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Sample Code

Responding to gestures on an entity

Respond to gestures performed on RealityKit entities using input target and collision components.

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Overview

Your app responds to [RealityView](#) gesture events received from SwiftUI by adding an [Input TargetComponent](#) and a [CollisionComponent](#) to your entities. Add a [HoverEffectComponent](#) to the entity so it highlights as the gaze intersects the collision shape. The input target component marks the entity as participating in the event system. The system uses the collision component to test if the gaze vector intersects the entity. With both components attached, entities receive events. With the hover effect attached the entity visually appears ready to receive events.

Attach components to an entity to process events

The sample defines the `ActiveComponent`, which keeps track of the active state of the entity.

```
public class ActiveComponent: Component {
    public var active: Bool = false
}
```

This sample has one entity, a cube that's 0.1 units in each direction. The sample creates the entity then adds the components.

```

var cube = ModelEntity(mesh: .generateBox(size: 0.1),
                        materials: [SimpleMaterial(color: .orange, isMetallic: false)]

cube.components.set(InputTargetComponent())
cube.components.set(CollisionComponent(shapes: [ShapeResource.generateBox(size: SIM
cube.components.set(HoverEffectComponent())
cube.components.set(ActiveComponent())

```

The sample has a SpatialEventGesture attached to the `RealityView`. As the person interacting with the app looks around and pinches, the system uses the input target component and the collision component to determine intent. The system considers all entities in the scene because the sample calls targetedToAnyEntity. When the person pinches on the cube the system invokes the gesture's `onEnded` block, which toggles the active flag.

```

.gesture(SpatialEventGesture()
    .targetedToAnyEntity()
    .onEnded { value in
        value.entity.components[ActiveComponent.self]?.active.toggle()
    })

```

The `attachments:` block creates an attachment with the name of the cube entity.

```

attachments: {
    Attachment(id: cube.id) {
        Text("\(cube.name)")
        .padding()
        .glassBackgroundEffect(in: RoundedRectangle(cornerRadius: 5.0))
        .tag(cube.id)
    }
}

```

The attachment's `id` is set to the ID of the cube so that it's easy to find in the `update:` block of `RealityView`. In the `update:` block, the sample finds the `ActiveComponent` from the cube and then finds the attachment using the ID of the cube. If the active value is `true` the code adds a BillboardComponent to the attachment. The system ensures entities with a BillboardComponent always face the person. The `RealityView` update block adds the attachment entity as a subentity of the cube and sets the position to `[0.0, 0.1, 0.0]`.

```

update: { content, attachments in
    guard let component = cube.components[ActiveComponent.self] else { return }

```

```
guard let attachmentEntity = attachments.entity(for: cube.id) else { return }
if component.active {
    attachmentEntity.components.set(BillboardComponent())
    cube.addChild(attachmentEntity)
    attachmentEntity.setPosition(SIMD3(0.0, 0.1, 0.0),
                                relativeTo: cube)
} else {
    cube.removeChild(attachmentEntity)
}
}
```

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