

2D Animation & State Machine



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**2D Animation
Overview**

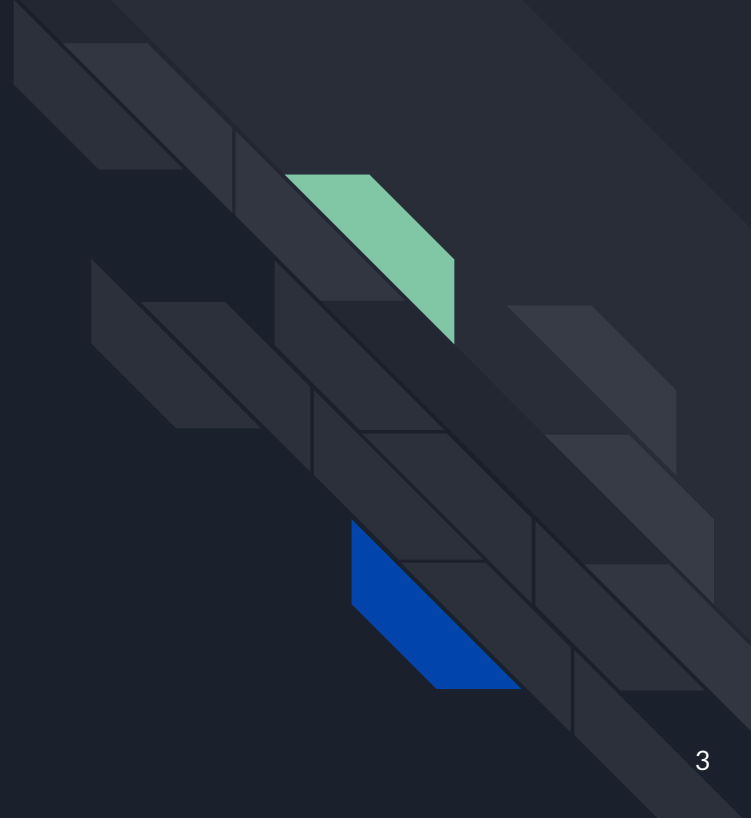
**Demo: Sprite
Animation**

**Demo: Mecanim
State Machine**

Additional Uses



Overview of Unity 2D Animation





2D Animation in Unity

Sprite animation
(frame by frame)



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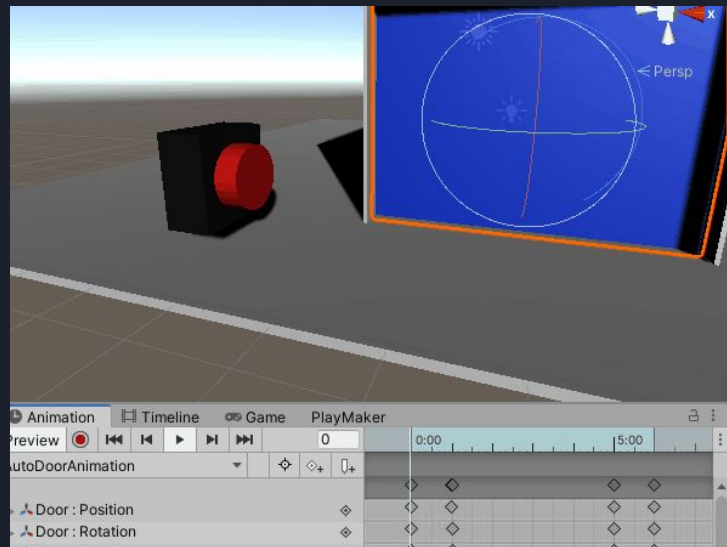
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(frame by frame)

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Procedural
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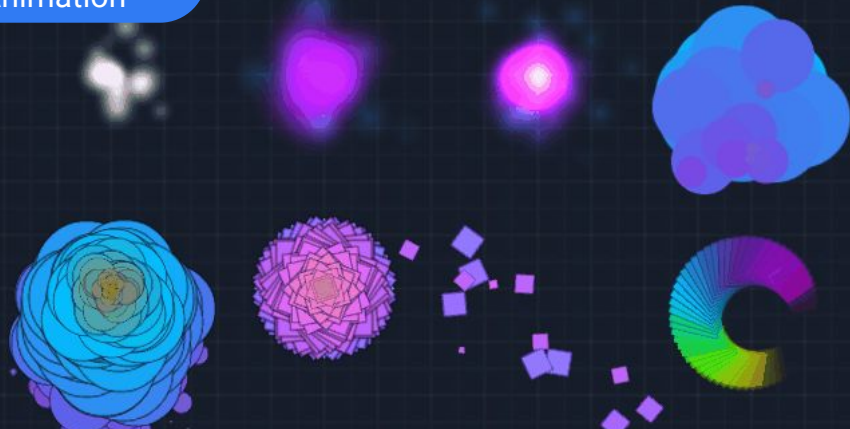
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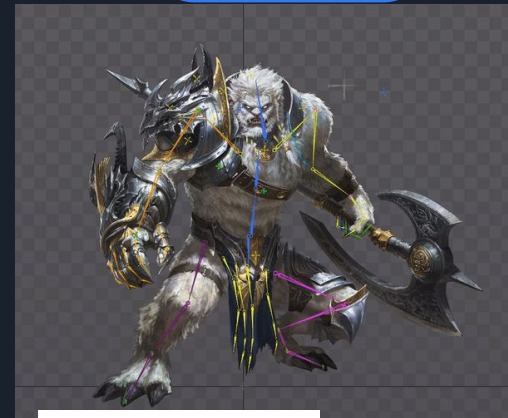
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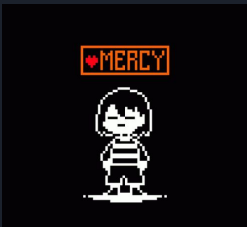
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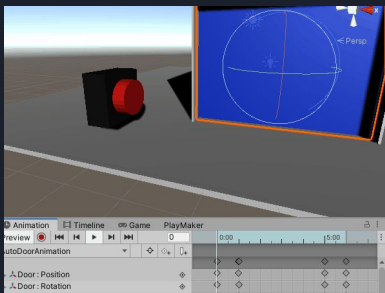
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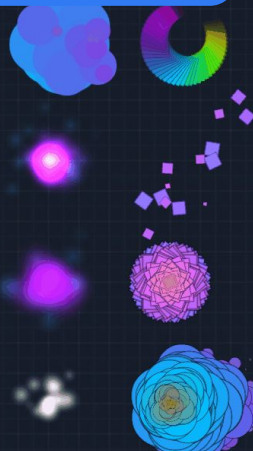
Rigid-body Animation

Procedural Animation

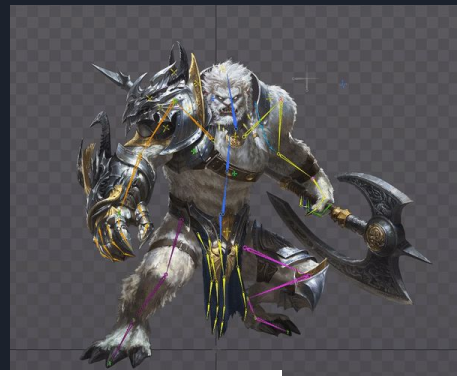


Physics-based

Particle System



Bone-based Animation





Why?

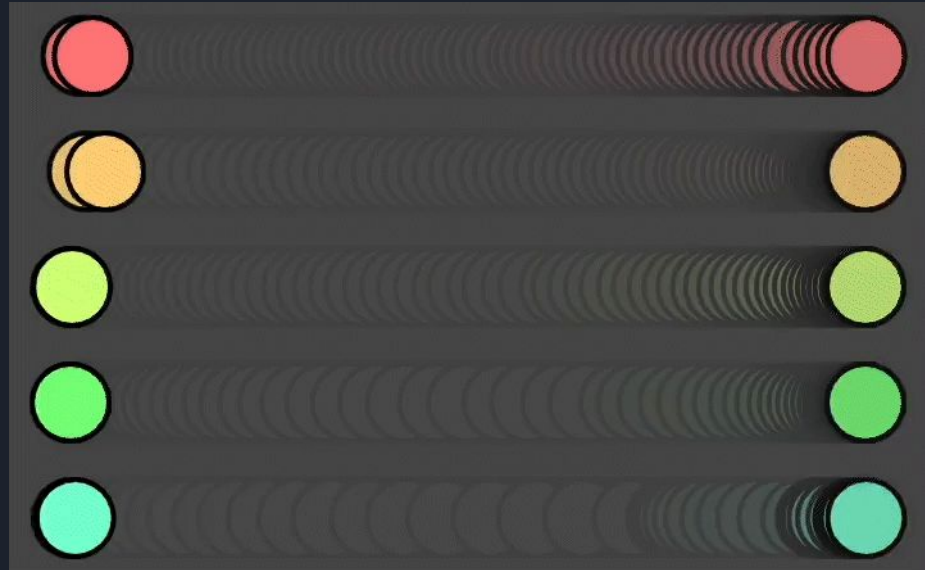
- Polished look
- Interactivity
- Game feel (hit effects, camera shake, feedback, etc)





Vocabulary

- Sprite/spritesheets
- Keyframe
- Interpolation
- Unity Animator
- Parameters



Create a new Unity 2D project or use a pre-existing one

Unity Hub 3.3.0

New project
Editor Version: **2021.3.1f1** LTS

All templates

- Core
- Sample
- Learning

Search all templates

- 2D**
Core
- 3D
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- SRP 2D (URP)
Core
- SRP 3D (HDRP)
Core
- SRP 3D (URP)
Core

2D
This is an empty project configured for 2D apps. It uses Unity's built-in renderer.
[Read more](#)

PROJECT SETTINGS

Project name
Animation_10.4.2022

Cancel Create project

Course website → week 4b

PART 4: ANIMATED 2D PLAYER CHARACTER (MORE ADVANCED): IN PHOTOSHOP:

1. **Draw:** In one Photoshop file draw each character pose in its own layers.

2. **Build Spritesheet:** In a new Photoshop file (power-of-two-square, like 512 x 512) paste these character poses, evenly distributed and consistently positioned (so the "ground" is the same for all).

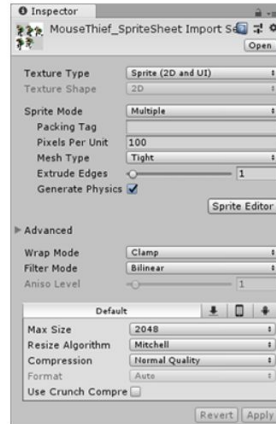


IN UNITY:

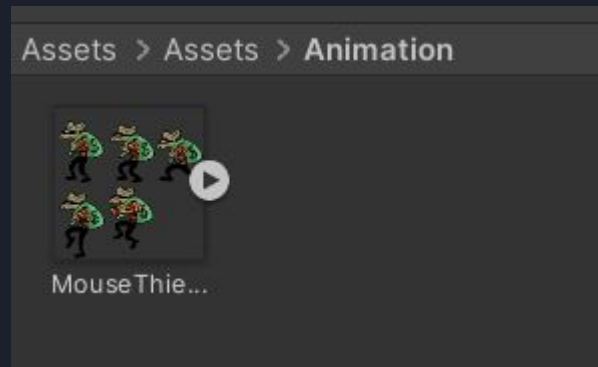
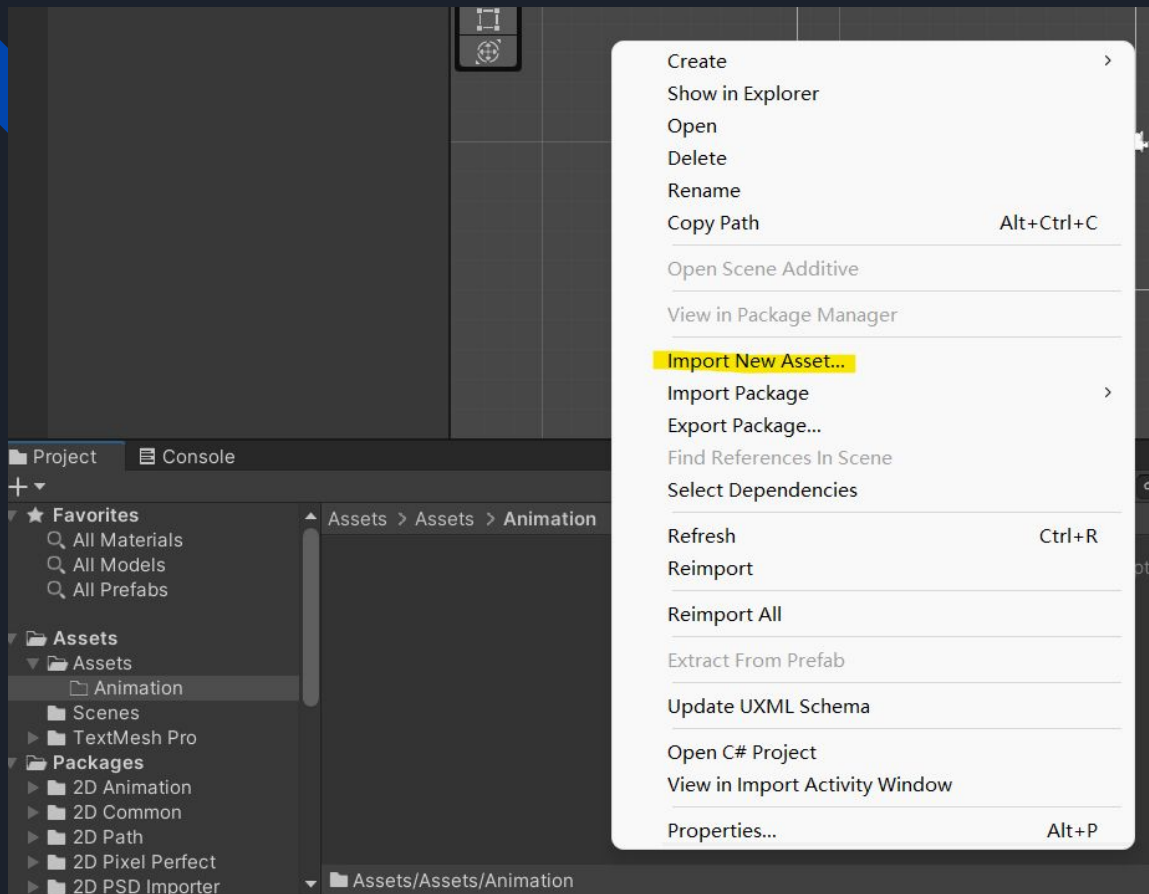
a) Add Spritesheet to Project.

b) In the Inspector, add these settings:

- Texture Type = **Sprite**
- Sprite Mode = **Multiple**
- Pixels Per Unit = 100.



http://www.madwomb.com/tutorials/GameDesign_Unity2Dintro.html
#part4





Hierarchy: SampleScene* (Main Camera, Canvas, EventSystem) | Scene | Game | Animator | Inspector: Mouse Thief_Sprite Sheet (Texture 2D)

Inspector Settings:

- Texture Type: Sprite (2D and UI)
- Texture Shape: 2D
- Sprite Mode: Single
- Packing Tag: [Empty]
- Pixels Per Unit: 100
- Mesh Type: Tight
- Extrude Edges: 1
- Pivot: Center
- Generate Physics:
- Advanced:
 - Wrap Mode: Clamp
 - Filter Mode: Bilinear
 - Aniso Level: 1
- Default:
 - Max Size: 2048
 - Resize Algorithm: Mitchell
 - Format: Automatic
 - Compression: Normal Quality
 - Use Crunch Compression:

Project: Assets > Animation > MouseThief_SpriteSheet (512x512, RGBA Compressed DXT5|BC3 UNorm, 256.0 KB)



Texture Type **Sprite (2D and UI)**

Texture Shape 2D

Sprite Mode **Multiple**

Packing Tag

Pixels Per Unit **100**

Mesh Type Tight


Extrude Edges 1

Generate Physics

Sprite Editor

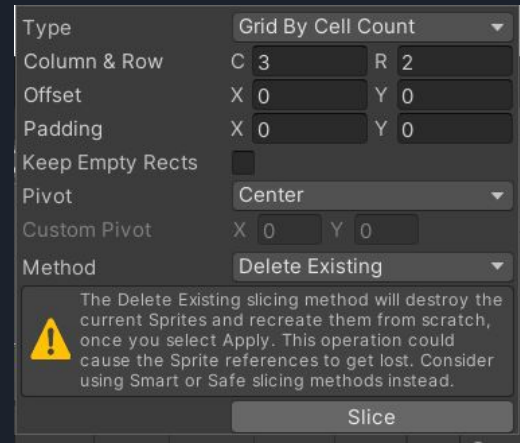
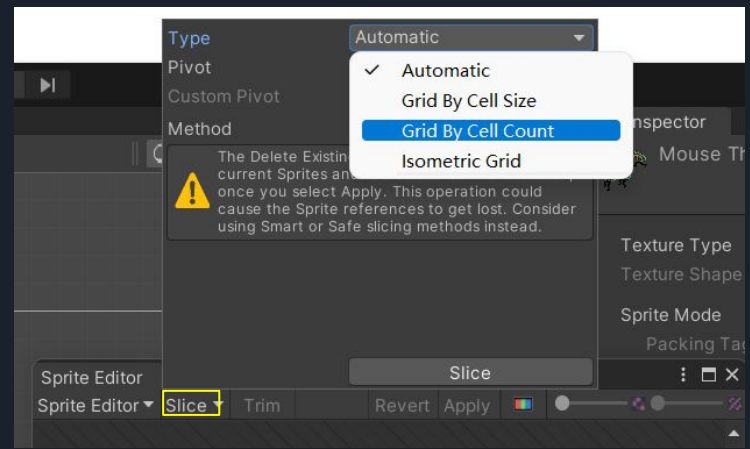


Unapplied import settings



Unapplied import settings for
'Assets/Assets/Animation/MouseThief_SpriteSheet.png'.
Apply and continue to sprite editor or cancel.

Apply Cancel



Hit "apply"



Type: Grid By Cell Count

Column & Row	C 3	R 2
Offset	X 0	Y 0
Padding	X 0	Y 0

Keep Empty Rects:

Pivot: Center

Custom Pivot: X 0 Y 0

Method: Delete Existing

! The Delete Existing slicing method will destroy the current Sprites and recreate them from scratch, once you select Apply. This operation could cause the Sprite references to get lost. Consider using Smart or Safe slicing methods instead.

Slice

Inspector: Mouse T...

Texture Type

Texture Shape

Sprite Mode

Packing Ta...

Sprite Editor

Slice Trim Revert Apply

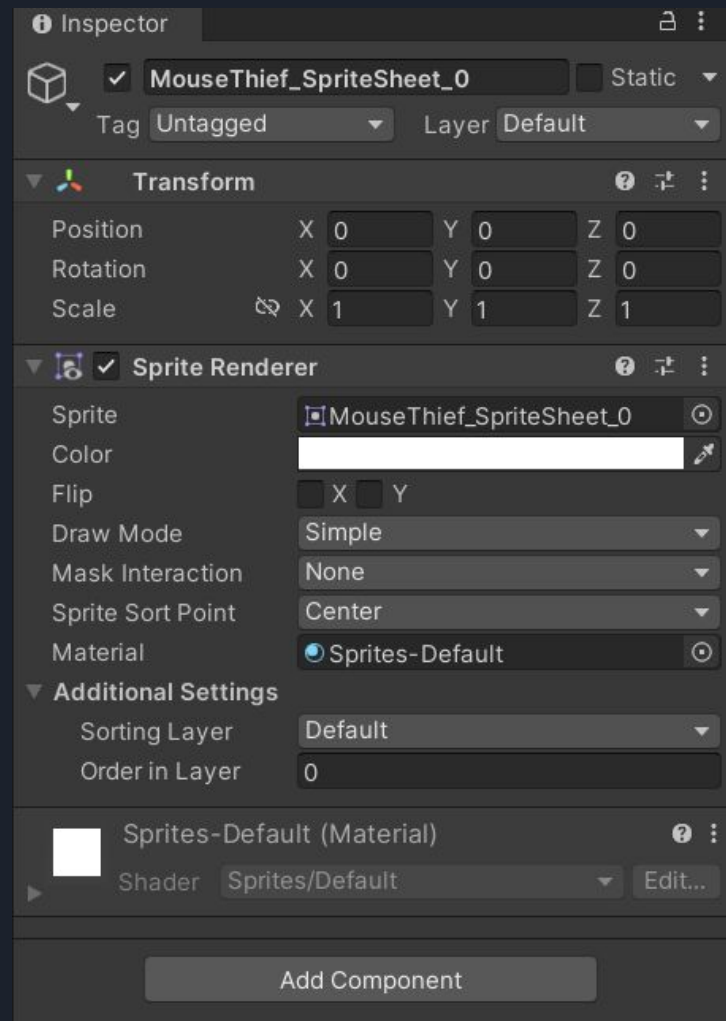
The image shows a 2x3 grid of a cartoon rabbit character carrying a money bag. The character is in a walking pose, wearing a green shirt with orange stripes and black pants. The background is a gray and white checkerboard pattern. The grid is outlined in red, and the character is centered in each cell. The software interface around the grid includes a 'Sprite Editor' window with a 'Slice' button and a warning message about the 'Delete Existing' method.

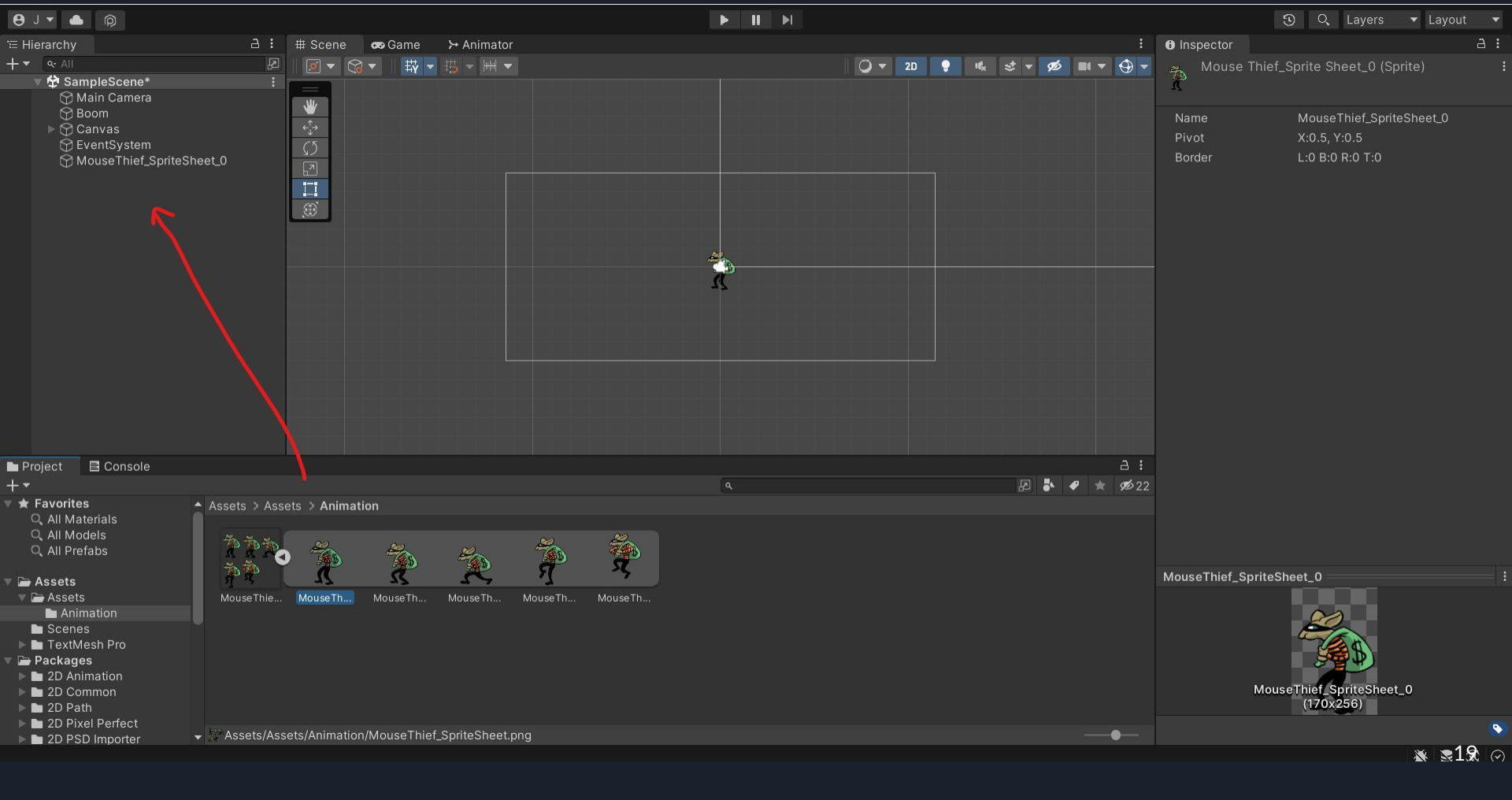


Drag the first sprite into the Hierarchy

If dragging doesn't work:

- Create new empty GameObject
- Add Component - Sprite Renderer
- Select the first Mouse sprite through "Sprite"



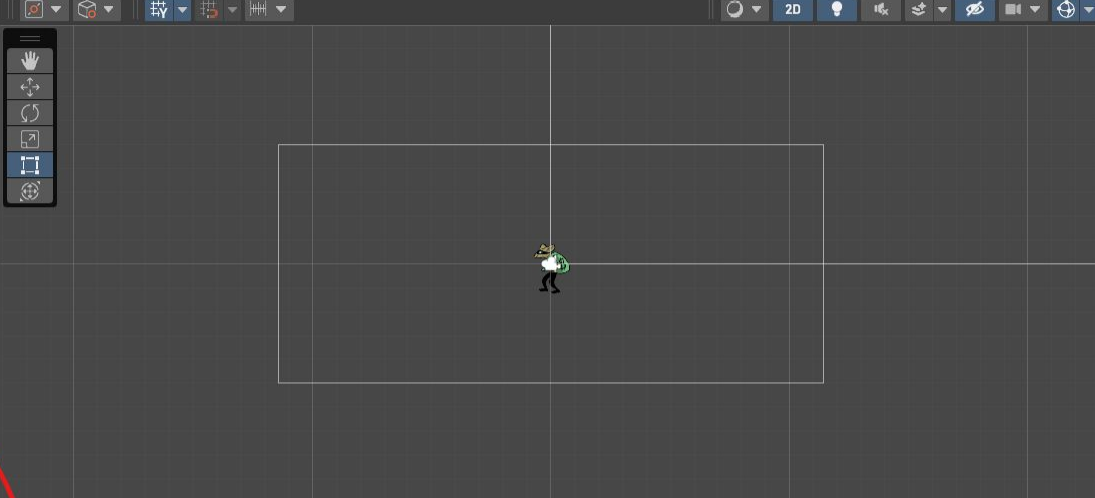


Hierarchy

Scene Game Animator

Inspector

- SampleScene*
- Main Camera
- Boom
- Canvas
- EventSystem
- MouseThief_SpriteSheet_0

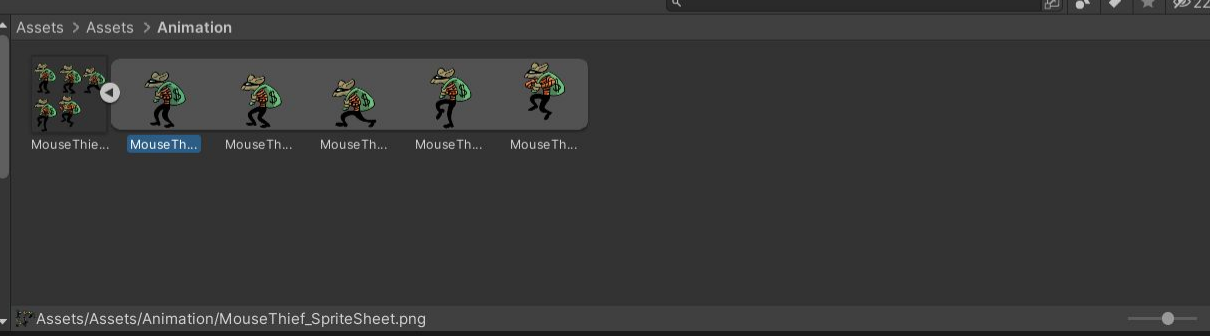


Mouse Thief_Sprite Sheet_0 (Sprite)

Name	MouseThief_SpriteSheet_0
Pivot	X:0.5, Y:0.5
Border	L:0 B:0 R:0 T:0

Project Console

- Favorites
- All Materials
- All Models
- All Prefabs
- Assets
- Assets
- Animation
- Scenes
- TextMesh Pro
- Packages
- 2D Animation
- 2D Common
- 2D Path
- 2D Pixel Perfect
- 2D PSD Importer





Inspector 🔒 ⋮

Player Static ▼

Tag Untagged ▼ Layer Default ▼

Transform ? ↔ ⋮

Position	X	0	Y	0	Z	0	
Rotation	X	0	Y	0	Z	0	
Scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	X	1	Y	1	Z	1

Sprite Renderer ? ↔ ⋮

Sprite MouseThief_SpriteSheet_0 🔍

Color ██████████ 🎨

Flip X Y

Draw Mode Simple ▼

Mask Interaction None ▼

Sprite Sort Point Center ▼

Material Sprites-Default 🔍

Additional Settings

Sorting Layer Default ▼

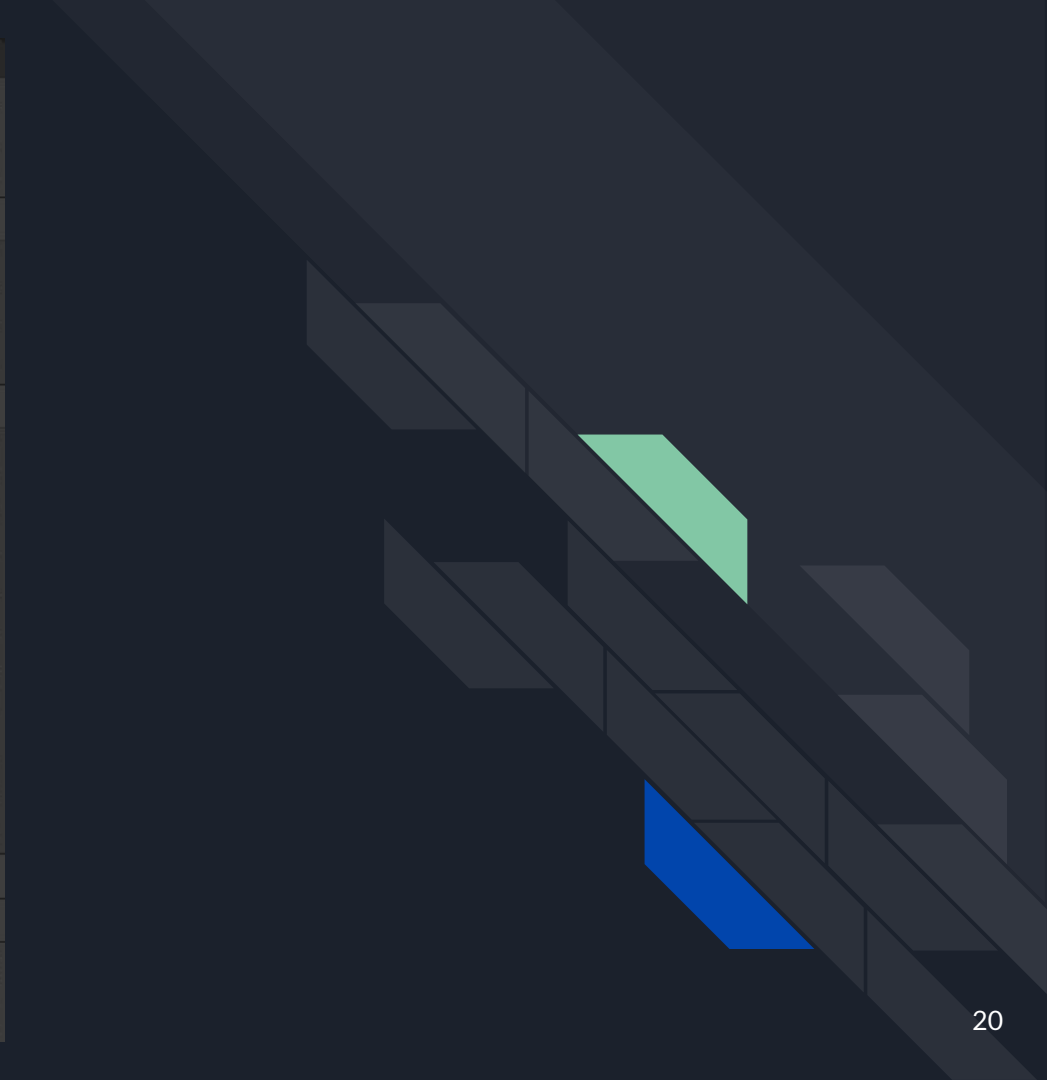
Order in Layer 100

Box Collider 2D ? ↔ ⋮

Rigidbody 2D ? ↔ ⋮

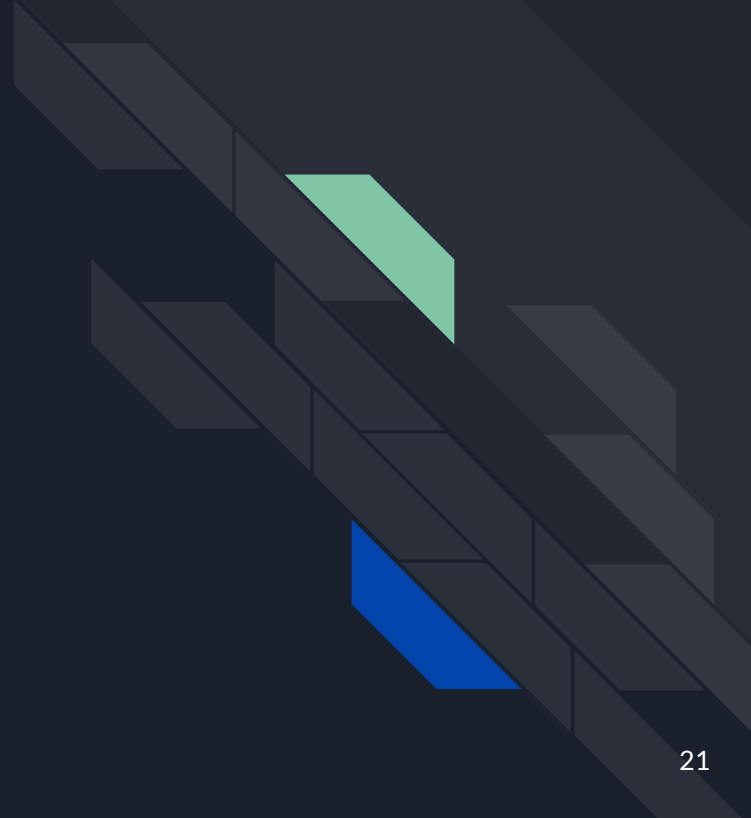
Sprites-Default (Material) ? ⋮

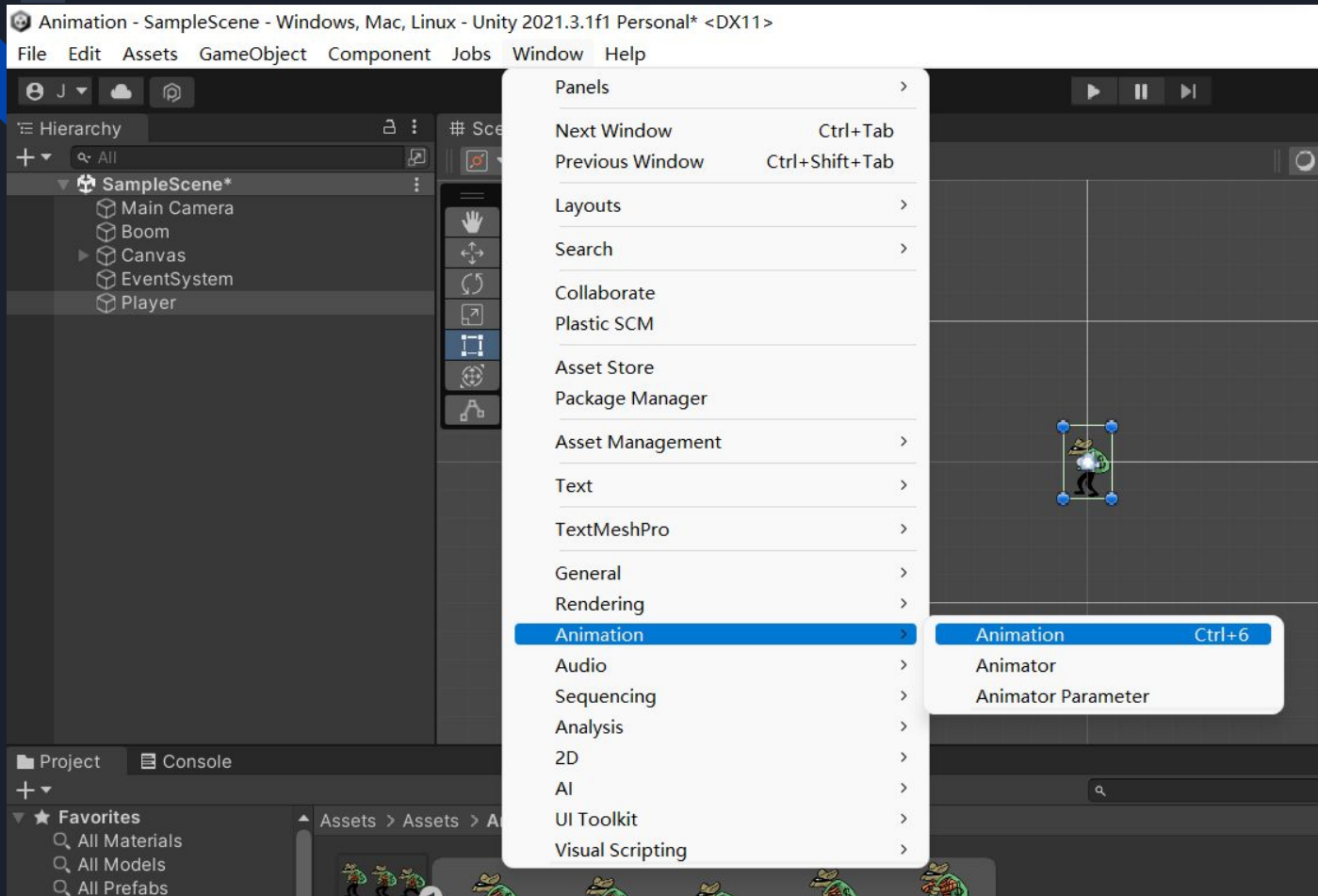
Shader Sprites/Default ▼ Edit...





Check for
understanding

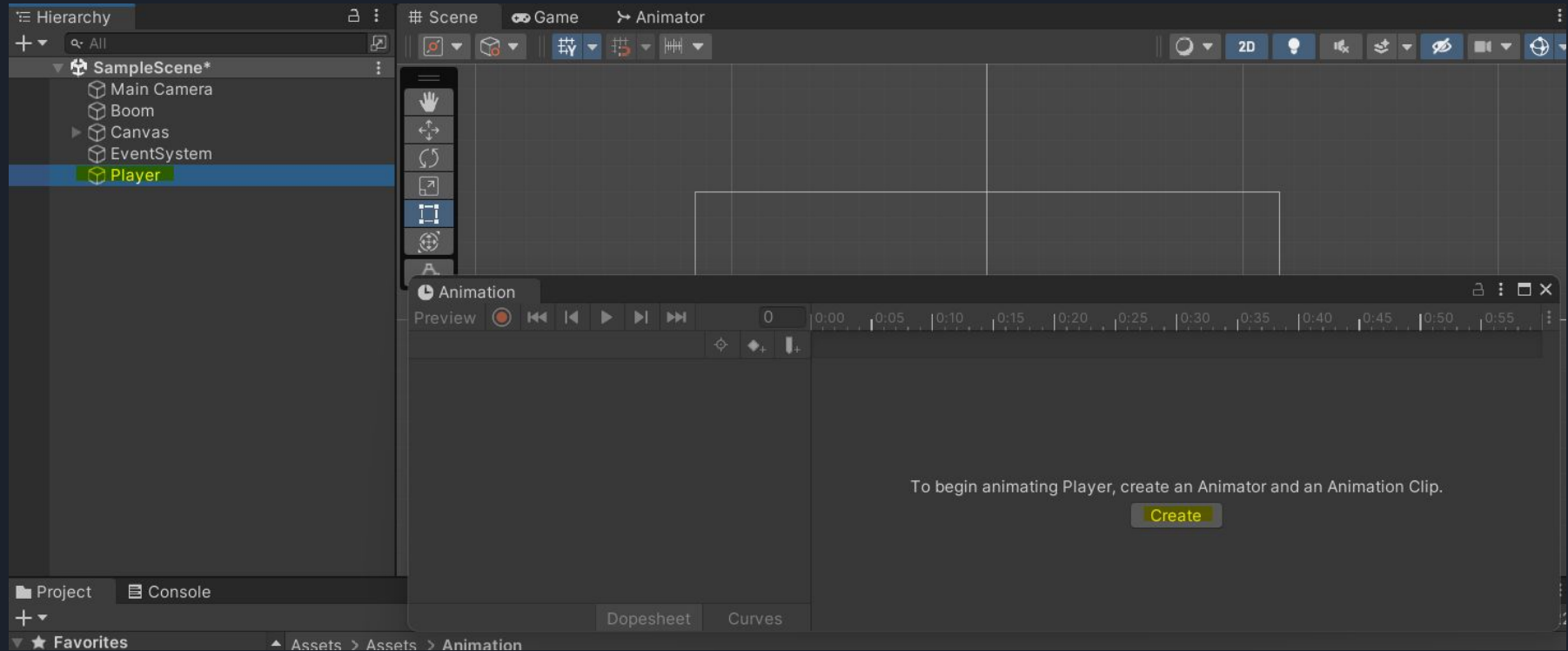




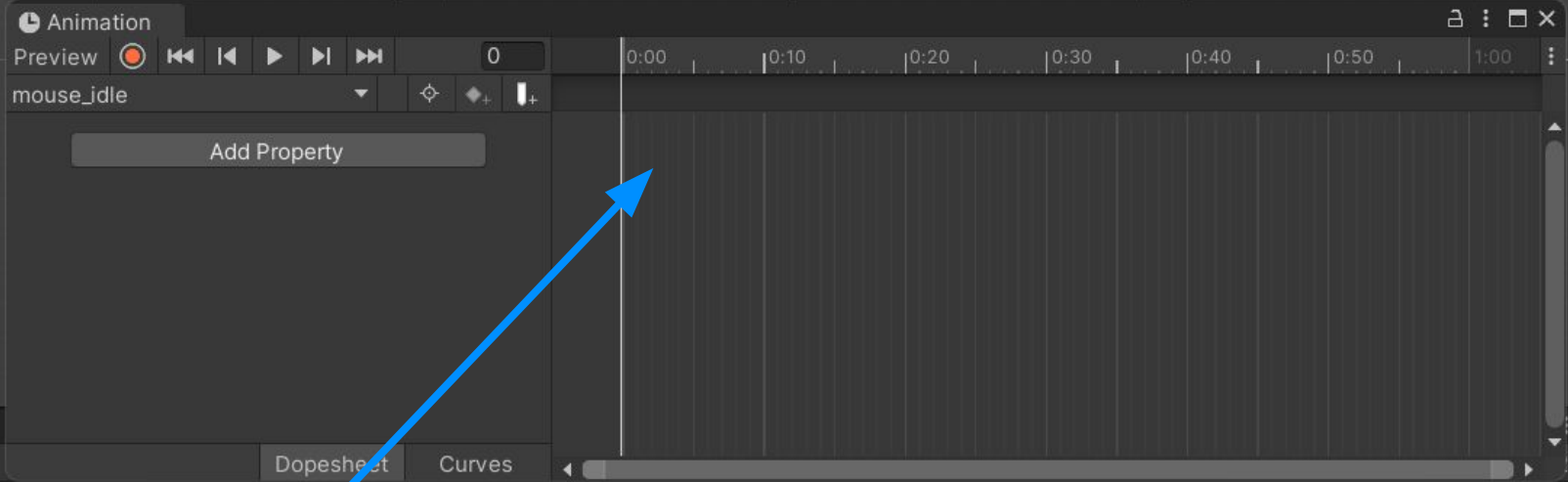
Animation panel

- Allows you to add animator component to gameobjects
- Allows you to create & edit animation clips attached to gameobjects

Have the player selected before creating an Animator & Animation Clip



- 
- Hit “create”
 - Save the animator in an Animation folder (or create a new folder)
 - Rename Animator to **mouse_idle.anim**



Assets > Assets > Animation



mouse_idle



MouseThie...



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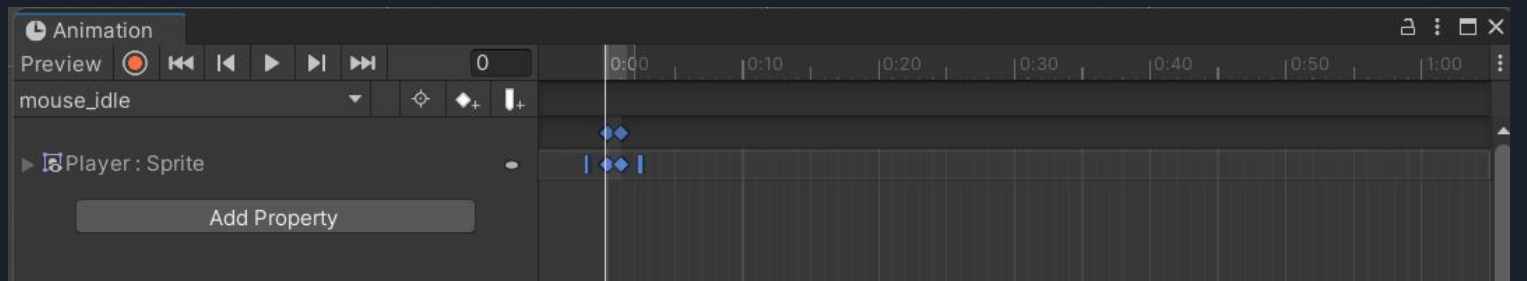


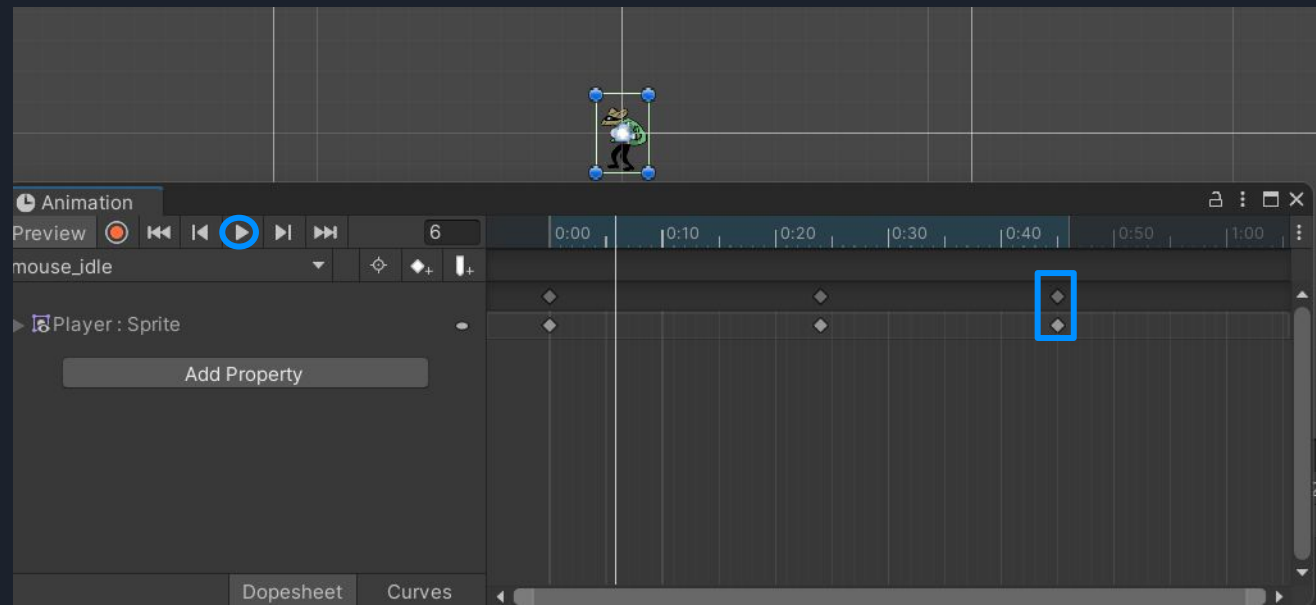
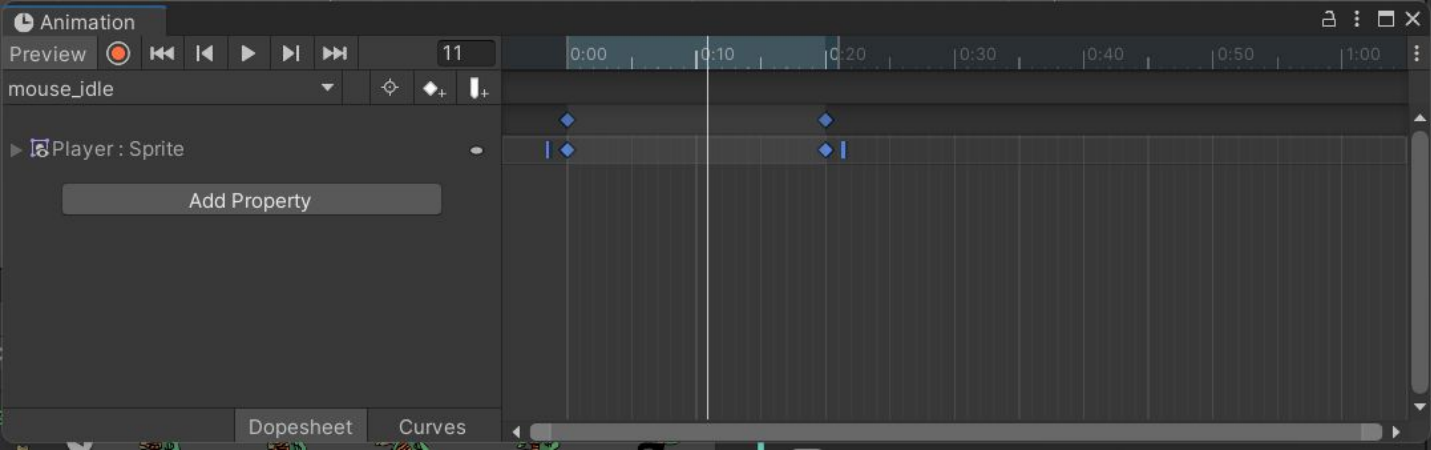
MouseTh...



Player

Shift+click to select 1st & 2nd sprite





Animation

Preview 0

0:00 0:05 0:10 0:15 0:20 0:25 0:30 0:35 0:40 0:45

mouse_idle

✓ mouse_idle

Create New Clip...

Add Property

Animation

Preview 35

0:00 0:10 0:20 0:30 0:40 0:50 1:00

mouse_jump

Player : Sprite

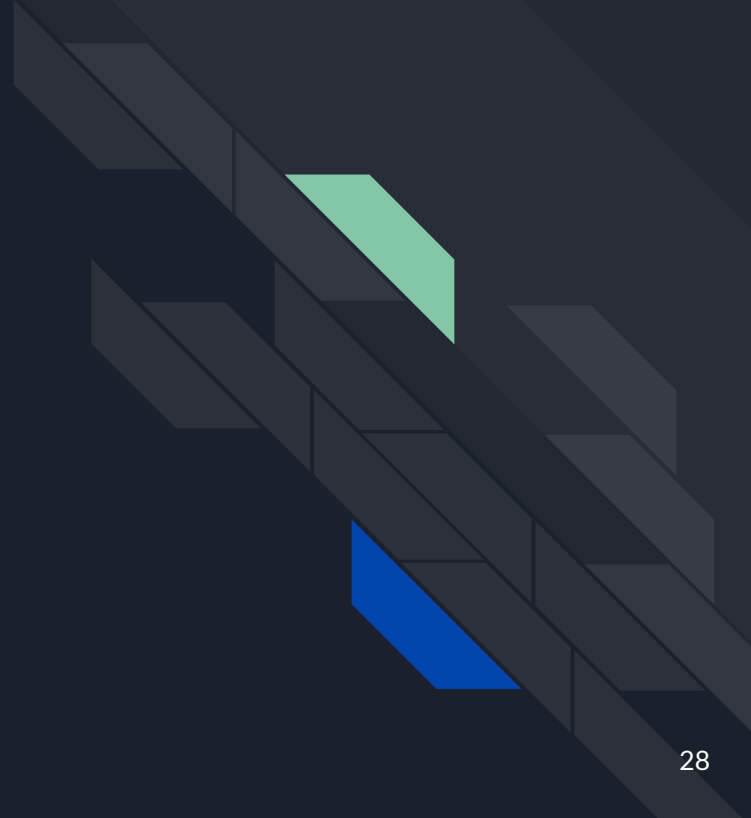
Add Property

Dopesheet Curves

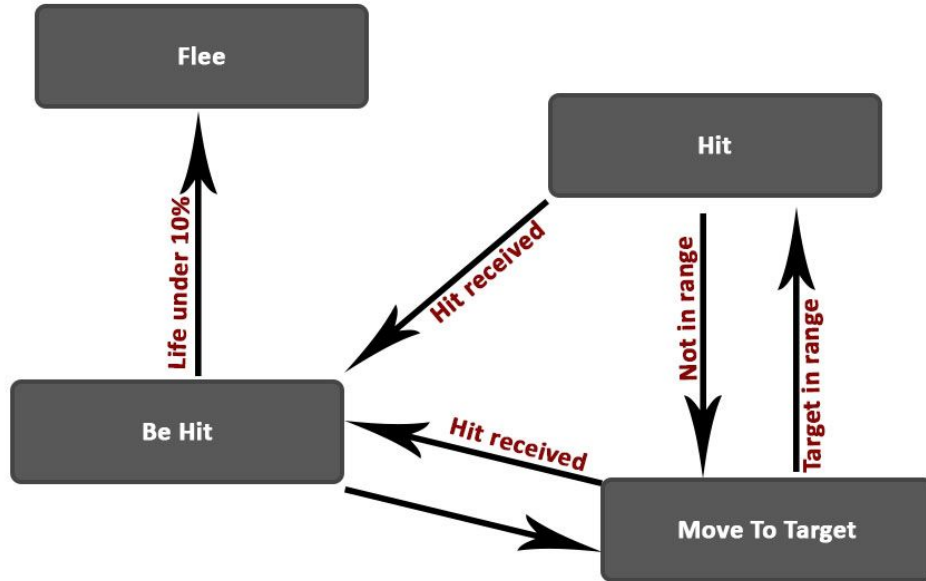
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Mecanim State Machine

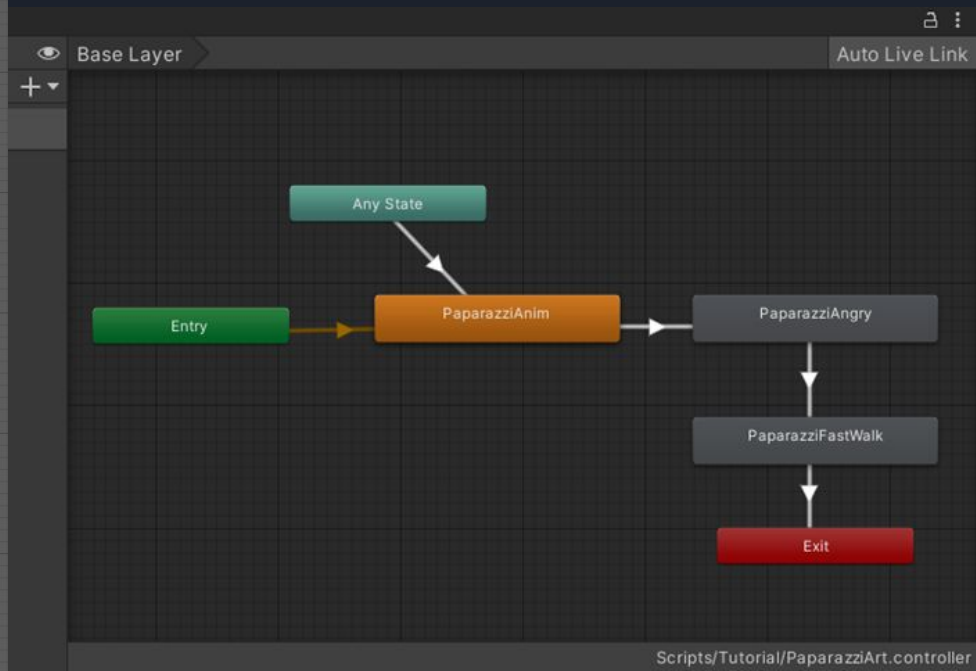
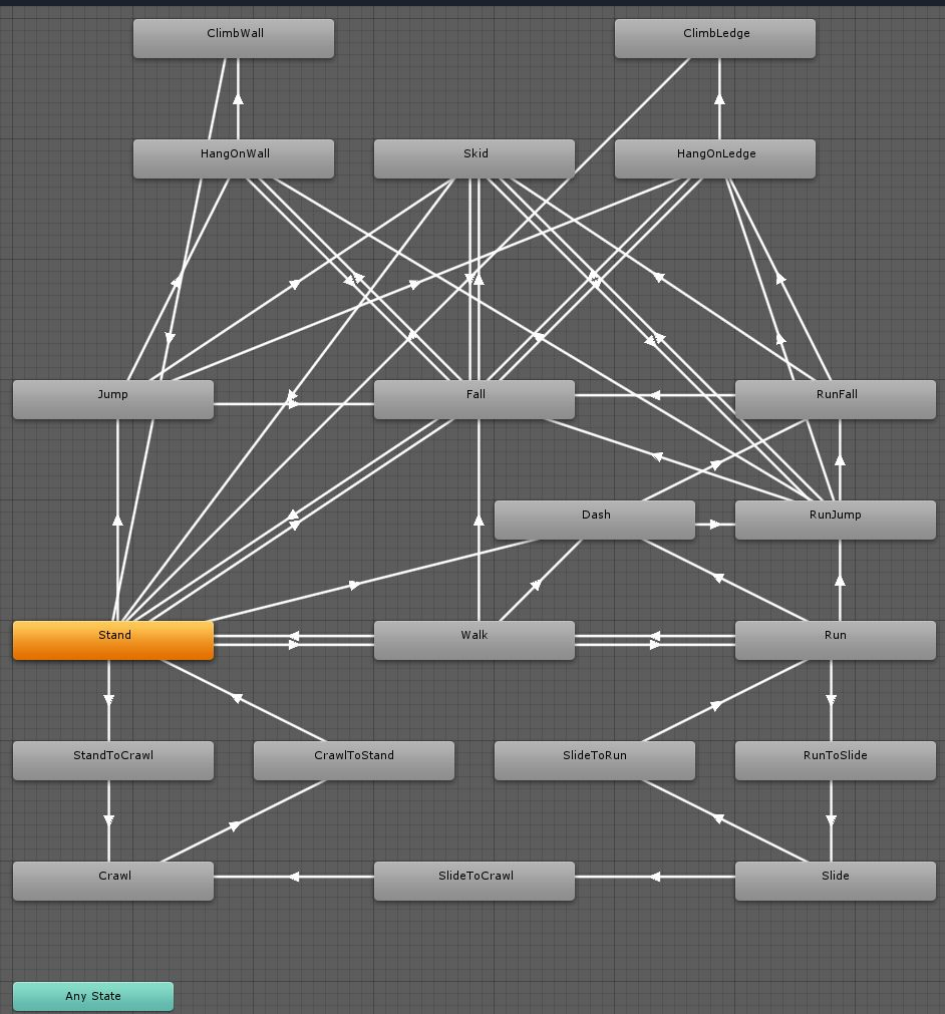


Mecanim State Machine



- Type of finite State Machine
- One animation clip will play
- Uses:
 - Character animation & transitions
 - UI
 - AI
 - NPC/enemy
 - Objects

Just an example of state machines in action



Scripts/Tutorial/PaparazziArt.controller

Scene Game Animator

Layers Parameters Base Layer Auto Live Link

Name +

List is Empty

The diagram shows a state machine for Player.controller. It starts with an 'Any State' state. An 'Entry' state transitions to a 'mouse_idle' state. From 'mouse_idle', there is a transition to a 'mouse_jump' state. An 'Exit' state is also present.

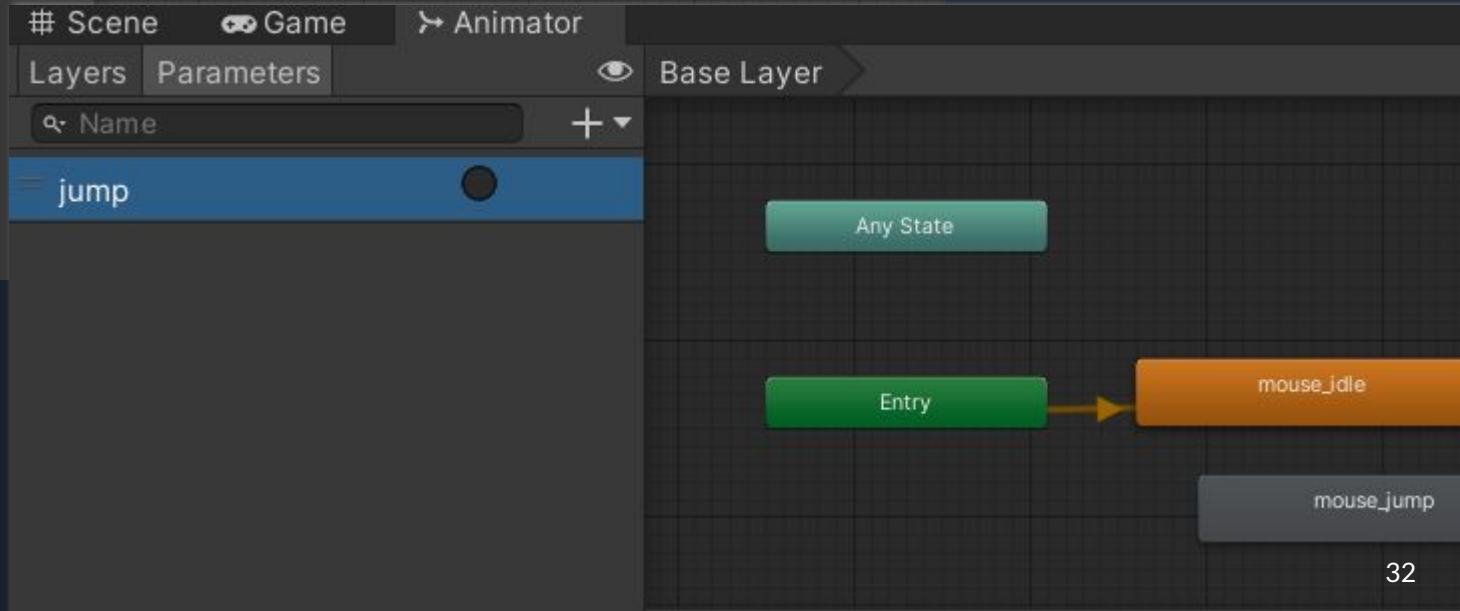
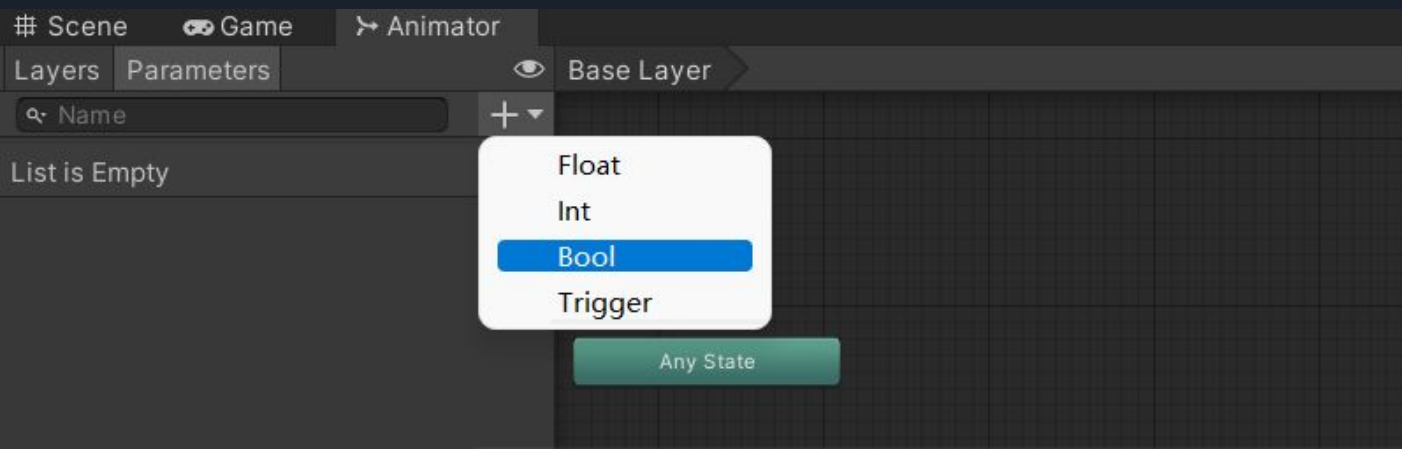
Assets/Animation/Player.controller

Assets > Assets > Animation

The asset browser shows four items: 'mouse_idle' (a cyan triangle), 'mouse_ju...' (a cyan triangle), 'MouseThie...' (a character animation preview), and 'Player' (a state machine icon). A blue arrow points to the 'Player' icon.

mouse_idle mouse_ju... MouseThie... Player

Select Player Animator Controller



Scene Game Animator

Layers Parameters Base Layer Auto Live Link

🔍 Name + ▾

jump

```
graph LR; AnyState[Any State]; Entry[Entry]; mouse_idle[mouse_idle]; mouse_jump[mouse_jump]; Exit[Exit]; Entry --> mouse_idle;
```

Make Transition
Set as Layer Default State
Copy
Create new BlendTree in State
Delete



Inspector

mouse_idle -> mouse_jump
1 AnimatorTransitionBase

Transitions Solo Mute

mouse_idle -> mouse_jump

mouse_idle -> mouse_jump

Has Exit Time

Settings

0:00 | 0:10 | 0:20 | 1:00 | 1:10

mouse_idle

mouse_jump

Conditions

List is Empty

Inspector

mouse_idle -> mouse_jump
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Settings

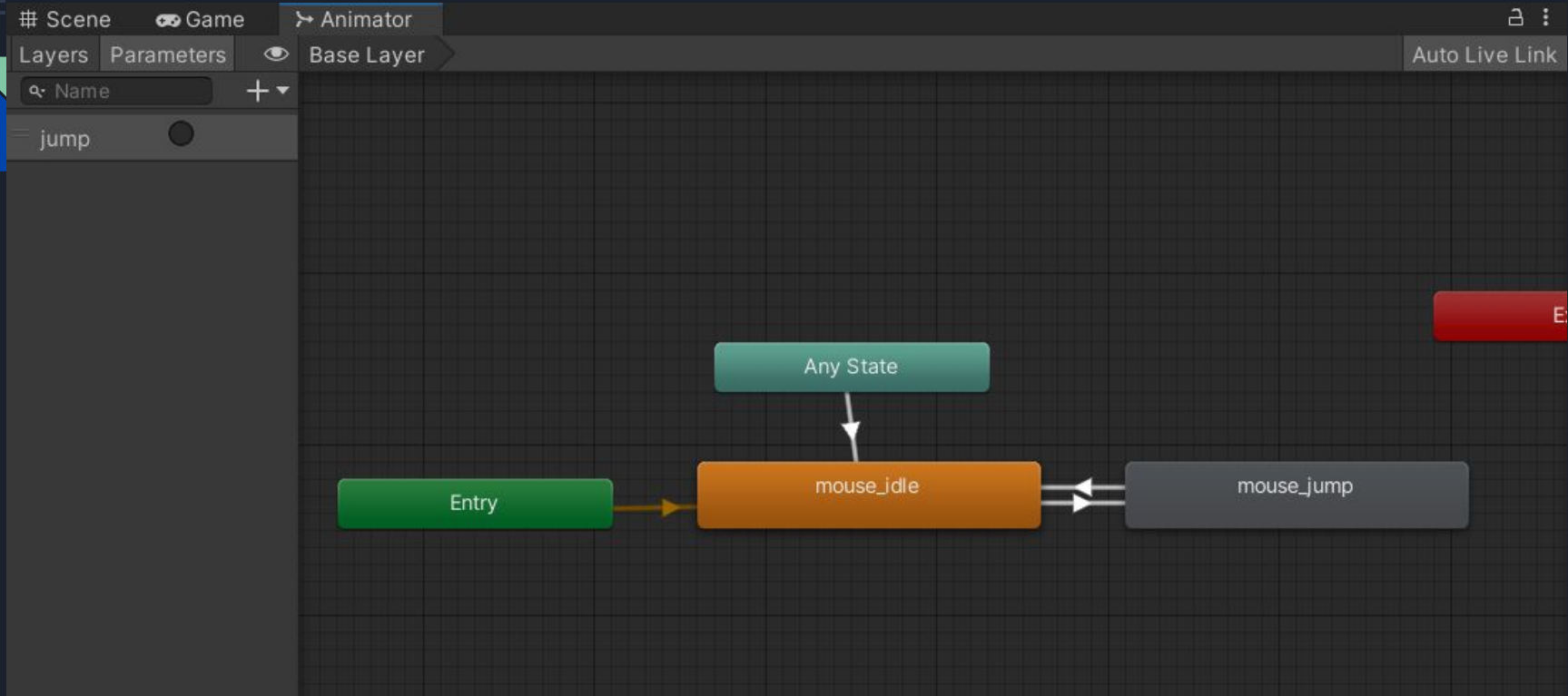
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mouse_idle


mouse_jump

Conditions

jump



- For booleans, set to true
- For Float/Int, set to > or < a certain value



```
using System.Collections;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using UnityEngine;

public class PlayerControlAnimated : MonoBehaviour
{
    public Animator anim;
    public float jump_height = 1;

    // Start is called before the first frame update
    void Start()
    {
        anim = gameObject.GetComponent<Animator>();
    }

    // Update is called once per frame
    void Update()
    {
        //jump code
        if (Input.GetKey(KeyCode.UpArrow))
        {
            Vector3 position = this.transform.position;
            position.y += jump_height / 4;
            this.transform.position = position;
            anim.SetTrigger("jump");
        }
    }
}
```



Summary - State Machine

Adding animation to script

- Declare animator: `public Animator animator_name;`
- Edit Parameter:
 - `animator_name.SetBool("name_of_condition", true);`
 - `animator_name.SetFloat("name_of_condition", 1.5);`
 - `animator_name.SetTrigger("name_of_condition");`

Creating transitions in the animator

- Right click and “create transition”
- Add a condition based on your parameters
- Turn off “has exit time” if you want your animation to continue



Controlling States through Scripts



Add Component



Component

Miscellaneous >

Navigation >

Physics 2D >

Physics >

Playables >

Rendering >

Scripts >

Tilemap >

UI Toolkit >

UI >

Video >

Visual Scripting >

New script >

Player Control Animated (Script)

Script

PlayerControlAnimated

Anim

Player (Animator)

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    public Animator anim;

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        {
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```



Using State Machines to Create AI Behavior

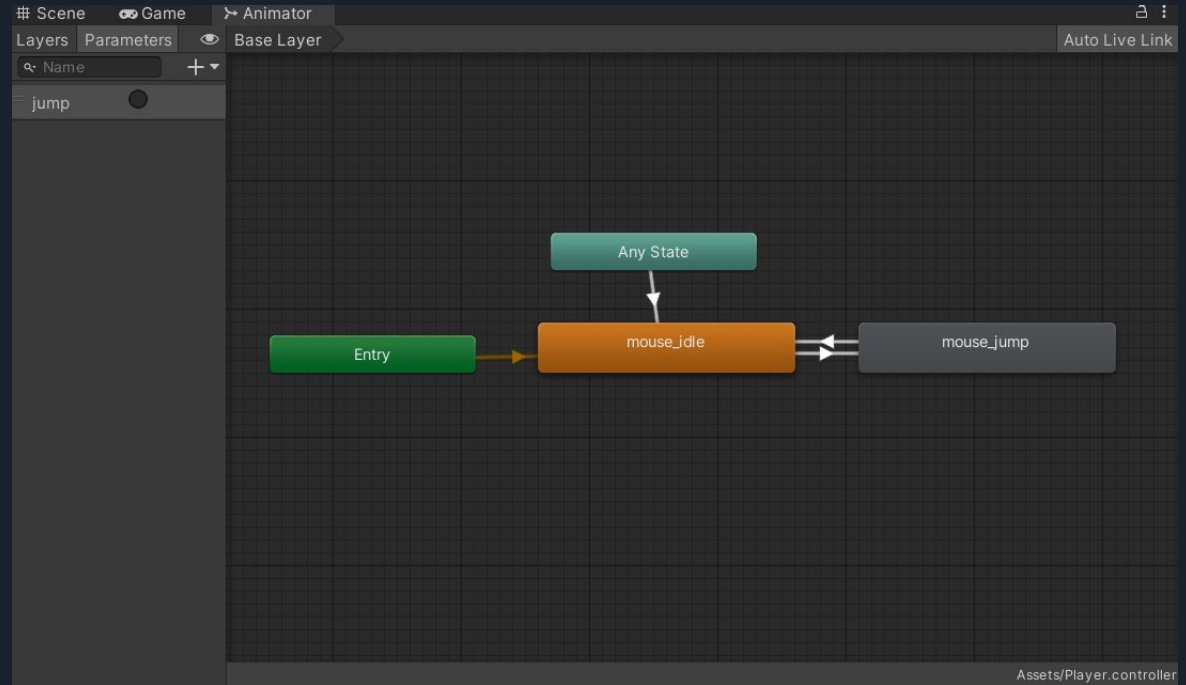
- Create a script, inherit from class "State Machine Behaviours"
- Script -> change Animator state -> call other scripts
- OnStateEnter and OnStateExit
-

```
void OnStateUpdate() {  
  
    this.Animator.SetBool("BoolName",  
False);  
  
}
```

```
class TriggerContinueAfterDelay : StateMachineBehaviour {  
    private float delay = 1.0f;  
  
    void OnStateEntered() {  
        this.DoAfterDelay(this._delay, () => {  
            this.Animator.SetTrigger("Continue");  
        })  
    }  
}
```


Post to Piazza:

A screenshot of your state machine with one or more parameters





Additional Resources

Using Mecanim State Machine for AI:

<https://medium.com/the-unity-developers-handbook/dont-re-invent-finite-state-machines-how-to-repurpose-unity-s-animator-7c6c421e5785>

Animating visual effects in Unity:

http://www.madwomb.com/tutorials/GameDesign_UnityScripting.html#2e

Animating background/menu:

http://madwomb.com/tutorials/GameDesign_UnityVisualNovel.html#animation

Tweening: http://www.madwomb.com/tutorials/gamedesign/GameDesign_Tweening.pptx

