



Editor

Customizable layout configurations, keyboard and color customization, etc.

Asset workflow:

Support for importing content from industry-standard Autodesk FBX file formats.

Built-in support for most common image formats: dds, jpeg, png, tga, exr. Other formats can be added through custom codecs.

Resource watcher allows hot-reloading when a resource is modified through an external editor (photoshop, 3dsmax, maya, etc...)

Content Browser

- Organizing game assets of all types. (create, search, filter, etc ...)

Resource Editors

- Nodal
- Curve
- Script

Particle Editor

- Realtime viewport
- Time control
- Custom mesh backdrops
- Recording system
- Emitter layers

Remote Edition

- Remote connection to a running game client or toolchain editor
- Live inspection / edition of running particle systems

Debugging

- Inspect individual particles by selecting them in the realtime viewport
- Inspect previous update states through the frame history
- Debug particle highlighting
- Particle fields vector visualization (velocity, rotation axis, ...)
- Overdraw visualization
- Realtime visual profiler (graph & histogram visualizations for performance and memory)
- Performance impact estimation in script editor for each source line
- Advanced statistics (particle count, bytes per particle, CPU cycles per particle, ...)

FEATURES OVERVIEW

Runtime

Modular high performance C++ runtime and API. Available on PC, Xbox360 and Playstation3.

FULLY SCRIPTABLE

Simple

- abstracts controls for a single particle
- user particle fields accessible in-script
- instant feedback during edition
- particle states: one evolve script per state
- dynamic per-particle state switches

Efficient

- automatically streamed/vectorized behind the scenes for maximum performance
- can be JIT-compiled to native SIMD code with an appropriate backend
- ability to add a GPU backend that will build shaders or CUDA kernels from the particle scripts

SAMPLING

Shape sampling (Surface + Volume)

- Spheres, Ellipsoids, Cylinders, Cones, Capsules, Shape collections

Curve sampling

- Linear, Hermite
- fully generic curves with arbitrary control points and tangents
- can be bound to any particle property

Mesh sampling (Surface + Volume)

- Uniform or triangle-constant distribution
- Probability density maps
- Sample textures from mesh UVs, and use sampled values inside script

SPAWNERS

Configurable continuous spawners

- spawn flux curves
- particles per second or total particle count
- stream or burst

Trail spawners (particles that spawn particles)

- position and time spawn metrics

Performance and precision

- thread pool-friendly update tasks and high performance SIMD implementation
- sub-time step accuracy
- sub-time step probabilistic multi-shape spawns

LIGHTING

Light-receiving particles

- receive and cast shadows
- opaque particles lit by N lights
- alpha particles currently lit by 1 light

Light-emitting particles

- per-particle light radius and color
- custom soft falloff curve
- thousands of lights (light prepass ready)

RENDERERS

Generic renderer nodes

- Billboards, Lights, Meshes, custom...

Various Billboard types

- screen-aligned quads
- screen-aligned triangles
- viewpoint-facing quads
- axis-aligned stretched quads
- plane-aligned quads
- 4-point axis-aligned stretched spheroid
- 6-point axis-aligned stretched capsules

Texture atlases

- per-particle sub-texture indexing
- animated textures
- random texture assignments
- auto-atlas creation from texture lists

DYNAMICS

- scene collisions
- particle to particle collisions
- per-particle mass
- bounce restitution
- impulse distribution in world
- solid friction
- fluid drag
- uniform acceleration fields
- force fields
- velocity(wind) fields
- procedural turbulence fields
- closed-form force fields (point-mass attractors)
- flocking

API ENTRY POINTS

Extensibility

- fully customizable nodes (evolvers, spawners, renderers, descriptors, etc..)
- scripting entry points allowing custom language extensions
- Hook custom allocators and thread pool managers
- Straightforward access to all particle statistics

Raycast queries

- particle/scene collisions through scene raycast queries

Per-particle events

- builtin collision and death events
- script-triggered custom events
- hook user callbacks to events
- spawn other particles

Particle interaction

- provide velocity & vorticity fields
- specify custom particle-system attributes
- change attributes at runtime