New Features in Gameware

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User Interface

AUTODESK° HUMANIK°

Inverse Kinematics

AUTODESK[®] GAMEWARE NAVIGATION

Next-Generation Pathfinding

AUTODESK° BEAST

Global Illumination



GDC 2014



With Autodesk[®] HumanIK[®] developers can create more believable, interactive character animations in games. HumanIK features:

- Full body IK
- Real-time retargeting
- Foot contacts
- Look At and Reach controls

Higher quality animation = More believable experiences





Images courtesy of Ubisoft, Assassin's Creed.





Key Features

Foot contacts

- Run-time contact for feet, hands fingers and toes
- Customizable
- Adapts to dynamic environments

Look At controls

- Blendable look at targeting
- Can combine with Full-body IK
- Works with limbs







Latest Features

- Creature Solver: enables IK computations on non-human creatures with multiple limbs, tentacles, antennae, or mandibles.
- Integration with Unreal Engine 4
- Improved performance on mobile platforms: Apple[®] iOS, Android[™] ARM, and Android[™] x86 operating systems.
- Improved performance on next-gen platforms: enables animating hundreds of characters in-game on the Sony[®] PlayStation[®] 4 and Microsoft[®] Xbox One[®] platforms.







HumanIK

Creature Solver





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Autodesk[®] Gameware Navigation 2015 is a next generation ready low-level AI SDK.

- Automatic, robust and fast NavMesh generation
- Animation-driven locomotion
- Pathfinding and path following
- Remote visual debugging tools

More realistic AI behaviors = More immersive game experiences





Images courtesy of CCP Games, EVE Online. AUTODESK

Key Features

NavMesh Generation

- NavTag (Ex. embed and "paint" the NavData with your own custom information)
- Collaborative workflow
- Multithreaded NavData generation





Key Features

Runtime Navigation

- Dynamic Avoidance
- Animation-driven locomotion
- Smart objects (Ex. Doors, elevators)
- NavData streaming
- Dynamic NavMesh
- Time-slicing







Latest Features

- Animation-driven locomotion
- Robust dynamic NavMesh
- Hierarchical pathfinding
- Improved support for mobile platforms: Apple[®] iOS, Android[™], Windows Phone[®], and Windows[®] Surface[™]
- Unity Engine integration







Abstract Graph





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Animation Driven Locomotion





Unity and Mobile Integration







Autodesk[®] Scaleform[®] 4.4 is an advanced, crossplatform user interface solution:

- GPU accelerated 3D graphics technology
- Seamless integration with the proven productivity and workflow of Adobe[®] Flash[®]
- Optimized for speed and performance on game consoles



Image courtesy of Bioware, Dragon Age.



Image courtesy of Blizzard Entertainment, Starcraft II.



High quality UI = High value production

Actionscript Improvements

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Performance Improvements?

• Roughly 25% performance improvement in preliminary tests. Of course actual results will depend on content.

swf file	FPS	Improvement
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clumping_as3.swf	130/155	19%
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Performance Improvements?

 Expected trade-off between performance improvement and VM memory savings

swf file	Versio n	FPS	FPS	VM Mem
Doom2D	4.3	46		
	4.4 (a)	54	17%	-5.47%
	4.4 (b) *	62	35%	-4.05%
ObjectCell	4.3	88		
	4.4 (a)	103	17%	-4.3%
	4.4 (b)	126	43%	2.83%

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- Object Cloning Store object layouts so that Objects don't have to constructed from scratch
- Object Pooling: Keep copy of recently used objects in memory to speed up object creation



New Actionscript API

- AMF3: Binary format for serializing Flash objects and data
 - ByteArray::readObject()
 - ByteArray::writeObject ()
 - flash.net::getClassByAlias()
 - flash.net::registerClassByAlias()
- Graphics
 - flash.display.GraphicsBitmapFill
 - flash.display.GraphicsGradientFill
- Flash.geom.Utils3D: Simply implementation of certain 3D matrix operations
 - flash.geom.Matrix3D
 - flash.geom.Vector3D



Engine Integrations

Improvements to Engine Integrations:

- UE4 (PS4, XBox-One)
- Improved Unity Integration
 - Support for Render-To-Texture
 - Replace Flash Texture with Unity Texture
 - D3D11
 - Loading swfs from memory
 - Lots of bug fixes and regular monitoring of forum posts





Recap: Gameware 2014

Beast

- Physically based lighting
- Distributed lightmap baking
- Artists can change
 geometry/lights interactively
- Out of the box integration with Maya

Navigation

- Dynamic Navmesh on Mobiles
- Animation Driven Locomotion
- Hierarchical Pathfinding
- Remote Visual Debugging
- PS4, XB1 support, Unity Intergration

HumanIK

- Creature solver for poly-peds
- Low LOD solver
- UE4 Integration

Scaleform®

- Actionscript VM optimizations,
- ~25% performance improvement
- Improved AS3 Coverage

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Connect Navmeshes by smart objects



Animation driven Locomotion



Use Navlab for remote debugging Navigation Hierarchical pathfinding





Not limited to Bi-peds any more!





HumanIK



Low LOD for Crowds

Using Low Level of Detail IK Solver For Crowds





High quality lighting, consistent across platforms



Beast

Near real time workflow for the artist



DistriBeast: Distributed computation of lightmaps



Interactive Preview



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- Graphics API

GLES 3.0 Support

Multithreaded Rendering

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