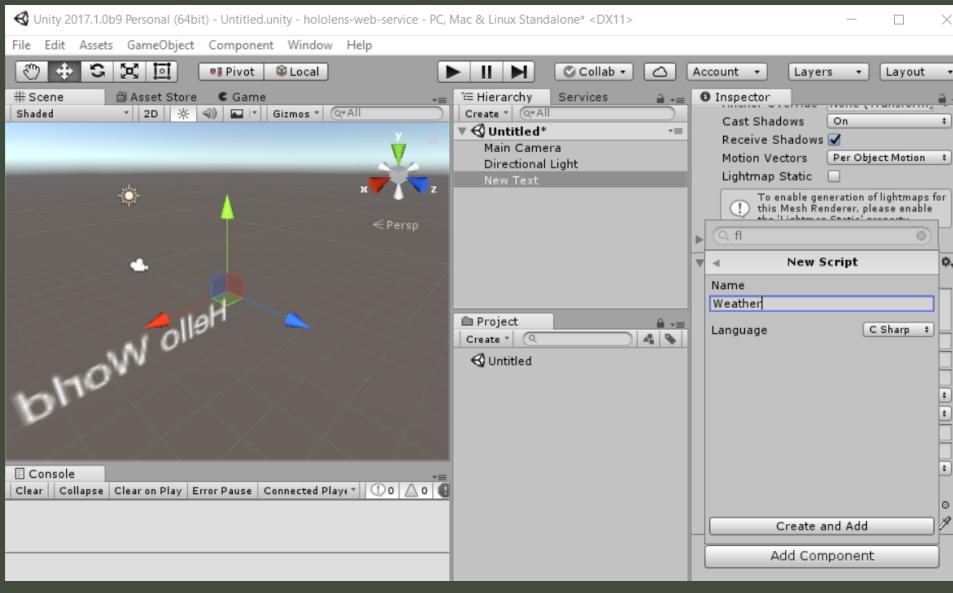


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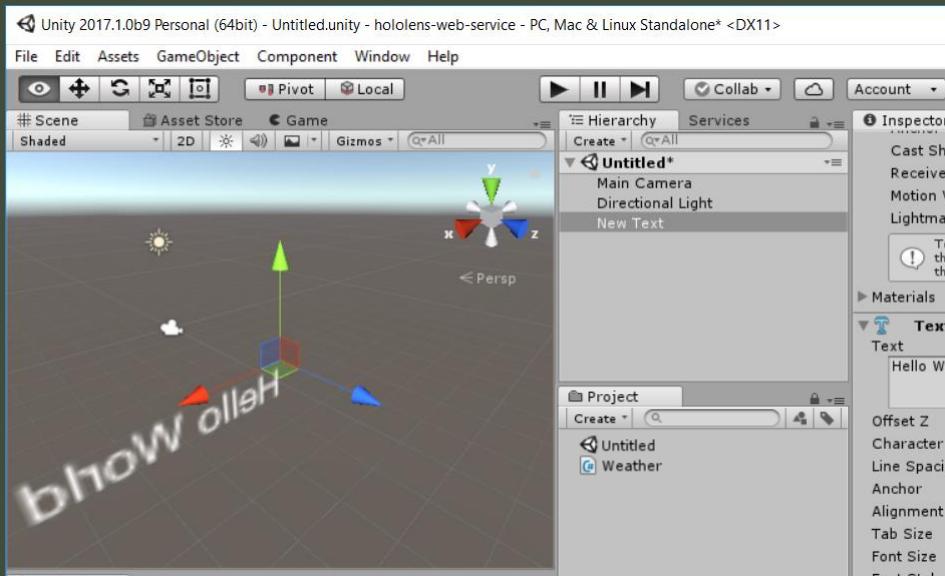
One way to attach a script to an object  
Is to go to the bottom of the inspector tab  
And click on Add Component.  
A component in Unity is a module  
That affects the appearance or behavior  
Of a given object.  
If we click on New Script here,

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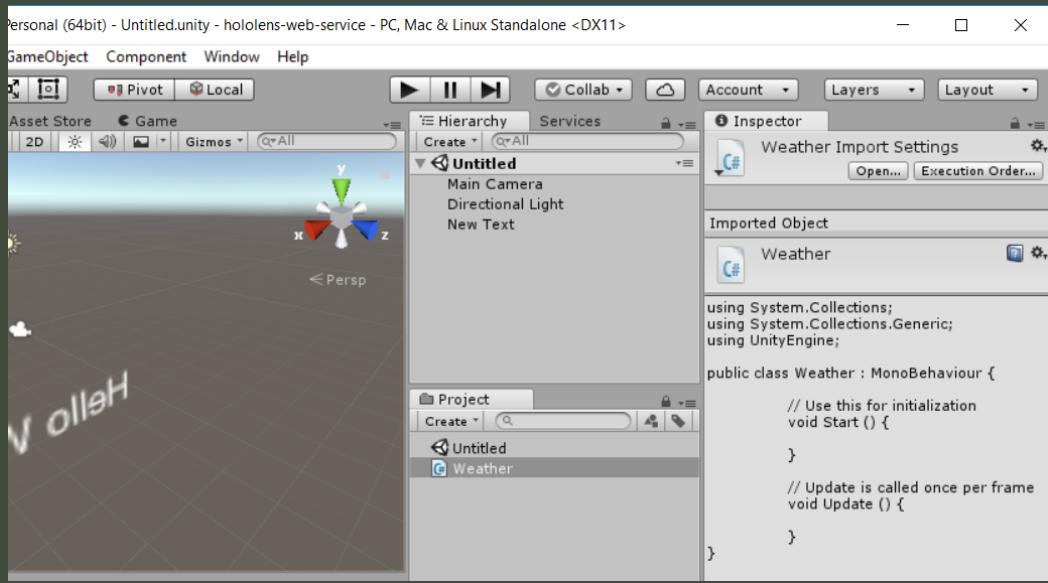
We can specify the name of the script,  
Which here we'll name Weather, since our text  
Will be displaying the current weather.  
You can also set the language, C#.

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Once we do that, you can see that the script  
is added to our Project tab on the lower right.  
When I click on the script, I get a view  
Of the code in the Inspector tab....

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Now this is not a very convenient way  
To edit text and code, but if we double-click  
On the script file in the project tab,  
This opens up in Visual Studio,

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The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio interface with the following details:

- Title Bar:** hololens-web-service - Microsoft Visual Studio
- Menu Bar:** File, Edit, View, Project, Build, Debug, Team, Tools, Test, Analyze, Window, Help
- Toolbox:** Standard toolbox items.
- Code Editor:** Weather.cs file open, showing C# code for a MonoBehaviour.

```
1  using System.Collections;
2  using System.Collections.Generic;
3  using UnityEngine;
4
5  public class Weather : MonoBehaviour {
6
7      // Use this for initialization
8      void Start () {
9
10     }
11
12      // Update is called once per frame
13      void Update () {
14
15     }
16
17 }
```
- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure:
  - Solution 'hololens-web-service' (1 project)
  - hololens-web-service
  - References
  - Assets
  - Weather.cs
- Properties:** Assets folder properties are displayed.
- Status Bar:** Ready, 161 %

And we can work on it  
just like any other piece of code.  
Let's take a closer look at the  
Generated C# class here.

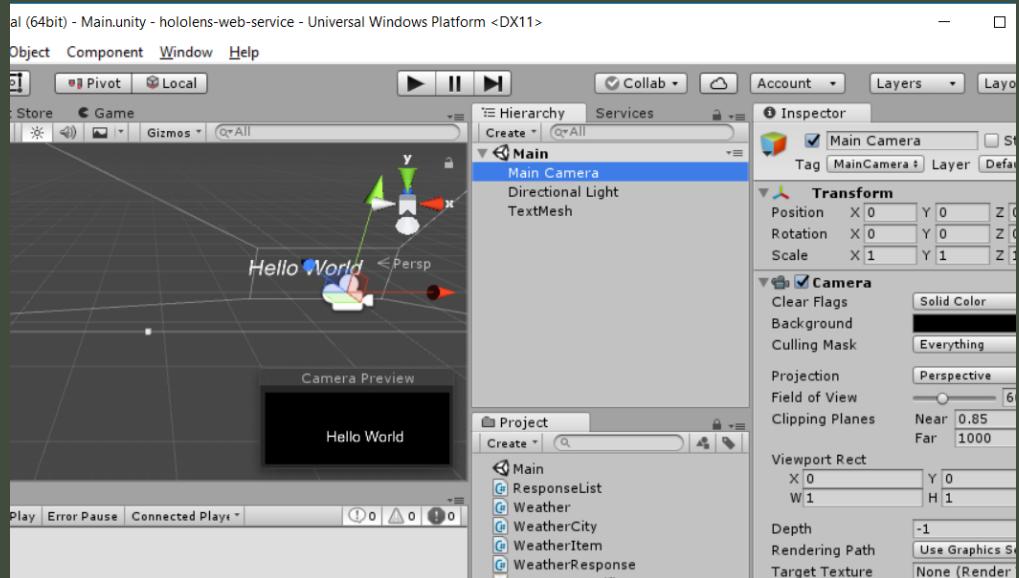
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First thing you'll notice at the top  
Is a reference to the UnityEngine library –  
This is the way to programmatically  
Manipulate just about everything in Unity.  
Second thing you'll notice is the base class,  
MonoBehavior. It's called Mono because  
Unity uses the Mono open source .NET framework  
To support scripting, and Behavior because  
It provides access to the unity object  
To alter the way it acts.

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Every script attached to an object  
needs to inherit from MonoBehavior.  
Then we have a couple of methods to start from.  
Once is called start, which is called  
When the object is instantiated, so here's  
Where you would set any default values.  
Then we have Update, which the comment says  
Is set once per frame, so anything that needs to change  
Periodically, such as movement or position,  
Can be set here.

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OK, we're going to skip ahead a bit  
And take a look at the code  
That runs this app.  
If you look down at the project tab  
You can see we have 5 different scripts now.  
Let's revisit the Weather Script.

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```
25  void Start()
26  {
27      _textMesh = GetComponent<TextMesh>();
28
29      string url = "http://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/forecast?id=5177396&APPID=1234567890";
30      WWW www = new WWW(url);
31      StartCoroutine(WaitForRequest(www));
32  }
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34  private IEnumerator WaitForRequest(WWW www)
35  {
36      yield return www;
37
38      if (String.IsNullOrEmpty(www.error))
39      {
40          WeatherResponse response = JsonUtility.FromJson<WeatherResponse>(www.text);
41          _textMesh.text = response.list[0].weather[0].description;
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47 }
```

In the start method, first I'm getting the instance  
Of the 3D text and assigning it to my class member variable.  
To do that we use the GetComponent method.  
Then we set a local variable called URL  
To the REST request.  
Next line creates a WWW object –  
This provides simple access to a web response.  
So we pass the URL as an argument.

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Once we have the WWW object,  
We can pass it to what's called a CoRoutine,  
Which is a way in Unity  
To process something out of band, without  
Freezing the main UI.  
If we didn't use a CoRoutine here,  
The Hololens would essentially freeze  
Until we got a response back from the web.  
So WaitForRequest is our CoRoutine.

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So in the WaitForRequest method,  
By using the yield keyword on the WWW object,  
We signal that we don't want to return  
to the main method until the response  
has been downloaded.  
When we get a response back,  
We can capture that in the Weather Response class.

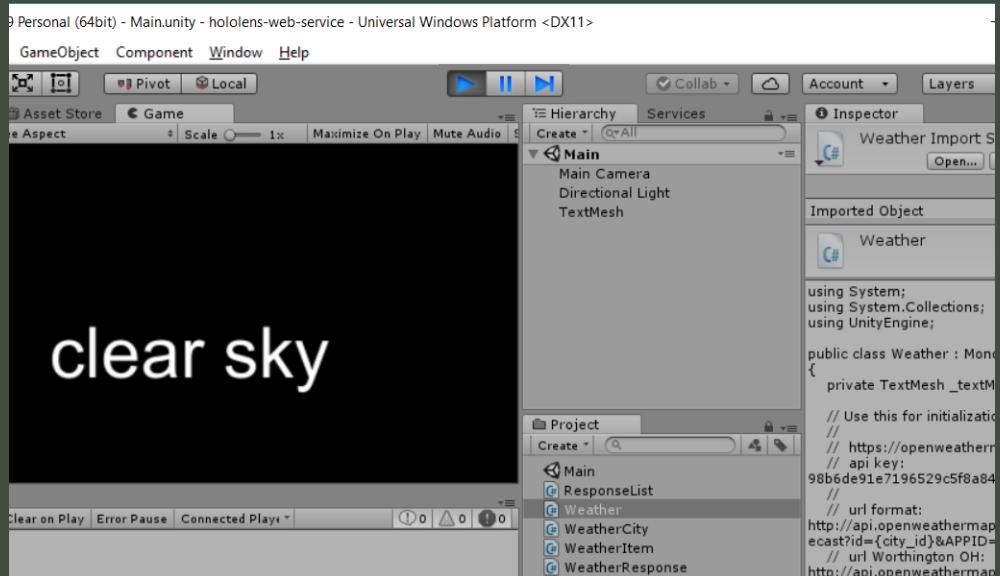
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We can do that through the Unity method `JsonUtility`,  
Which transforms the text from the web response  
Into an object.

Once we have object, we can drill down into  
The specific value that we want,  
In this case the weather description.  
Then we set the text property of the 3D text  
To the weather description.

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We can test this out in Unity

By clicking the Play button at the top –

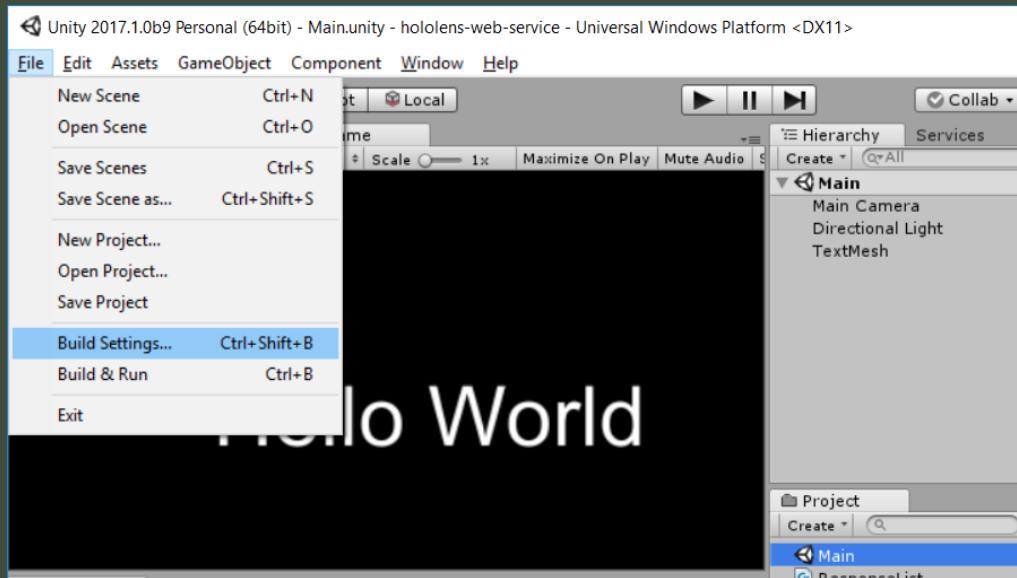
This runs the project and displays the output in the game tab.

And here we have the weather returned from the service.

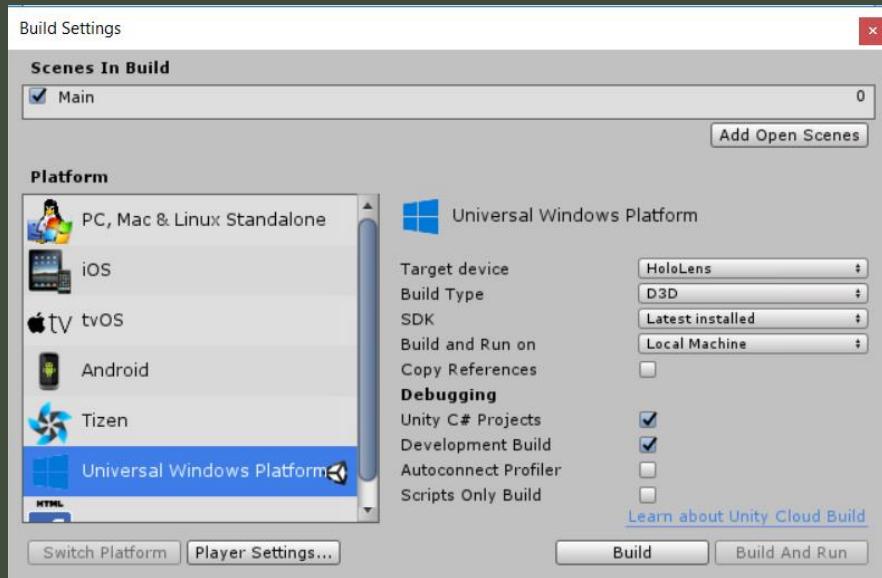
Now that we have the project working,

We can build it to run in HoloLens.

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To do that, we go up to File, and Build Settings...



That brings up the Build Settings dialog box.

Here we want to select Universal Windows Platform

And specify some of the settings on the right hand side –

Our target device is HoloLens,

Build type is direct 3D,

We can also specify the SDK version we want to target.

The debugging settings allow you

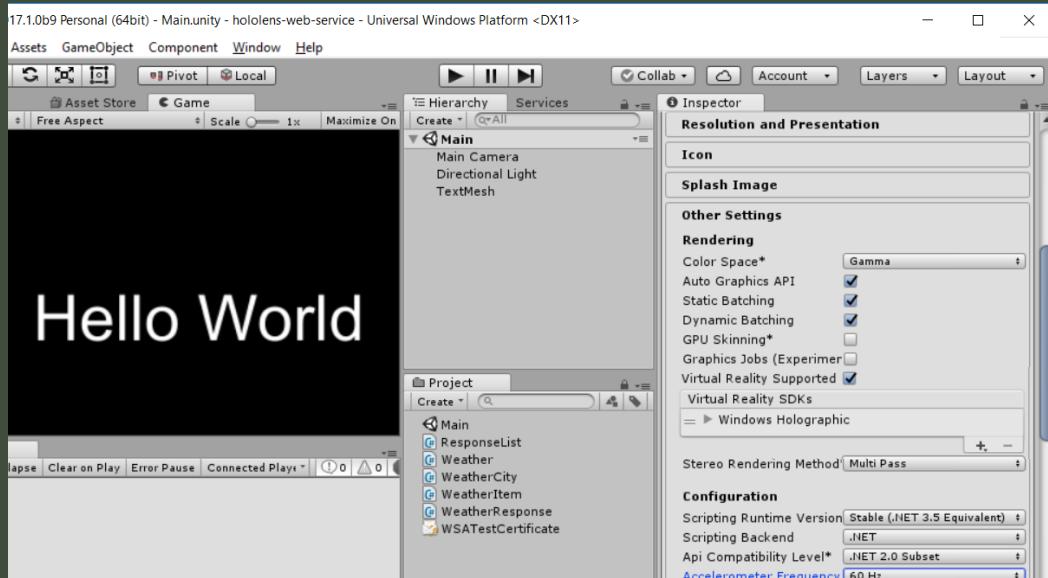
To work with Visual Studio when running

And debugging the application.

We also need to change some player settings,

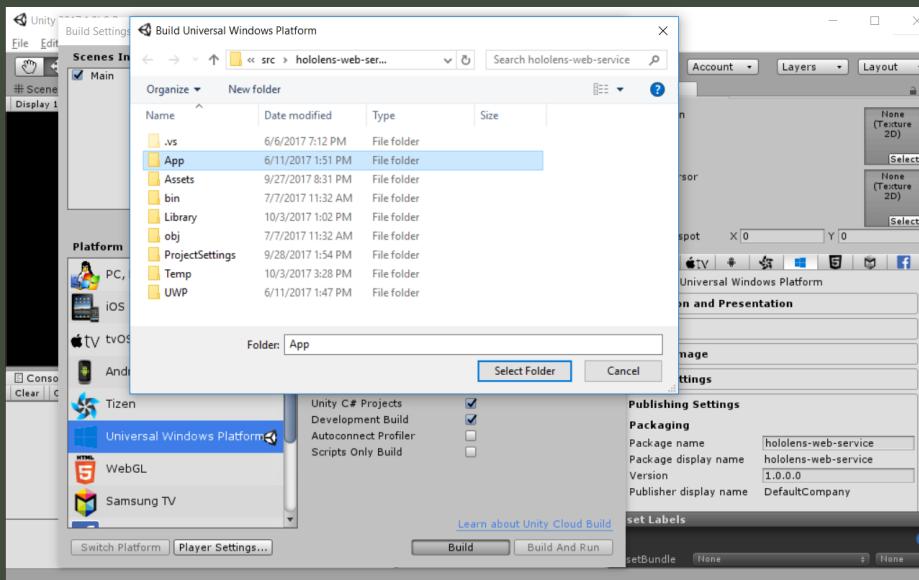
Using the button at the bottom left.

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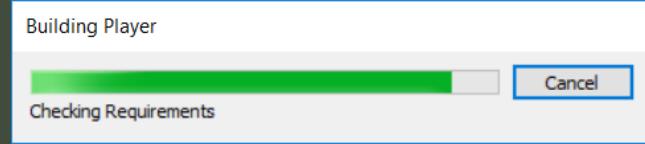
This brings up the player settings  
In the inspector tab.  
Here you can set player settings for  
A particular platform – here  
It's Universal Windows Platform  
On the bottom right you'll want to enable  
Virtual Reality Support,  
And select the Windows Holographic SDK.  
This allows the Hololens to account  
For head and spatial tracking in the application.

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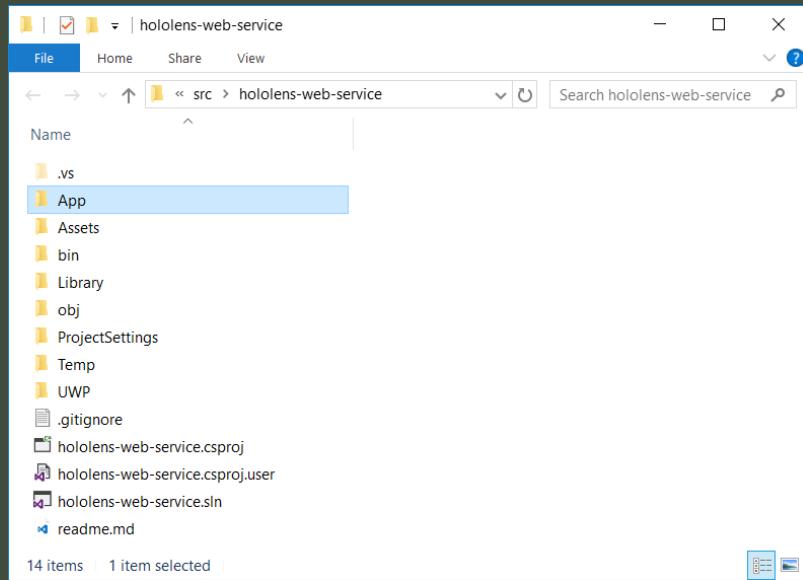
Once we click on Build,  
Unity brings up the folder view for the project,  
And prompts you for a folder to build into.  
The App folder is selected by default,  
So we will go ahead and build into that.

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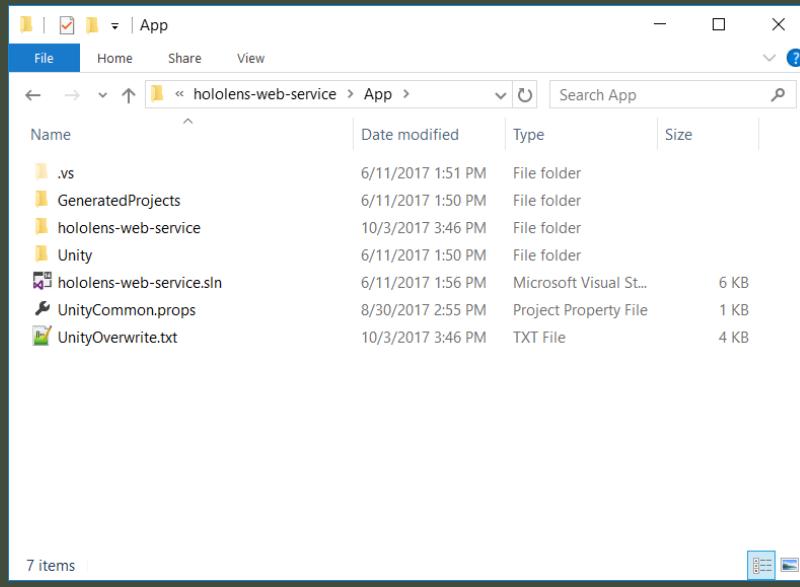
So Unity goes through the build process....

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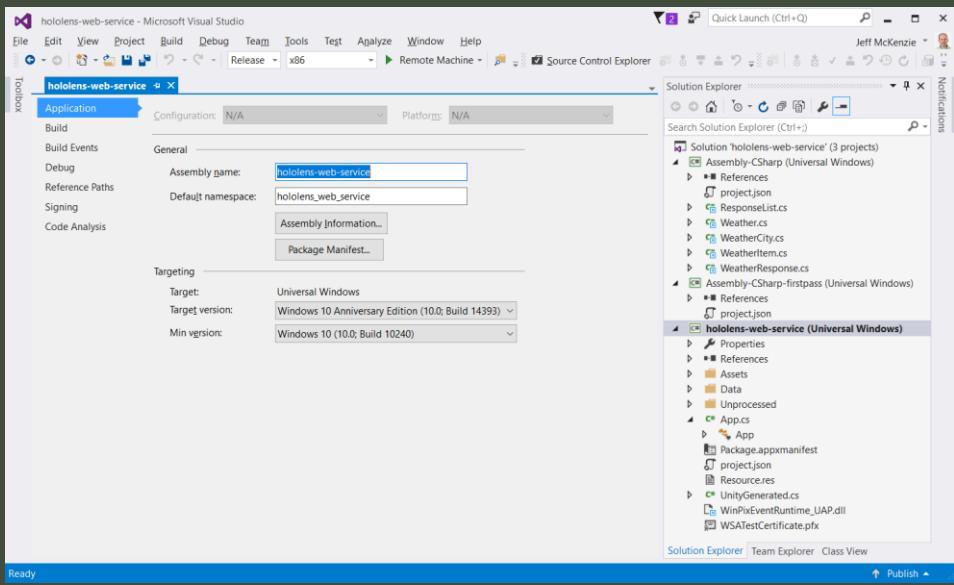
Then it displays the project in Windows explorer.  
So we can drill down into that folder...

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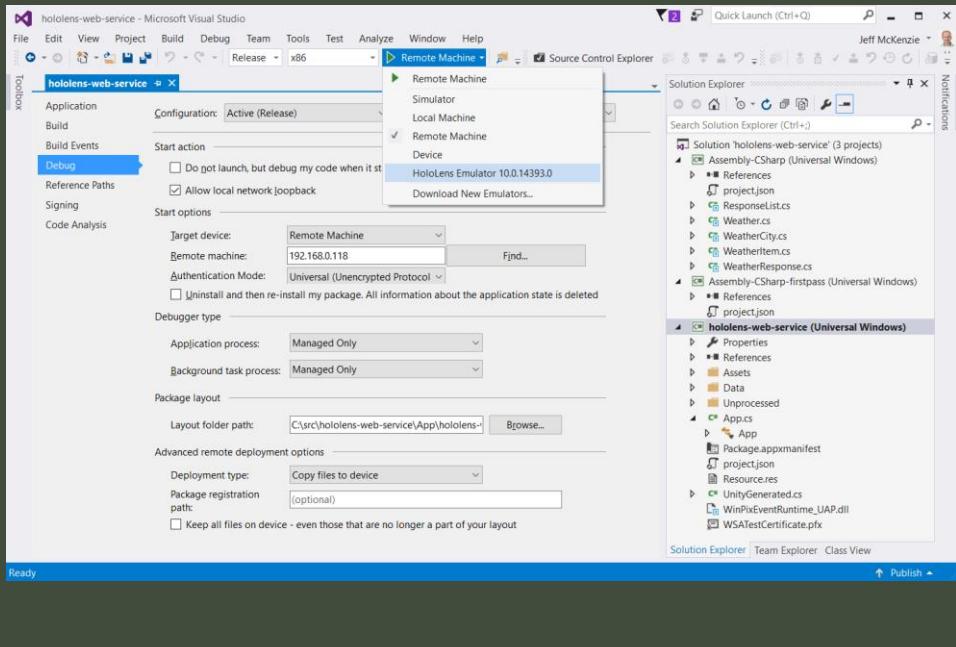
And we get a view of the Visual Studio solution  
Generated by Unity.  
Lets open that solution...

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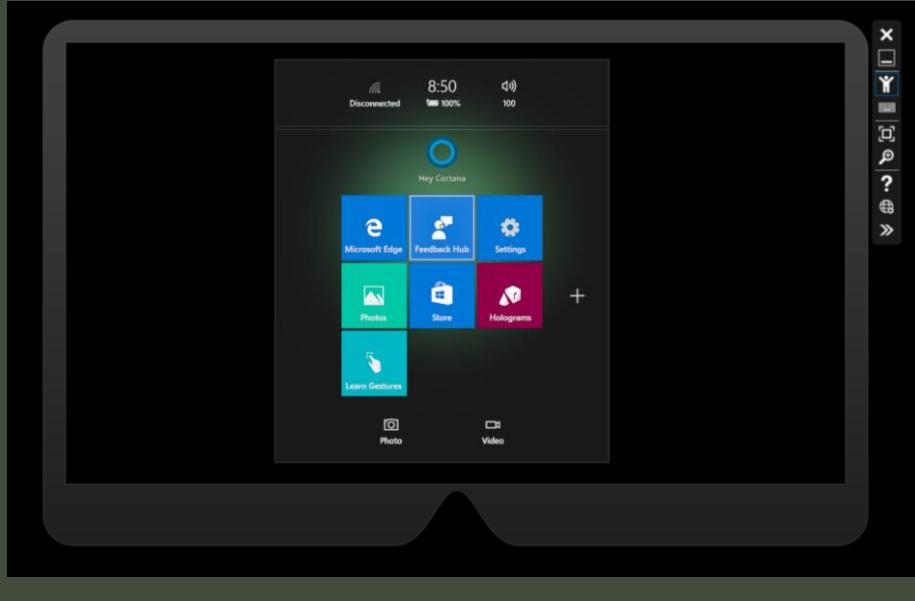


In the solution explorer view, you can get an idea  
Of what the built app looks like –  
There's one project with our source code,  
Another project with code references,  
And the startup project which is what actually  
Gets run on the device.

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Now to run this on the emulator,  
We need to make sure that it's set to  
Release configuration for x86,  
and change Our target  
to the HoloLens Emulator,  
Which is in the drop down list there at the top.

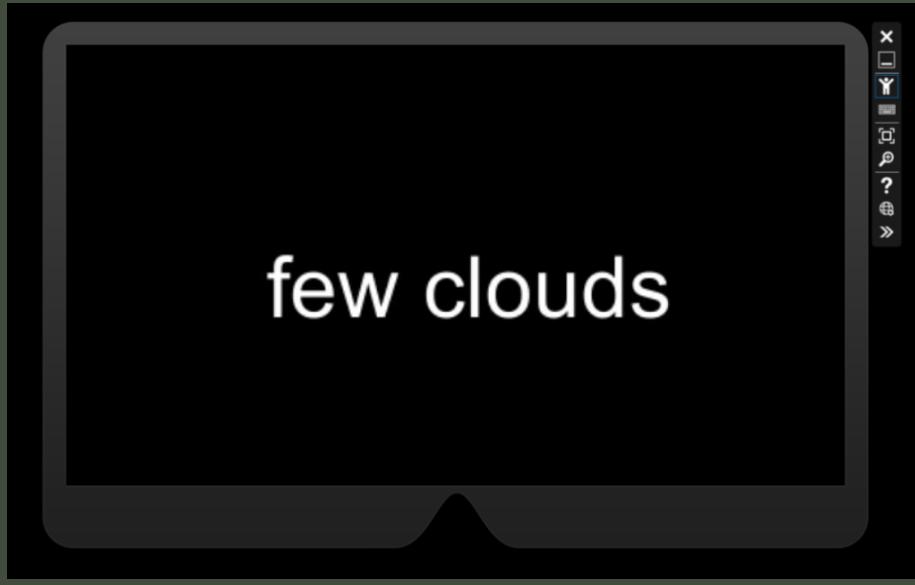


Then while the app is deploying to the emulator,  
The main menu appears –  
This is how you interact with the hololens interface,  
Using gestures or voice commands  
To select applications.

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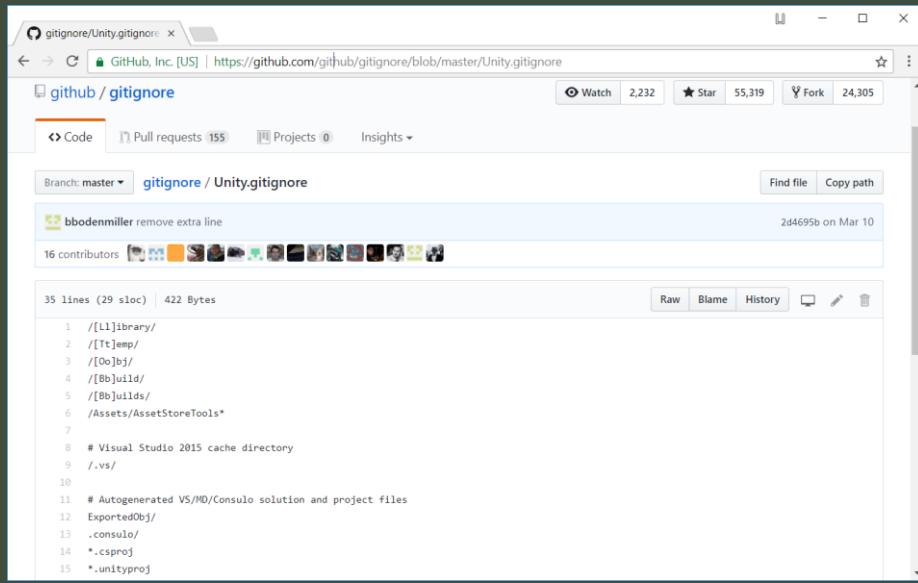


Then we have the splash screen of the app –  
The free, personal edition of Unity adds this splash screen  
To every app that's built.



And finally our app launches,  
Goes out to openweathermap.org,  
Grabs the current weather, and displays it  
In the hololens emulator,  
Just like it does in the hololens itself.

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The screenshot shows a GitHub browser window with the URL <https://github.com/github/gitignore/blob/master/Unity.gitignore>. The page title is "gitignore / Unity.gitignore". The repository information at the top includes "Watch 2,232", "Star 55,319", and "Fork 24,305". Below the repository info, there are tabs for "Code", "Pull requests 155", "Projects 0", and "Insights". The "Code" tab is selected. The commit history shows a single commit by "bbodemiller" with the message "remove extra line" and timestamp "2d4695b on Mar 10". The code editor displays the contents of the Unity ignore file:

```
1  /[Ll]ibrary/
2  /[Tt]emp/
3  /[Oo]bj/
4  /[Bb]uild/
5  /[Bb]uilds/
6  /Assets/AssetStoreTools*
7
8  # Visual Studio 2015 cache directory
9  /./vs/
10
11 # Autogenerated VS/MD/Consulo solution and project files
12 ExportedObj/
13 .consulo/
14 *.csproj
15 *.unityproj
```

Ok, so one more thing I'd like to discuss,  
And that's version control.

One nice thing about a Unity project

Is you don't have to store a lot

Of files in version control.

First thing to get is an ignore list --

Here's an example of a Unity ignore file

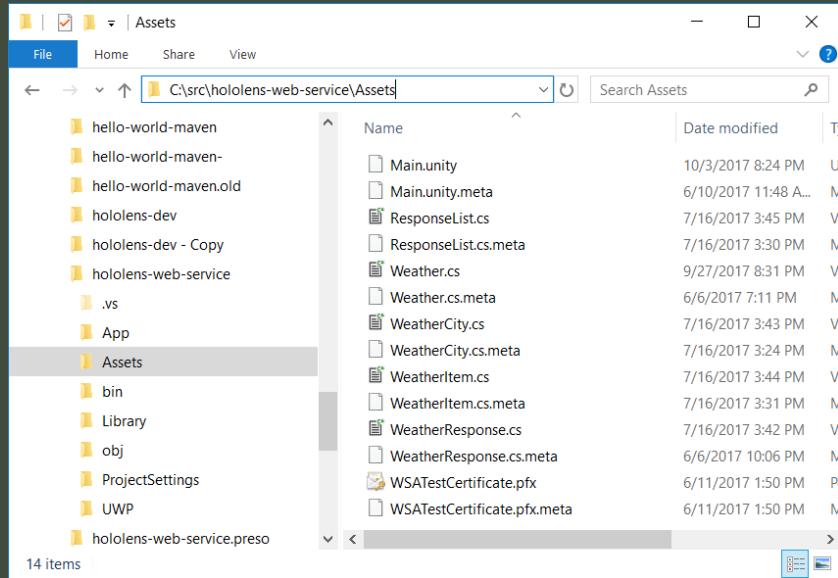
From GitHub.

This contains all the files, folders, and patterns

You don't need to keep in version control.

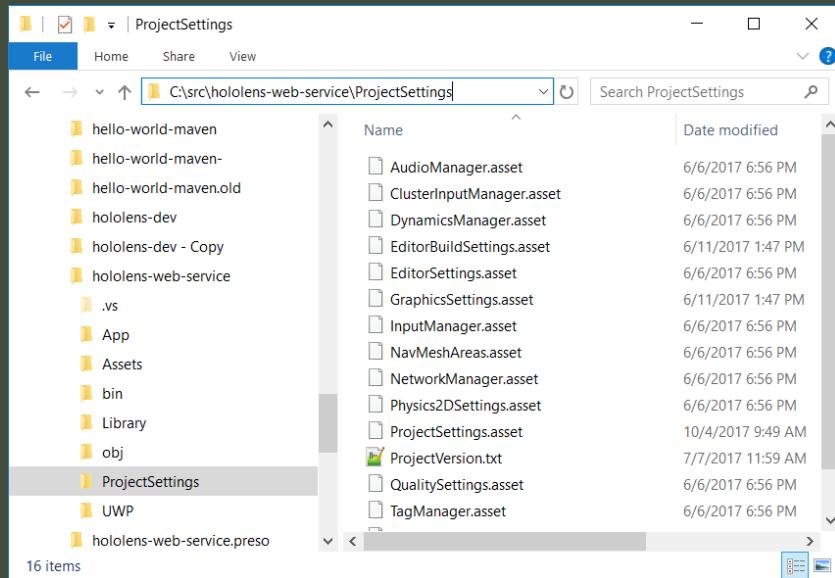
You can just google Unity Ignore and that will bring up

A lot of other examples.



If we take a look at the directory structure,  
There are very few folders we need to preserve.

One is the Assets folder – as you can see on the right,  
This contains our scene and the scripts we used.



Next is the project settings folder –  
This contains our project version file,  
As well as the asset files we use in the project,  
Which store project-specific settings.  
And that's it.

Everything else gets regenerated by Unity.

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So thank you for listening & for being here.

So does anybody have any questions about --

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