# ApplicationSettings

## Functionality

The **ApplicationSettings** script manages the application settings for the ArchiVR application. Upon application shutdown, the **ApplicationSettings** script stores the currently active settings to the presistent file **applicationsettings.data** in the Application’s persistent data folder. Upon application startup, the **ApplicationSettings** script loads the application settings from this file. The application settings are composed of **GraphicsSettings** and **ControlsSettings**.

## GraphicsSettings

The **GraphicsSettings** are composed of:

* Quality Level (String)
* Dynamic Vegetation (bool, default: on)
* Fog (bool, default: on)

### Quality Level

#### Functionality

The quality level defines the quality of graphical rendering of the application. For each platform a default quality level is defined in the Unity editor. The quality level can be changed at runtime however.

Quality levels vary from very high quality (ultimate) to very low (very low). Every quality level implies a certain tradeof between graphical quality and performance. The higher the quality levels can only be run on high-power systems, while the lower-quality levels can still run smoothly on lower-powered systems, albeit at the expense of a decrease in graphical quality.

## ControlsSettings

**ControlsSettings** define how the user interacts with the application.

**ControlsSettings** are composed of:

* NavigationMode (One of: FPS, Fly, TelePort, Tracked, VuforiaAR)
* TrackingSystem
  + WMTracker
    - Enabled (default: false)
    - IP
    - Port
  + WindowsXRTracker
    - Enabled (default: false)
    - ???

Navigation modes FPS, Fly and Teleport all support following input modes:

* TranslationInput
  + Mouse
  + Keyboard
  + Gamepad
  + Touch (Virtual gamepad, Tap, Swipe)
  + GearVRController
* RotationInput
  + Mouse
  + Keyboard
  + Gyro
  + Gamepad
  + GearVR Touchpad
  + Touch (Virtual gamepad, Tap, Swipe)
  + XXXTracker
  + GearVRController

By default, when the application starts up for the first time, or after a reset of the application setting,

The application starts up in VR mode if supported:

* GearVR
  + Default rotation control: FromGyro
  + Default translation control
    - Gamepad
    - GearVRGamepad
    - GearVRTouchpad
* Tracking
  + MicrosoftXRTracker
    - Default rotation control: FromGyro
    - Default translation control
      * Tracking
      * Gamepad
  + WMTracker
    - Default rotation control:
      * FromGyro
        + option ‘used tracking for absolute correctness’
    - Default translation control
      * Tracking
      * Gamepad

All suitable and supported Input modes are enabled

## DebugSettings?

The DebugSettings is composed of:

* Debug level

The DebugSettings option is only visible when debugging is enabled.

## How to use the ApplicationSetting

Every main scene in the Application needs to have an active ‘empty’ root gameobject with the ‘ApplicationSettings’ script attached to it.

The Applicationsettings is a singleton. It is also persistent during the execution of the Application: Once it is created, it sets itself as ‘DoNotDestroyOnLoad’, which makes that this instance stays alive when transitioning between scenes.

# Project

## Prerequisite Unity scene layout:

* World
  + Phases
    - Begin
      * WorldBounds
      * Construction
        + MeshImportedFromSketchup
      * Furniture
        + Layer\_Terrain
        + Layer\_FloorL0
        + FloorL1
    - Final
      * WorldBounds
      * Construction
        + Mesh
      * Furniture
        + Layer\_Terrain
        + FloorL0
        + FloorL1
* Application
* UIManager
* …

## ProjectLayers

The scene content can be arranged into several project layers. A project layer contains a bunch of scene content that can be hidden/shown simultaneously via the ‘Layer’ menu.

#### Adding a GameObject to a layer

To add a GameObject to a layer in the unity editor, name it in accordance with this naming convention:

|  |
| --- |
| “Layer\_” + insertLayerNameHere |

SomeExample names for GameObjects that belong to a specific layer in a typical layer setup:

* Layer\_Terrain
* Layer\_Facade
* Layer\_Furniture
* Layer\_FloorB1
* Layer\_FloorL0
* Layer\_FloorL1
* Layer\_FloorL2
* ‘Layers’ menu
* ‘Layers’ menu

#### ‘Layers’ Menu

The layers in a project can be en/disabled in the ‘Layers’ menu. (Main Menu > Layers)

It shows a button for each Layer defined in the current project scene. A layer button shows a dynamic caption that visualizes the ‘enabled’ state of the layer. Caption format:

|  |
| --- |
| (isLayerEnabled() ? “V ” : “X ”) + enterLayerNameHere |

TODO:

Refine to accomodate for displaying of bigger amounts of layer buttons simultaneously:

* rescale layer buttons
  + (use icons?)
* scrolling area to contain layer buttons

# Layers

## VREyeRayCastIgnore

This layer contains all scene objects that have a collider, but should be ignored by the VREyeRayCast component on the Camera, because they are not VRInteractiveItem.  
Contains:

* Panel\_MenuFront\_VR
  + Has a collider in order to detect whether the user is looking at the VR front-facing menu. If this is the case, the menu does not adjust its rotation. Else it updates its roatation continuously, in order to always be located in front of the main Camera (~stay in front of the player.). Panel\_MenuFront\_VR must be excluded because it works in tandem wit hits own RayCaster, and not VREyeRayCaster, and would otherwise block VRInteractiveItems in the scene, like eg in the Home state, VR Buttons to open a project.

# RenderLayers

The scene content is arranged into several Render layers:

1. Sky
2. Celestial objects
3. Horizon
4. World
5. UI-VR
6. UI

The layers are rendered in the order in which they are listed above. This is achieved by managing the layers in Unity (via TODO > TODO >)

The layers are managed in Unity editor. A GameObject can be assigned to a Render Layer by setting the ‘Layer’ field of the Gameobject in the ‘inspector’ pane.

## Layer ‘Sky’

Contains the skydome.

Clears both dept hand color buffer (with a solid color).

## Layer ‘Celestial objects’

Contains the celestial objects like sun and moon.

Only clears depth buffer.

## Layer ‘Horizon’

Contains the horizon dome.

Only clears depth buffer.

## Layer ‘World’

Contains the virtual environment and objects in it.

* Terrain
* Buildings
* Furniture
* ? World-space interactive items
  + Light switches
  + …
* …

Only clears depth buffer.

## Layer ‘UI-VR’

Contains the world-space UI components that are attached to the player for VR mode.

Only clears depth buffer.

## Layer ‘UI’

Contains the screen-space UI components for non-VR mode.

Only clears depth buffer.

# Procedures

## Procedure: Add a construction project

1. Import assets
   1. model of building (Sketchup v2015), into Assets/KS/Model/ProjectXXX folder.
   2. Project preview image, as 2D/Sprite, into Assets/Resources/ProjectPreview/ folder.
2. Create project scene
   1. Named ‘ProjectXXX’, in folder ‘Assets/Scenes’
   2. Hint: Copy-Rename-Modify an existing, functional project scene.
3. Add Lighting to project scene
   1. World/Lighting
      1. LightgroupXXX
      2. Light01
      3. Light02
      4. …
4. Add POI to project scene
   1. POI.Default
      1. L0Leefruimte
      2. …
5. Add project selection button to the Home state’s Project Selection menu
   1. This could be automated, so project selectionn scene buttons are dynamically creadted and arranged according tot he project scenes available.

### Define dynamic vegetation

### Define construction lighting

Under the ‘Construction Lighting’ Gameobject below the concened ‘Construction Phase’ GameObject, create a hierarchy of GameObjects that is equal tot he Layer hierarchy, eg:

* Lighting
  + B0
    - Stair
    - Bicyle Room
    - Main Storage
    - Technical Room
    - …
  + L0
    - Entrance
    - Kitchen
    - Living Room
    - Dining Room
    - Toilet
    - Stair
    - …
  + L1
    - BathRoom
    - Toilet
    - Bedroom 1
    - …

Then add a GameObject for each LightGroup into the corresponding room’s GameObject, eg:

* Lighting
  + LO
    - Living Room
      * Lightgroup Plafond
      * Lightgroup Wall
      * Lightgroup Standing lamp

Then add lights to the lightgroup GameObjects. A collection of light fixture prefabs (wit hand without corresponding Unity Light object) are readily available in the assets folder ‘Models’.

### Define POI

Points-Of-Interest are defined using the Unity editor. Add a new POI as follows:

1. Add a new ‘Camera’ beneath the ‘POI collection’ GameObject (eg POI.default)
2. Rename the POI to a descriptive name (eg ‘Kitchen’, ‘Bedroom 1’, …)
3. Remove the ‘SoundListener’ component from the camera
4. Put the POI in the correct location:
   1. Translate and rotate it into the correct location, while reviewing the POI resulting view in the Unity editor ‘Game’ window.
   2. To make the Unity editor show the POI view result, have only the concerned POI’s Camera component active – disable all other cameras in the scene.
5. When the POI is correctly located, make sure the POI GameObject is enabled, but disable its ‘Camera’ component.

## Procedure: Remove a construction project

Remove the project scene

Remove the project preview Sprite asset.

Remove the project selection button from Home state’s Project Selection menu.

# Development tools

## Monitoring application performance

The FPS can be investigated using the FPS counter widget and exported file.

## Developing/debugging a project scene

When making a lot of successive changes to a project scene, the easiest way to review and debug those changes is to set the ‘InitialProjectName’ setting on the PlayApplicationState. This makes the Play state start up with the designated scene loaded right away.

# TODO:

## Code implementation

### Implement option ‘Gyro’ in ‘Settings>Controls’ menu.

Implement generating screenshots using a specified resolution.

Allow the generation of screenshots to a resolution independent of the application resolution Example: full-HD (1920\*1080)

Implement generating screenshots using best available graphics quality level.

Activate best available graphics quality setting when generating screenshots.

### POI

#### Properly implement and document a way to generate POI.

* Shortcut key = ?
* To File (path:???)

### Sky

#### Dynamic cloud layer

Implement a dynamic sky layer based on unity ‘dust field’ prefab.

* Based on perlin noise?
* Add heightmap for extra visual ‘depth’

#### SkyDome

* Implement Finegrained control over Sky gradient.
  + Shader: add property \_SkyLight1InfluenceRangeAngle
* SkyDome Shader: implement properly support for arbitrary number of celestial objects.
* Sky behavior: use SkyDome Shader support for arbitrary number of celestial objects, to properly represent both sun and moon.
* SkyDome : Implement making rendering ground optional.
* SkyDome : Implement timed ‘Ground Colors’
* Implement Fog ?

## Project scene

### Project 006

#### Create ‘Furniture-less’ version of sketchup model (export as sketchup version 2015)

#### Add Furniture from Assets Model folder

#### Add terrains with dynamic vegetation

* Terrain ‘Tuin Achter’
* Terrain ‘Tuin voor’
* Add vegetation (hedges/trees) as ‘mesh detail’ tot he terrains.

### Project 008

#### Create ‘Furniture-less’ version of sketchup model (export as sketchup version 2015)

#### Add Furniture from Assets Model folder

#### Add proper lighting

### Project 011

#### Create ‘Furniture-less’ version of sketchup model (export as sketchup version 2015)

#### Add Furniture from Assets Model folder

#### Add proper lighting

#### Add proper furniture

### Project 024

#### Create ‘Furniture-less’ version of sketchup model (export as sketchup version 2015)

#### Add Furniture from Assets Model folder

#### Add proper lighting

### Project 025

#### Create ‘Furniture-less’ version of sketchup model (export as sketchup version 2015)

#### Add Furniture from Assets Model folder

#### Add proper lighting

## Prefabs

### Lighting

#### Review and finalize reusable lighting components as prefabs

### Furniture

#### Prepare a ‘Model’ folder with reusable ‘Furniture’ components as prefabs.

For each reusable model:

* In sketchup
  + Review model
    - Faults (inverted/missing faces, uv mapping)
    - Correct units? (must be mm)
    - Correct scale?
  + Save copy as as sketchup v2015 .skp file.
* In Unity editor
  + Prepare a folder fort he model
  + Load skp model file
  + Set material settings.