



Maths to Mechanics

Using Mathematical Logic to Implement Intuitive Gameplay

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PlayStation®VR Demos

The London Heist



Interrogation



Heist



Getaway



Game Controls in VR



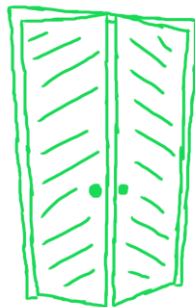
Contextual Grasp



Types of Objects



Dynamic

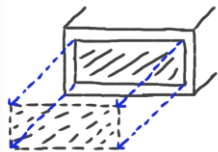


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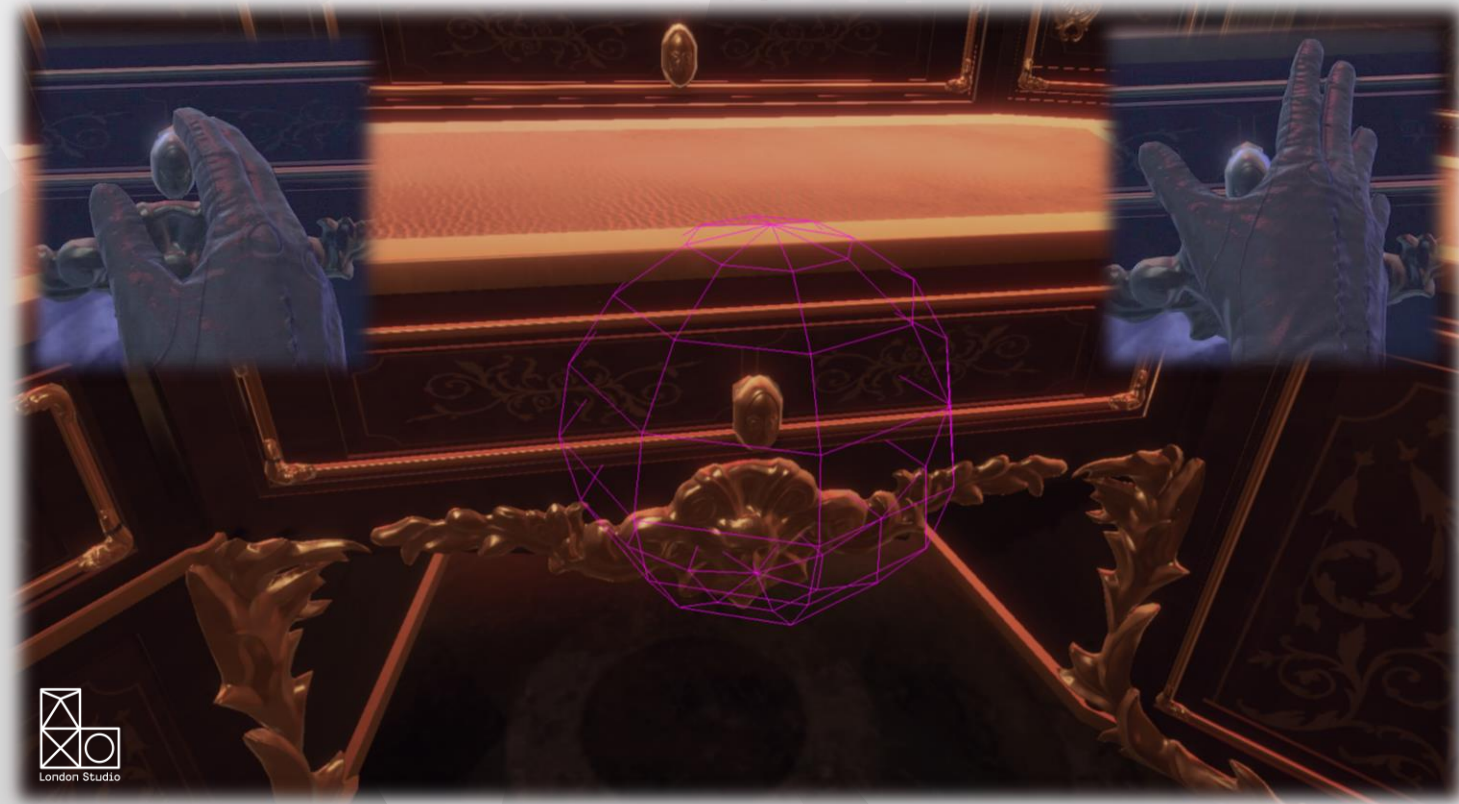


Static

The Drawer



Interaction Sphere



Hand on Controller

- Hand does grasp animation
- Hand stays connected to the PlayStation®Move



Hand on Controller



Hand on Controller

- Visual issues break immersion



Hand on Drawer

- Hand does grasp animation
- Hand snaps or interpolates to fixed connection pose

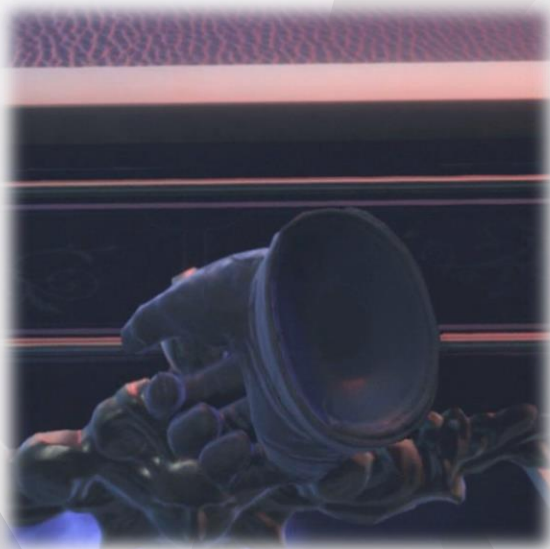


Hand on Drawer



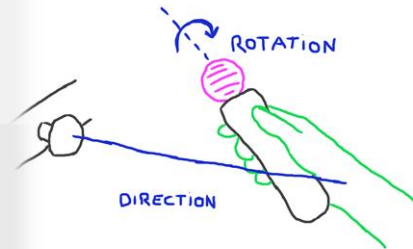
Hand on Drawer

- Disconnect breaks immersion



The Happy Medium

- Hand does grasp animation
- Hand interpolates to fixed connection position
- Hand orientation controlled by the Move



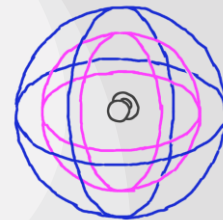
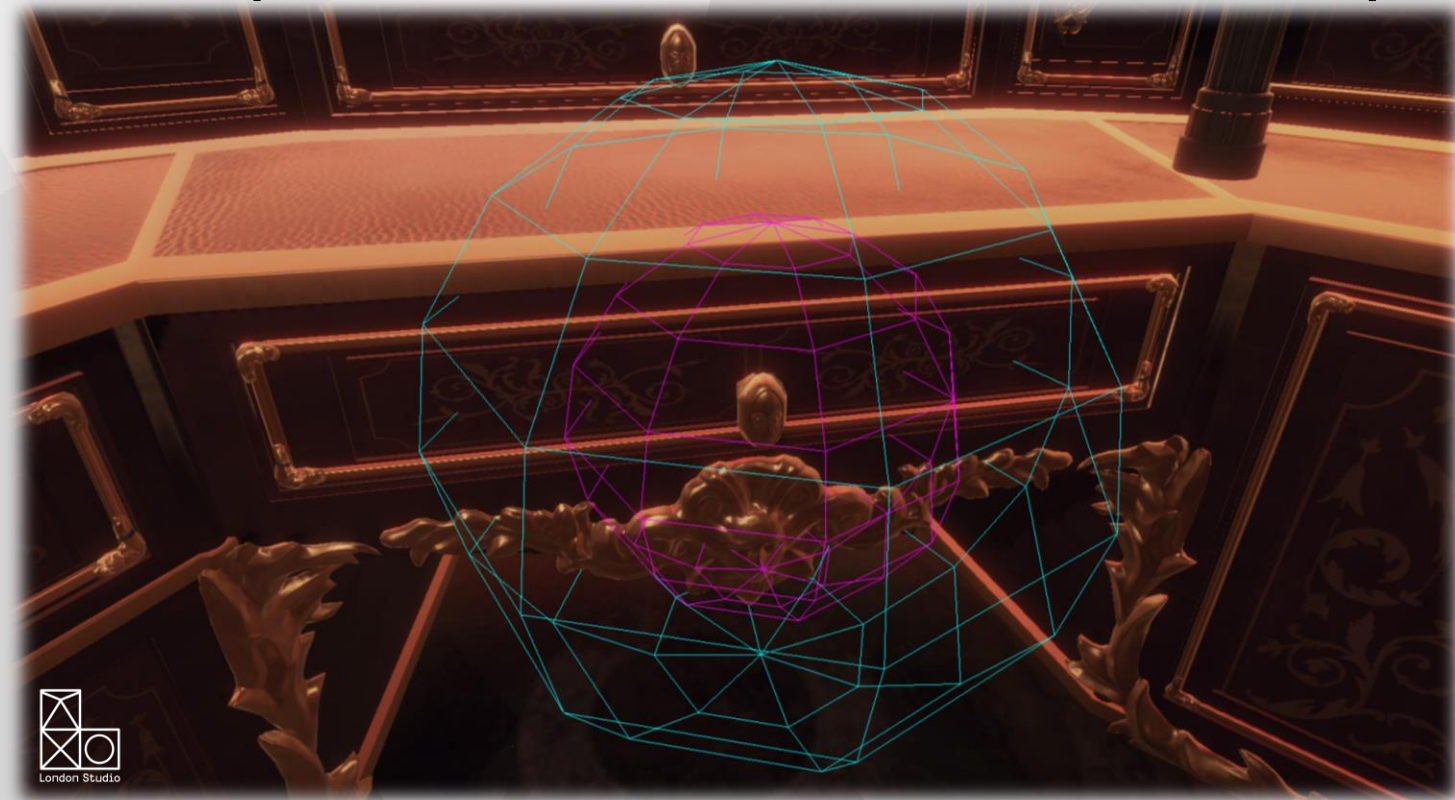
The Happy Medium



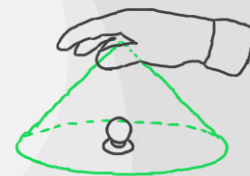
The Happy Medium

- No visual issues to break believability (if you apply limits)
- The hand still feels connected

Improvement: Disconnect Sphere



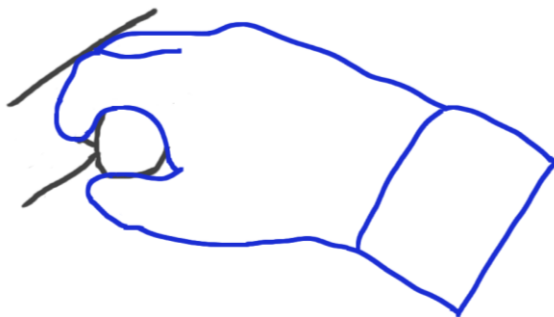
Improvement: Direction Check



Interaction Summary



Connect

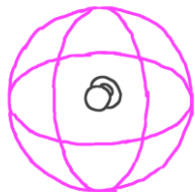


Interact



Disconnect

Interaction Summary



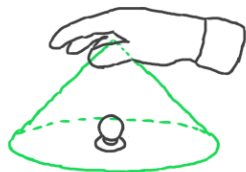
Distance Check



Yaw



Pitch



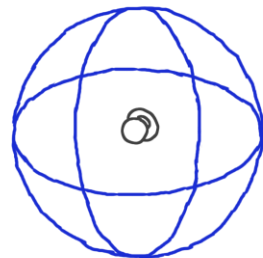
Direction Check

Connect



Roll

Interact



Distance Check

Disconnect

Cupboard Door



Yaw



Pitch



Roll



Car Door



Yaw



Pitch



Roll



Visor



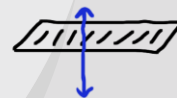
Yaw



Pitch



Roll



Radio Dial



Yaw



Pitch



Roll



LINKED!

Objects in Action



The Gun



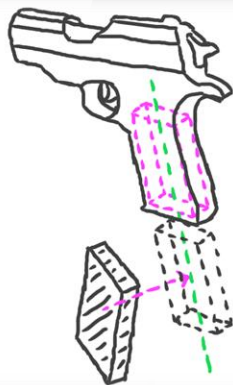
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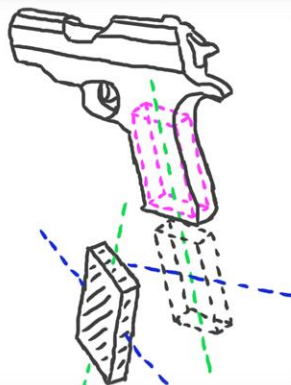
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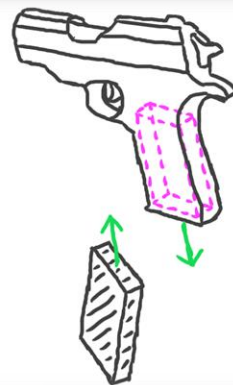
Slot Check



Position Check



Alignment Check



Speed Check

Loading



Loading in Action



Gun Play in The London Heist



Loading Hollywood Style



Loading Hollywood Style



Observations

- The interaction system works with either hand



Observations

- Gameplay design and art design go hand in hand



Observations

- Sometimes intuitive means NOT using hand interactions



Conclusions

- Keep it simple
- Use the context to determine the action
- Make it feel real rather than be real
- Respect the rules of your world



Thank you!

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