



## Third Person Controller - Melee Combat

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Thank you for supporting this asset, we developed this template because a lot of developers have good ideas for a Third Person Game, but building a Controller is really hard and takes too much time.

The goal of this template is to deliver a top quality controller that can help those who want to make a Third Person Game but are stuck trying to make a controller.

With this template, you can set up a 3D Model in just a few seconds, without the need of knowing advanced scripting or wasting time dragging and dropping game objects to the inspector, instead you can just focus on making your game.

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# FIRST RUN

## \*IMPORTANT\*

This is a **Complete Project**, and as every complete project it includes a custom **InputManager**, **Tags**, **Layers**, etc... **Make sure that you import on a Clean Project.**

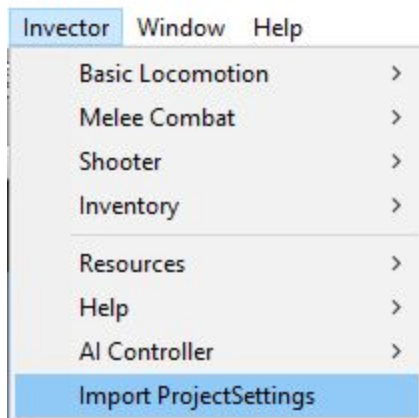


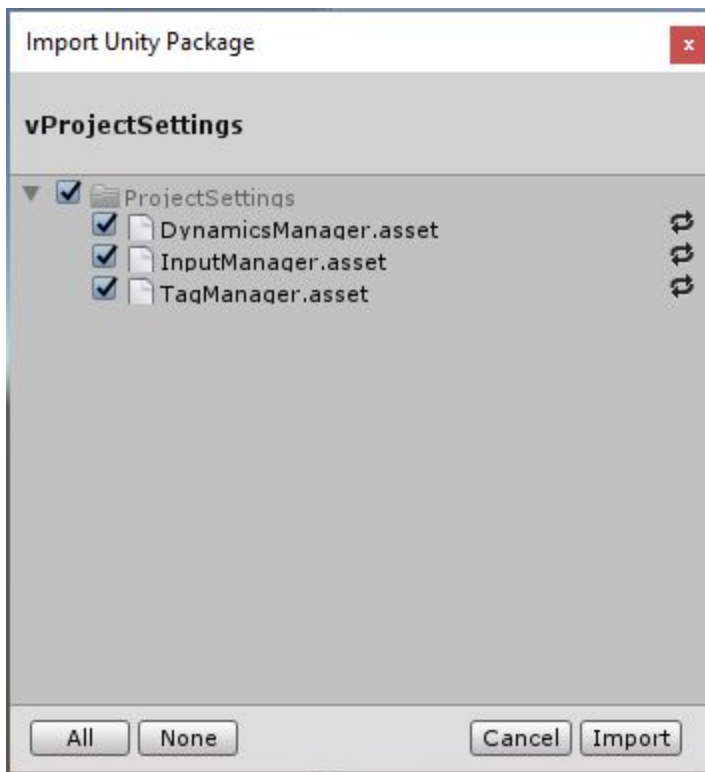
- *Importing on an existent project*

There are basically 3 files that are **extremely necessary for the correct functioning of this template.**

- ***InputManager.asset*** - We have a custom input mapped to support the Xbox360 controller, without it you will receive errors about missing input.
- ***TagManager.asset*** - Includes all the necessary Tags and Layers for the project to work correctly.
- ***DynamicsManager.asset*** - this will update the Collision Matrix of our Layers, for example we need the layer "Triggers" to not collide with the layer "Player".

After importing the template you can manually import those files by going to the tab **Invector** > **Import ProjectSettings.**



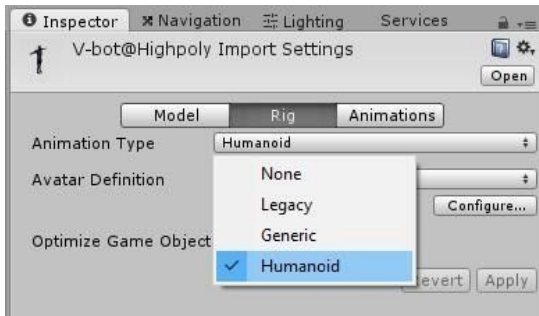


Now that you have imported the necessary files, you can explore the several demo scenes and figure out what kind of Third Person Game you want to create.

**\*Updates also need to be imported into a Clean Project, so MAKE SURE TO BACKUP your previous project and transfer the necessary files to your new project. \***

# CREATING A CHARACTER CONTROLLER

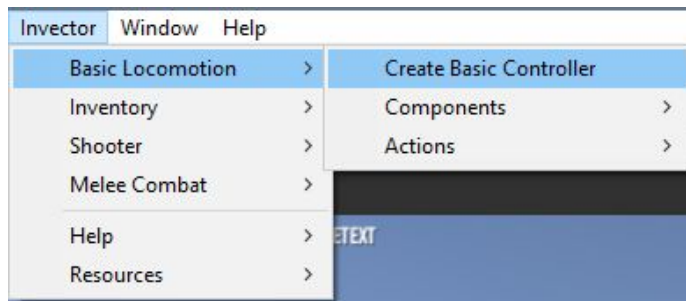
Make sure that your fbx character is set up as **Humanoid**



To setup a new basic character, go to the tab *Invector* > *Basic Locomotion* > *Create Basic Controller*

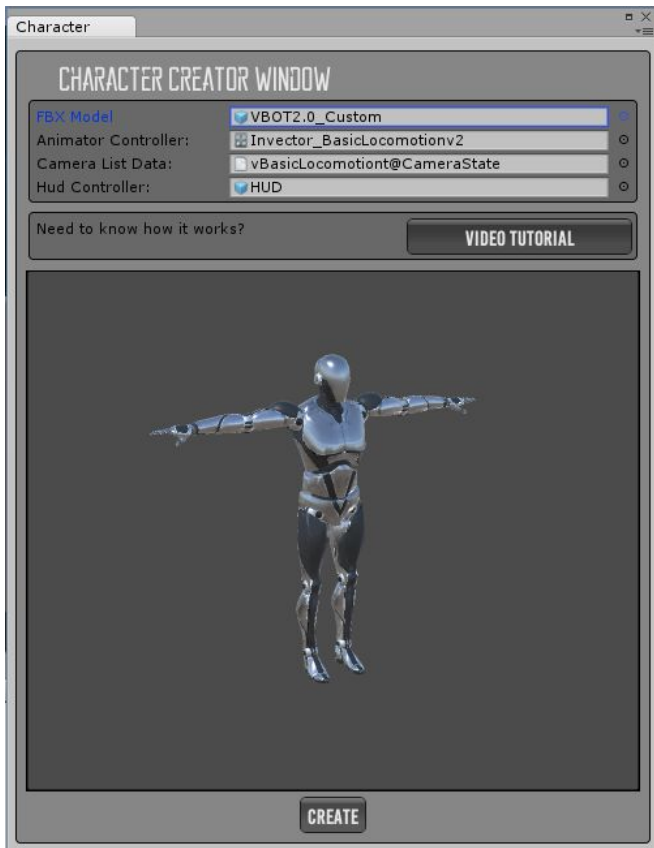
To setup a new basic character, go to the tab *Invector* > *Melee Combat* > *Create Melee Controller*

To setup a new basic character, go to the tab *Invector* > *Shooter* > *Create Shooter Controller*

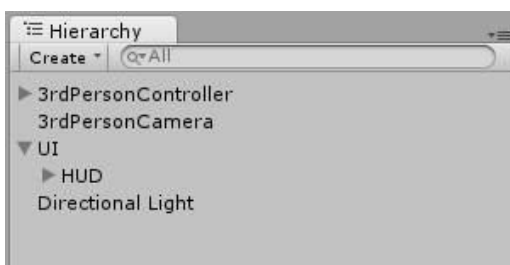


Make sure your Character is **Fully Rigged** and set up the FBX as a **Humanoid**, then assign the FBX to the field "FBX Model and the rest of the fields will be already assigned with our default AnimatorController and CameraState, you can of course replace to your own modified version of those files if you want.

Click on the button “Create” to finish the character.



The **Character Creator** window will take care of all the hard work automatically and set up components such as capsule collider, layers, tags, rigidbody, etc... It will create the **ThirdPersonController**, **ThirdPersonCamera** and a UI Canvas with a **HUD** to display health, stamina and other information.



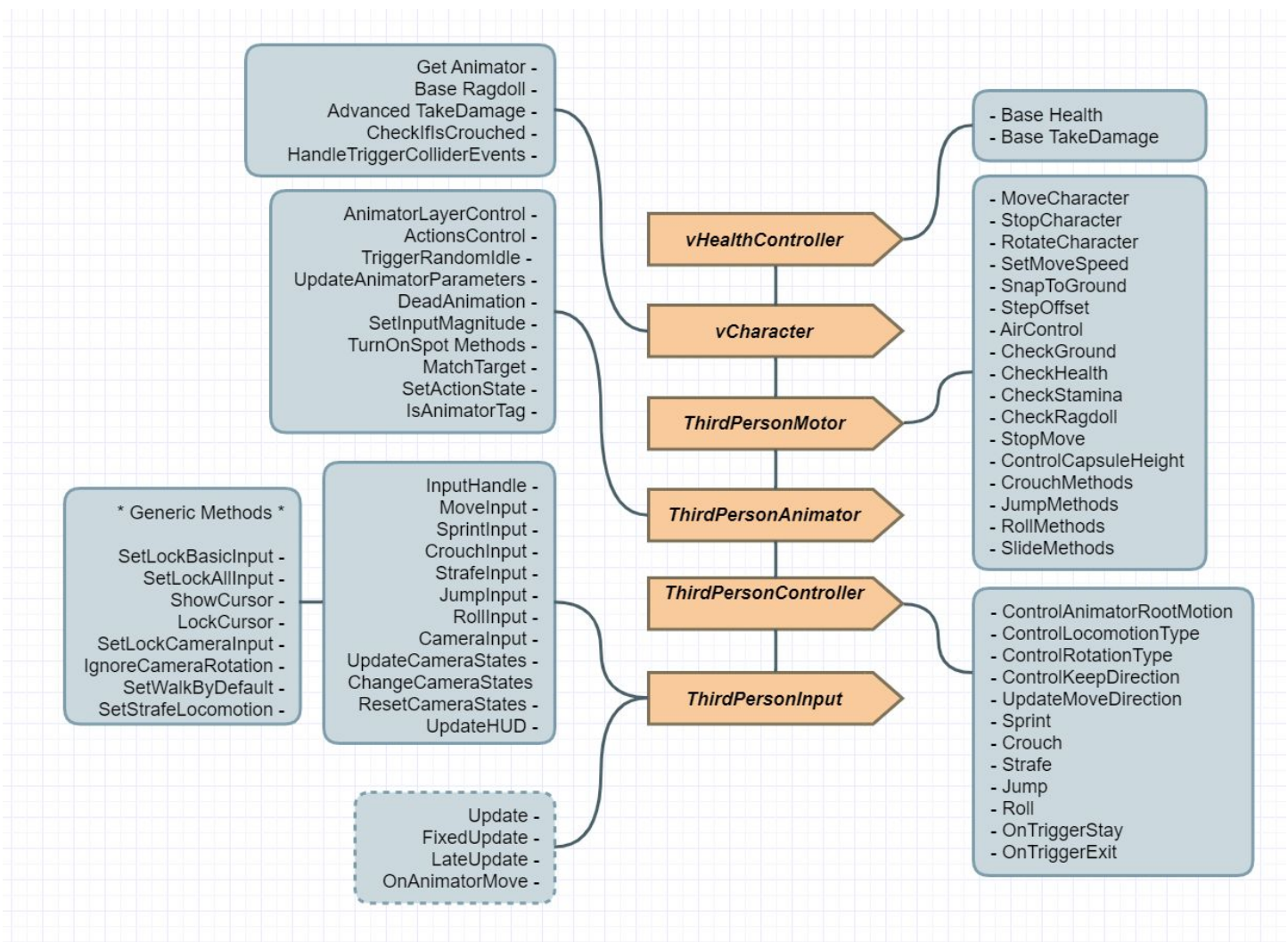
Your Capsule Collider settings will be based on your model proportions, if the capsule gets the wrong size, make sure that your rig is correct, and that your **model is using the correct Scale Factor** the same goes if the ragdoll gets weird.

Hit Play and enjoy 😊

# HOW IT WORKS?

The Controller works with **six main scripts**:

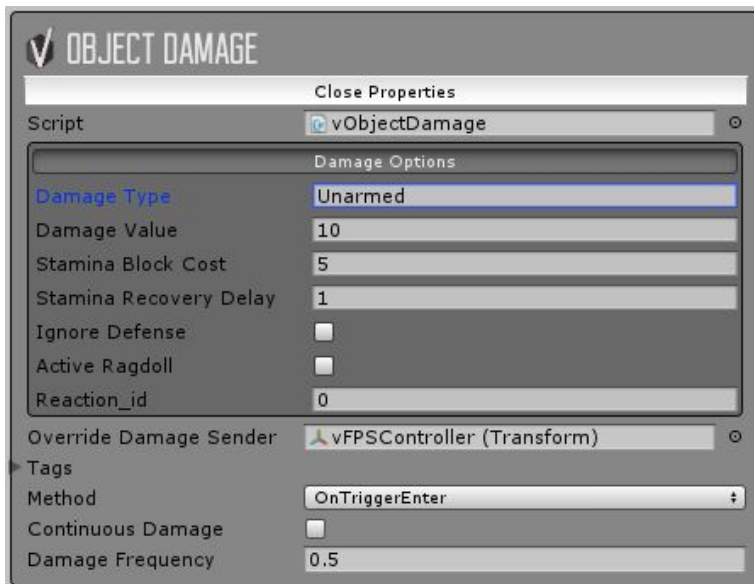
- 1- **vHealthController** takes care of Health/Stamina and has the method TakeDamage to apply damage.
- 2- **vCharacter** - it prepares the vHealthController to be a vCharacter using our animator parameters, ragdoll and action system.
- 3- **vThirdPersonMotor** handles all the information of rigidbody, colliders, verifications of ground distance, stepoffset, slope limit, etc...
- 4- **vThirdPersonAnimator** is responsible to control the behavior of animations
- 5- **vThirdPersonController** manages methods like sprint, crouch, roll, jump, etc...
- 6- **vThirdPersonInput** receives all the input and calls every method of the other scripts on Updates.





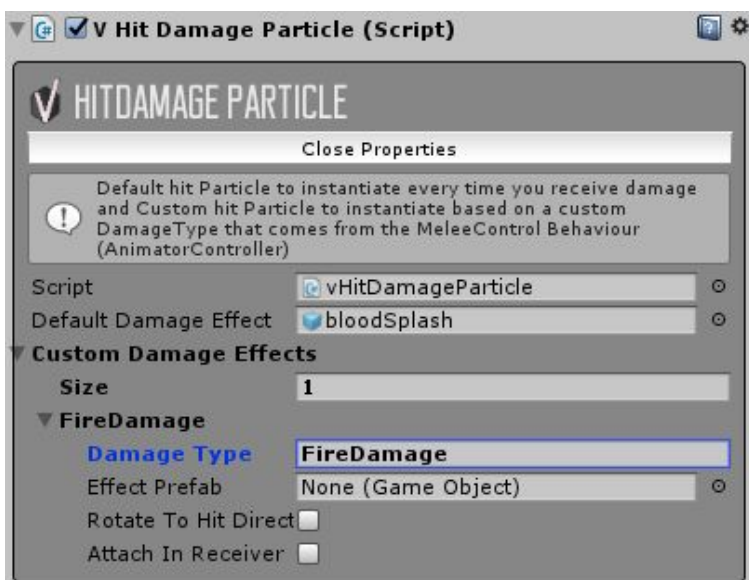
## HOW TO APPLY DAMAGE TO THE PLAYER

We have a few examples on how to apply damage to the Controller, basically you need the **vObjectDamage** script which is attached to the Pendulum and Spikes, an Object Damage can send damage to any object that uses a **vHealthController**.



- **DamageType**: Used together with the HitParticleDamage component, you can trigger different particles for different types of damage.

For example if you have an area with fire, you can add a vObjectDamage there and add a DamageType of "FireDamage", then add a Custom Damage Effect with the same DamageType to your **HitDamageParticle** on your Character and add the particle effect to burn your character.

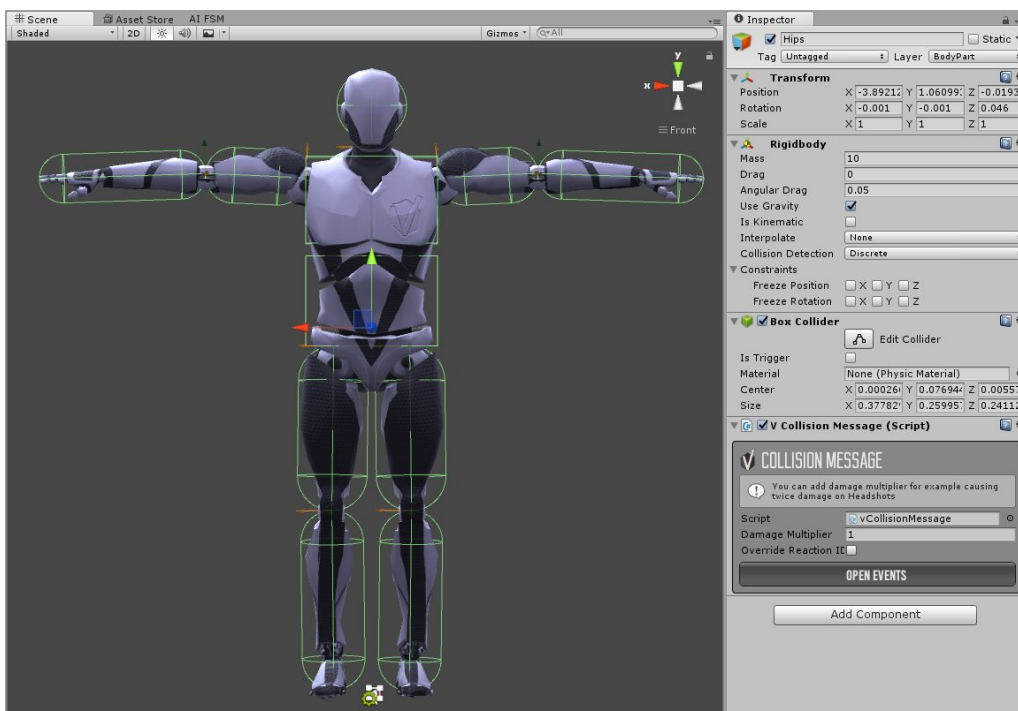


\*This component is attached to the Controller or any object that contains the HealthController

- **DamageValue:** How much damage it will be applied to the vHealthController of the target.
- **Stamina Block Cost:** You can ignore that option, it's only for the ThirdPersonController.
- **Stamina Recovery Delay:** You can ignore that option, it's only for the ThirdPersonController.
- **Ignore Defense:** If you're using a MeleeCombat Controller, it will ignore the defense and apply damage anyways.
- **Active Ragdoll:** It will activate the ragdoll on your character, if it has one.
- **Reaction ID:** You can trigger specific hit reaction animation, you can use -1 if you don't want to trigger any animation.
- **Override Damage Sender:** Assign the root object otherwise the AI will target the object that has this component instead. For Example: If you apply the vObjectDamage to be a Hitbox of a LeftHand of a character, the vHealthController or AI will have the LeftHand as the target instead of the GameObject parent.
- **Tags:** What tags you will apply damage to
- **Method:** OnTriggerEnter or OnCollisionEnter
- **Continuous Damage:** Useful for fire damage for example
- **Damage Frequency:** Frequency to apply the damage, if Continuous Damage is enabled.

Using the Ragdoll Colliders as BodyParts to inflict precise damage.

**SHOOTER** > If you want to cause damage for each body member using the ragdoll colliders, **UNCHECK** the "Disable Colliders" and you can add damage multiplier on each member.



\* You must use a different Layer in the Ragdoll Colliders like "BodyPart" and another for the main capsule collider like "Enemy", this way the Detection will detect the Enemy object as a target, but the ShooterManager will actually apply damage to the "BodyPart".



Bodyparts use the Damage Receiver to receive damage.

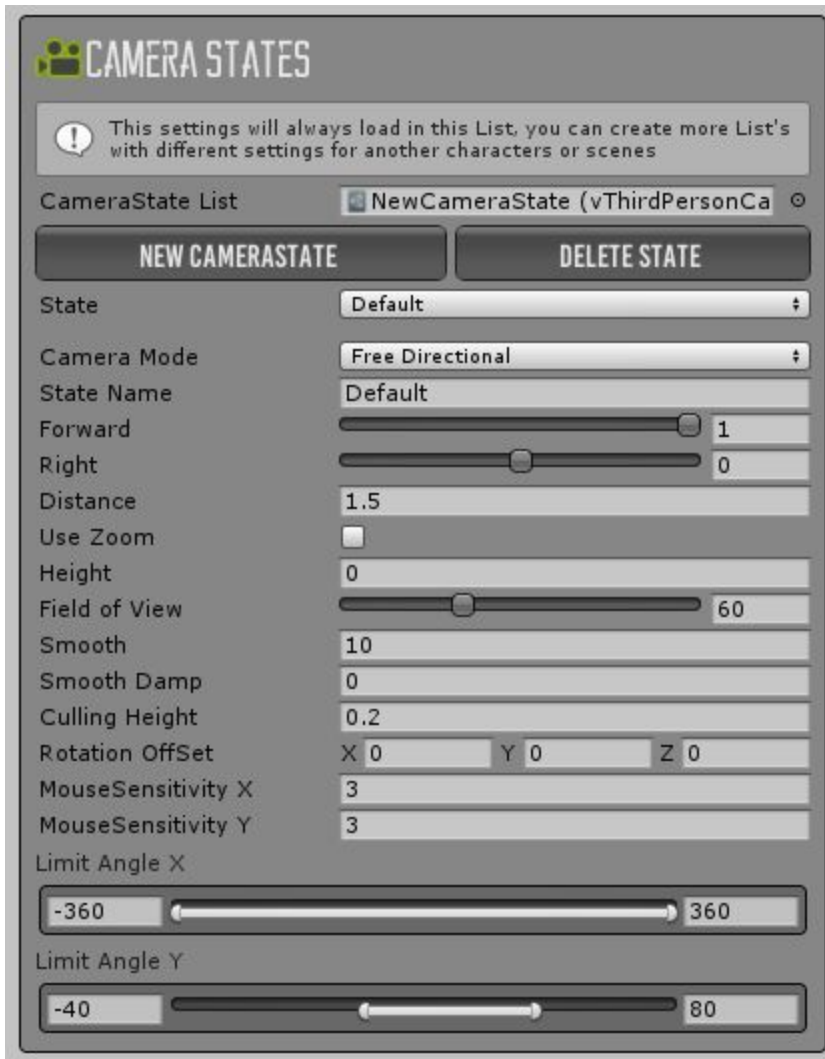
A DamageReceiver is attached to each ragdoll collider, this will allow to Player or AI to apply damage to each bodypart instead of the CapsuleCollider.

- **Damage Multiplier:** multiply the damage value
- **Override a Reaction ID:** Check this option to override the hit reaction animation to trigger a specific animation.

For example, if you want to cause 2x damage and trigger a specific reaction animation when shooting in the Head, simply change the values in this component.

## CREATING A NEW CAMERA STATE

With the Third Person Camera you can create new CameraStates to manage different values, states like “Default”, “Aiming”, “Crouch”, to set up new camera position, distance, height, etc.



You can call the method **ChangeCameraState()** from the `tplInput` via Triggers or Custom Scripts.

### Example:

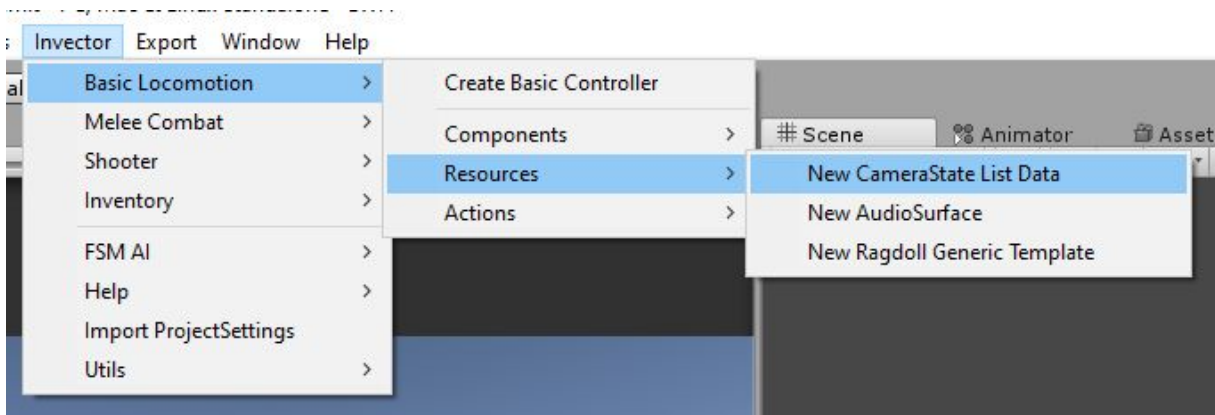
```
tplInput.ChangeCameraState(string cameraState, bool useLerp = true)
```

The first string value is the State Name that you created on the Camera Inspector, the second value is a bool, leave it true if you want a smooth transition to this state or false if not.

You can also call a method to reset to the defaultCameraState

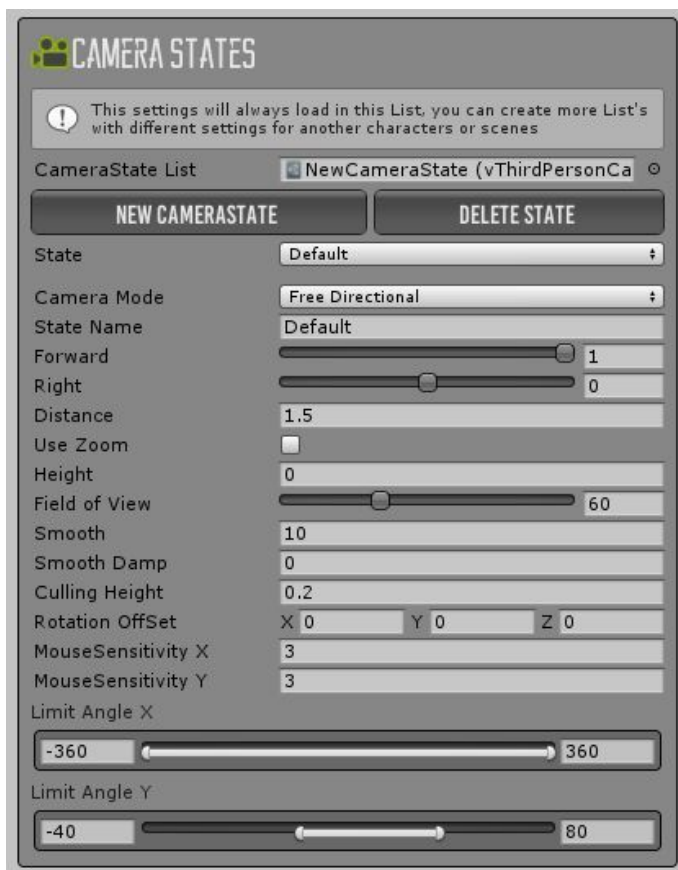
```
tplInput.ResetCameraState();
```

You can create a new **CameraState List Data** and assign it in the CameraState List field on TP Camera Inspector.



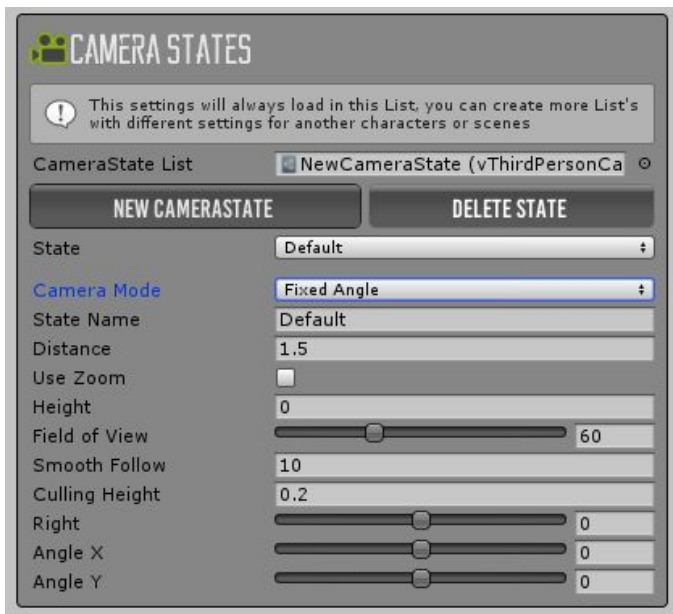
### CameraMode - Free Directional

This CameraMode offers a free directional - orbital around the character, with a lot of options to customize and make over the shoulders, or above the character, zoom (mouse only) etc...



## CameraMode - Fixed Angle

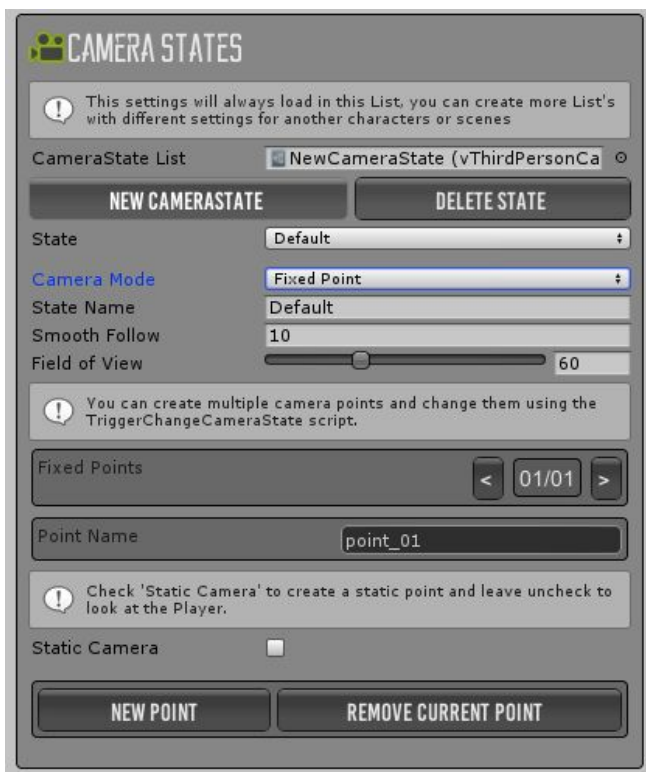
This is a feature to use for Isometric or Topdown games, you can set up a fixed rotation for the camera and make games like Diablo or MGS 1.



The screenshot shows the 'CAMERA STATES' configuration window. At the top, a message states: 'This settings will always load in this List, you can create more List's with different settings for another characters or scenes'. Below this, the 'CameraState List' is set to 'NewCameraState (vThirdPersonCa'. The window has two main buttons: 'NEW CAMERASTATE' and 'DELETE STATE'. The 'State' dropdown is set to 'Default'. The 'Camera Mode' dropdown is set to 'Fixed Angle'. The 'State Name' is 'Default'. The 'Distance' is 1.5. The 'Use Zoom' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Height' is 0. The 'Field of View' is 60. The 'Smooth Follow' is 10. The 'Culling Height' is 0.2. The 'Right' angle is 0. The 'Angle X' is 0. The 'Angle Y' is 0.

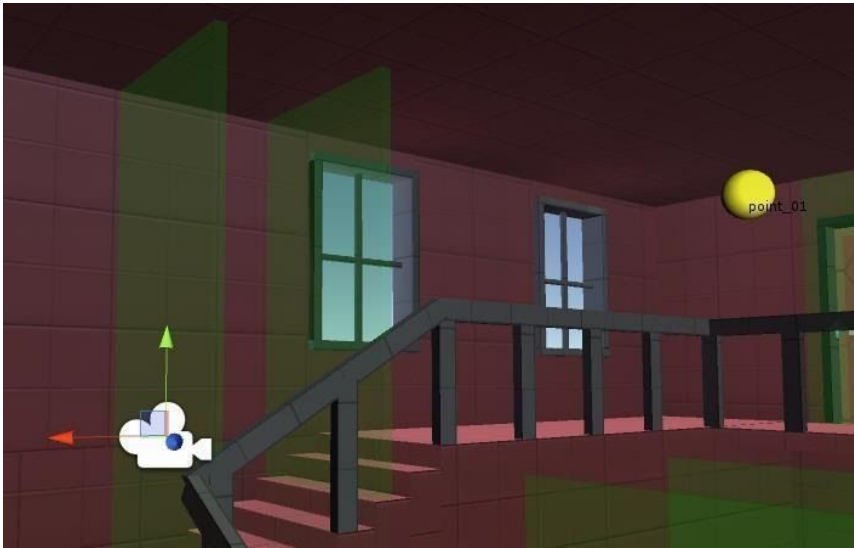
## CameraMode - Fixed Point

Fixed Points are states that you can create to use the Camera as a CCTV mode (Oldschool Resident Evil series), this state will follow the character by default or you can check Static Camera to make it fixed.



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You can also create multiple points and change with the **TriggerChangeCameraState** that has an option for smooth transition between points or not. \*always leave a safe-space between triggers



## XBOX CONTROLLER SUPPORT

This package works great with the **360 controller** and **XboxOne controller**.

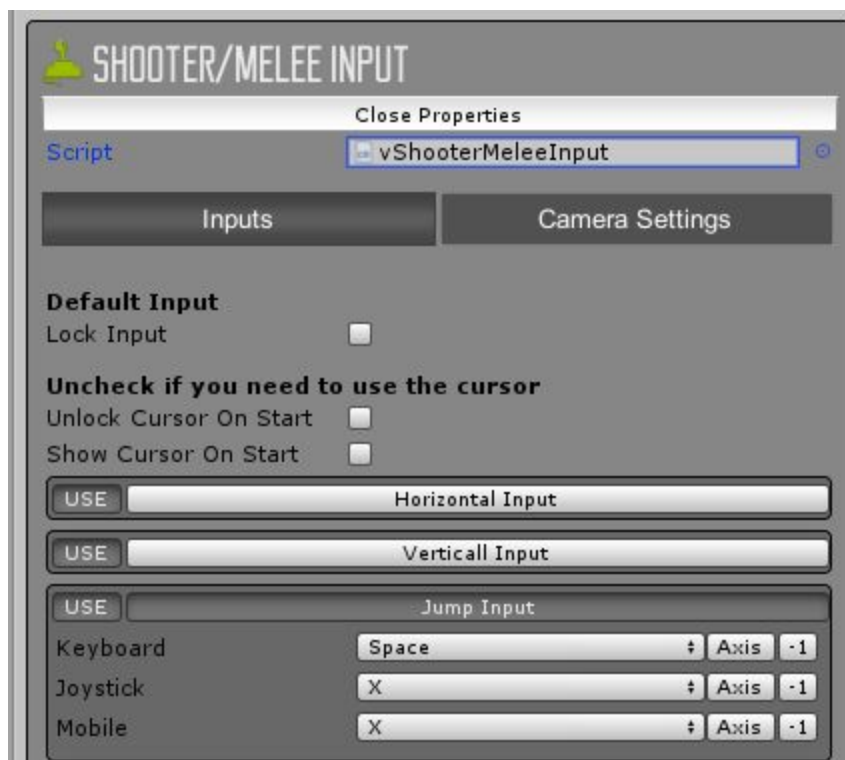
Make sure you imported our InputManager by going to **Investor > Import ProjectSettings**.

For other controllers like PS4, Logitech or Generic you need to remap the InputManager based on your controller inputs.

## INPUT MANAGER

The InputManager manages input for the character actions and movement.

If you created a **Basic Locomotion** it will use the **vThirdPersonInput**, if it's a **Melee Combat** character it will use the **vMeleeCombatInput**, and the **Shooter** uses the **vShooterMeleeInput**.

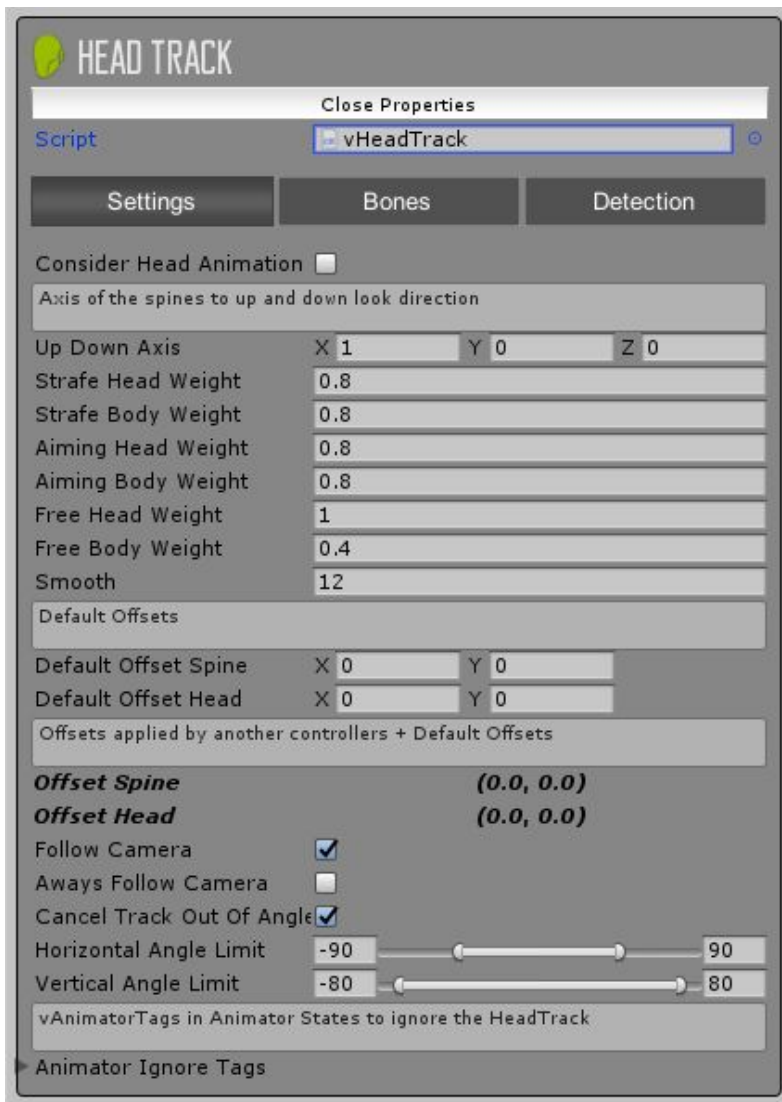
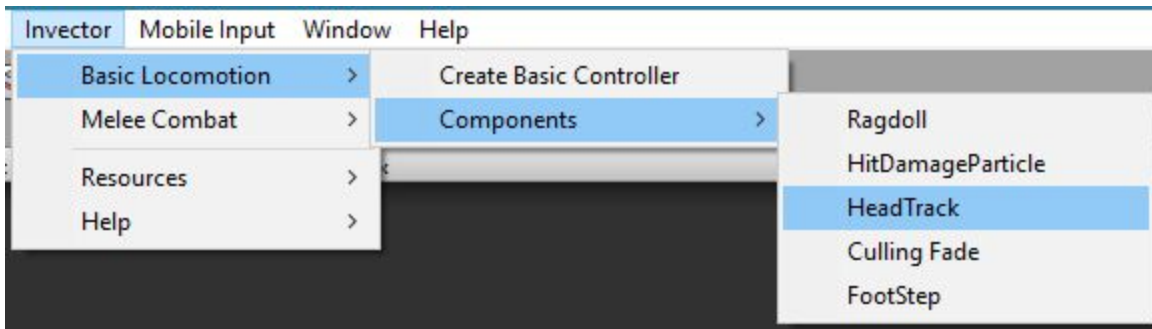


You can remap the input and disable it if you don't need to use it for your game.



# HEAD TRACK

\***Shooter** - automatically add the headtrack in order to aim up/down



**UpDownAxis:** Depending on your character's rig, the orientation could be different so if you're looking up/down and the character is responding left/right instead, try changing the value 1 of the X, Y, Z until the character looks normal.

**Weights:** You can set different weights depending on the **Locomotion Type** (Free Movement or Strafe)

**Angle X and Y:** You can limit the max angle to look up/down and left/right

**Smooth:** the speed to look at something

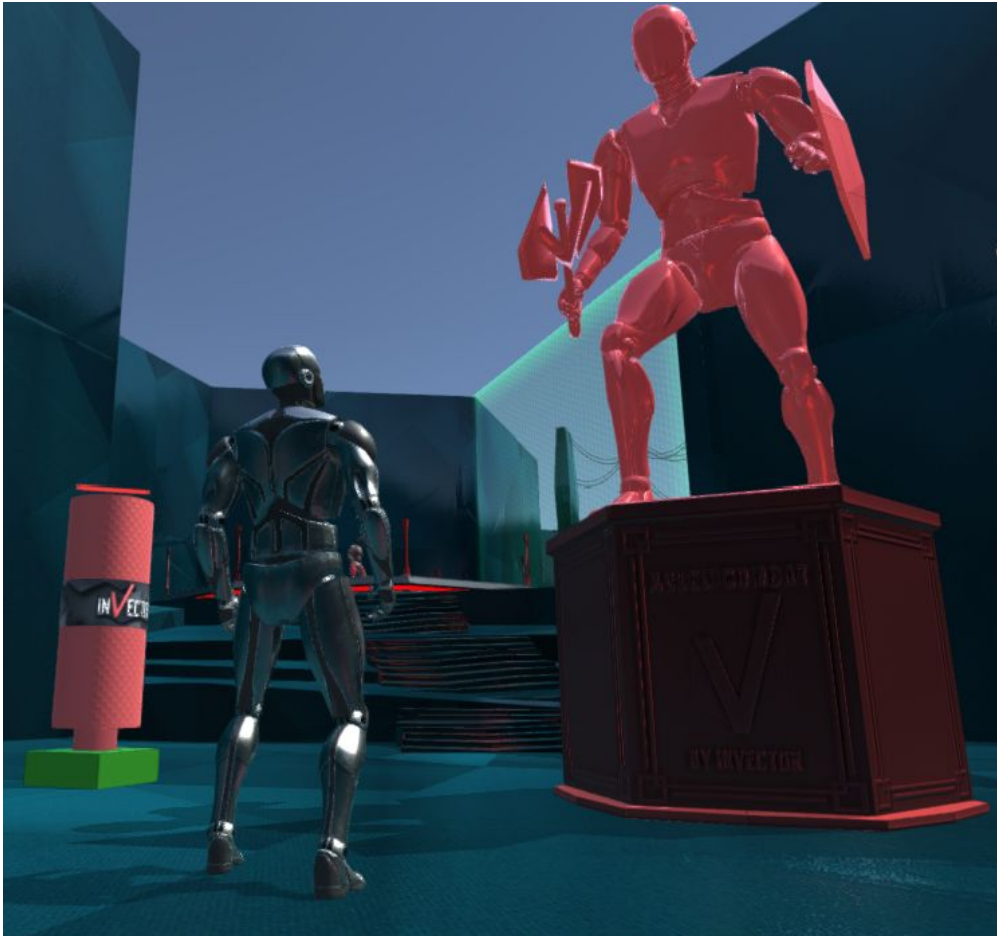
**AnimatorTags:** Which animator tags will ignore the Headtrack, for example you have an animation that the character opens a door and look at the knob, it's best to not use the headtrack while this animation is playing, making the animation play as it was designed without the headtrack interfering.

**Offset Spine//Head:** more offset options in case you want to fine tune your headtrack.

**Follow Camera:** tracks the camera forward, disable when using a topdown view

**Always FollowCamera:** force the controller to always follow the camera regardless of AnimatorTags

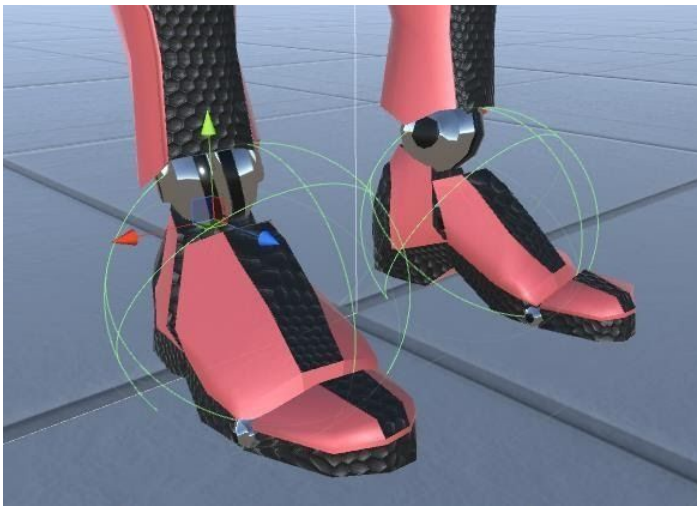
To make the character look at an object, you need to add the component **vLookTarget** into the object, you can take a look at several examples in the DemoScenes.



# FOOSTEP AUDIO SYSTEM

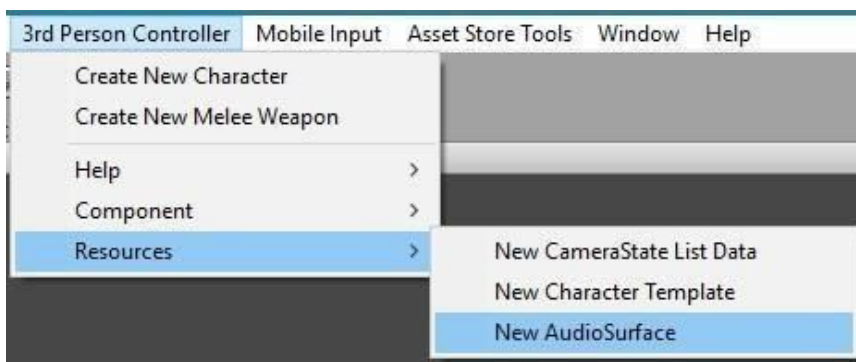
Video tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxesgNH0UBM>

When you create a new Character the FootStep component will be already attached, if you want to add a component into another Character go to the *3rdPersonController Menu > Component > FootStep*. The component will automatically create a **sphere collider** on the foot of your character, but you need to make sure that the Radius and Position of the sphere is **touching** the ground.



You can select the **LeftFoot** and **RightFoot** Sphere and manipulate the **Center XYZ** to position as you like, and change the **Collider Radius** too, the size of this sphere will depend on your Rig bone size. Assign the “*defaultSurface*” that comes with the package to have an example of how it works.

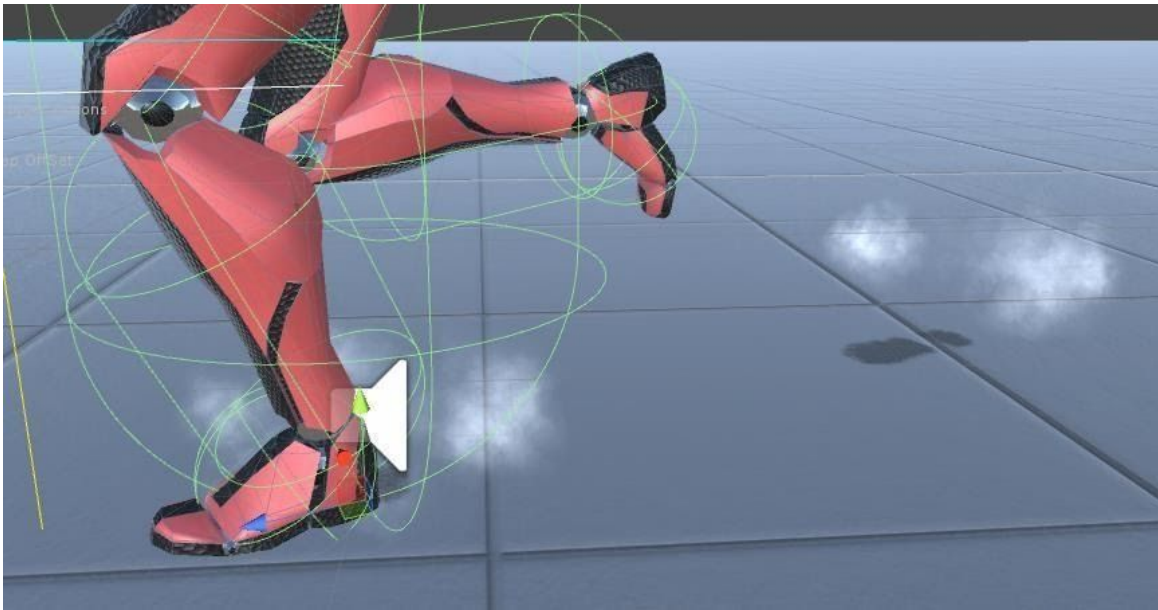
To create a new AudioSurface go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person Controller menu > Resources > New AudioSurface.



Now you can create **Custom Surfaces**, to play other audio clips based on the **material** that the sphere collider will hit. Assign the new CustomSurface to a new CustomSurface on the FootStep Inspector.

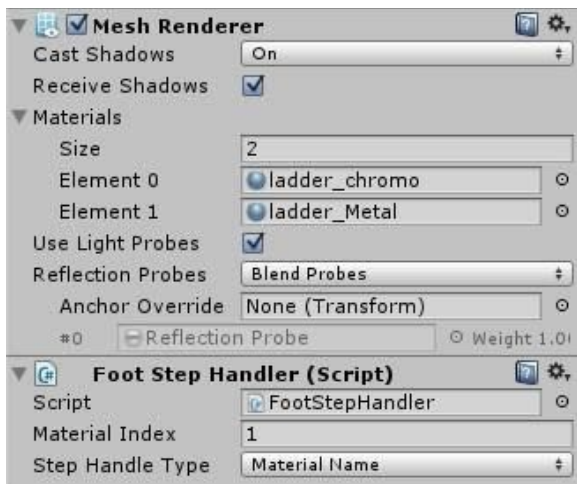


You can assign an AudioMixer for better control surfaces, and you can instantiate a **Particle** as well, see the example on the DefaultSurface call 'smoke' that also uses a **StepMark** sprite call SimpleStepMark.



### ***V1.1 Using the FootStep system in objects with multiple Materials***

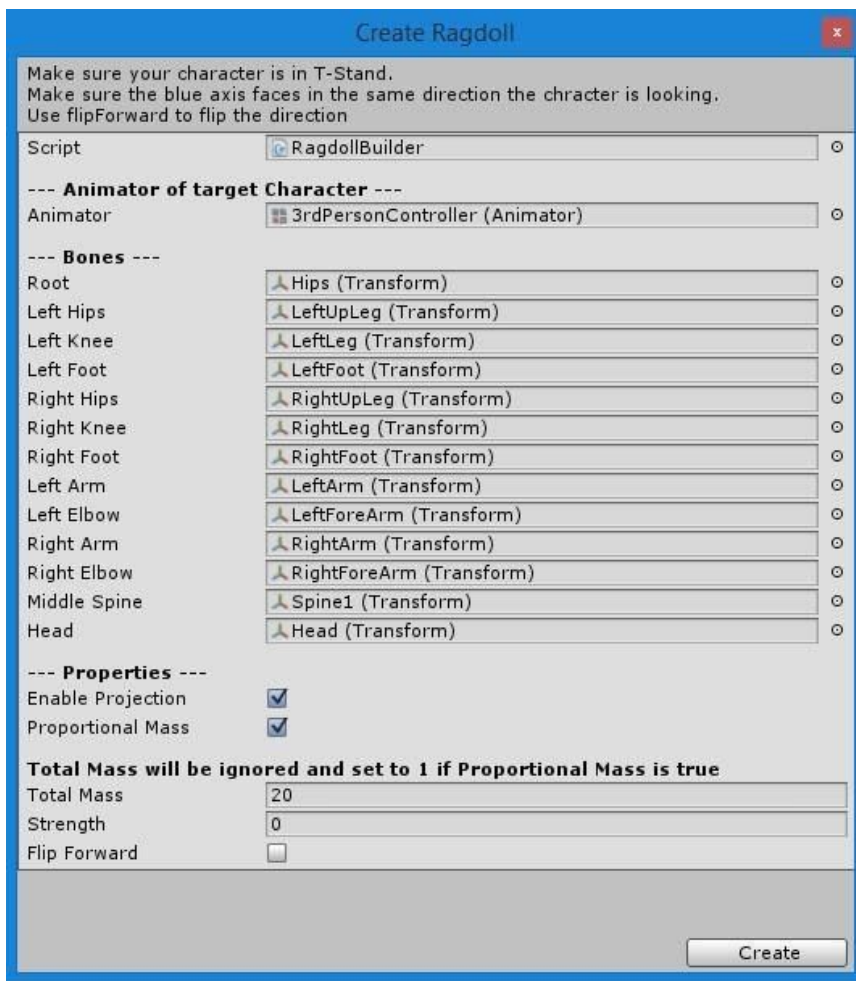
If your gameobject has multiple materials and you need to play a specific material, you can use the FootStepHandler script and set the correct Material Index of your object. (\*See example on the Ladder prefab)



## CREATING A RAGDOLL

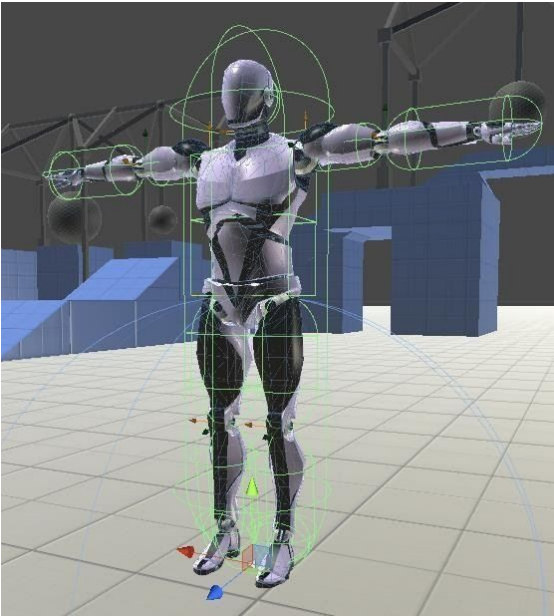
Creating a Ragdoll is just as easy as creating your Character, just go to the tab *Inspector > Basic Locomotion > Components > Ragdoll*.

If you have your character selected on the Hierarchy, all the fields will **autofill**, if not, just click on your character and it will autofill for you, this template was designed to **save time**, so you don't have to waste your time dragging and drop every bone, instead just hit the "Create" button and it's ready to go.



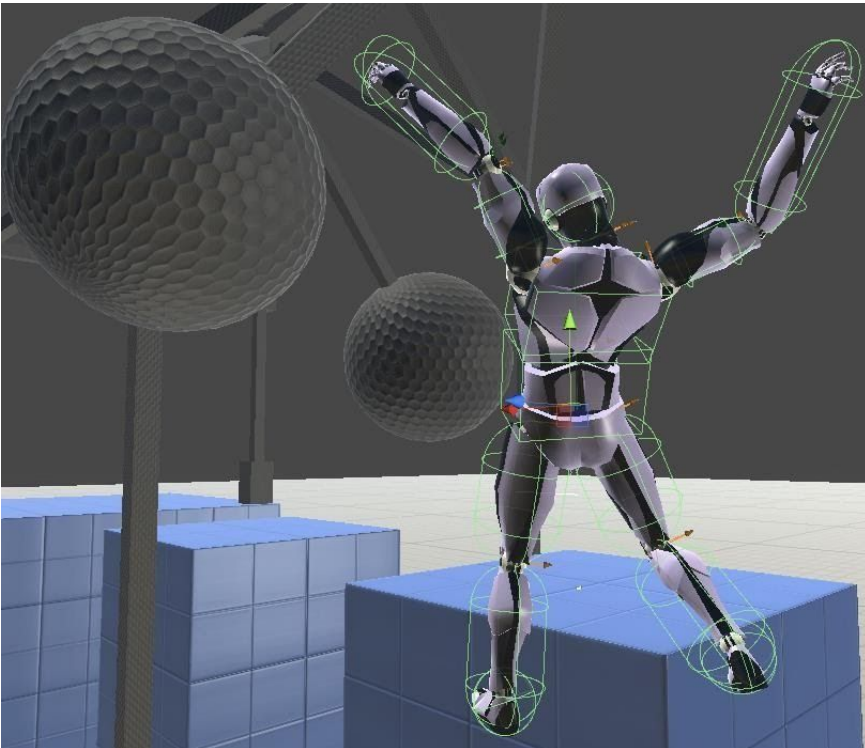
We strongly recommend keeping the **Enable Projection** and the **Proportional Mass** enabled, and do not forget to use **Scale Factor 1** on your **fbx Model**. This you provide better behavior of your ragdoll.



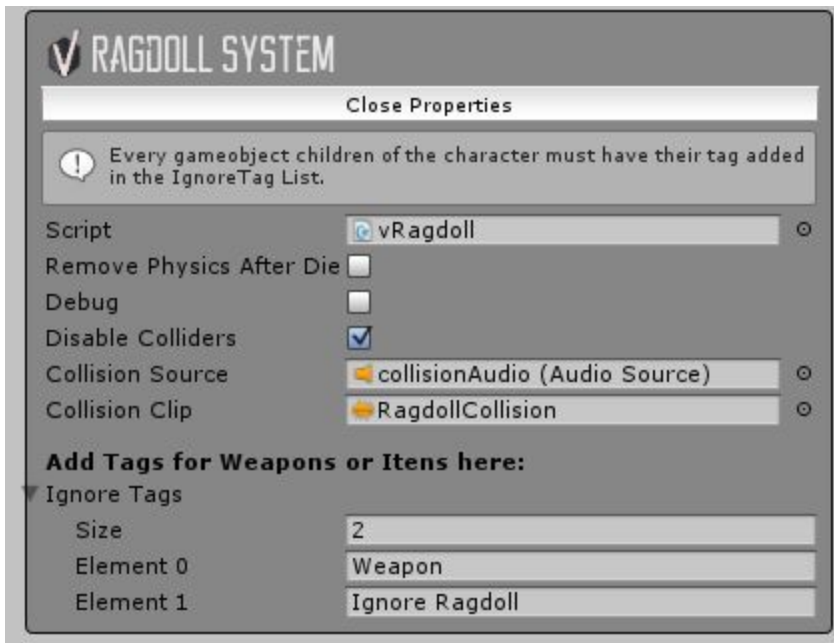


To enable the ragdoll, you can use the Script **ObjectDamage** or just call this line on the **OnCollisionEnter** method.

```
hit.transform.root.SendMessage ("ActivateRagdoll", SendMessageOptions.DontRequireReceiver);
```



**v1.1b** - Add “*Ignored Tags*” you can add a list of tags for objects that are children of the Player to keep the rotation correctly, otherwise it will mess up the rotation when the Ragdoll are on.



\* **SHOOTER** > If you want to cause damage for each body member using the ragdoll colliders, UNCHECK the “Disable Colliders” and you can add damage multiplier on each member.

Ps\* Don’t forget to add the Layer “BodyPart” for each collider.

## HOW TO ADD NEW ANIMATIONS/ACTIONS?

We have 2 excellent video tutorial showing examples on how to add simple and complex animations

Simple > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVqkSIQ4x2M>

Complex > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLWnsIQz-c>

## RAYCAST CHECKERS

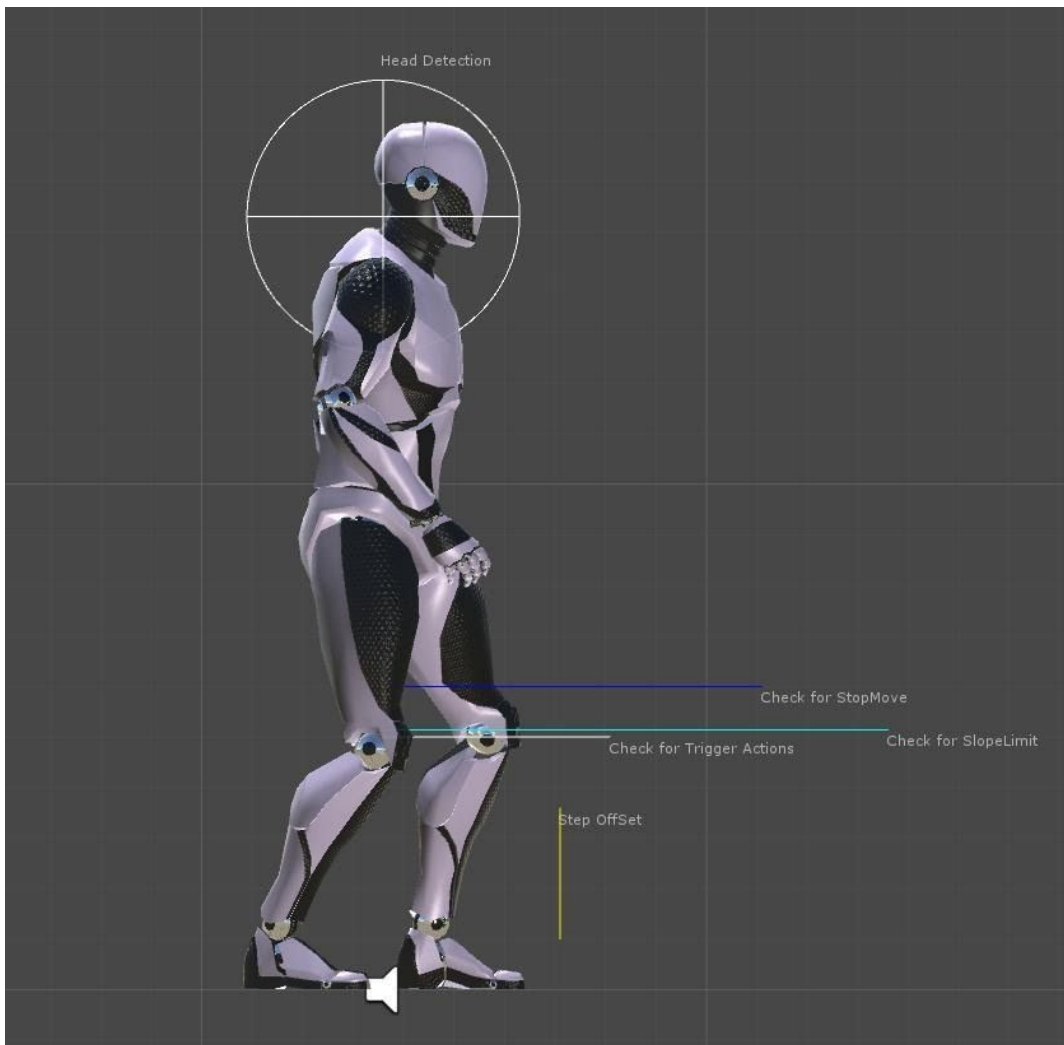


**Head Detection** is a SphereCast that will detect if an object above, and keep the character crouched, use the same layer as the Ground Layer (Default). Just adjust to sync with the height of your capsule collider.

**StopMove** is a Raycast that detect any object with the layer (Default, StopMove) to prevent the character to walk in place, you can use a StopMove in an invisible wall for example, and the camera will not clip, because the culling layer is set to “Default”.

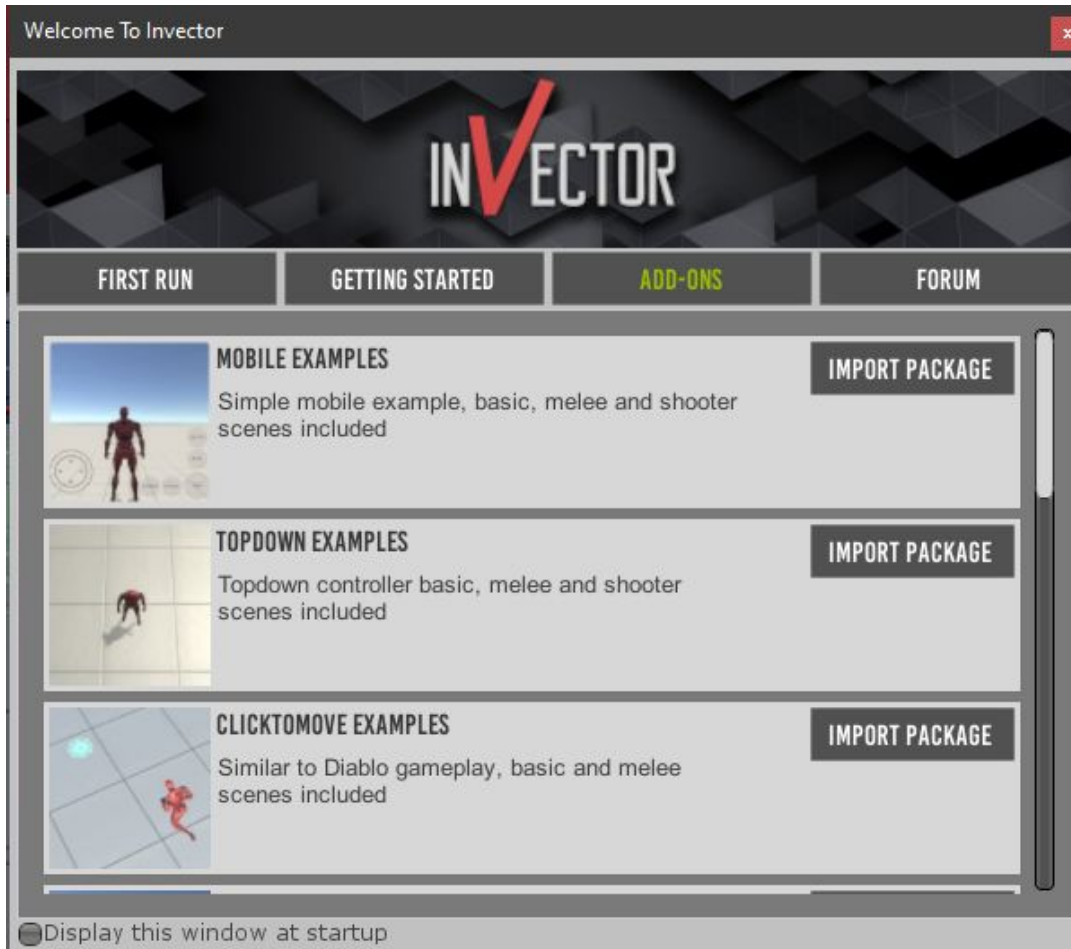
**SlopeLimit** will prevent the character from walking in absurd angle heights, float customizable on the Player Inspector.

**StepOffset** is to help the character walk in custom height steps, adjust the values on the Player Inspector.

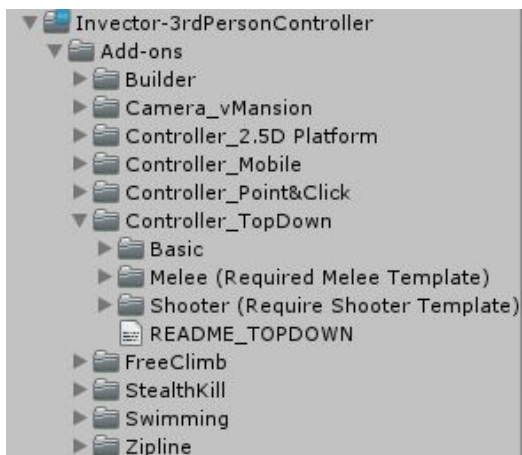


## TOPDOWN / 2.5D / POINT & CLICK CONTROLLER / MOBILE

We have different types of controllers that are included in the project as a bonus, you can import those packages by going to *Invector* > *Add-ons*



If you don't own the Melee or Shooter templates, you don't need to import their folders.



To turn your Third Person Controller into a TopDown or Isometric controller just go into your ThirdPersonCamera and change the CameraState to **TopDown@CameraState**, **Isometric@CameraState** or **2.5@CameraState** depending on what controller you want.



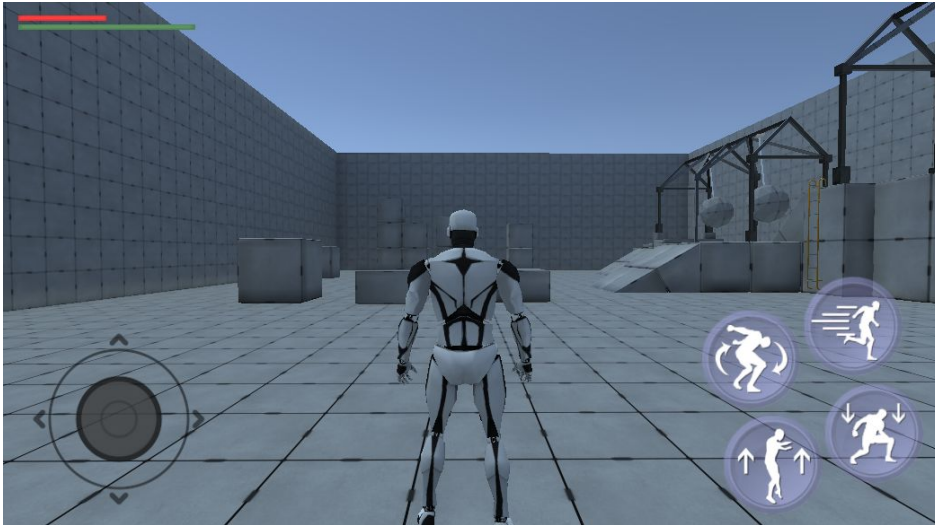
Go to the add-on folder you want and replace your current **vThirdPersonController** component for the **vTopDownController** or **2\_5Dcontroller** in the Player Inspector.

To use the **Point&Click** you can still use the **vThirdPersonController**, but you will need to replace the Input to **vPointAndClickInput** or **vMeleePointClickInput** (if it's a melee character), for more information check the **Invector\_Point&Click\_Melee**.

And for the **2.5DController** check the 2.5Demo scene, you will need a 2.5Path to navigate.

## MOBILE CONTROLS

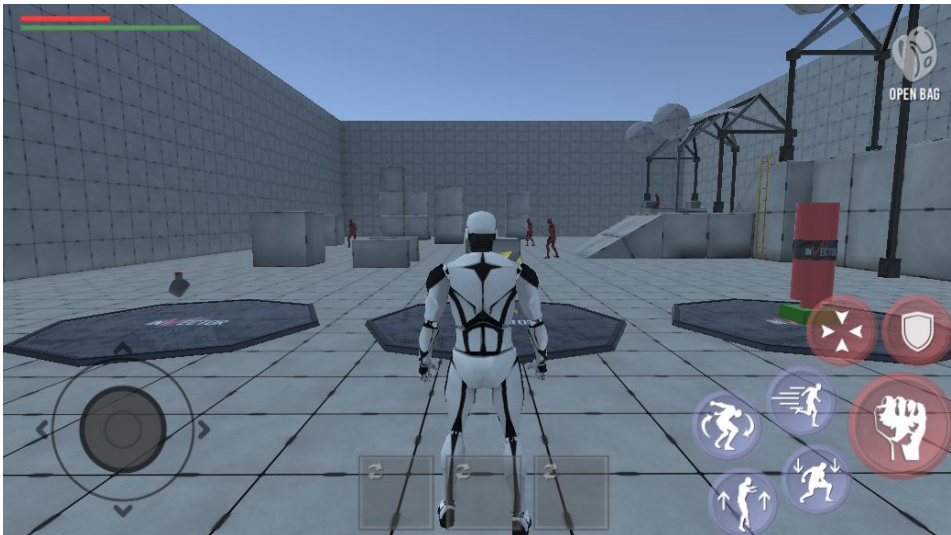
You can import the Mobile demo scenes by going to the menu *Inspector > Addons*.



After importing the mobile package, you can create a regular ThirdPersonController using the Character Creator Window and drag and drop a Mobile UI prefab inside your character.

You can find the MobileUI prefab examples inside each folder Basic, Melee or Shooter

*ps\* You must own the MeleeCombat or Shooter Templates in order to use their prefabs, otherwise you will receive warnings about missing content.*

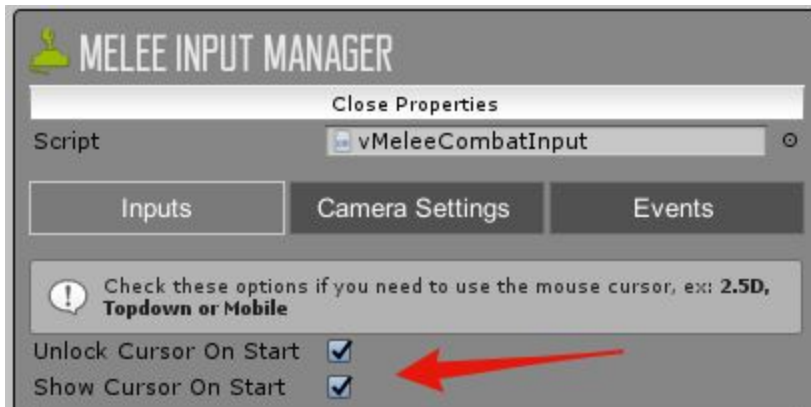


Make sure to check the options “Unlock Cursor and Show Cursor” when using the Mobile UI.

*vThirdPersonInput > Basic Controller*

*vMeleeCombatInput > Melee Controller*

*vShooterMeleeInput > Shooter or Shooter w/ Melee Controller*

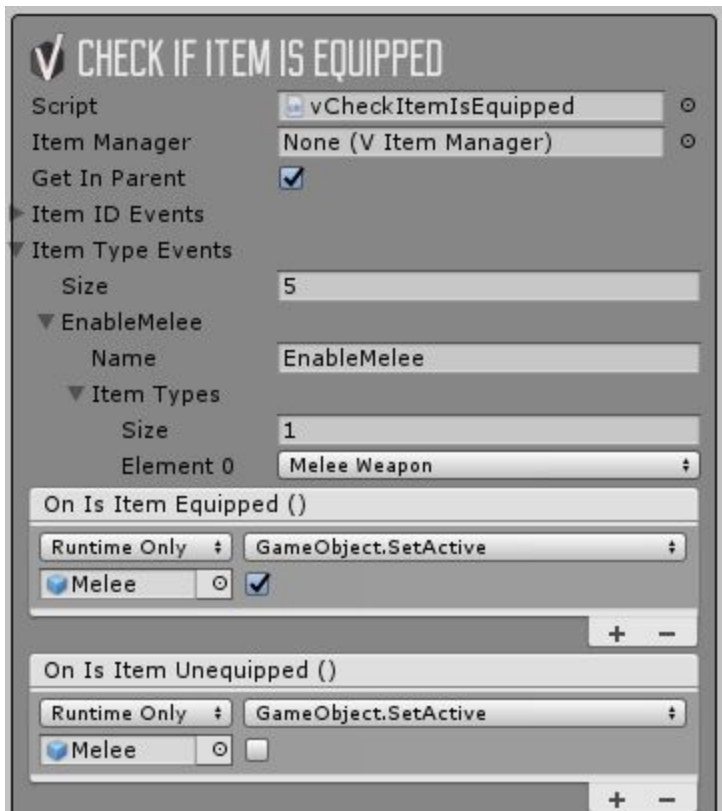


After setting up the controller and aligning the handlers, search for the Mobile UI Controls prefabs:

**MobileUI\_ShooterMelee\_Inventory** - if you want to use Inventory

**MobileUI\_ShooterMelee\_NoInventory** - if you don't want to use Inventory, check the demo scenes to see how it works and choose one style for your game.

You can use the component **vCheckItemsIsEquipped** if you're using the Inventory to turn on/off mobile buttons:



If you're not using the Inventory, you can use the **vCollectShooterMeleeControl** Events to manage the buttons, it identifies if you're using a shooter weapon or a melee weapon only.

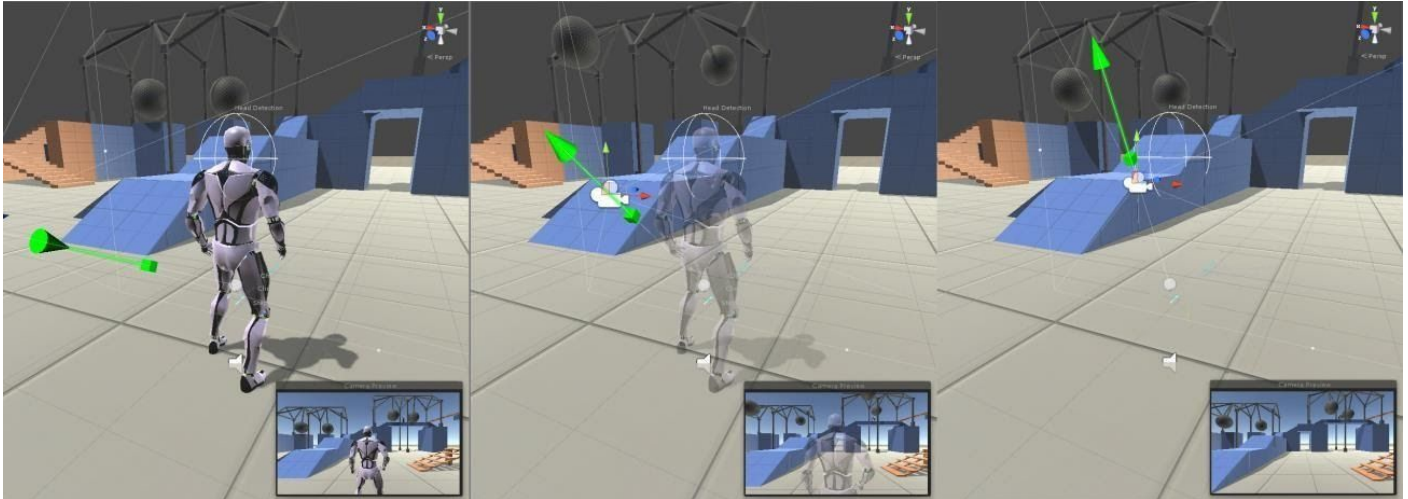




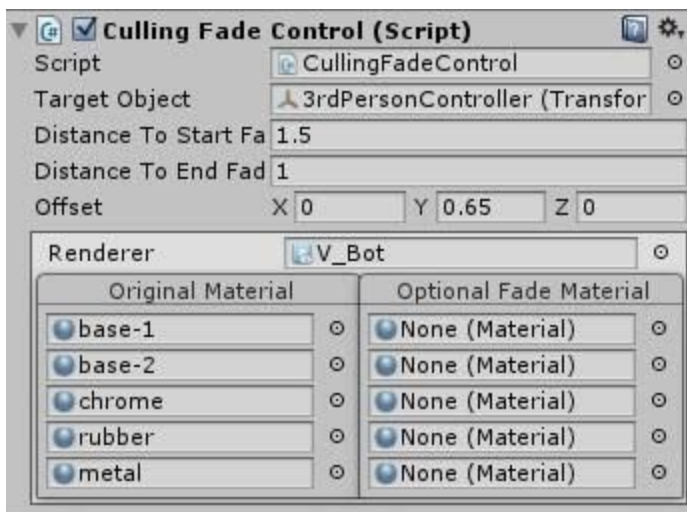
## CAMERA CULLING FADE

We add a Culling Fade script for the camera to avoid see through the character's mesh, you can set up the distance to start fading and an offset.

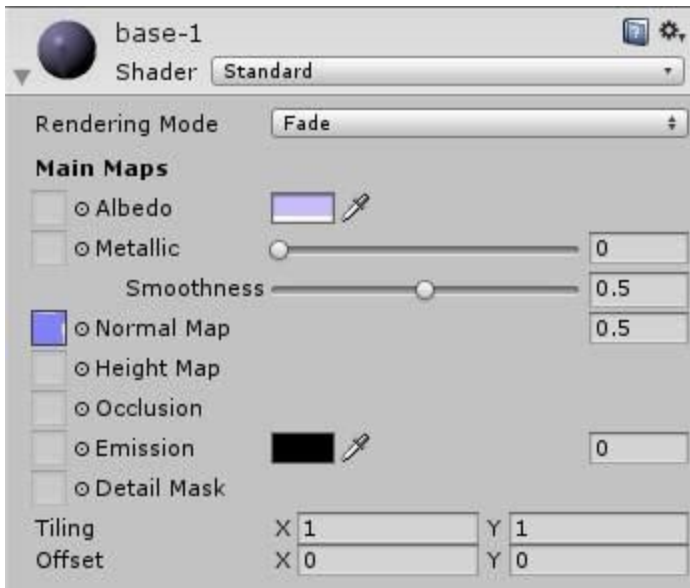
*Example:*



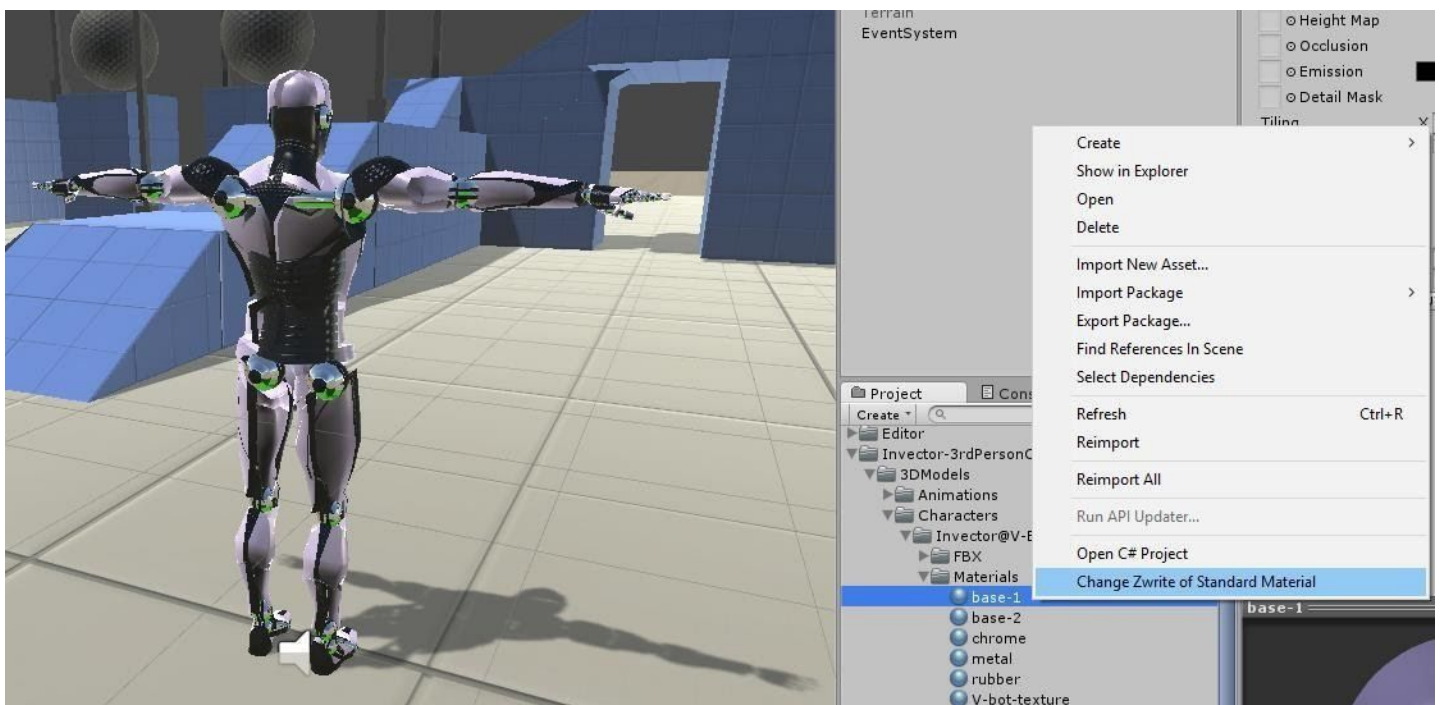
Our Culling Fade will set up automatically for the default Standard Shader of Unity's, but you also can use custom shaders, just make an additional copy with the fade material and assign in the "Optional Fade Material" field.



If you are using the Standard Shader, just select the Rendering Mode "Fade" on the Material.



The character will look like this (picture below) but you can fix by right clicking at the material and “Change Zwrite of Standard Material”.



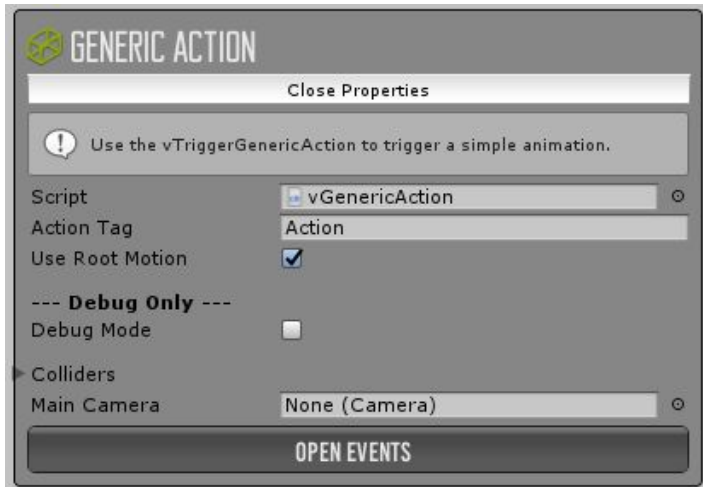
**UPDATE V1.1B** - now the script will be attached into the Controller just like the Ragdoll and the Footstep, It's a modular feature.



# GENERIC ACTION (HOW TO INTERACT WITH OBJECTS)

Video tutorial is also available: <https://youtu.be/hLLWnsIQz-c>

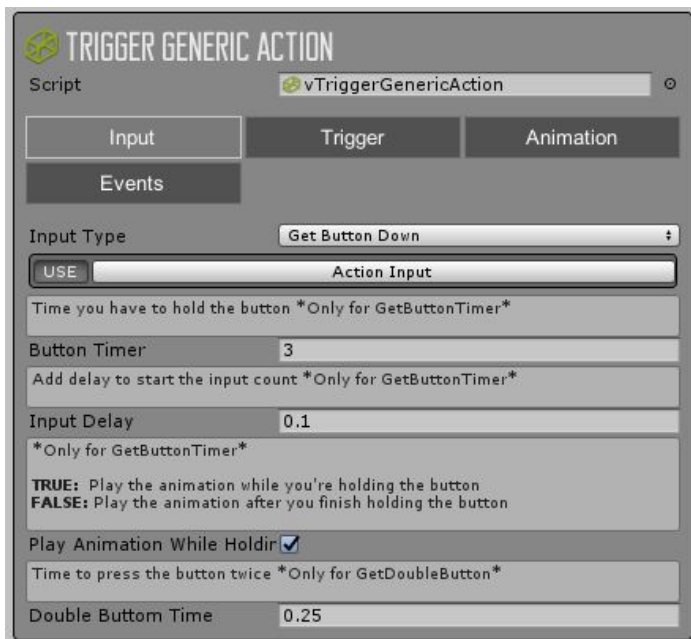
The GenericAction is a system designed to trigger simple interaction animations such as opening a door, jump over an obstacle, push a lever, etc...



*(This component is already added to a Player when creating a new controller)*

You need to add a **vTriggerGenericAction** component on a collider **IsTrigger** to perform the action.

In the **Input** tab you can assign an **ActionInput** to trigger the action and select between the **InputType** **GetButtonDown**, **GetDoubleButton**, **GetButtonTimer** or perform an **AutoAction** as soon as the player enters the trigger.



There are several options in the **Trigger** tab such as disabling the player gravity and collision, only performing the action if the player is facing the trigger forward, destroying the trigger after the interaction, etc... every option has a description of what it does:

**TRIGGER GENERIC ACTION**

Script: **vTriggerGenericAction**

**Input** | **Trigger** | **Animation**

**Events**

Action Tag: **Action**

Disable this trigger OnStart

Disable On Start ☐

Disable the Player's Capsule Collider Collision, useful for animations with closer interactions

Disable Collision ☒

Disable the Player's Rigidbody Gravity, useful for on air animations

Disable Gravity ☒

It will only use the trigger if the forward of the character is close to the forward of this transform

Active From Forward ☒

Max angle between character forward and trigger forward to active trigger

Forward Angle:  30

Rotate Character to the Forward Rotation of this Trigger

Use Trigger Rotation ☒

Destroy this Trigger after pressing the Input or AutoAction or finishing the Action

Destroy After ☐

Change your CameraState to a Custom State while playing the animation

Custom Camera State: **Default**

In the **Animation** tab, you must assign the name of the animation clip you want to play it  
(not required, you can perform an action without playing an animation as well)

If you need to align the player into a specific position you can use the [MatchTarget](#) option or our Curve system to place the character into a custom transform while playing the animation.



## TRIGGER GENERIC ACTION

Script

vTriggerGenericAction

Input

Trigger

Animation

Events

Trigger a Animation - Use the exactly same name of the AnimationState you want to trigger, don't forget to add a vAnimatorTag to your State

Play Animation

StepUp

Check the Exit Time of your animation (if it doesn't loop) and insert here.



For example if your Exit Time is 0.8 and the Transition Duration is 0.2 you need to insert 0.5 or lower as the final value.

Always check with the Debug of the GenericAction if your animation is finishing correctly, otherwise the controller won't reset to the default

End Exit Time Animation

0.7

Use a ActionState value to apply special conditions for your AnimatorController transitions

Animator Action State

0

Reset the ActionState parameter to 0 after playing the animation

Reset Animator Action State ☒

Use Animator Match Target ☐

Use a empty transform as reference for the MatchTarget

Match Target

target (Transform)

Select the bone you want to use as reference to the Match Target

Avatar Target

Left Hand

### Curve Match target system

Use Local X ☐

Use Local Z ☒

Match Position XZ Curve

Match Position Y Curve

Match Rotation Curve



**These properties are related to the animator's matchtarget system.**  
To use our new system curve based, **uncheck the UseAnimatorMatchTarget**  
**This properties will be removed in next update**

### Animator Match target system

Check what positions XYZ you want the matchTarget to work

Match Pos

X 0

Y 1

Z 1

Rotate Weight for your character to use the matchTarget rotation

Match Rot

0

Time of the animation to start the MatchTarget goes from 0 to 1

Start Match Target

0.2

Time of the animation to end the MatchTarget goes from 0 to 1

End Match Target

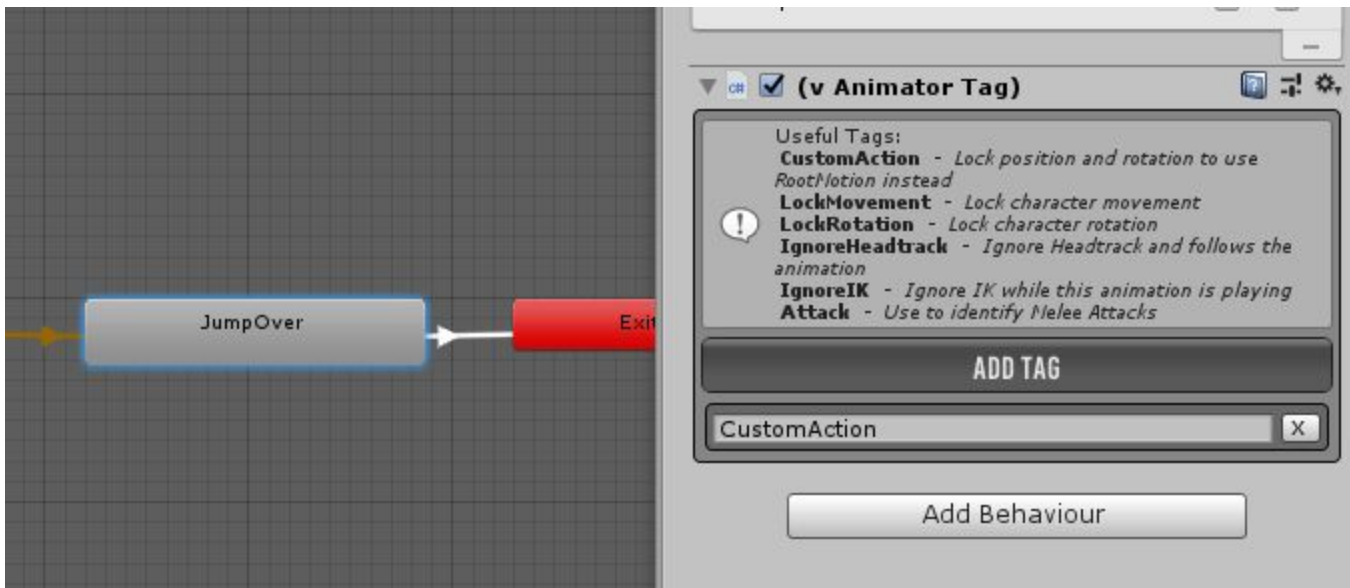
0.6

And in the Events tab you can trigger things like Playing a sound or particle effect once you PressTheActionInput, StarAnimation, EndAnimation, FinishTimerInput, etc...

The GenericAction is a very powerful tool for the template, and there are several generic actions included in the project, open the Basic Locomotion demo scene to see those examples in action.



When adding a new Animation to your Action StateMachine, make sure to use the vAnimatorTag “CustomAction” to it, so that the Controller knows you’re doing an Action.



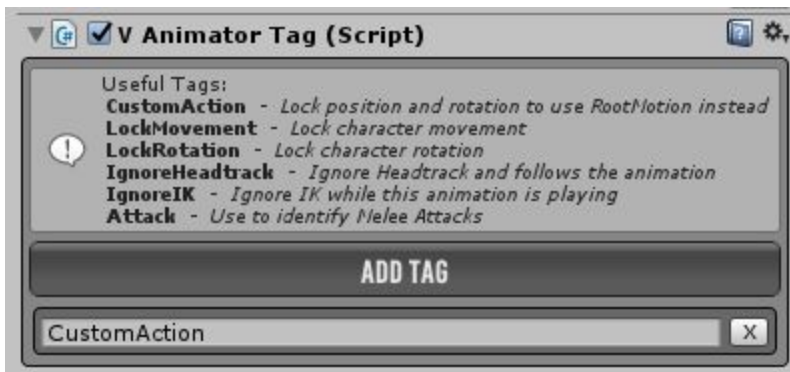
# ANIMATOR TAG

This is an Animator Behavior that you can attach directly on Animation State inside the AnimatorController, it's useful to know what animation is being played and what you can do while this animation is playing.

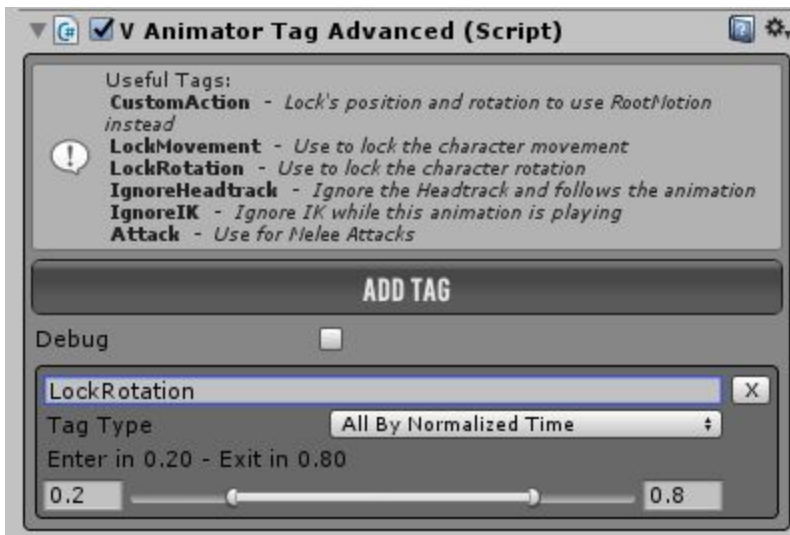
We have a few useful built in tags such as the image below in the infobox, but you can also create your own tag and verify in code, for example:

First access the `vThirdPersonController` via script so you can call the method

```
if(tpController.IsAnimatorTag("MyCustomTag")
{
    //do stuff
}
```



We also have a **AnimatorTagAdvanced** in case you want to check a tag but only during a certain period of the animation, every animation goes from 0 to 1 and you can filter the tag to only run your method during this time.



# ANIMATOR EVENT MESSAGE/RECEIVER

Send a message from a AnimationState to any GameObject:

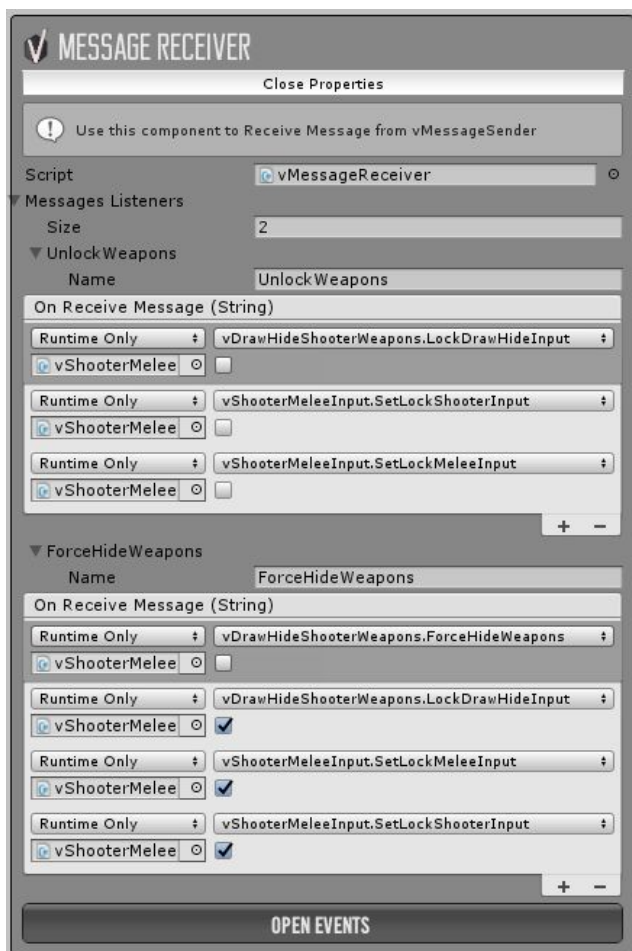
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZn53kKsl0I>

## MESSAGE SENDER/RECEIVER

With this component you can create Custom Messages and call several public methods using Events and trigger them at any time by using a trigger for example.

In this example we have 2 Message Listeners:

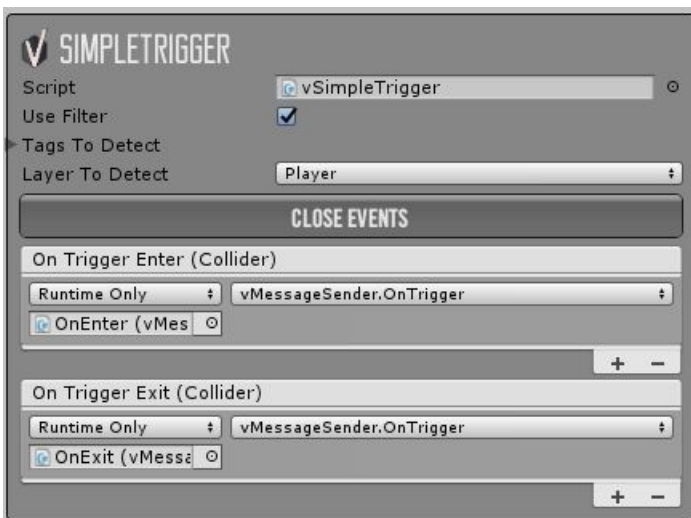
- ForceHideWeapons will lock the input of drawing weapons and call the methods to lock the Shooter and Melee input, it's useful for example when entering a npc area were you cannot attack anyone.
- UnlockWeapons were we call the method to unlock the hide weapons input and unlock the shooter and melee input.



This is just one example, you can create any listener and call any public method you need.

Now to trigger those combined events of the MessageReceiver, we will use the vMessageSender to send the message and the vSimpleTrigger to detect collision with the Player.

We created 2 empty gameObject called OnEnter and OnExit, add the vMessageSender and create the Message ForceHideWeapons and UnlockWeapons, we also checked the option SendByTrigger since we're going to use the vSimpleTrigger to detect the player.



Now in the vSimpleTrigger we can use the option Use Filter to only detect the Tag and Layer "Player", create a box collider or mesh collider with the option IsTrigger checked and the layer "Triggers" that matches the size you want and call the method "vMessageSender.OnTrigger" for each Event OnTriggerEnter and OnTriggerExit.



# BODY SNAPPING ATTACHMENTS

We created this feature to make it easier to transfer attachments from one controller to another.

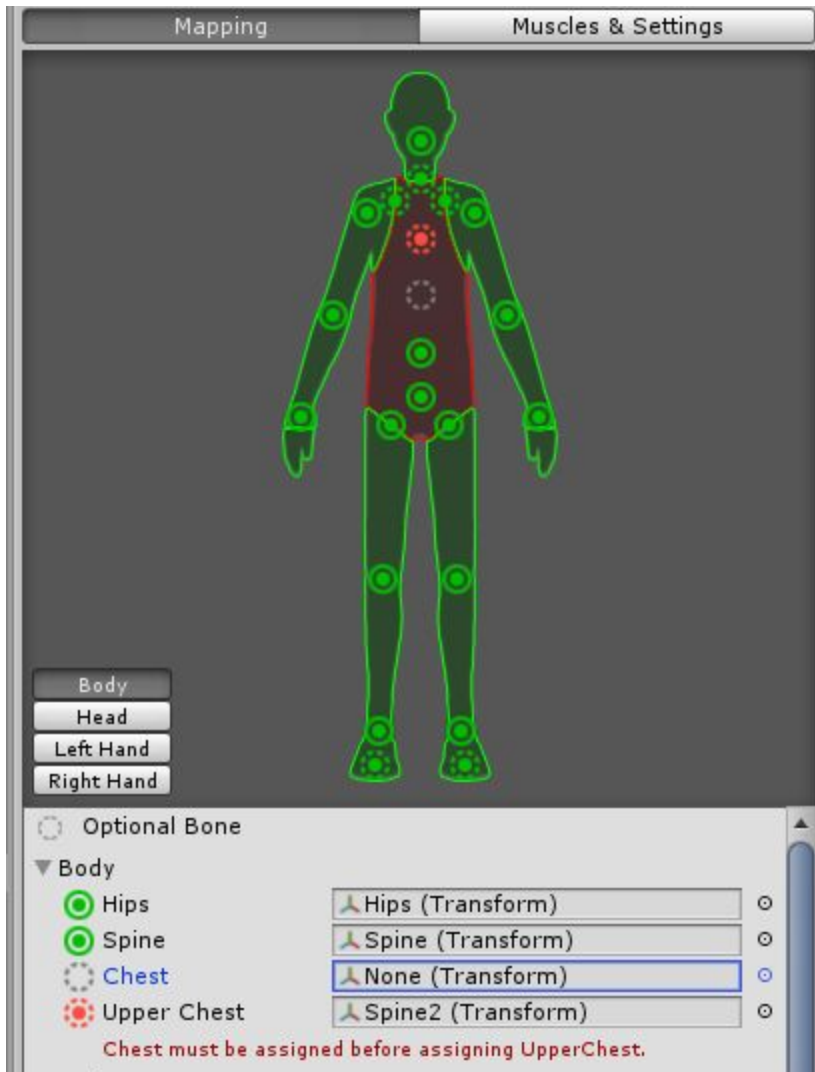
This means that you can create a Prefab of a Character Attachments and quickly add to another character, without the need of adding attachments one by one on each bone.

First, create an Empty GameObject inside your character, add the “**vBodySnappingControl**” and hit the “Create New BodyStruct”.

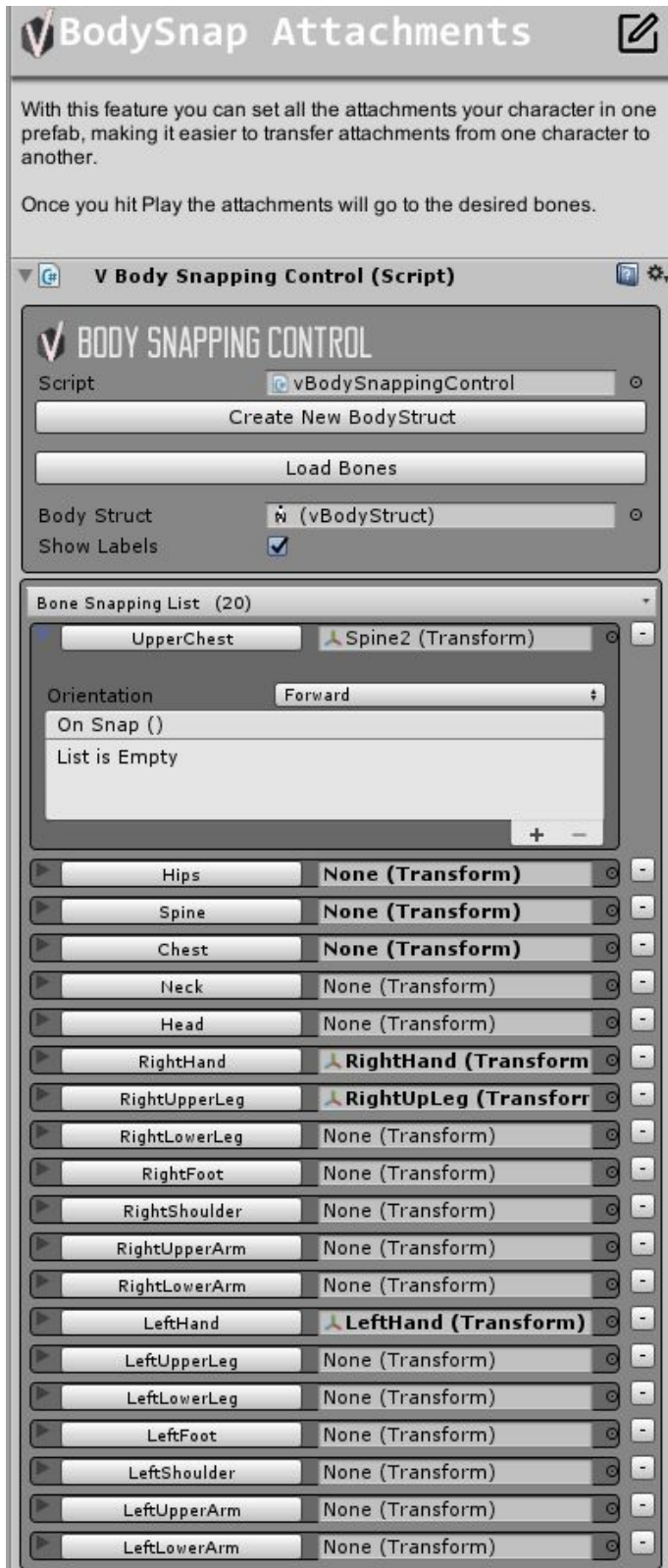




If your Avatar is already set up as Humanoid and all the bones are correctly mapped, it will all be automatically assigned for you, in some cases Unity doesn't recognize a Spine or Chest, so you need to fix by going to your Avatar and assigning the correct Bone, example:



Now going back to our Character BodySnap Control, you can add all your character attachments such as particles that activated on a specific bone, itemManager Handles, anything that you may use and assigned to a specific bone, once you hit Play that GameObject will be attached to the bone you assigned.



## SNAP TO BODY

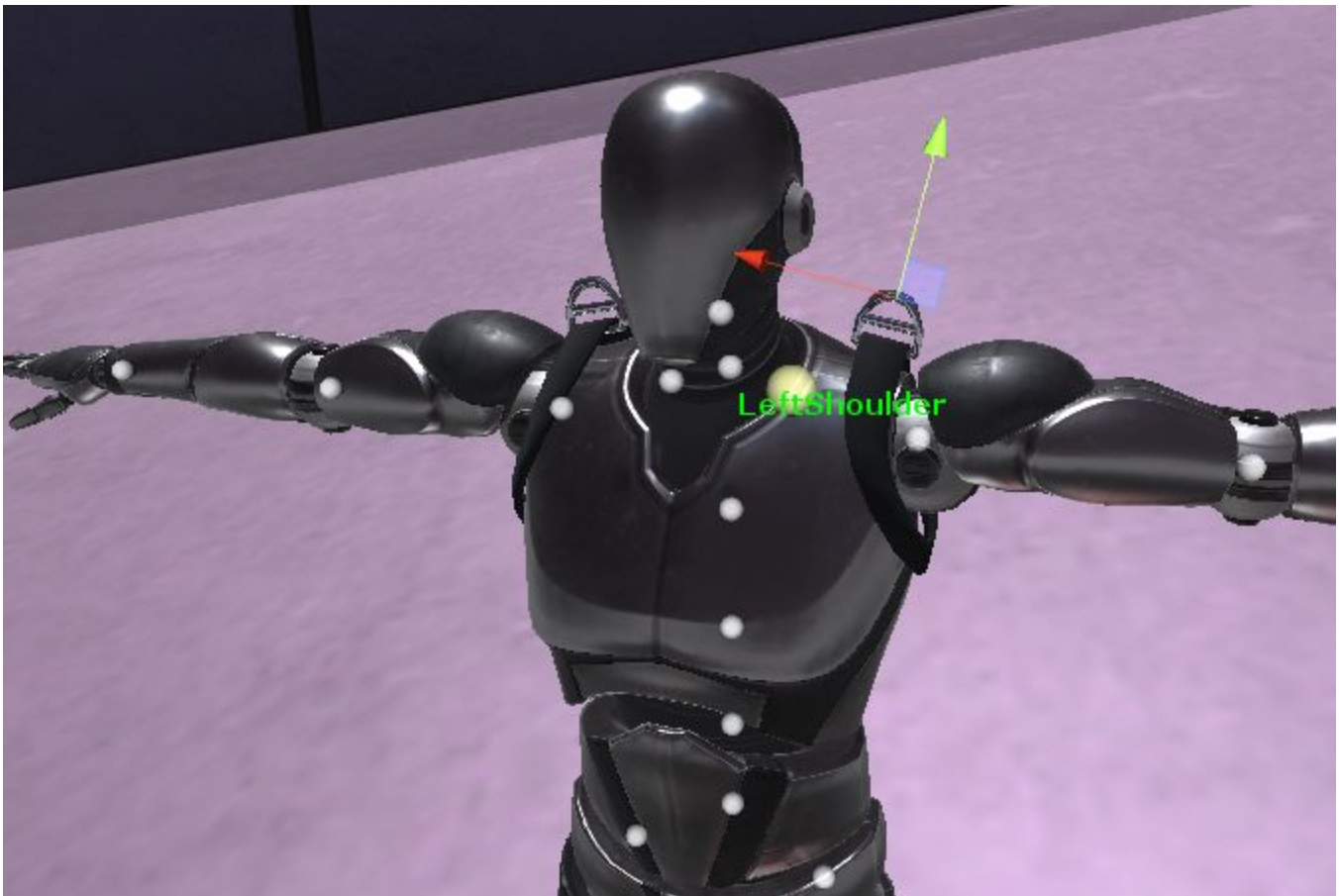
*\*Use this component with a vBodySnappingControl*

Attach this component to any object to make it snap to a specific bone when you hit Start.



For example, instead of manually drag and drop objects like Armour, Helmet, Capes, etc... to each bone of your character, you can create a Prefab called “Attachments” and add ‘SnapToBody’ on each object and assign where this object must be attached.

This makes the workflow much easier when replacing the character model for example.



**- MELEE FEATURES -**

# MELEE MANAGER

V2.0 - You can add a **Melee Manager** Component by opening the Invector tab > Melee Combat > Component

**Open Default Info:** here you can setup the default values for Hand to Hand Combat

**Open Events:** here you can add generic events like trigger something when you make damage

**Add Extra Body Member:** If you need an extra hitbox for example a Head Hitbox for a zombie, you can add

**Who you can Hit > Important** this is the tag that will receive Damage, so if you are using this component on the Player, assign the Tags of the gameObjects that you want to apply damage (the receiver need to have the method TakeDamage).

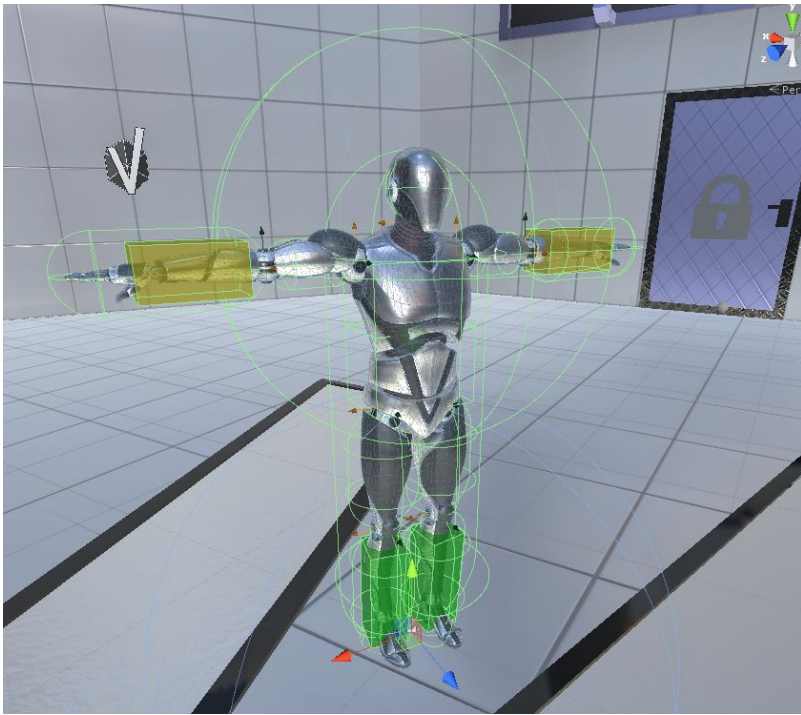
**Use Recoil >** Check if you want the character to trigger a recoil animation when hit a wall

**Recoil Range >** max angle to allow trigger the recoil animation

**Hit Recoil Layer >** the layer that will affect the recoil (usually it's the Default layer)



When you assign the **MeleeManager** component into your character, it will automatically create default hitboxes for both hands and legs, you can add an extra hitbox if you need.

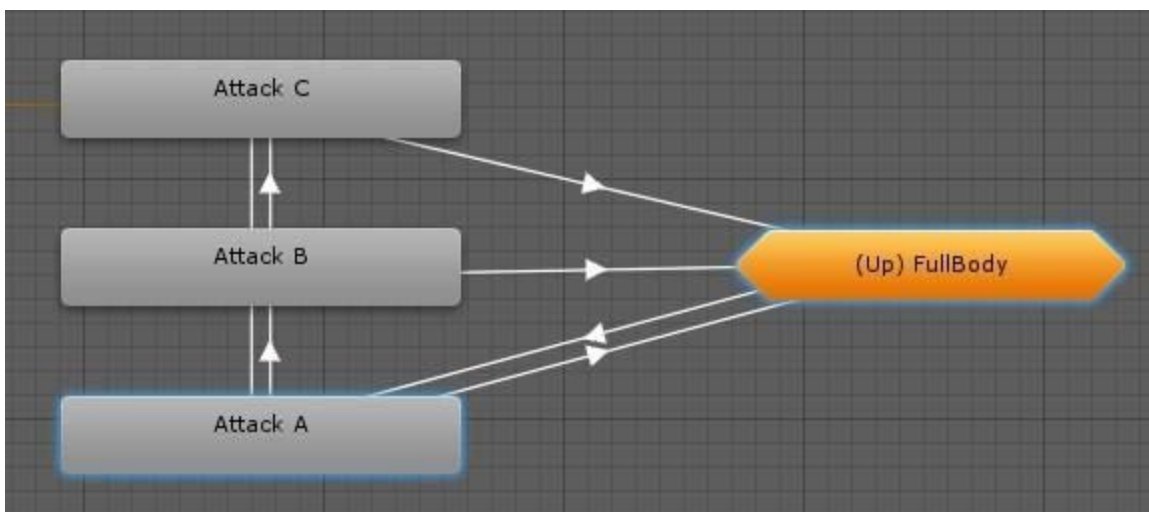


The animations for the hand to hand combat can be set up in the **Unarmed** state machine, triggered by the **ATK\_ID 0** and the defense **DEF\_ID 1** on the UpperBody Layer, **Default Defense**.

The **Basic Attack** State Machine is just an example, you can have as many State Machines you need, just remember to set up the **ID** to the corresponding weapon.

You can use **UpperBody** to attack as well, this way you can move the character and attack at the same time.

You can set up as many combos as you want, just put the attack animation and apply a transition.



Every Attack State needs to have a **vMeleeAttackBehaviour** script attached.

**StartDamage** > Time of the animation that you will apply damage

**End Damage** > Time of the animation that will stop trying to apply damage

~~Allow Movement At: free your character rotation during the attack animation~~

\*Removed on update 2.4.2 use the **AnimatorTagAdvanced** *LockMovement* and *LockRotation* instead

**Recoil ID** > Trigger a Recoil animation if you hit a wall or an object

**Reaction ID** > Trigger a Reaction animation when you take damage

**Melee Attack Type** > Select Unarmed or Melee Weapon

**Reset Trigger** > Check this bool for the last attack, to reset the combo

**Attack Name** > You can write an Attack Name to trigger different HitDamage Particles on the Target, Ex: If your weapon has electric damage, you can match the Attack Name with the HitDamage Particle and instantiate a different particle for this specific weapon.

**Ignore Defense:** it will apply damage even if the target is blocking

**Active Ragdoll:** activate the target ragdoll

The screenshot shows a UI panel titled "MELEE ATTACK CONTROL" with a checkmark icon. It contains a text box with instructions: "Make sure that the **Exit Time** of this state to the next one in your Combo is **lower** than the Exit Time to the Exit state, otherwise it will always exit first and never play the next animation." Below this is an example: "For Example if your Exit Time to the Exit State is 0.7 then your transition to the next state must be 0.6 or lower." A note states: "The same applies to the **End Damage**".

The panel has several input fields and checkboxes:

- Script: vMeleeAttackControl
- Start Damage: 0.25
- End Damage: 0.6
- Damage Multiplier: 0
- Recoil ID: 0
- Reaction ID: 0
- Melee Attack Type: Unarmed (dropdown menu)
- Damage Type: (empty field)
- Ignore Defense: ☐
- Active Ragdoll: ☐
- Reset Attack Trigger: ☐
- Debug: ☐

At the bottom, there is a section for "BodyPart" with a table-like structure:

n°	BodyPart
00	RightLowerArm

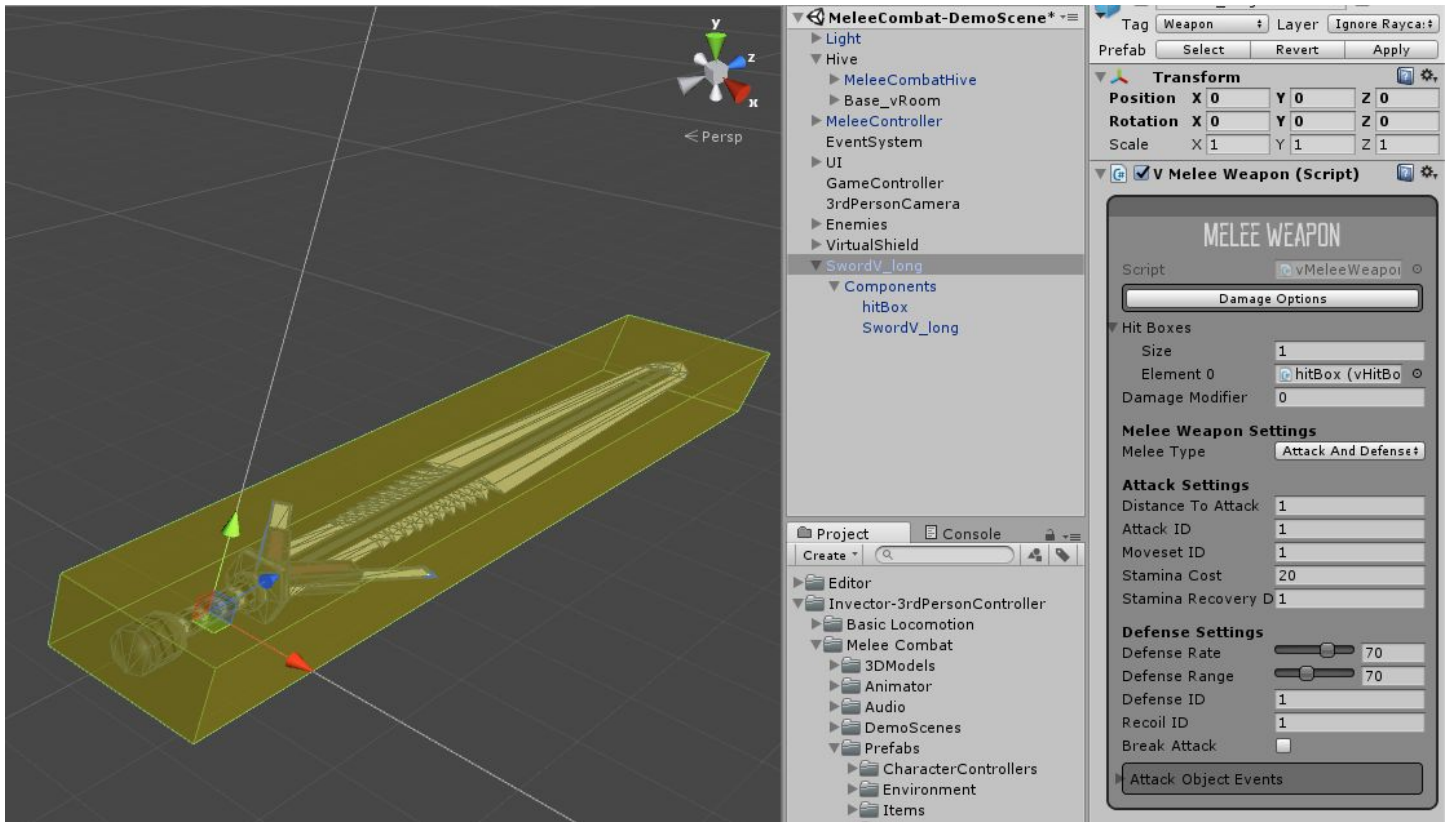
Below the table is a button labeled "Add New Body Part".

Ps\* Don't forget to assign the limb member of your BodyPart to match the animation, this will trigger the correct HitBox, you can add new BodyParts if your attack use more than one member.



# CREATING A MELEE WEAPON

To create a new weapon, you just need to select your weapon Mesh and go to the menu **Inspector > Melee Combat > Create Melee Weapon**.



After that your mesh will be transferred inside the Components gameobject, and the parent will have a **vMeleeWeapon** attached where you can set up your weapons settings.

A single hitbox will be created and if you need more you can just duplicate the first and assign into the Hitbox List into the **MeleeWeapon** component.

**IMPORTANT** - don't forget to set your **Weapon Layer to Ignore Raycast** and the **Tag to Weapon**, if you put a weapon into an Enemy or Player and change the Layer and children's, you need to set the weapon layer to Triggers again

After creating your weapon, you can just drag and drop inside a hand Bone of your character and hit Play, the **MeleeManager** will auto assign into the Weapon slot.

To change weapons ingame you will need an **ItemManager** assigned into your Character.

**Attack Settings:**

### [Damage Options]

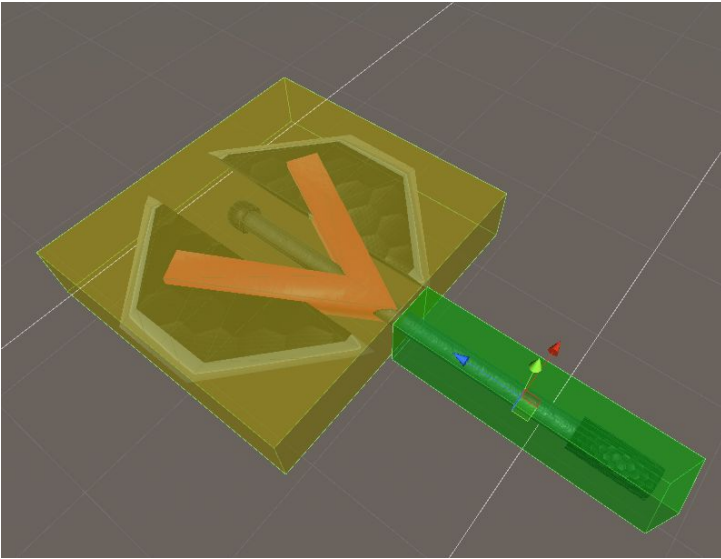
**Value:** Total damage of your weapon

**Stamina Block Cost:** How much stamina the target will lose when receive this attack while blocking

**Stamina Recovery Delay:** How much time will wait to start recover the stamina

**Ignore Defense** > Check if this weapon can pass through shield

**Active Ragdoll** > Check to make this weapon activate the Ragdoll of the target



*Example of a weapon with 2 hitbox*

**HitBoxes List:** Assign your hitboxes here

**Damage Modifier:** Extra Damage

**Melee Type:** Just Attack, Just Defense or Both;

**(SOON) Use Two Hand** > Check this if your weapon uses two hands (the left weapon will drop)

**Distance to Attack** > Used for AI only, to know the distance to attack if this weapon

**ATK\_ID** > correspond to the Attack Animation State that will trigger

**MoveSet\_ID** > it's the correct move set that the character will move when using this weapon

**Stamina Cost** > how much stamina the attack will cost

**Stamina Recovery Delay** > how much time will take to the stamina start recovery

### *Defense Settings:*

**DEF ID** > ID of your defense animation

**Recoil\_ID** > Trigger a recoil animation

**Defense Rate** > how much damage you can defend from an attack

**Defense Range** > When you select the shield, a Gizmos will appear to help you see how much of Defense Range you need.

**Break Attack** > Trigger a Recoil Animation on the Attacker

## HOW TO APPLY DAMAGE TO A TARGET

The target must have a vHealthController and a Capsule Collider so that our Damage System can identify it as a living target and actually apply damage to it.



**Shooter:** You need to set the DamageLayer of your target in the ShooterManager.

If you want to apply damage to individual body parts you can create a Ragdoll and set the collider layers to BodyPart, each ragdoll collider comes with a DamageReceiver, you can even set a Damage Multiplier if you want to apply extra damage in the Head for example.

OR if you're creating a simple top down game for example, you can save performance leaving the enemies without a ragdoll and applying damage directly to the main capsule collider, in this case you can set the Damage Layer to Enemy.



**MeleeCombat:** You need to set the Tag of your Target in the MeleeManager / HitDamageTags field, you can assign several tags to hit different targets.

The image shows a software interface titled "MELEE MANAGER" with a close button. Below the title bar, there is a "Script" dropdown menu set to "vMeleeManager". Three buttons are stacked vertically: "Open Default Info", "Open Events", and "Add Extra Body Member".

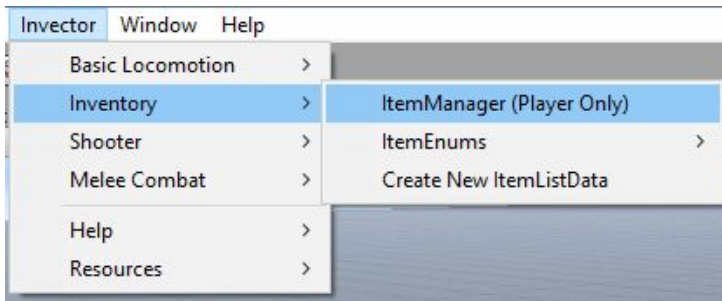
The "Body Members" section contains four buttons arranged in a 2x2 grid: "LeftLowerArm", "RightLowerArm", "LeftLowerLeg", and "RightLowerLeg".

The "Who you can Hit?" section is expanded, showing "Hit Properties". Under "Hit Damage Tags", there are several settings: "Size" is set to "1", "Element 0" is set to "Enemy", "Use Recoil" is checked, "Draw Recoil Gizmos" is unchecked, "Recoil Range" is a slider set to "90", and "Hit Recoil Layer" is set to "Default".

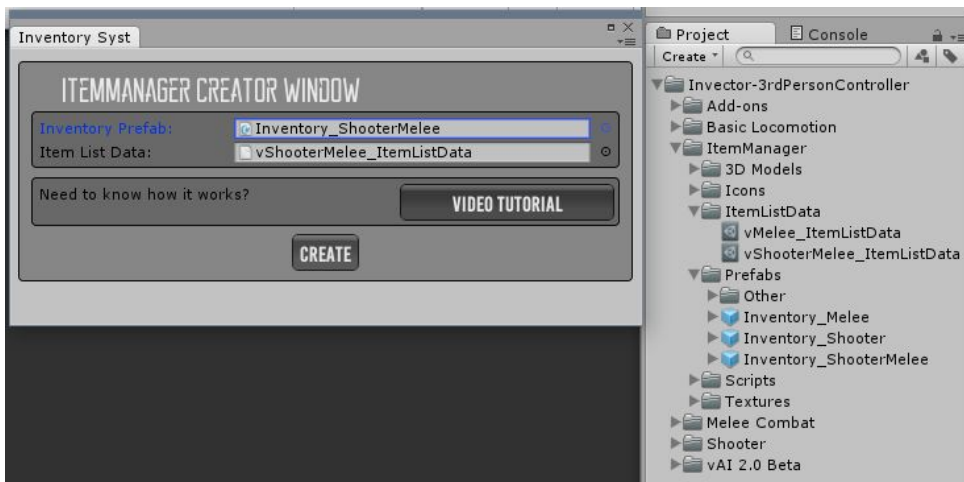
The "Weapons" section contains two dropdown menus: "LeftWeapon" and "RightWeapon", both currently set to "None (V Melee Weapon)".

# ITEM MANAGER

- Add the ItemManager into your Player from the menu **Invectore > Inventory > ItemManager**



- Select the Inventory Prefab from the **Project > ItemManager > Prefabs** then drag and drop inside your **Third Person Controller**, when you hit play it will be automatically assigned to the ItemManager.
- and a **ItemListData > vShooterMelee\_ItemListData**



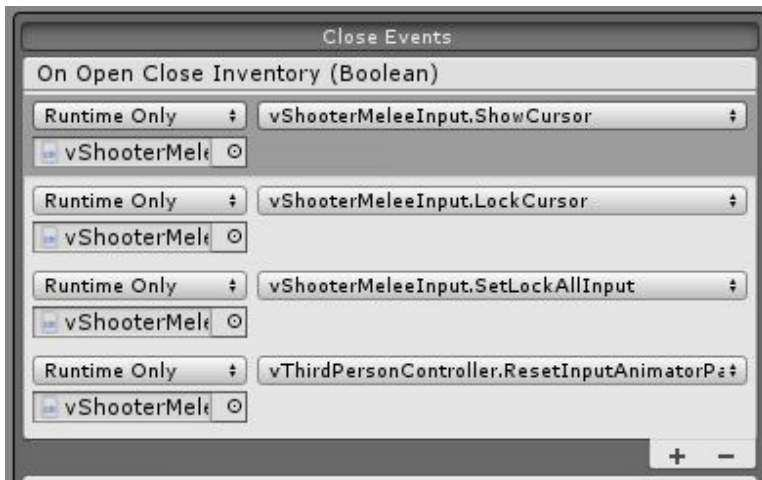
- You can also add the ItemManager manually using the Add Component button via inspector, but don't forget to assign an ItemListData.



In the tab **Events** you can call methods like lock the input of the character while the Inventory is Open, just assign the Character (from the scene hierarchy) and call the method `LockInput` from the `vMeleeCombatInput` or `vShooterMeleeInput`.

Here are the most used events you can use to:

- Hide/Show the mouse cursor
- Lock/Unlock the cursor at the screen center
- `SetLockAllInput` to lock all the input from the controller (basic, melee and shooter)
- `ResetInputAnimatorParameters` to reset back to zero the animator parameters, useful when using the `CharacterCameraPreview` inside the Inventory, this way if you're walking and open the inventory, there character will be at Idle in the camera preview.



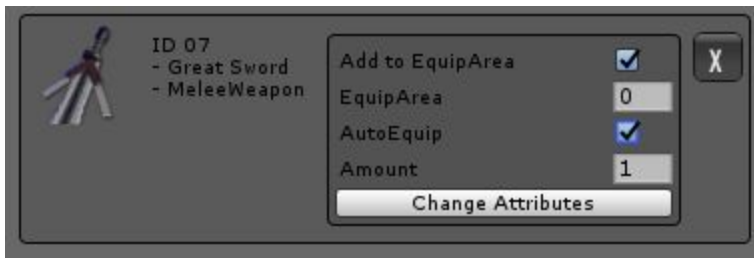
Click at the Add Item button to open the Filter, so you can search or filter exactly what ItemType you need:  
You can add multiple ItemTypes to filter multiple items.



Once you add a Item in the list, you can use the option **Add To EquipArea** to automatically assign this item to a specific EquipArea (it will only be assigned if your itemSlots are currently empty, if one is already assigned, it will be equipped in the next one in the list)



The **AutoEquip** will auto equip this item to the EquipArea and also change the EquipmentDisplayWindow to where the Item is equipped.



Click in the **Open Item List** button, to manage, search or create new items



You can create new items or duplicate a current one, keep in mind that each item has a unique ID.

When creating a Weapon Item, you need to assign the **Original Object** (that instantiate into the Player with a **vMeleeWeapon** or **vShooterWeapon**) and a **DropObject** which we have a prefab called “**CollectableEquipment**” that you can use and it will automatically drop the item you assign or create a unique collectable with a mesh that matches your item.



ID 12  
- Shotgun  
- Shooter




Shotgun
EditName

Description

Tactical Shotgun

Item Type
Shooter

Stackable
☐

Icon
 shotgunIcon


Original Object
 vShotgun

Drop Object
 vCollectableShotgun

Attributes

Add Attribute

Damage

50



AmmoCount

8



Custom Settings

Script
 vItem

Two Hand Weapon
☒

Equipable Settings

Equip ID

3

Custom Equip Point

defaultPoint

Equip Delay Time

0.5

Don't forget to add the attribute Damage & AmmoCount of your weapon, this will allow you to drop and collect your weapon with the same amount of weapon, making it into a unique weapon.

This Inventory Example goes further and further into options to customize, like consumable items, if is stackable or not, and much more that is better explained on video tutorials that you can watch on our [Youtube Channel](#).

# INVENTORY

We have basically 3 Inventory Examples in the project, you can find them in the folder ItemManager/Prefabs. Just drag and drop inside your character to test it, make sure to also use the corresponding ItemListData at your ItemManager according to what Inventory you're using.

*For ex: ShooterOnly requires the vShooterMelee\_ItemListData, MeleeOnly requires the vMelee\_ItemListData*



- **ToolbarSelector:** It's basically a menu, you can set the input to switch tabs at your Inventory
- **Equipment Display Window:** It shows the current slot of a EquipArea, you can have multiple slots and multiple EquipAreas at the same time and rotate the slots via input
- **EquipArea:** A row of EquipSlots
- **Equip Area Control:** Responsible to inform the EquipmentDisplay
- **EquipSlots:** Display a specific Item, you can use the ItemType to filter what item can be displayed on this slot
- **ItemWindow:** A window that display Items, you can filter what ItemType will be displayed using the filter 'Supported Items'

This is an example of a window that displays several different Items based on their Types.



- ItemWindowDisplay: Manage what happens with the ItemWindow when using, drop, destroy and cancel
- ItemOptionWindow: Buttons that buttons UI to use, equip, drop, destroy and cancel

You can see a **MasterWindow** component on each main window of the Inventory, you can use the MasterWindow to manage your windows for example if you open a window and open another, you can press the back button to close the current window and get back to the previous, it's basically a window manager.

You can also use the Events OnEnable/OnDisable to for example, turn on / off specific objects, call animations, sounds, etc...

✓ MASTER WINDOW

Script

vMasterWindow

Window that always opens when this window is activated

Main Window

EquipmentInventory

Sequence Windows☒

Windows

Size

0

CLOSE EVENTS

On Enable ()

Runtime Only

GameObject.SetActive

EquipmentInventory

☒

Runtime Only

vFadeCanvas.AlphaFull

EquipmentDisplay

Runtime Only

Animator.Play

CharacterPreview

CharacterPreviewSlide\_Reverse

+ -

On Disable ()

Runtime Only

vEventWithDelay.DoEvent

EquipmentDisplay

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# CHECK IF ITEM IS EQUIPPED

You can use the component *vCheckItemsEquipped* to check if a specific Item or ItemType is currently equipped.

The screenshot shows the configuration window for the 'CHECK IF ITEM IS EQUIPPED' component. It features a sidebar with expandable sections: 'Item ID Events' and 'Item Type Events'. Under 'Item ID Events', there is a 'Size' field set to 1, a 'DoSomething' section with a 'Name' field set to 'DoSomething', and an 'Items ID' section with 'Size' set to 3 and three elements: 'Element 0' (8), 'Element 1' (10), and 'Element 2' (33). Below these are two event lists: 'On Is Item Equipped ()' and 'On Is Item Unequipped ()', both currently empty. The 'Item Type Events' section is partially visible at the bottom.

You can attach this component directly to the character or inside the character (check the option “GetInParent” if it’s inside the Player).

**Name** - just the name of your event, so it’s easier to identify what it does

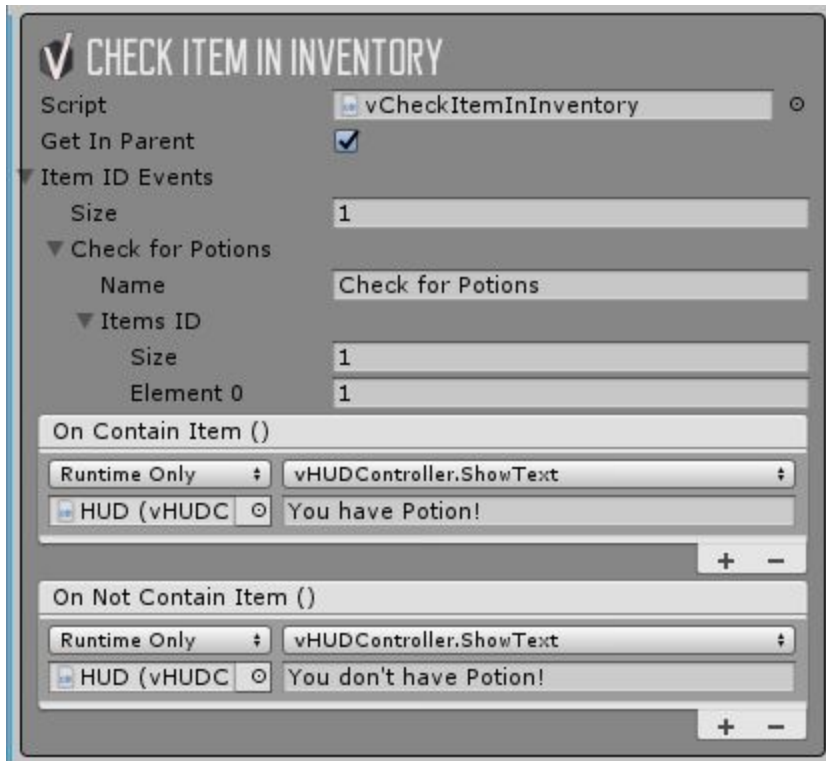
**ItemsID** - You can add one or more items to trigger something specific, for example, when equipped with Potions, you can enable the UI Button to use those items, when unequipped simply disable the object.

You could either filter the ItemID’s of your Potions or set the ItemType Consumable in this example.

This screenshot shows a portion of the configuration window, specifically the 'Item Types' section. It has a 'Size' field set to 1 and an 'Element 0' field set to 'Consumable'.

## CHECK ITEM IN INVENTORY

With this component you can check if you currently have or not a specific item(s) in your Inventory and use Events to do something if true or false.



*\*Element 0 = Item ID*

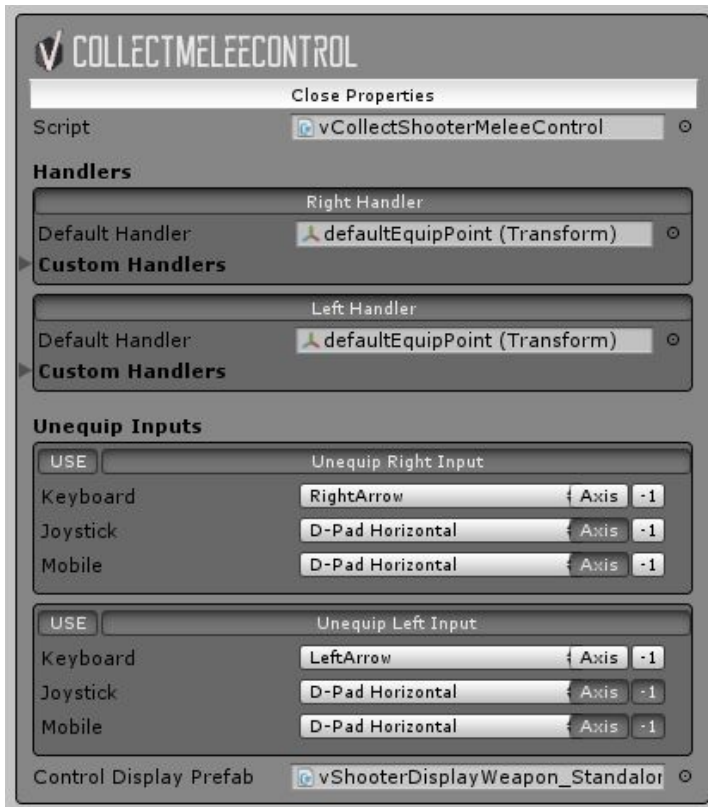


## COLLECTABLE STANDALONE (NO INVENTORY)

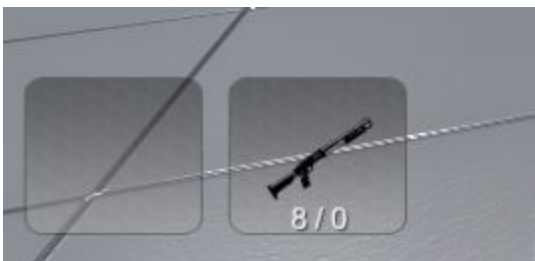
If you don't want to use the ItemManager to manage your items, we have another solution for 'on demand' collectibles, notice that you can only equip 1 item, once you try to equip another the current item will drop.

Take a look into the Demo Scene called "vShooterMelee\_NOInventory", instead of adding the ItemManager component, now you will add the "vCollectShooterMeleeControl" component to automatically collect and equip weapons.

You need to create the defaultEquipPoint to equip weapons and assign inputs to drop them.



We also have a pretty simple example of a Display HUD to show what weapons you're equipped with, it's called "vShooterDisplayWeapon", search in the project folder and drag and drop the prefab into the scene.



For the ItemManager we need a prefab for the actual weapon that goes into the Player and another to be the Collectable, but in this case the CollectableStandalone is both. Take a look into one of the several examples of collectables we have for both melee and shooter weapons.

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COLLECTABLESTANDALONE

Script

vCollectableStandalone

Disable Collision

☐

Disable Gravity

☐

Reset Player Settings

☐

Play Animation

End Exit Time Animation

0.8

Avatar Target

Root

Match Target Mask

X 0Y 0Z 0

Match Target

None (Transform)

Start Match Target

0

End Match Target

0

Active From Forward

☐

Use Trigger Rotation

☐

Destroy After

☐

Destroy Delay

0

On Do Action Delay

0

Target Equip Point

defaultEquipPoint

Weapon

☒ vShotgun\_NoInventory

Weapon Icon

☒ shotgunIcon

Weapon Text

Shotgun

OPEN EVENTS

It's important to assign the correct gameobjects into the Events, we turn off the collision and gravity of the weapons when equipped and turn on when you drop them.

# CREATING A ENEMY AI

Inspector > Melee Combat > Create NPC and change the **Character Type** to **Enemy AI**

After hitting the Create button, our scripts will handle all the most time consuming stuff and make the AI almost done to hit Play, you just **need to BAKE a NavMesh on the Scene.**

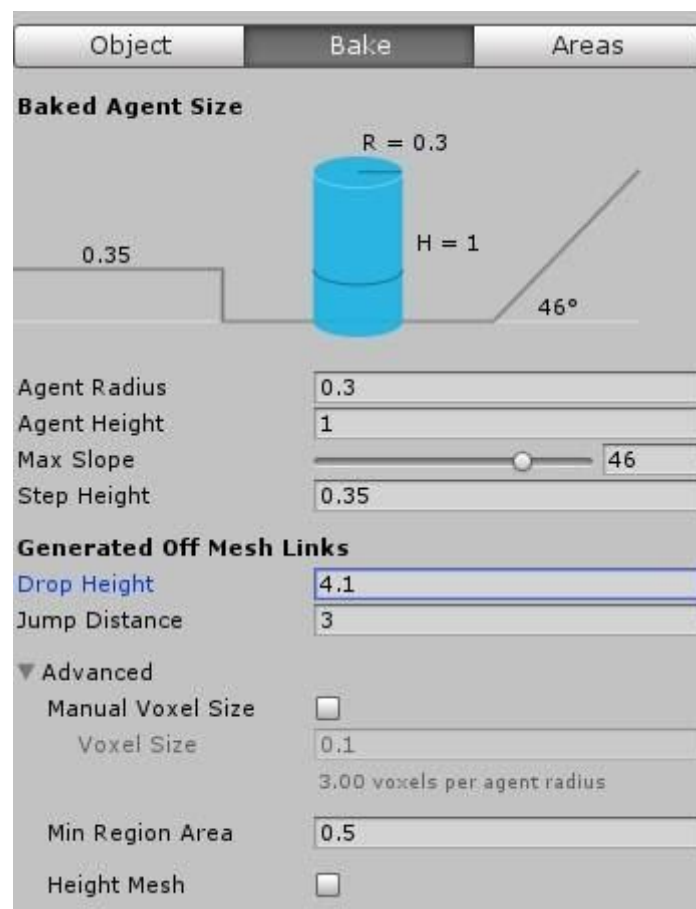
**Locomotion** - It works pretty much the same as the Character Controller, you still need to set up the

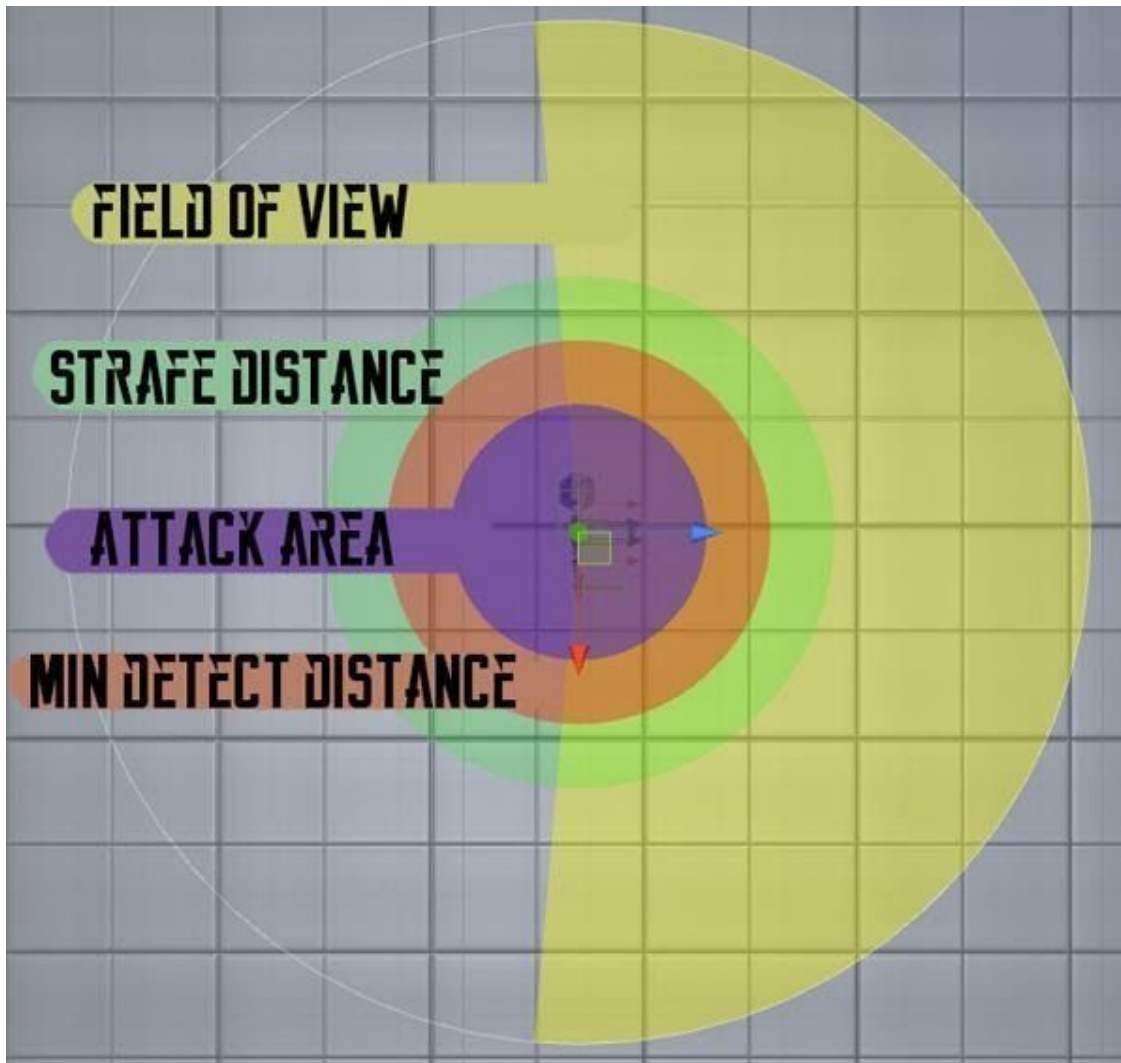
**Layers** - just like the Player, you need to set up a Layer for the AI (Enemy) and a layer for the Ground (Default). If you equip a Weapon on the character, don't forget to assign the Layer Triggers for this weapon.

**Combat** - Here you will have a lot of options to make very different combat behavior, you can add a chance to block (if equipped with a defense weapon), chance to roll, chance to defend an attack, change the attack frequency, strafe around the target, etc...

**Waypoints** - You can add waypoints for the AI to follow in sequence or activate the option to Random.

We manage to get better results with the NavMesh using this set up, but of course this will depend on your scene, terrain, meshes, etc...





**Field of View** > total range to detect the Player

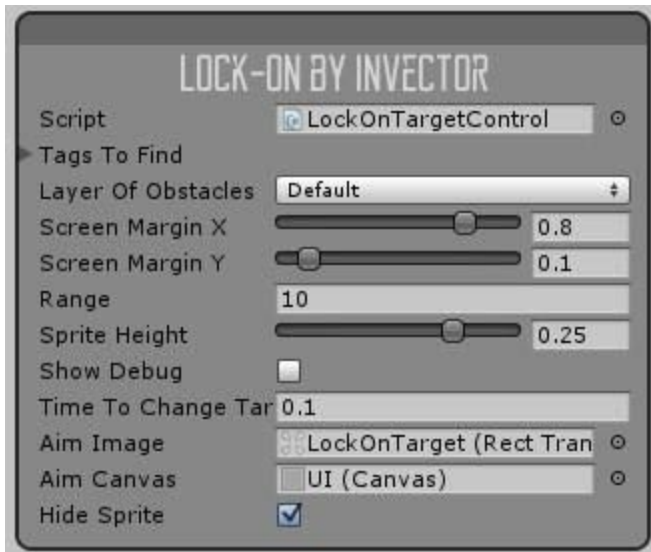
**Strafe Distance** > once in combat, the character will move Strafing

**Attack Area** > total range to attack

**Min Detect Distance** > Min distance to detect the player, even if the player is outside the Field of View range.

## LOCK-ON TARGET

You can add a Lock-on component into the Camera by opening the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person Controller menu > Components > Lock-On. The component will be ready to use, you can set up the input that activates the Lock-on in the **ThirdPersonController** script, at the method **LockOnInput**.



You can also display a **Sprite Image** into the Target by assigning an Image and Canvas.

**Hide Sprite** will hide the sprite if the target if lock-on is false. Set off-set Y by changing the value of the **Sprite Height**.

You can use the LockOn with **any target** as long as you add a **vHealthController** to this target, so that the LockOn can identify whether this target is alive or dead.

# WAYPOINT SYSTEM

You can create a Waypoint Area by opening the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person Controller > Component > New Waypoint Area. To create a new **Waypoint**, just hold **Shift + Left Click** on any surface with a collider, to reposition the same waypoint hold **Shift + Right Click**. The same goes to create Patrol Points, but you will hold Ctrl instead of Shift. You can assign this Waypoint Area to many AI as you want, and limit the area / limit of AI that will access.

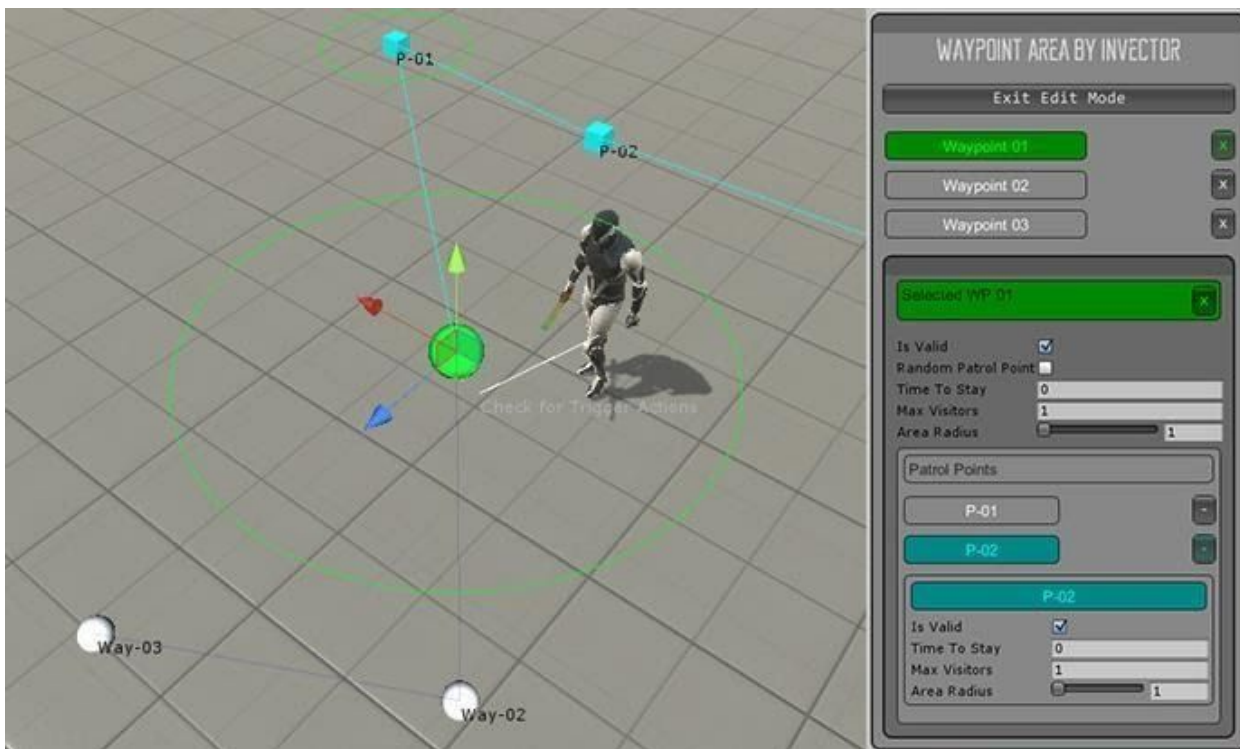
**Patrol Points** are points of interest that one waypoint has, for example if you have a corridor with 3 rooms, you can create 1 waypoint in the middle of the corridor and 3 patrol points with **Max Visitors of 1**, this means that if an AI is already on a room, the other AI will not come to the same room, he will go to the next one.

**Time to Stay** is how much time the AI will stand there.

**isValid** is a bool that you can turn on/off to disable a waypoints/patrol point in real time.

You can make the AI walk randomly at waypoints by selecting the option **Random Waypoints** on the AI Inspector. To make random patrol points, select the option **Random Patrol Point** on the Waypoint Inspector.

Waypoints are represented by Spheres and Patrol Points are represented by Cubes.



# CREATING A COMPANION AI

Same process as creating a Player or EnemyAI, just select CompanionAI on the Character Type.

The Companion has the same variables as the EnemyAI, plus:



If you open the `v_AICompanion` script, you will see that we have a method call `CompanionInputs` and you can customize for your needs, this method contains the basic commands like Follow, Stay, Aggressive/Passive and MoveTo (you can send the AI to a specific spot by an `Vector3`)

Default Inputs:

- Stay
- Follow
- Aggressive/Passive
- Move to (`moveToTarget`)

\*Notice that the transform target height can be no higher than 0.5f from the navmesh, otherwise he can't find a path to go.



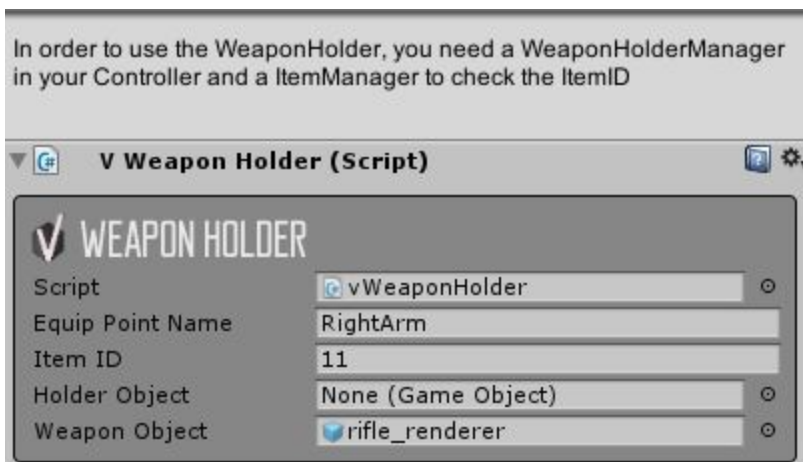
# WEAPON HOLDER MANAGER

\*This feature requires a ItemManager

Add this component to your Shooter Controller and there is no need to setup anything here:

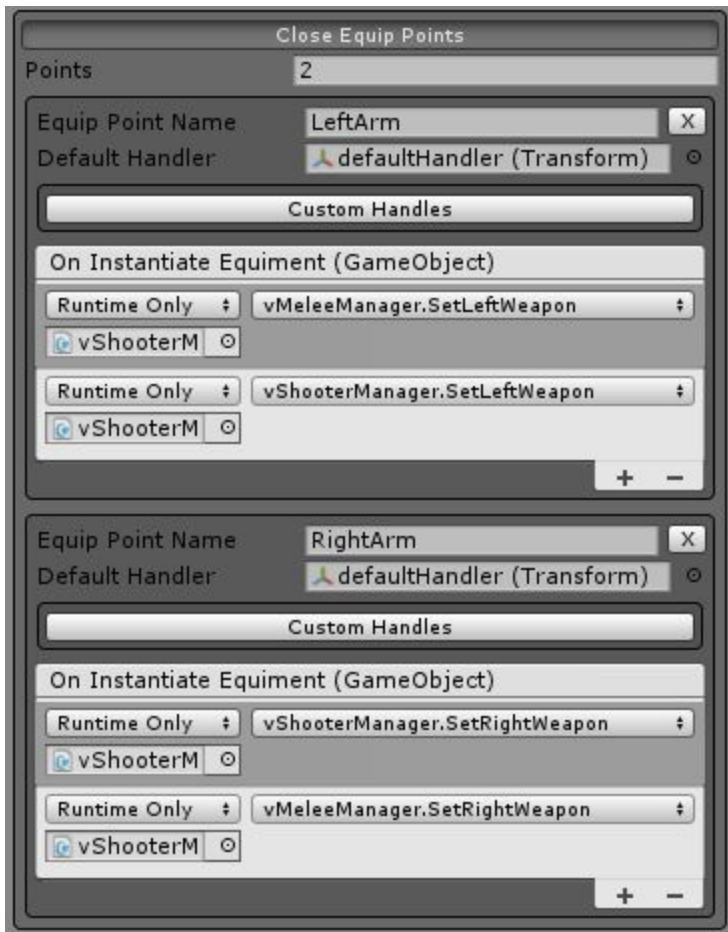


Now go inside your controller, create an empty gameObject and add the vWeaponHolder component.

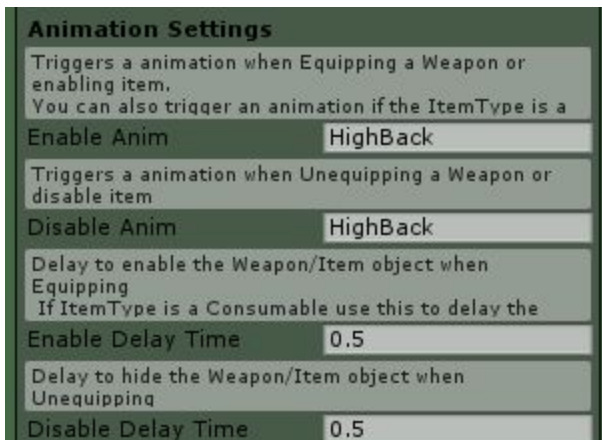


The **EquipPointName** can be found in the **ItemManager** > EquipPoints.

By default it comes with 2 EquipPoints, LeftArm and RightArm but you also create your own custom equipPoints.



The **ItemID** can be found in the ItemManager **ItemListData**, there you can also set what animation will be played when you equip/unequip your weapon.

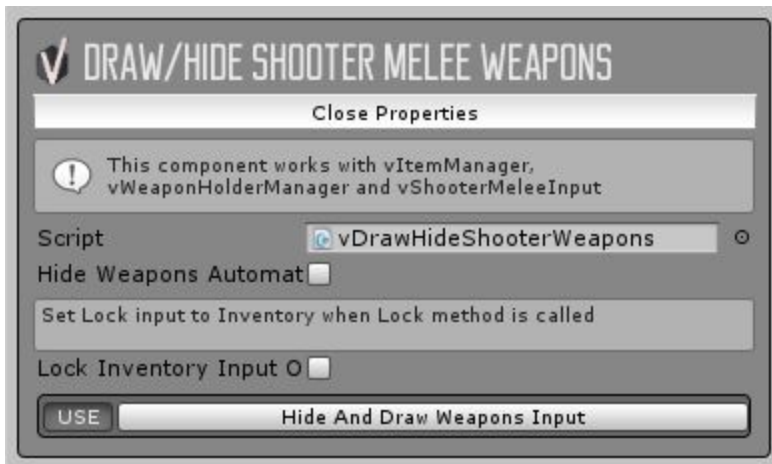


The **HolderObject** is in case your weapon has a holster or something.

And the **WeaponObject** is just the 3D model without any scripts or collision, you can add all of this inside the character and leave it disabled. (Check our demo scenes to see examples)

## DRAW/HIDE WEAPONS

This feature is to automatically or via input hide weapons without unequipping them.



It's pretty straightforward to use, simply add the component to your ShooterController, it must already have a ItemManager and a WeaponHolderManager already setup.

By checking the option Hide Weapons Automatically a field will appear so you can set a timer, for example after 5 seconds with the weapon equipped if it will hide or you can leave it unchecked and use an Input to draw/hide the weapon.

You can also call the methods HideWeapons and DrawWeapons on events, for example, in the if you want to hide your weapons when performing a GenericAction, go to the GenericAction component and call the method to HideWeapons in the OnStartAction Event.