

Object Pooling



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Module

Overview



What is object pooling?

Memory management and garbage collection

Implementing an object pool

The cost of pooling



Object Pooling

Object pooling is a technique in which objects are instantiated prior to actual gameplay and stored, or pooled, for reuse.

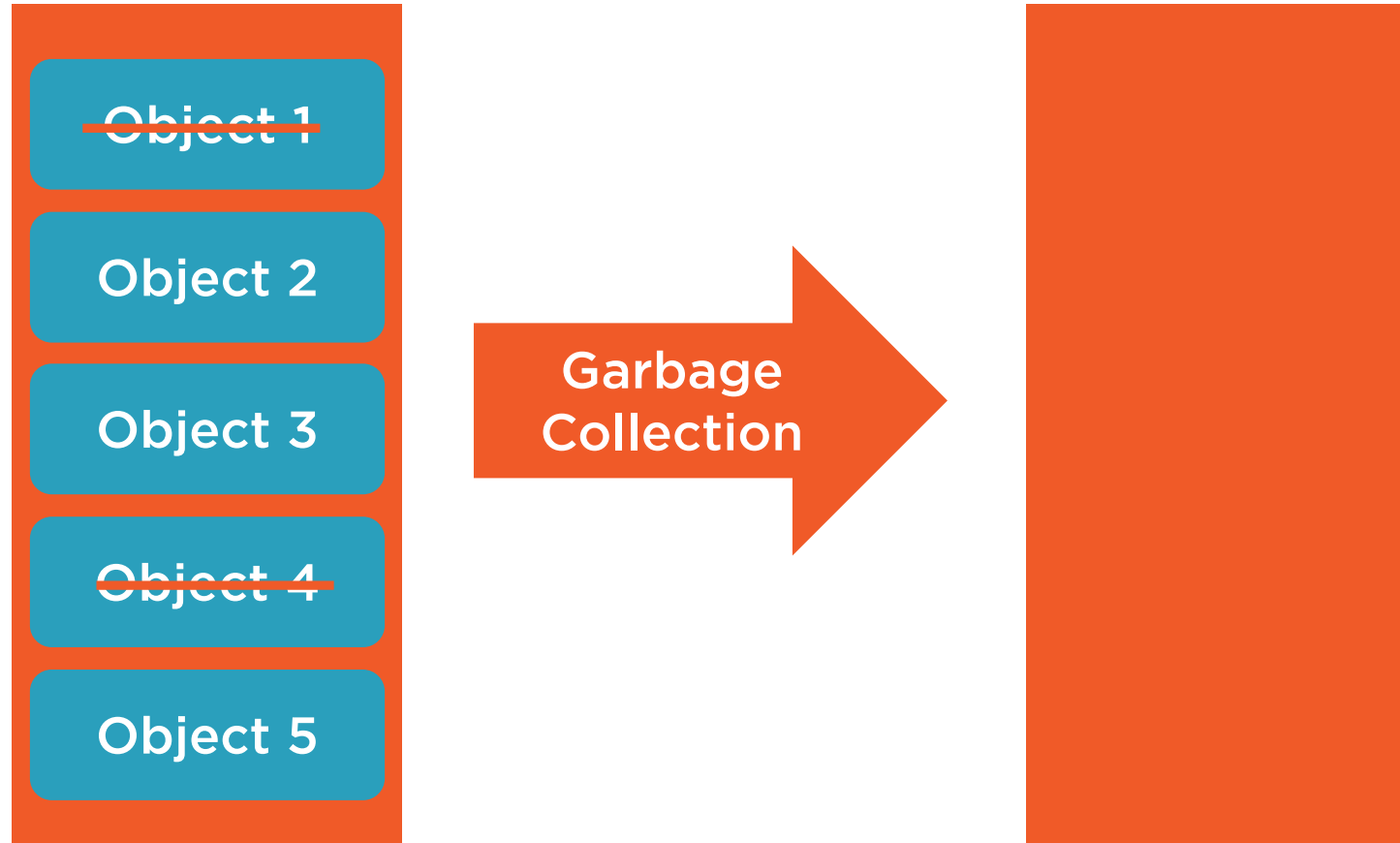


Automatic Memory Management

Heap



Automatic Memory Management



Phase of Garbage Collection

Marking

Lists live objects & unused objects are marked for removal

Relocation

References to live objects updated

Compacting

Unused objects released & live objects moved and compacted



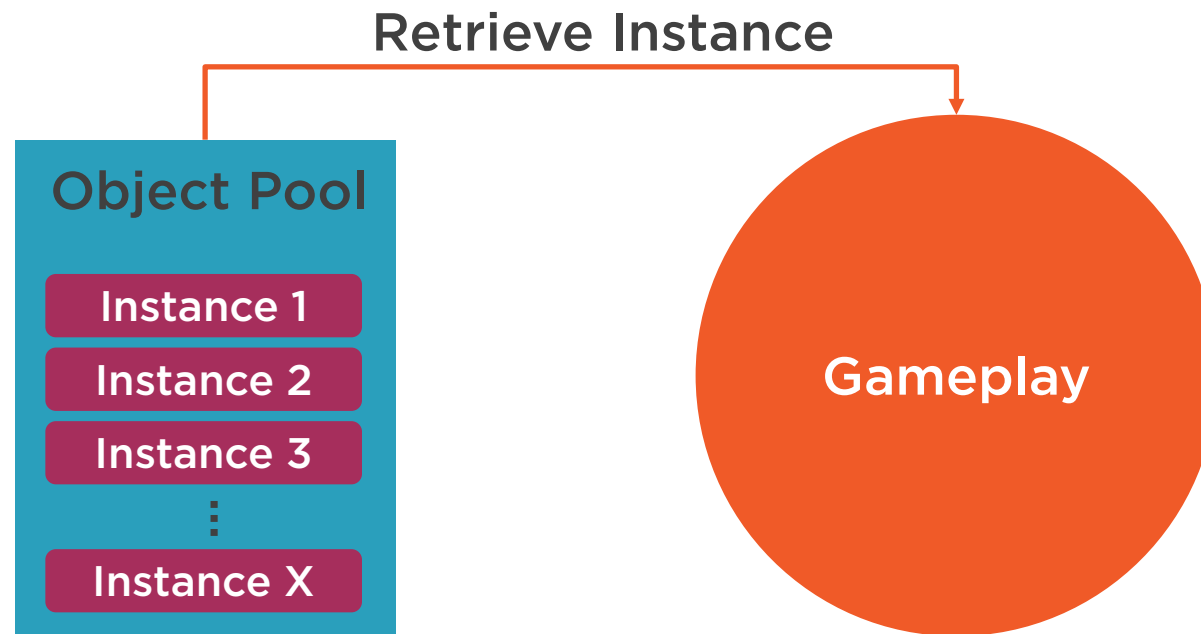
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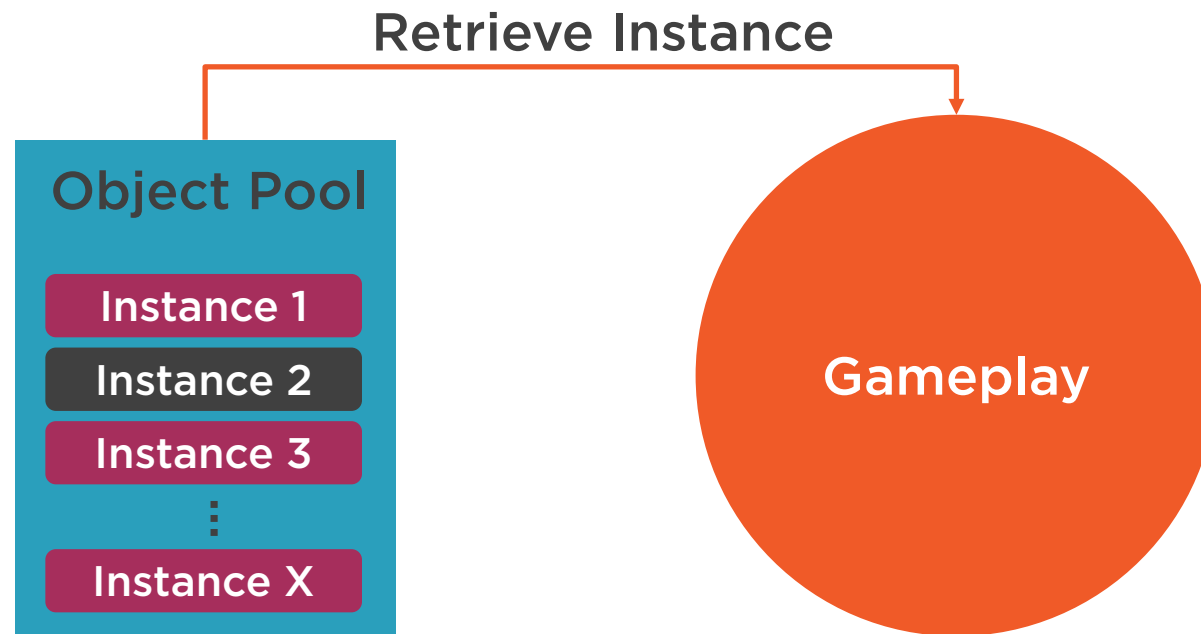
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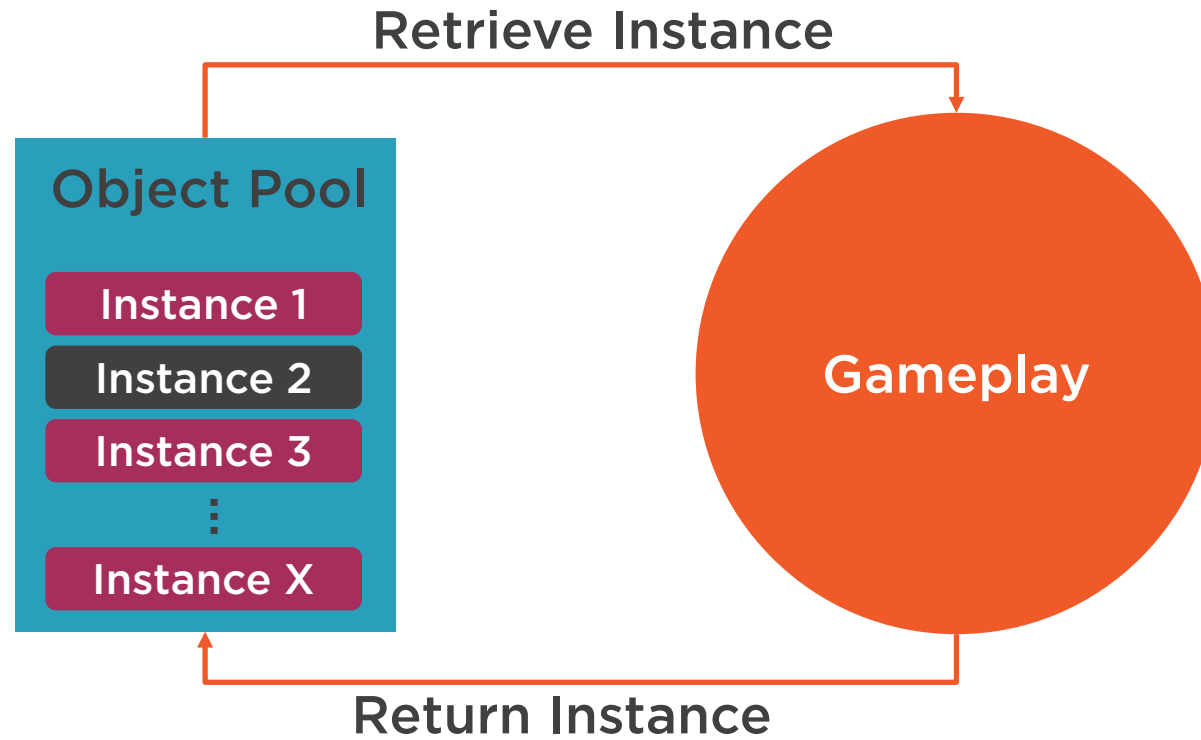
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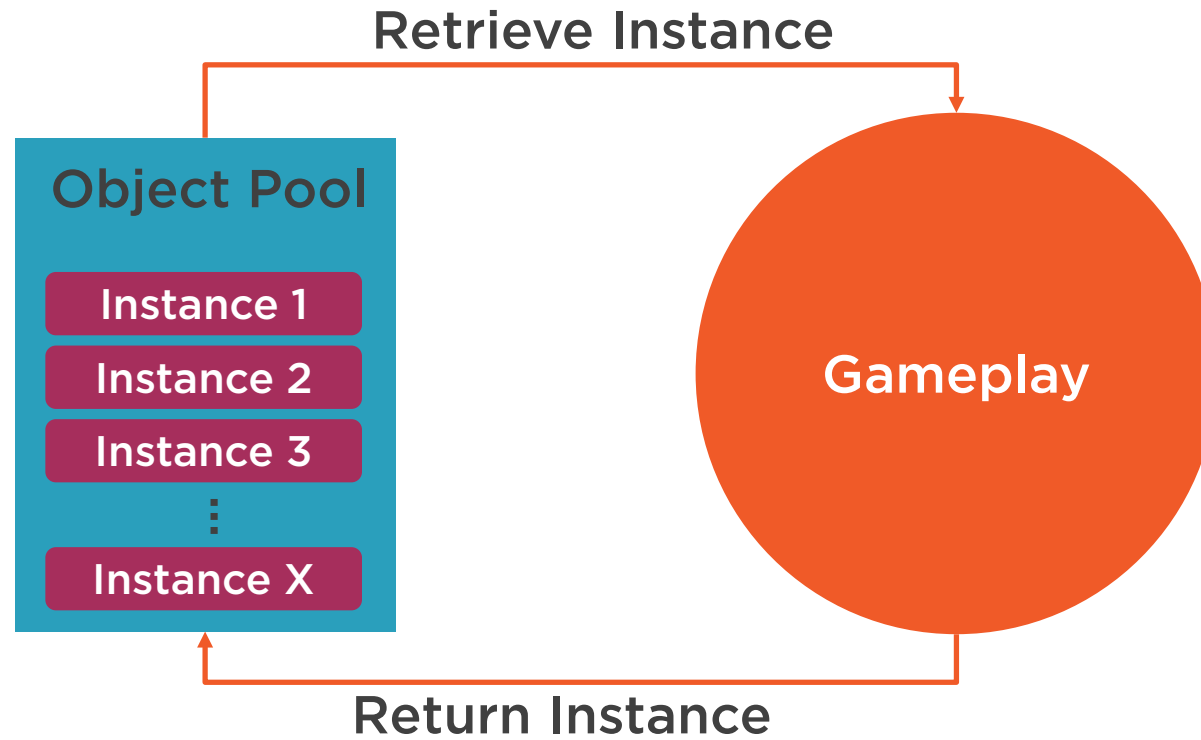
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Instantiation and Destruction

Instantiate()

**Causes memory to allocated
on the heap**

Destroy()

**Marks objects for deletion
during garbage collection**



Coming Up



A Real-World Scenario



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Implementing an Object Pool



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Module Conclusion



Object pools are still using
memory!



Course Summary



Performance issues and code

The Unity Profiler

Optimization strategies

Object pooling



Thank You!

