

Interim Report

Slippery Bash

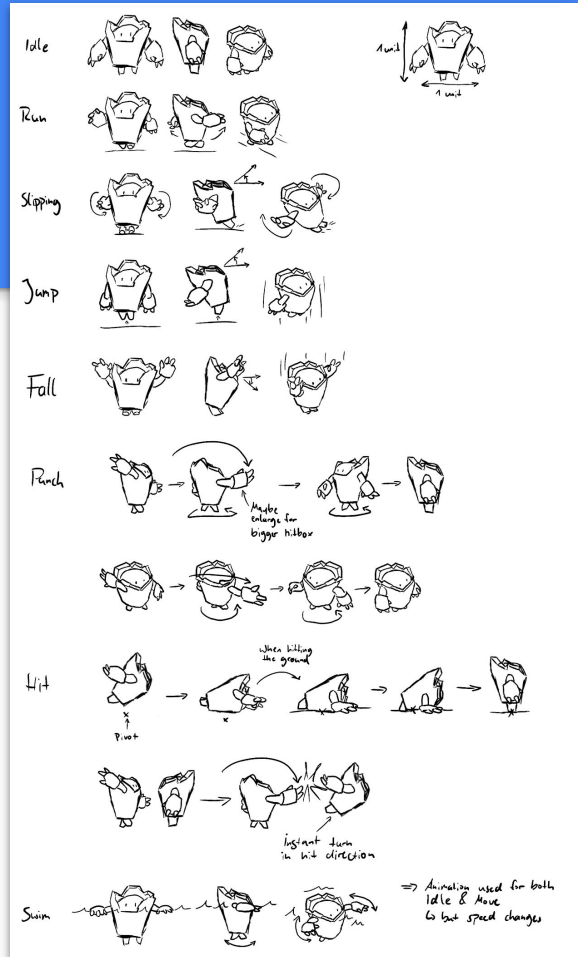
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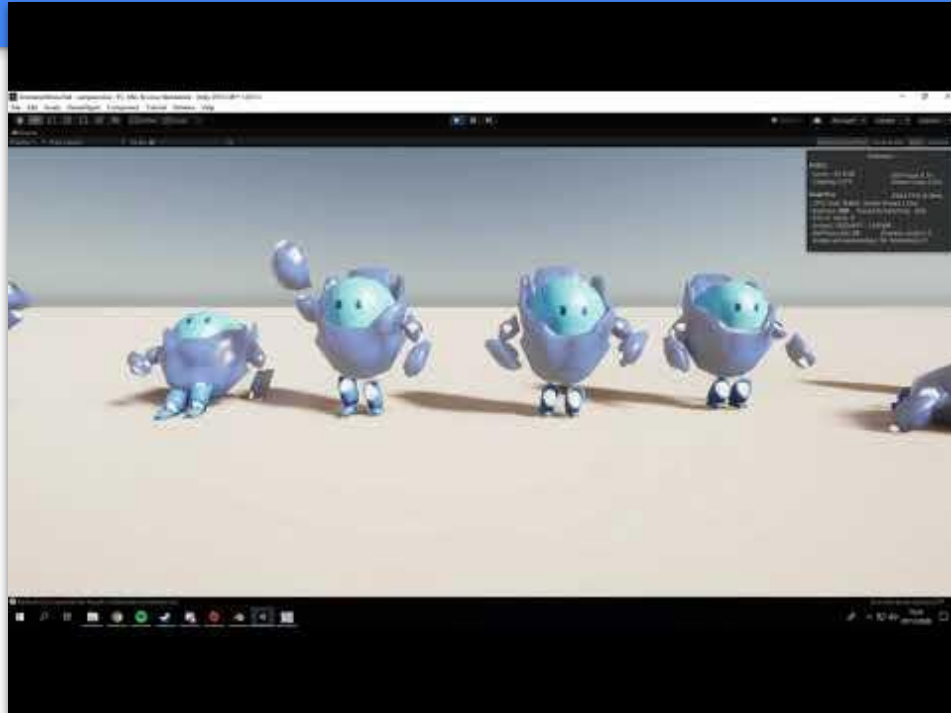
Overall Progress

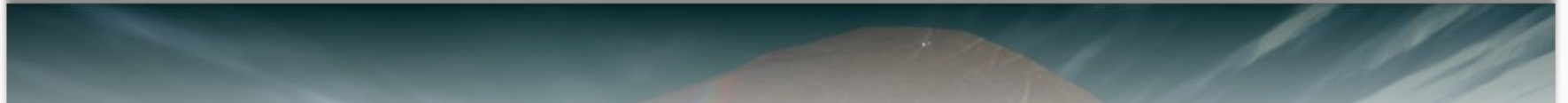
- Most of the tasks of this milestone were met
- Did not have much time at all for testing integrated functionality
- Different materials for the ground (snow, ice) not yet integrated
- Lacking polish
- Overall met our own expectations for this milestone

Character



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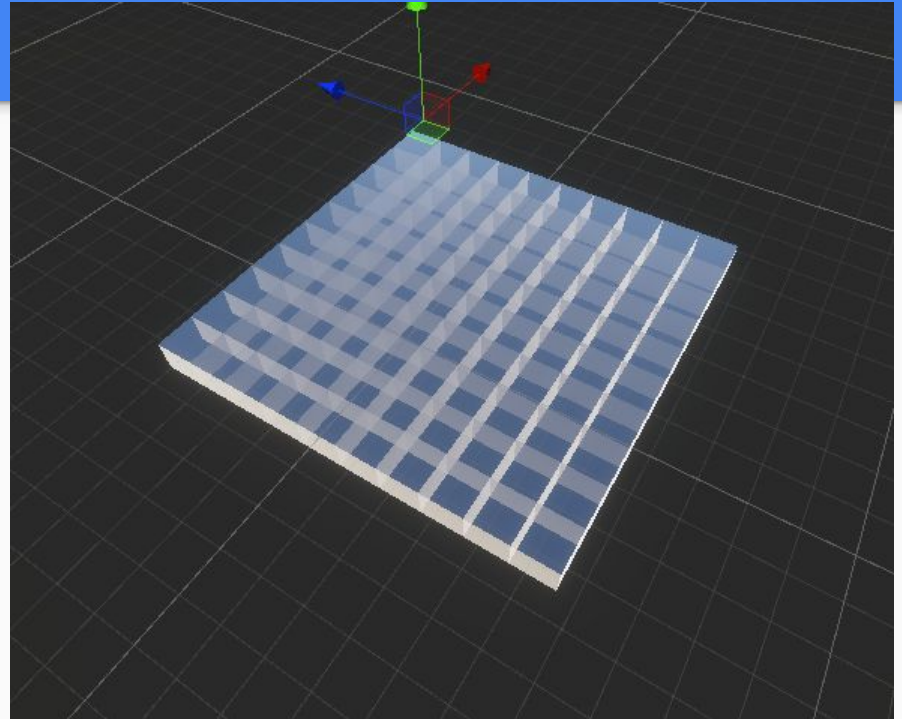




Platform Physics

Platform

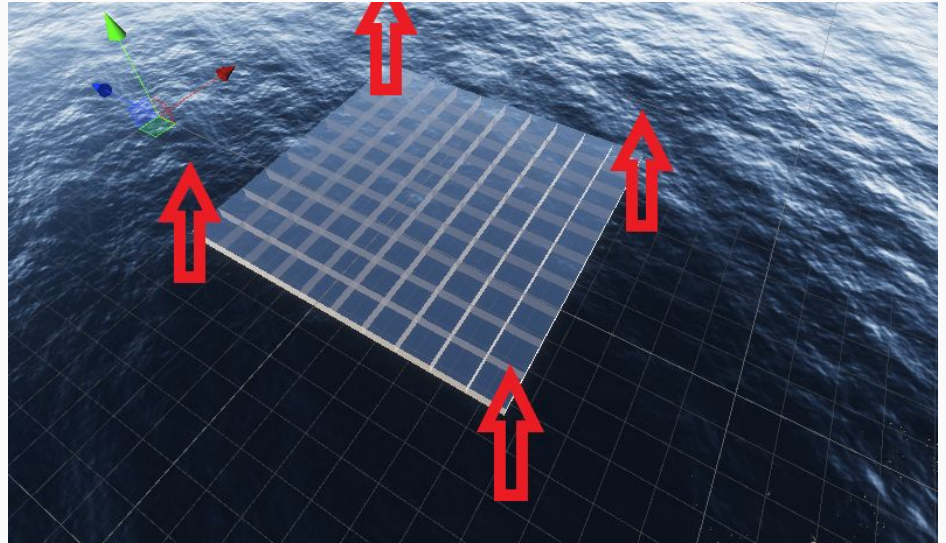
- 10 x 10 tiles
- Have box colliders and one rigidbody for the whole platform
- Tiles are breakable
- Tiles have physical properties (material)

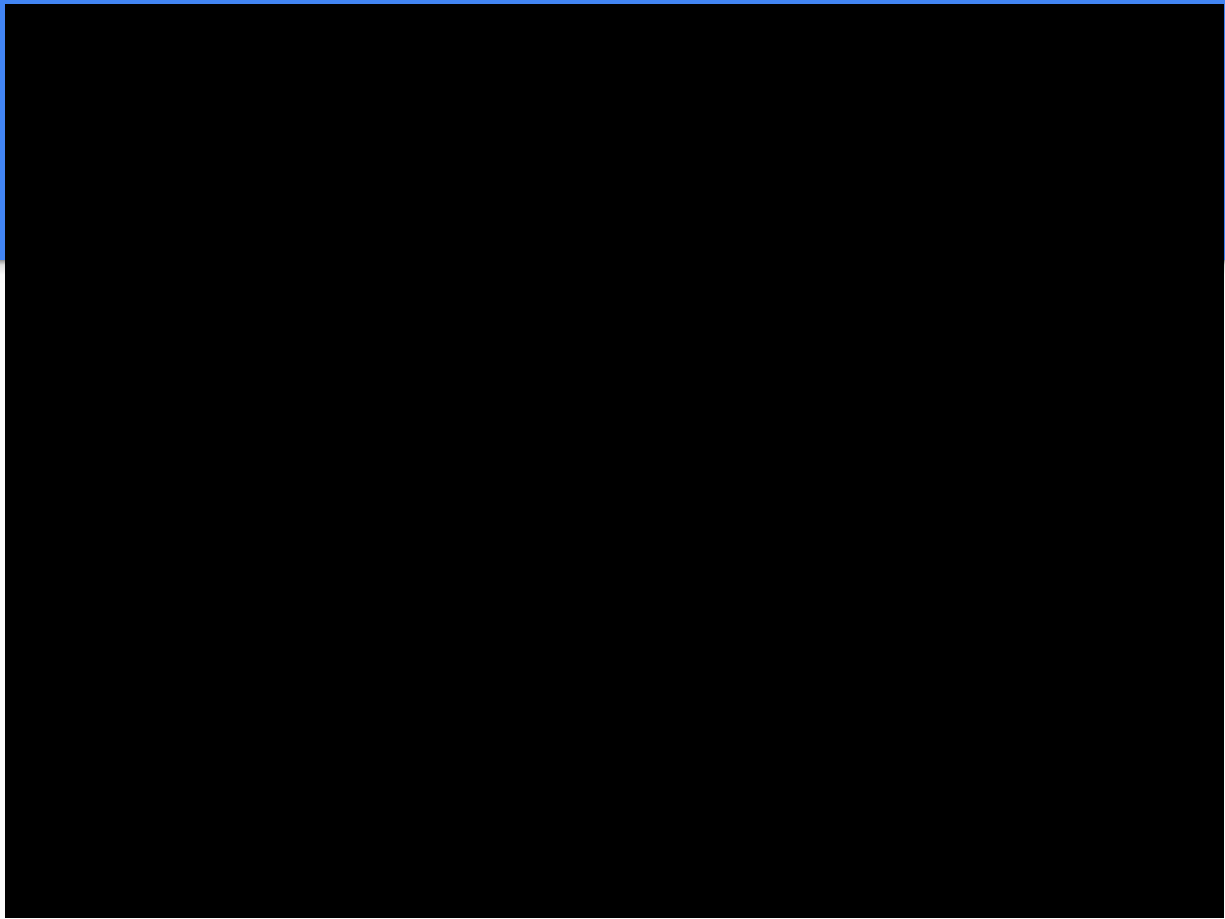


Platform Physics

Buoyancy

- Generic buoyancy scripts
-> flippable and out-of-control
- Force thrusters to keep the platform afloat
- Thrusters placed in the corner and adds force when it is under surface
- Dynamically moves with the waves

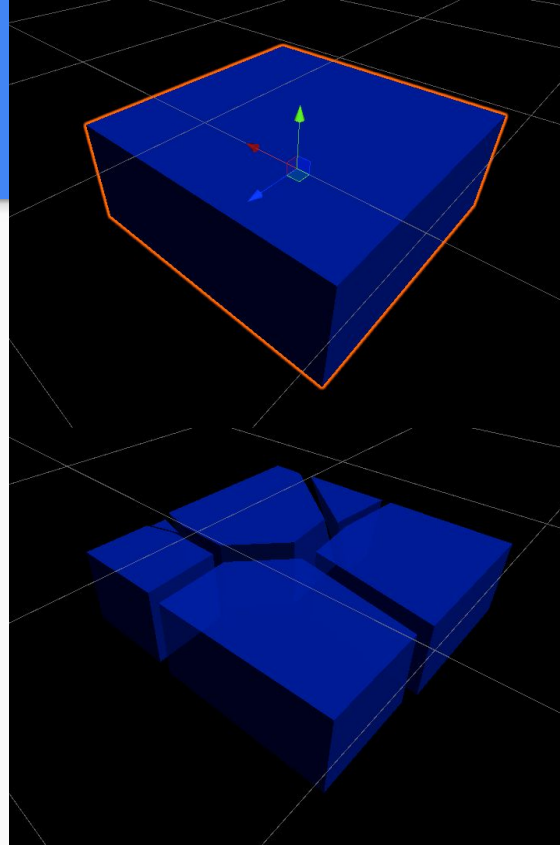




Platform Physics

Breakable Tiles

- Procedural Destruction on Mesh
-> Performance Intensive
- Predefined broken tile with separate mesh pieces
- Two states for the tile
-> Normal and broken



Controls

Using new Unity Input System

- Independent controls for each player
- Seamlessly handle different input types (keyboard, controller, etc..)
- Different maps (Player, UI)

UI

Integrated UI Input Module

- Simple in concept
- In reality, behaviour was often unpredictable
 - Changing components even slightly would be a huge headache
- Outside Pause Menu, not really used
 - Title Screen simply waits for a player to enter
 - Start Game button 'listens' on Player map; players maintain character control in lobby
- System probably going to be replaced in a future milestone

Character Physics & Mechanics

- Components

- Simple capsule collider works very well
- Rigidbody to maintain physical properties
 - Gravity, forces
 - Enable onCollision Methods
 - Freeze x, z rotations to ease movement/control
- Various behaviour scripts

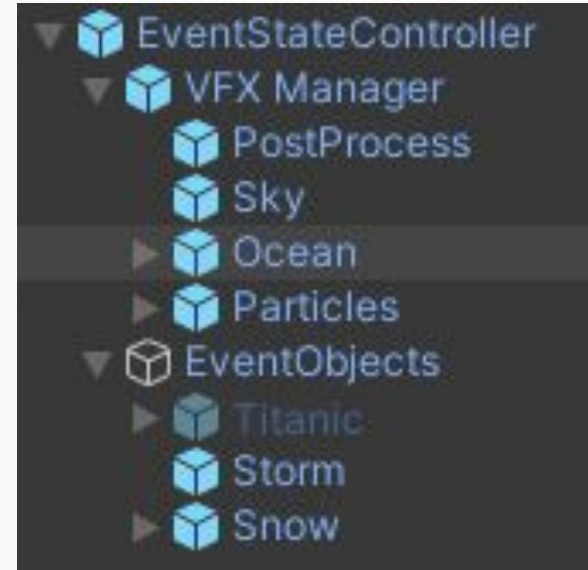
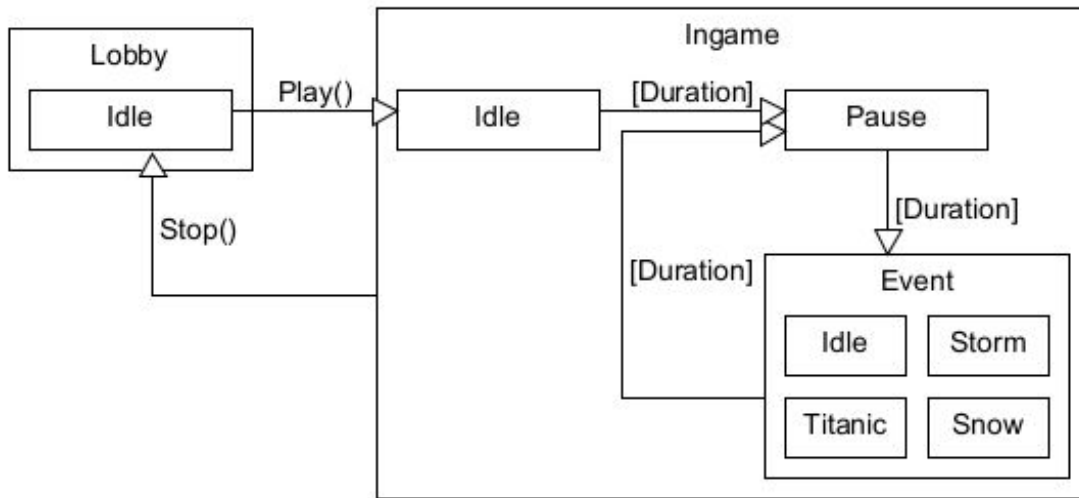
- Movement

- Apply scaled force in the direction of the player's vector input (i.e. analog stick)
- Always rotate the player so as to be looking at the direction of movement
- Affected by friction
 - Ice, snow have different frictions/physics

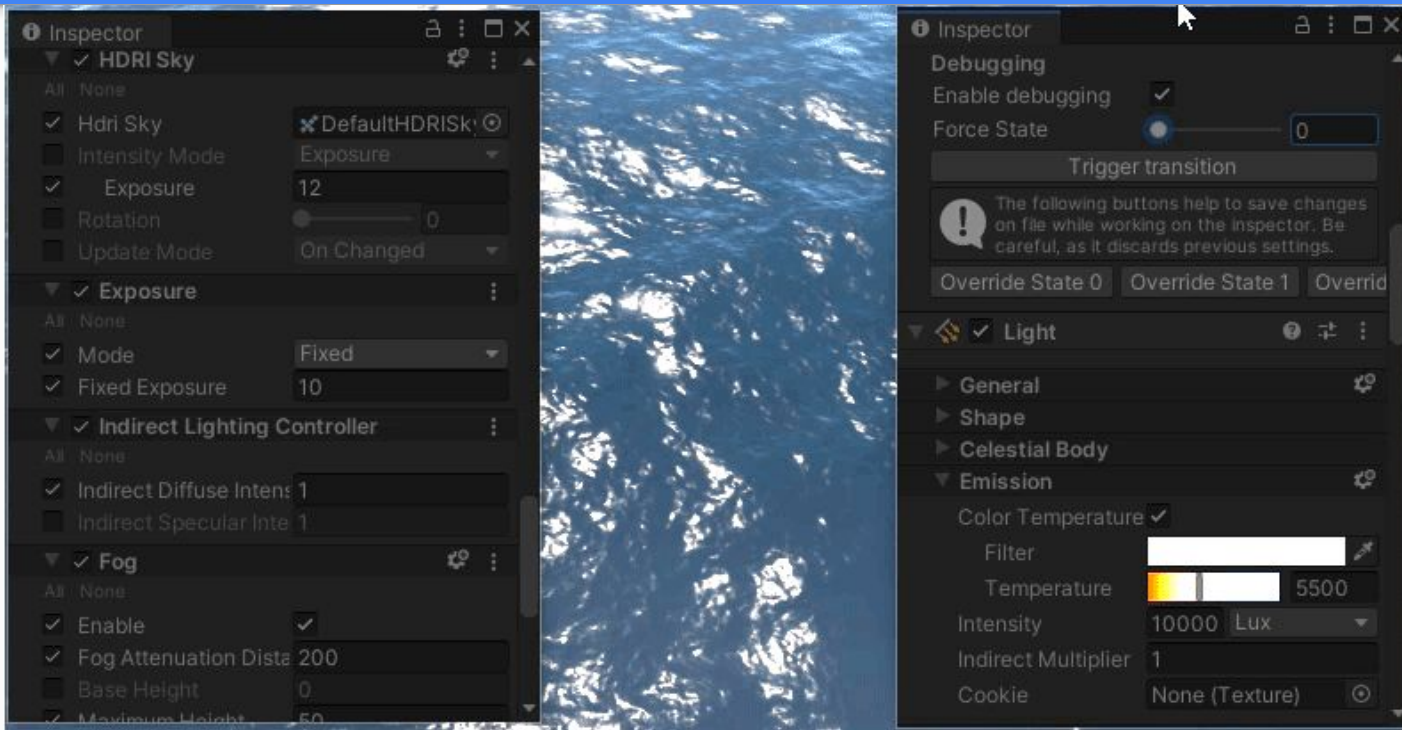
Character Physics & Mechanics (cont'd)

- Punching
 - Store a transform at the punch's position
 - Check for colliders at the time of the punch
 - 'Hit' other players detected along the vector to their position
- Jumping
 - Apply a scaled upward force on the player
 - Can only jump again after colliding with another gameObject
- Swimming
 - Uses buoyancy similar to that used on the platform to stay afloat
 - A 'drowning bar' is visible above the player's head
 - When it's filled up completely, player dies

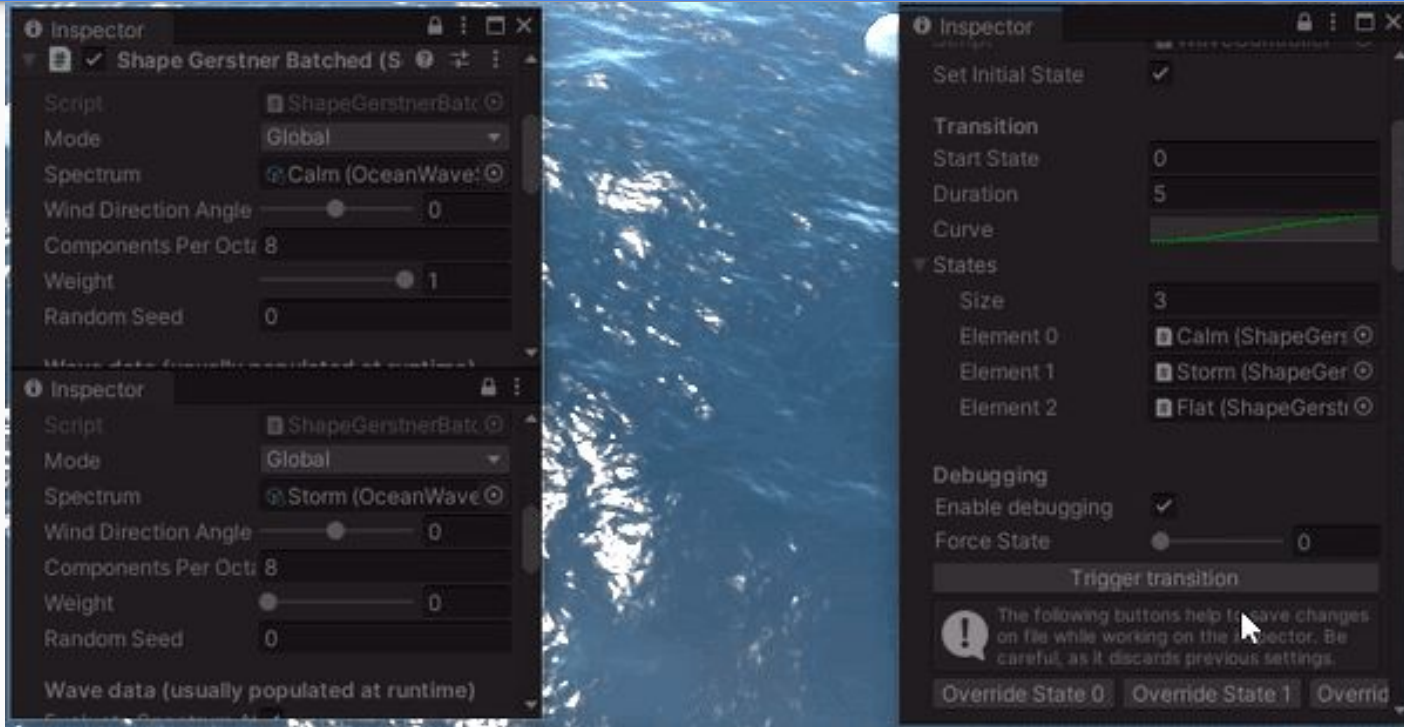
Events and their effects



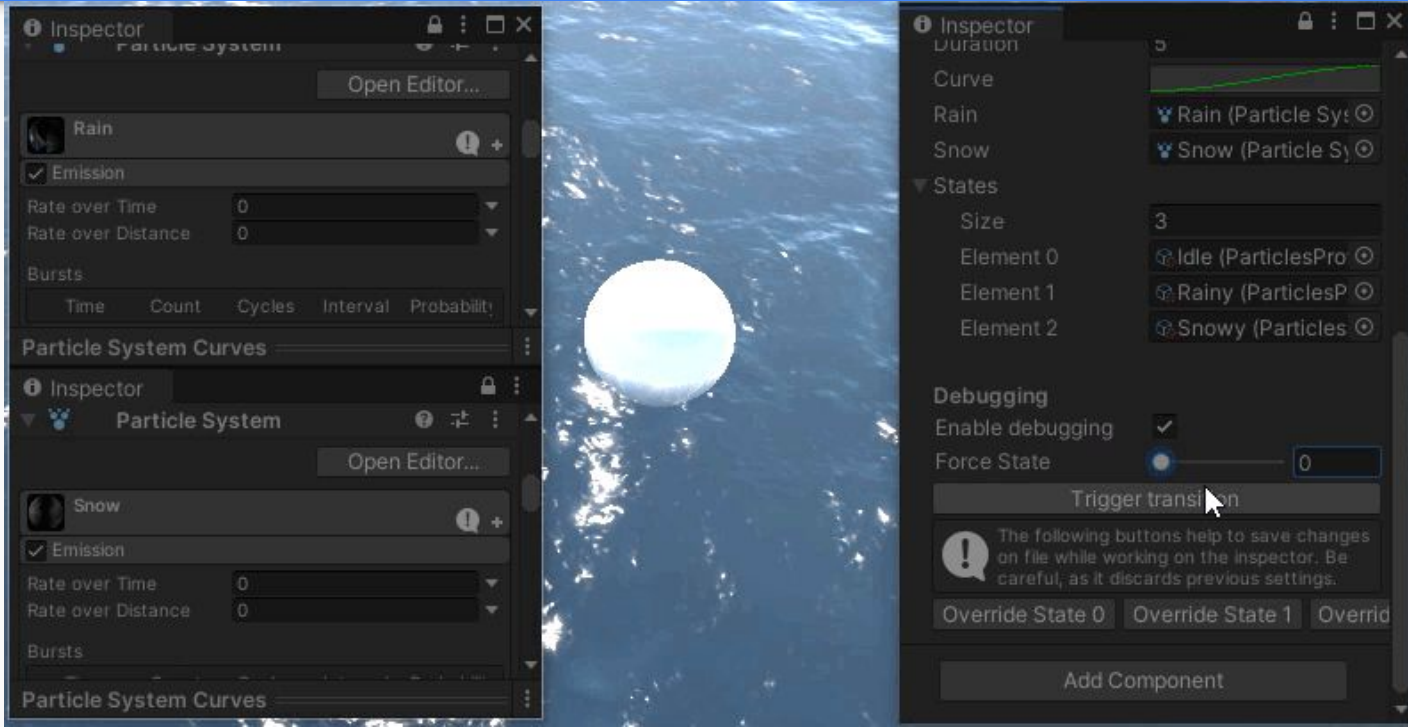
Events and their effects - Sky



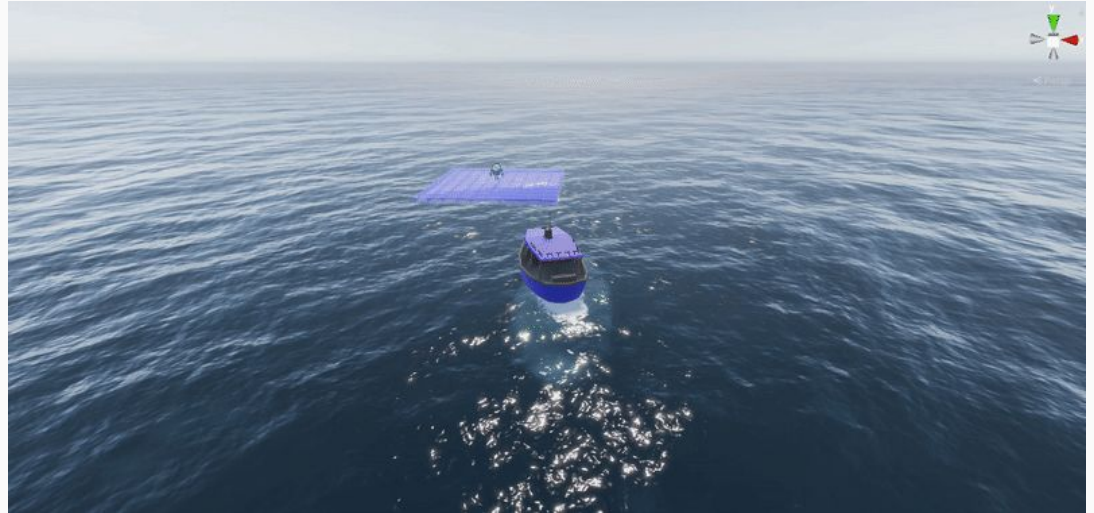
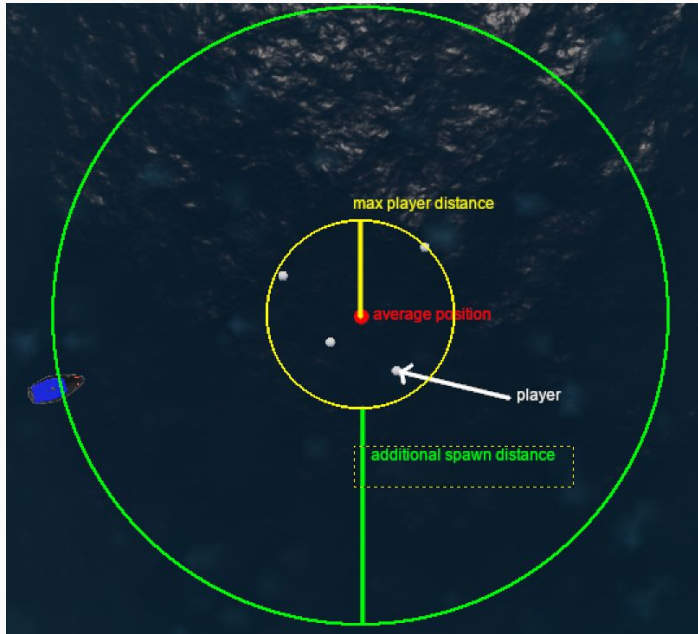
Events and their effects - Waves



Events and their effects - Particles



Events and their effects - Titanic



Events and their effects - Storm



Events and their effects - Snow

- Enable collider over the ocean
- Freeze tile physics

Integration

- Independent development scenes for separate features
- Features extracted as prefabs
 - Easily modifiable outside a scene context
 - Reusable
- Prefabs imported into rolling “MainScene”
 - Very few modifications to the scene; only when adding a new prefab
 - Small meetings for bigger integration efforts

Known Bugs

- Some physics interactions/collisions need to be reconsidered
 - Some can appear very clunky/odd
 - Some (others) can cause freezes/frame drops
- Only Player 1 can use the pause menu properly
- Swimming can get too fast really quickly
- Tile destruction is quite inconsistent
 - Should be destroyed on jump; due to issues with collider hierarchies, currently destroyed after a player walks on them a few times

Possible Improvements

- Camera should move/scale very slightly to fit players in frame
- Light effects have some shading and illumination bugs
- UI Improvements
 - Both behaviour and images/fonts

Demo



Discussion

