# Game Looping

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- Rendering
- Looping and control
- Math
- Behaviour and navigation (AI)
- Physics
- Animation and effects
- Networking



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```
using System;
class Game {
   public static void Main
   while (true) {
   }
  }
  A simple C# program
```

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```
using System;
class Game {
    public static void Main (string[] args) {
      while (true) {
      }
      Entry point
}
```











 Task #1 (infinite loop)
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 Task #2 (GUI)
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Task #3 (other application / process)

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#### User





















#### Multiple applications / processes / tasks







 Task #1 (infinite loop)
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 Task #2 (GUI)
 .....

Task #3 (other application / process)

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#### How to switch between tasks ?



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time



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## Context switch



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## Context switch







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time

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### Finished? Waiting I/O? Preempted





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time

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## Hardware interrupt





time

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```
using System;
using System.Threading;
class Game {
  static int result = 0;
  static void Run() {
    result = 1;
  }
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    Run();
    if (result == 0) {
      Console.WriteLine(result);
    }
```







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using System.Threading;
class Game {
  static int result = 0;
  static void Run() {
    result = 1;
  }
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    var runner = new Thread(Run);
    runner.Start();
    if (result == 0) {
      Console.WriteLine(result);
    runner.Join(); // Wait until finished
  }
```

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  }
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    runner.Start();
    if (result == 0) {
      Console.WriteLine(result);
    runner.Join(); // Wait until finished
```

Output ? 1? 0? (empty)?

#### Thread-safe ?



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Continuous or discrete ?





#### How about in a game ?

#### Shared data










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```

```
class Game {
 public static bool isGameOver;
  static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /* ... */;
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    while (!isGameOver) {
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
         go.Update();
                            class GameObject {
                              public void Update() {
                                /* Do something */
                                if (/* isGameOver */) {
                                  Game.isGameOver = true;
```



```
class Game {
      public static bool isGameOver;
      static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /* ... */;
      static void Main(string[] args) {
                                                  Shared data
        bool isGameOver = false;
        while (!isGameOver) {
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          foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
              go.Update();
                                 class GameObject {
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                                   public void Update() {
                                     /* Do something */
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                                     if (/* isGameOver */) {
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                                      Game.isGameOver = true;
```



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```

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class Game {
 public static bool isGameOver;
  static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /* ... */;
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    while (!isGameOver) {
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
         go.Update();
                             Update screen one-by-one ?
```



```
class Game {
 public static bool isGameOver;
  static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /* ... */;
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    while (!isGameOver) {
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
          go.Update();
      UpdateScreen();
  }
  static void UpdateScreen() { /* ... */ }
```



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class Game {
 public static bool isGameOver;
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  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    while (!isGameOver) {
      foreach (var go in gameObjects)
          go.Update();
                            Frame rate ?
      UpdateScreen();
  static void UpdateScreen() { /* ... */ }
```



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class Game {
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  static void Main(string[] args) {
   bool isGameOver = false;
   while (!isGameOver) {
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
          go.Update();
                            Frame rate ?
      UpdateScreen();
     WaitForTargetFPS();
  static void UpdateScreen() { /* ... */ }
  static void WaitForTargetFPS() { /* ... */ }
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class Game {
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  static void Main(string[] args) {
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    while (!isGameOver) {
                                            class GameObject {
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
                                             public void Update() {
          go.Update();
                                               while (true) {
      UpdateScreen();
      WaitForTargetFPS();
                                                           Hang?
  static void UpdateScreen() { /* ... */ }
  static void WaitForTargetFPS() { /* ... */ }
```

### **Object** movement

### position



















#### position



#### position



#### position



#### position























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If the game is lagging ... position













```
class Game {
  public static bool isGameOver;
  static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /* ... */;
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    while (!isGameOver) {
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
          go.Update();
      UpdateScreen();
      WaitForTargetFPS();
  static void UpdateScreen() { /* ... */ }
  static void WaitForTargetFPS() { /* ... */ }
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class Game {
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  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    while (!isGameOver) {
     while (/* FixedUpdate */)
        foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
            go.FixedUpdate();
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
          go.Update();
      UpdateScreen();
      WaitForTargetFPS();
```

### Inter-gameobject communication

- Use singleton or service locator patterns
  - Global / static variables

static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /\* .. \*/;

- Use observer pattern
  - Events
- Use dependency injection pattern

We will talk about this in "Game Control"



class Game {

public static bool isGameOver; static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /\* .. \*/; How is game object created ? static void Main(string[] args) { bool isGameOver = false; while (!isGameOver) { while (/\* FixedUpdate \*/) { foreach (var go in gameObjects) { go.FixedUpdate(); foreach (var go in gameObjects) { go.Update(); UpdateScreen(); WaitForTargetFPS();

```
class Game {
 public static bool isGameOver;
  static List<GameObject> gameObjects;
                                       How is game object created ?
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    gameObjects = LoadGameObjectsFromDisk();
    while (!isGameOver) {
      while (/* FixedUpdate */) {
        foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
            go.FixedUpdate();
                                      Created from serialized assets
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
          go.Update();
      UpdateScreen();
      WaitForTargetFPS();
```

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class Game {
 public static bool isGameOver;
  static List<GameObject> gameObjects;
                                       How is game object created ?
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    gameObjects = LoadGameObjectsFromDisk();
    while (!isGameOver) {
      while (/* FixedUpdate */) {
        foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
            go.FixedUpdate();
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
         go.Update();
                                Created by other game object
      UpdateScreen();
      WaitForTargetFPS();
```

# GameObject



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#### Properties: name, activeSelf



# GameObject



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#### Transform component



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#### Other components



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### GameObject



### GameObject : A, B, C

Inheritance



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### GameObject : A, B, C

#### Composition over inheritance





Decoupling



# Component, Behaviour and MonoBehaviour

UnityEngine.Component



# Component, Behaviour and MonoBehaviour



Diabled / Enabled



# Component, Behaviour and MonoBehaviour





# GameObject composition

UnityEngine.GameObject

UnityEngine.Component A

UnityEngine.Component B

UnityEngine.Component C



# GameObject composition

UnityEngine.GameObject

UnityEngine.Component A

UnityEngine.MonoBehaviour B

UnityEngine.MonoBehaviour C



UnityEngine.Component A

UnityEngine.MonoBehaviour B

UnityEngine.MonoBehaviour C







#### Messages

Awake	Awake is called when the script instance is being loaded.
<u>FixedUpdate</u>	Frame-rate independent MonoBehaviour.FixedUpdate message for physics calculations.
LateUpdate	LateUpdate is called every frame, if the Behaviour is enabled.
<u>OnAnimatorIK</u>	Callback for setting up animation IK (inverse kinematics).
<u>OnAnimatorMove</u>	Callback for processing animation movements for modifying root motion.
<b>OnApplicationFocus</b>	Sent to all GameObjects when the player gets or loses focus.
<b>OnApplicationPause</b>	Sent to all GameObjects when the application pauses.
<b>OnApplicationQuit</b>	Sent to all GameObjects before the application quits.
<u>OnAudioFilterRead</u>	If OnAudioFilterRead is implemented, Unity will insert a custom filter into the audio DSP chain.
OnBecameInvisible	OnBecameInvisible is called when the renderer is no longer visible by any camera.
<u>OnBecameVisible</u>	OnBecameVisible is called when the renderer became visible by any camera.
<u>OnCollisionEnter</u>	OnCollisionEnter is called when this collider/rigidbody has begun touching another rigidbody/collider.
On Collision Enter 2D	Contrubon on incoming collider makes contact with this chiest's collider (2D physics only)

```
class Game {
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  static List<GameObject> gameObjects = /* .. */;
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    while (!isGameOver) {
      while (/* FixedUpdate */) {
        foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
            go.FixedUpdate();
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
          go.Update();
                                Send to all components of the game object
      UpdateScreen();
      WaitForTargetFPS();
```

# Custom script and MonoBehaviour

```
2 public class Example : MonoBehaviour
3 {
4 void Update()
5 {
6 /* Execute on every frame */
7 }
8 }
```



# Custom script and MonoBehaviour



Public ?



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# Custom script and MonoBehaviour





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- Awake(), OnEnable(), Start()
- FixedUpdate()
- Update(), LateUpate()
- OnRenderImage()
- OnGUI()
- OnDisable()
- OnDestroy()



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### Happens at most once in its life



- Awake(), OnEnable(), Start()
- FixedUpdate()
- Update(), LateUpate()
- OnRenderImage()
- OnGUI()
- OnDisable()
- OnDestroy()

### May happen more than once per frame











# Order of Execution for Event Functions













# Script Execution Order

UnityEngine.GameObject

UnityEngine.MonoBehaviour A

UnityEngine.MonoBehaviour B

UnityEngine.MonoBehaviour C

Which component executes first ?



# Script Execution Order settings

#### Script Execution Order

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Add scripts to the custom order and drag them to reorder.

Scripts in the custom order can execute before or after the default time and are executed from top to bottom. All other scripts execute at the default time in the order they are loaded.

(Changing the order of a script may modify the meta data for more than one script.)

= UnityEngine.EventSystems.HoloLensInput	100	-
= LoadBundle	200	-
= UnityEngine.XR.WSA.SpatialMappingBase	250	-
= LoadTextures	300	-
= BuildiOSAppSlices	400	-

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```
class Game {
 public static bool isGameOver;
  static List<GameObject> gameObjects;
  static void Main(string[] args) {
    bool isGameOver = false;
    gameObjects = LoadGameObjectsFromDisk();
    while (!isGameOver) {
      while (/* FixedUpdate */)
        foreach (var go in gameObjects)
            go.FixedUpdate();
                                                 FixedUpdate()
      foreach (var go in gameObjects) {
                                                 Update()
          qo.Update();
      UpdateScreen();
      WaitForTargetFPS();
```

# Conclusion about order of execution

- Cooperative multitasking, single thread
- Order of Event Functions
  - <u>https://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/ExecutionOrder.html</u>
- Order of GameObjects ?
- Order of MonoBehaviours
  - Script Execution Order settings: <u>https://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/class-MonoManager.html</u>



# Where is the Main function ?





# Q & A



### How to implement this ?





















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time





Open	Play first dialogue	Wait for first click	Play second c
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Open Play first dialogue	Wait for first click	Play second c
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What to do on this frame ?



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State

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What to do on this frame ?

string currentState
int animationFrameIndex
bool isContinueButtonClicked



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## What to do on this frame ?

string currentState : "Play first dialogue"

int animationFrameIndex : 6

**bool** isContinueButtonClicked : (Don't care)



Open	Play first dialogue	Wait for first click	Play second c

Update() \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Update() \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Update animation

What to do on this frame?

string currentState: "Play first dialogue"int animationFrameIndex: 6bool isContinueButtonClicked: (Don't care)



Open Play first dialogue	Wait for first click	Play second o
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Update() \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What to do on this frame?

Update animation
 Decide next state

string currentState: "Play first dialogue""Wait for first click"int animationFrameIndex: 6(Don't care)bool isContinueButtonClicked: (Don't care)false



# **Iterator** pattern

```
using System;
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    using System.Collections;
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    class Example {
       static IEnumerator Count(int n)
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         for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {</pre>
                                                    Syntax sugar
 8
           Console.WriteLine(i);
           yield return null;
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       public static void Main (string[] args) {
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         var e = Count(5);
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         e.MoveNext();
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         e.MoveNext();
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         e.MoveNext();
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```

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# **Iterator** pattern

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                                                   Result?
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          yield return null;
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       public static void Main (string[] args) {
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         var e = Count(5);
         e.MoveNext();
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         e.MoveNext();
         e.MoveNext();
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```



# **UnityEngine.Coroutine**

- Create a UnityEngine.Coroutine by calling MonoBehaviour.StartCoroutine()
  - The parameter is an IEnumerator object
- StartCoroutine(Count(5))





Coroutine yields once on every frame AND runs across multiple frames





Coroutine yields once on every frame AND runs across multiple frames



```
private IEnumerator 開啟對話框()
                                             Iterator pattern
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    var fromColor =
        dialogPanel.color * new Color(1f, 1f, 1f, 0f);
    var toColor = _dialogPanel.color;
    const int length = 60;
    for (var i = 0; i < length; i++) {</pre>
        _dialogPanel.color =
            Color.Lerp(fromColor, toColor, i / (float) length);
       yield return null;
    }
    dialogPanel.color = toColor;
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29	<pre>public IEnumerator Start()</pre>
30	{
31	yield return 開啟對話框();
32	yield return 播放第一段對話();
33	yield return 等待第一次按繼續按鈕();
34	yield return 播放第二段對話();
35	yield return 等待第二次按繼續按鈕();
36	yield return 播放第三段對話();
37	yield return 等待第三次按繼續按鈕();
38	yield return 關閉對話框();
39	}

#### Iterator pattern



29	<pre>public IEnumerator Start()</pre>
30	{ Yield another IEnumerator
31	yield return 開啟對話框();
32	41 private IEnumerator 開啟對話框()
33	42 {
34	43 var fromColor =
35	<pre>44dialogPanel.color * new Color(1f, 1f, 1f, 0f);</pre>
36	<pre>45 var toColor = _dialogPanel.color;</pre>
27	46 <b>const int</b> length = 60;
37	47 for (var i = 0; i < length; i++) {
38	48
39	<pre>49 Color.Lerp(fromColor, toColor, i / (float) length);</pre>
	50 yield return null;
	51 }
	52
	53 }
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39	}

#### Yield another IEnumerator

#### Wait until finished







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B) Script





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private IEnumerator 開啟對話框()
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          var fromColor =
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          var toColor = _dialogPanel.color;
          const int length = 60;
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          for (var i = 0; i < length; i++) {</pre>
47
              _dialogPanel.color =
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```






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## Q & A



## nodeCanvas

## **NodeCanvas is a Complete Visual Behaviour Authoring Framework for Unity**

