# INSPECTOR BUTTON

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## Introduction

The Inspector Button asset, part of the SABI namespace, is a versatile and feature-rich tool designed for Unity developers. By simply applying the [Button] attribute to a method, you create a clickable button directly in the Inspector that works both in Editor and Play modes. This asset not only supports methods with or without parameters but also logs return values for quick testing. Built on

the UI Toolkit, it offers extensive customization options for styling and hover effects.

# **Key Features**

#### Ease of Use:

Add [Button()] to any method to generate an Inspector button with minimal effort.

#### Return Value Logging:

Functions returning non-void values will have their outputs logged to the Unity console, aiding debugging.

#### **Button Grouping:**

Organize buttons into groups on the same row using the optional groupTag property.

#### **Extensive Customization:**

Customize button appearance through properties like dimensions, colors, padding, borders, text styles, and animations—both in normal and hover states.

#### Parameter Support:

Automatically creates input fields for methods with parameters, handling common data types such as

→ Integers

- → Floats
- → Strings
- → Booleans
- → Vector2
- → Vector3
- → Object
- → Colors
- → Enum
- → Double
- → Quaternion
- → GameObject

### **How to Use**

#### Creating a Basic Button:

To generate a button, add the [Button()] attribute to any method:

```
[Button]
O references
private string Button() ⇒ " Button return value";
```

Button

#### **Custom Button Text:**

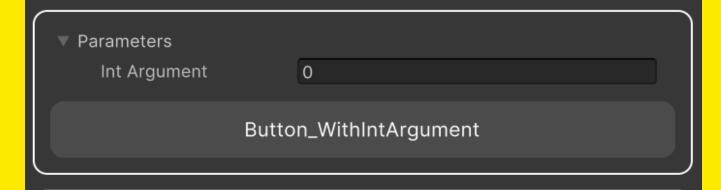
Optionally specify a custom display name:

```
[Button("Button with custom name")]
0 references
private void ButtonnWithName()
{
    Debug.Log($" Button with custon name ");
}
```

#### **Handling Function Parameters:**

When a method includes parameters, Inspector Button renders appropriate UI fields for multiple types

```
[Button]
0 references
private void Button_WithIntArgument(int intArgument)
{
    Debug.Log($" Button intArgument:{intArgument} ");
}
```



#### **Grouping Buttons:**

To display multiple buttons on the same row, assign them the same groupTag value:

```
[Button(groupTag: "GroupA")]
0 references
private string ButtonGroupA1() ⇒ " 1st Button og group A";
[Button(groupTag: "GroupA")]
0 references
private string ButtonGroupA2() \Rightarrow " 2nd Button og group A";
[Button(groupTag: "GroupA")]
0 references
private string ButtonGroupA3() \Rightarrow " 3rd Button og group A";
[Button(groupTag: "GroupB")]
0 references
private string ButtonGroupB1() ⇒ " 1st Button og group B";
[Button(groupTag: "GroupB")]
0 references
private string ButtonGroupB2() \Rightarrow " 2nd Button og group B";
```

ButtonGroupA1

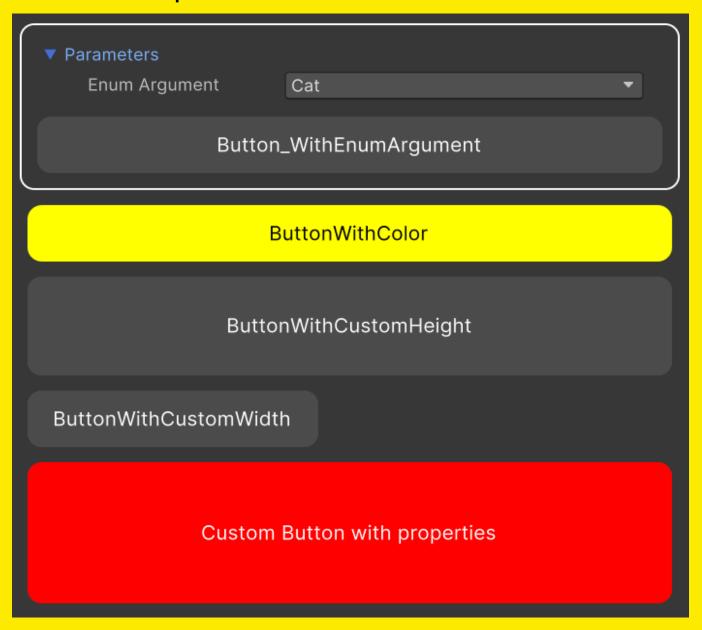
ButtonGroupA2

ButtonGroupA3

ButtonGroupB1

ButtonGroupB2

#### **More Examples:**



# **API Reference**

The AttributeStyle class defines the styling options for the Inspector buttons. It supports both normal and hover states.

#### **Constructor Behavior:**

- Default values (e.g., -1 for numeric values) determine whether a property is set or remains null.
- String color values are parsed to Unity's Color objects using ColorUtility.TryParseHtmlString.

#### **ButtonAttribute Class**

The ButtonAttribute class, defined in the SABI namespace, is the core attribute for creating Inspector buttons. It aggregates two AttributeStyle instances: one for normal styling and another for hover styling.

#### **Constructor Parameters:**

#### General Button Options:

- groupTag (Optional) Groups buttons together.
- o customName (Optional) Custom display text for the button.

#### Normal State Styling:

Accepts parameters such as width, height, bgColor, margin, padding, borderRadius, borderWidth, borderColor, opacity, rotation, tooltip, and various text styling options.

#### Hover State Styling:

Offers parallel parameters prefixed with hover\_ (e.g., hover\_width, hover\_bgColor, hover\_textColor, etc.) to define how the button appears on mouse-over. If not provided, normal state values are used as fallbacks.

#### **Example of Using Hover Properties:**

Hover styling ensures that when the user hovers over a button, properties such as background color, border, and text style animate smoothly:

```
[Button(
    height: 100,
    bgColor: "#FFF0000",
    textColor: "#FFFFFF",
    hover_height: 150,
    hover_bgColor: "#FFFFFF",
    hover_textColor: "#FF0000"
)]
Oreferences
private void ButtonWithHoverAnimation()
{
    Debug.Log($" Button With Hover Animation ");
}
```

# **Hover Effects**

#### **Overview**

The Inspector Button asset includes comprehensive hover effect customization through the hover\_attributeStyle property in the ButtonAttribute class. This allows for seamless and smooth animations on mouse-over, enhancing the visual feedback of buttons.

#### **Customizable Hover Properties**

The same styling properties available for the normal state (dimensions, colors, padding, borders, text styles, etc.) are available for hover effects. This enables developers to create visually distinct hover states without additional code.

#### **How Hover Effects Work**

#### Property Fallbacks:

When hover properties are not explicitly provided, the system falls back to using the corresponding normal state values.

#### Smooth Animations:

Built on the UI Toolkit, hover effects transition smoothly. This means properties like background color, border style, and text styling animate gracefully, providing a polished user experience.

#### • Implementation:

The hover behavior is automatically applied by the custom editor when the Inspector renders the button. Developers simply specify hover parameters in the [Button] attribute.

# Key Properties for normal and hover states:

Custom Text •

**customName** 

Custom display text to show instead of the Function name.

Group 🕶

To display multiple buttons on the same row, assign them the same groupTag value.

#### Dimensions

width

height

hover\_width

hover\_height

Define the button's width. By default, it will take all the available width. If used with groupTag the width will be divided with all buttons in the same group

Define the button's height

Width on hover

height on hover

#### Background Colors \*

**bgColor** 

bgColor2

hover\_bgColor

hover\_bgColor2

Set the primary background colors

Create a gradient using bgColor and bgColor2 for the background.

Set the primary background colors on hover.

Create a gradient using bgColor and bgColor2 for the background on hover.

Margins and Padding \*

margin

padding

hover\_margin

hover\_padding

Control spacing around the button.

Control spacing within the button

Control spacing around the button on hover.

Control spacing within the button on hover.

#### Borders \*

borderRadius

borderColor

hover\_borderColor2

hover\_borderWidth

Rounds button corners

Set the primary border colors

Create a gradient using borderColor and borderColor2 for the border on hover.

Determines the thickness of the border on hover.

#### Opacity and Rotation \*

opacity

rotation

hover\_opacity

hover rotation

Adjusts transparency

Rotates the button

Adjusts transparency on hover.

Rotates the button on hover.

#### Text Styling •

tooltip

Specifies font size. textSize textColor Set text color. textOutlineColor Define outline color. textOutlineWidth Define outline width. boldText Toggle text style bold. **italicText** Toggle text style italic textAlign Aligns text **textLetterSpacing** Adjust letter spacing. textWordSpacing Adjust word spacing. textOverflow Handles text-overflow

Displays tooltip text on hover

hover_textSize	Specifies font size on hover.
hover_textColor	Set the text color on hover.
hover_textOutlineColor	Define outline color on hover.
hover_textOutlineWidth	Define outline width on hover.
hover_boldText	Toggle text style bold on hover.
hover_italicText	Toggle text style italic on hover.
hover_textAlign	Aligns text on hover.
hover_textLetterSpacing	Adjust letter spacing on hover.
hover_textWordSpacing	Adjust word spacing on hover.
hover_textOverflow	Handles text overflow on hover.
hover_tooltip	Displays tooltip text on hover on hover.

# **Example Usage**

```
public class ExampleOfInspectorButton : MonoBehaviour
   public enum exampleEnum { Cat, Dog, Rat, Ball }
    [Button]
   private string Button() ⇒ " Button return value";
    [Button("Button with custom name")]
   private void ButtonnWithName()
       Debug.Log($" Button with custon name ");
    [Button]
   private void Button_WithIntArgument(int intArgument)
        Debug.Log($" Button intArgument:{intArgument} ");
    [Button]
   private void Button_WithIntAndStringArgument(int intArgument, string stringArgument)
       Debug.Log($" Button intArgument:{intArgument} stringArgument:{stringArgument} ");
    [Button]
   private void Button_WithEnumArgument(exampleEnum enumArgument) ⇒
        Debug.Log($" Button intArgument:{enumArgument} ");
    [Button(bgColor: "#FFFF00", textColor: "#000000")]
   private void ButtonWithColor() ⇒ Debug.Log($" Button ");
    [Button(height: 70)]
    private void ButtonWithCustomHeight() \Rightarrow Debug.Log($" ButtonWithCustomHeight ");
```

```
[Button(width: 200)]
private void ButtonWithCustomWidth() ⇒ Debug.Log($" ButtonWithCustomWidth ");
[Button(
    customName: "Custom Button with properties",
   bgColor: "#FF0000",
    textColor: "#FFFFFF"
private void ButtonWithProperties() ⇒ Debug.Log($" Button With properties ");
[Button(groupTag: "GroupA")]
private string ButtonGroupA1() ⇒ " 1st Button og group A";
[Button(groupTag: "GroupA")]
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