

Audio Visualizer Tool

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What you can do

Add audio visualization effects to your game/application.

- Use the beat to:
 - Call any custom event of your own!
 - Move objects back and forth.
 - Scale/shrink objects.
 - Fade between two materials.
 - Fade between two colors.
- Show audio waveforms
 - Use Unity's new UI system to display waveforms on panels.
 - Arc Waveform
 - Line Renderer waveforms.
 - Pad waveforms.
 - Circular waveforms.
 - Spherical waveforms.
 - Object position waveforms.
 - Object scale waveforms.
- New Features (v2.0)
 - Pre-record tracks for
 - Beat anticipation
 - Improved Performance
 - Use live microphone input to drive beat detection and audio waveforms.
- New Features (v2.1)
 - Runtime beat anticipation. Make games like rockband in runtime.
 - Significantly reduced file size for audio recordings.

Quick Start

1. Open AudioWaveforms > Scenes. Run each scene to see the different things you can do!
2. Replace music in each scene with your own audio clips.
 - a. In the heirarchy window you should see a gamobject called "AudioSamples"
Replace the audioclip on the AudioSource component with your own music.
3. Adjust AudioListener > AudioEventListener parameters until you're happy with the results (see script references under AudioEventListener for more details)

Scenes

- ArcWaveform
 - A waveform using sprites placed around in a circular arc.
- AudioPanel
 - A Unity 4.6 UI style canvas, with waveforms on it. Affected by volume.
- Beat Anticipation
 - Anticipate beats using a pre-recorded track.
- Beat Based Game – Pre-Recorded
 - Use pre-recorded tracks to create a beat based game like RockBand or AudioSurf.
- Beat Based Game – Runtime
 - Use runtime tracks to create a beat based game like RockBand or AudioSurf.
- Beat Detection
 - Examples of how to detect those beats!
- Circle
 - A circular waveform with multiple effects reacting to the music in different ways.
- City
 - A city that comes to life with the music.
- DiscoBall
 - Multiple waveform examples that react to the music in different ways.
- Lights
 - Control light intensity and color with the audio.
- MicrophoneInput
 - Use live microphone input to drive waveforms and beat detection.
- Object Rotation Waveform
 - Rotate objects based on the audio.
- Rainbow
 - A combination of pad waveforms and line waveforms.
- Record Audio
 - Record frequency and beat data from tracks. Use the output files for beat anticipation, or improved performance.
- Sidescroller
 - A scrolling waveform that could be used as a background.
- Sphere
 - A spherical group of waveforms that react to the music in different ways.

Script References – Core

These are the main scripts used to create audio waveforms.

- **ArcWaveform**
 - Displays a circular waveform, made up of sprites.
 - Parameters
 - **audioIndex** - index into **audioSampler** **audioSources** or **audioFiles** list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - **FrequencyRange** - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - **sensitivity** - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - **sprite** - sprite to use for each cell in the waveform.
 - **Angle** – the angle of the arc, 0-360 degrees.
 - **Radius** – the radius of the circular arc.
 - **Height** – the amplitude of the waveform.
 - **numColumns** – number of columns in the waveform.
 - **numRows** - number of rows in the waveform.
 - **spacingX** - spacing between columns.
 - **spacingY** - spacing between rows.
 - **bottomColor** - color of sprites at the bottom, when audio levels are low.
 - **topColor** - color of sprites at the top, when audio levels are high.
 - **lerpSpeed** - how fast the waveform moves.
 - **Use audio file** – should we ready from an audio file?
 - **Abs** – absolute value, if true we will only get positive values.
- **AudioData**
 - An audio data object, for storing pre-analyzed track data.
 - Use **AudioRecorder.cs** to fill in this data object.
 - Parameters
 - **clipLength** – the length of the audio clip that was recorded
 - **bufferSize** – the size of each recorded sample array
 - **abs** – was this data recorded with the absolute value flag?
 - **List<T>** - lists used to store recorded beat and frequency data.
 - Methods
 - **AudioData (AudioRecorder recorder, float clipLength)**
 - Constructor for the class.
 - **RecordBeat(float time, float volume)**
 - Records a beat into the **List<Beat>** beats parameter.
 - **RecordSamples(FrequencyRange freqRange, float[] data)**
 - Record the passed in “data” that belongs to the passed in “freqRange”
 - **GetSamples(FrequencyRange freqRange, float time)**
 - Grab samples out of the data container, belonging to the given freqRange and at a given time into the track.
 - **GetSampleArray(FrequencyRange freqRange)**
 - Grab the entire sample matrix in a given frequency range.
- **AudioEventListener**
 - Listens to the beat, calls public method in the public **OnBeat** event.
 - parameters
 - **audioIndex** - index into **audioSampler** **audioSources** or **audioFiles** list. Determines which audio source we want to sample

- preBeatOffset - OnBeat events will trigger "preBeatOffset" seconds before the beat occurs, used for beat anticipation. Use this in conjunction with "SilentAudio" in the AudioSampler.
- FrequencyRange - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
- Sample Buffer Size – buffer this many audio samples, used for beat detection.
- Beat Threshold - adjusted per song. Lower if you're not receiving events, raise if you're receiving too many events.
- Automatic Threshold - automatically adjust beat threshold by tracking audio from the last "sampleBuffer" frames.
- Beat Limiter - consecutive beats below this time limit will not be registered
- Automatic Limiter – automatically adjust the beat limiter for good results.
- OnBeat() - public UnityEvents can get added here, and are called when a beat is detected.
- OnFrequencyChanged
 - OnChange – hook in public dynamic float variables here. These values will be changed according to the audio frequency.
 - Min/Max value. Every float hooked in to the OnChange listener, will be changed between these min/max values according to the audio frequency.
- AudioFileEventListener
 - Similar to AudioEventListener, but uses pre-recorded tracks instead of live ones.
 - Parameters
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - preBeatOffset - OnBeat events will trigger "preBeatOffset" seconds before the beat occurs, used for beat anticipation.
 - frequencyRange – the frequency range you're sampling from. Note the audioFile you reference needs to have that frequency data recorded. See AudioRecorder for more info.
 - OnBeatRecognized – a static beat event that classes can subscribe to in order to call a method every time a beat is recognized.
- AudioRecorder
 - Records tracks into serialized json files that can later be used for beat anticipation or improved performance.
 - Parameters
 - audioFileName - the name of the file we'll record data into.
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample.
 - Ranges – a list of frequency ranges we want to record data for.
 - sampleBufferSize – the size of each sample array recorded every frame.
 - recordBeats – flag indicating if we're currently recording or not
 - abs – flag indicating if we record Mathf.Abs() of each value or not.
 - Debug – display debug info during recording.
 - Methods
 - RecordBeat()
 - Record a beat into the data file, this is called from AudioEventListener's "BeatDetected" event.
 - RecordSamples()
 - Records samples from the frequencyRanges in the "ranges" list into the audio file.

- AudioSampler
 - A singleton instance that samples the audio.
 - parameters
 - instance - public static instance of the Audio Sampler
 - Audio Sources - list of audio sources that you want to sample.
 - By default this will grab an AudioSource attached to the same GameObject. This allows easier setup if you just have one audio source you want to sample.
 - If you want multiple audio sources just add them to the list here.
 - Audio Files – list of pre recorded audio files that will be used to drive waveforms instead of during runtime.
 - SilentAudio – used for runtime beat anticipation. This audio is muted, beat detection is run on the muted audio. Other audio is played with a delay so you can trigger future events to be in sync with the music. This delay is set up using the “pre beat offset” parameter on the AudioEventListener and AudioFileEventListener.
 - Audio Sources – list of sources you want to be samples for beat detection.
 - Silent Mixer Group – AudioMixerGroup used to mute the audio sources. Use the “SilentMixer” mixer group provided under the AudioVisualizerFolder.
 - UseSilentAudio – flag indicating whether or not silent audio should be used.
 - Debug - if true, shows audio data being sampled.
 - methods
 - GetAudioSamples(int audioSourceIndex)
 - AudioSourceIndex - which audio data in the AudioSampler are you getting samples from.
 - returns a float[] of the samples taken (multiplied by the audio volume)
 - GetAudioSamples(int audioSourceIndex, int numBins, bool absoluteVal)
 - Like the above method, but returns an array of size ‘numBins’, and potentially takes the absolute value of each sample.
 - GetAvg(int audioSourceIndex, int numSamples, float sensitivity, bool abs)
 - AudioSourceIndex - see above
 - NumSamples - see above
 - Sensitivity - multiplied by the average
 - abs - use absolute value of samples or not (decibal levels samples can be positive or negative).
 - GetRMS() - root means squared
 - GetInstantEnergy() - square and sum audio samples.
 - GetFrequencyVol() - get current volume, within a given frequency range.
 - GetFrequencyData() - return the raw spectrum data in the given frequency range.
 - GetFreqForRange() - return the frequency range values to listen for, with the passed in enum.
- CircleWaveform - move objects in a circle, and in and out using the music.
 - Moves objects in a circle, and up and down with the music.
 - parameters

- `audioIndex` - index into `audioSampler` `audioSources` or `audioFiles` list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - `FrequencyRange` - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - `sensitivity` - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - `objects` - The objects you're going to move around in a circle. Objects should exist in the scene. Typically these are objects with trail renderers and particle systems.
 - `rotationSpeed` - how fast should the objects rotate, value can be negative.
 - `radius` - radius of the circle.
 - `lerpSpeed` - lerp speed related to movement around the circle.
 - `useWaveform` - move up and down relative to the waveform of the music.
- methods
 - `Boost(multiplier)` - for .1 seconds, boost the `rotationSpeed` by the passed in multiplier
 - `Bump(bool switchSign)` - Get the avg decibal level of the audio, and move the radius to equal `startRadius*avg`. If 'switchSign' is true, the sign of the radius we bump to, will switch between + and -.
- `ColorChange` - change a material's colors based on the music.
 - parameters
 - `audioIndex` - index into `audioSampler` `audioSources` or `audioFiles` list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - `FrequencyRange` - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - `lowColor` - when music decibal level is low, material is this color.
 - `highColor` - when music decibal level is high, material is this color.
 - `sensitivity` - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - `lerpSpeed` - rate of color change.
- `CurveWaveform` – Child of `LineWaveform`: display an audio waveform using a line renderer, and an input curve.
- `LineWaveform` - display the waveform using a line renderer.
 - parameters
 - `audioIndex` - index into `audioSampler` `audioSources` or `audioFiles` list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - `FrequencyRange` - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - `points` - draw a line between each of these points in order.
 - `lineAtt` - lineRenderer attributes, like color, width, material, etc.
 - `amplitude` - height of the waveform.
 - `Gizmos size` – how big is the gizmos sphere drawn in the Scene view around each point.
 - `abs` - take the absolute value of audio samples.
 - `OrientPoints()` – make each point look at the next point in the list.
 - `RenamePoints` – rename and number all the points in our points list.
- `MaterialChange` - lerp between two materials, using the music. (BlendTex shader required)
 - parameters
 - `audioIndex` - index into `audioSampler` `audioSources` or `audioFiles` list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - `FrequencyRange` - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - `sensitivity` - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - Note: you don't need `lowMat/highMat` if the gameobject has a `_Blend` attribute in it's material.
 - `lowMat` - when music decibal level is low, use this material.

- highMat - when music decibal level is high, use this material.
 - lerpSpeed - rate of material change.
 - MicrophoneInput – streams microphone data into an AudioSource component.
 - Parameters
 - currentAudioInput – name of the microphone device being used.
 - DeviceNum – index into the array of microphone that are detected on the system. Use this to determine which microphone is used.
 - Object Position Waveform - move objects up and down, to create a waveform.
 - parameters
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - FrequencyRange - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - objects - objects to move up and down.
 - positionAxis - move the objects along this axis.
 - maxHeight - move objects to this max height.
 - sensitivity - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - lerpSpeed - rate of movement.
 - absoluteVal - take the absolute value of audio samples.
 - Object Rotation Waveform – move objects to the music.
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - FrequencyRange - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - sensitivity - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - objects - objects to rotate
 - rotationAxis – rotate the objects around this axis
 - minAngle – minimum rotation
 - maxAngle – maximum rotation.
 - lerpSpeed - rate of movement.
 - LocalRotation – rotate each object around it's own local music?
 - If false, the transform of the ObjectRotationWaveform script is used as the pivot point.
 - RandomAxis – if true, rotation axis is ignored and each objects get's it's own random rotation axis.
 - Use Audio File – use a pre-recorded audio file?
 - Object Scale Waveform - scale objects to create a waveform.
 - parameters
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - FrequencyRange - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - sensitivity - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - objects - objects to scale.
 - scaleAxis - scale the objects along this axis.
 - maxHeight - move objects to this max height.
 - lerpSpeed - rate of scaling.
 - absoluteVal - take the absolute value of audio samples.
 - Pad Waveform - a 3D waveform made of line-renderers in concentric rings.
 - parameters
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - numLines - number of lines/rings on the pad.
 - radius - radius of the pad.

- maxHeight - max height of the pad effects, either ripples or bounces.
- updateRate - how often the pad effects are updated. Once every 'updateRate' frames.
- rippleColor - color of the ripple waves.
- rippleWidth - how many lines are in each ripple. Typically 3-5.
- lineAttributes - lineRenderer attributes, like color, width, material, etc.
- padType
 - Ripple - animate the inner ring. This state is typically paired with SendRipple() method, which can be called from an AudioEventListener.
 - DampWave - wave played across pad, damped by distance.
 - Wave - wave across the pad.
 - Bounce - bounce rings up and down.
- Methods
 - SendRipple(float propagationTime) - send a ripple down the pad, that takes "propagationTime" to reach the end of the pad. The ripple height will be determined by "maxHeight" and the current audio frequency.
- Panel Waveform - display a waveform using sprites on a UI panel.
 - parameters
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - FrequencyRange - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - sensitivity - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - sprite - sprite to use for each cell in the waveform.
 - numColumns - columns of the waveform.
 - numRows - rows of the waveform.
 - spacingX - spacing between columns.
 - spacingY - spacing between rows.
 - bottomColor - color of sprites at the bottom, when audio levels are low.
 - topColor - color of sprites at the top, when audio levels are high.
 - lerpSpeed - how fast the waveform moves.
 - Use audio file - should we read from an audio file?
- Sphere Waveform - similar to circle waveform, but with a sphere! Move objects around a sphere.
 - parameters
 - audioIndex - index into audioSampler audioSources or audioFiles list. Determines which audio source we want to sample
 - FrequencyRange - the frequency range of the audio we're sampling.
 - sensitivity - how sensitive is this script to the audio.
 - objects - objects to move around a sphere.
 - rotationSpeed - speed at which objects are rotated around the sphere.
 - rotationAxis - axis of rotation.
 - radius - radius of sphere
 - lerpSpeed - rate of scaling
 - useWaveform - move the radius of this object up and down relative to the music.
 - rotationType
 - Uniform - rotate around rotation axis
 - Rand - rotate around a random axis

- Cross - use a cross product of this objects position to center, cross the rotation axis.
- methods
 - Boost(multiplier) - for .1 seconds, boost the rotationSpeed by the passed in multiplier
 - Bump(bool switchSign) - Get the avg decibal level of the audio, and move the radius to equal startRadius*avg. If 'switchSign' is true, the sign of the radius we bump to, will switch between + and -.

Script References – Miscellaneous

These are small scripts used in the demo scenes.

- CameraCircle - rotate the camera around a target
 - parameters
 - target - transform we rotate around
 - rotationSpeed - speed of rotation
 - rotationAxis - axis of rotation
- CameraMovement - Moves the camera right in the Sidescroller scene.
 - parameters
 - speed - movement speed
 - lerpSpeed - lerp between current and desired position at this rate
- Object Circle- place objects evenly in a circle's radius.
 - parameters
 - objectsToPlace - objects to move around a sphere, typically particles or objects with trail renderers.
 - radius - radius of the sphere.
- Object Sphere - place objects evenly in a sphere's radius.
 - parameters
 - objectsToPlace - objects to move around a sphere, typically particles or objects with trail renderers.
 - radius - radius of the sphere.
- Particle Controller - call particle system.play at a given rate
 - parameters
 - particleSystems - the particle systems we want to use.
 - updateRate - how often effects are played. Once every 'updateRate' frames.
- Rotate - rotate this object out of it's up axis.
 - parameters
 - speed - rotation rate.

Tutorials/Videos

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Credits

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BlendTexture shaders: http://wiki.unity3d.com/index.php?title=Blend_2_Textures
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