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增强现实, 虚拟现实, 元宇宙 – AR VR and Metaverse

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Agenda

20 April 技术创新 - Technology Innovation -Construction

12th May 人工智能和机器学习 - AI and machine learning

2nd June 科学研究论文Scientific Research Paper – IMRAD

9th June 增强现实,虚拟现实, 元宇宙 – AR VR and Metaverse





Video

【虚拟现实与增强现实在元宇宙中的应用】

https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1ED421E793/?share_source=copy_web

【算力时代 | VR、AR、MR你分得清吗？“元宇宙”属于哪一挂？划个重点，秒懂！】

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【元宇宙入门 | 如何设计虚拟和增强现实外网课程 | 1.3 AR、VR、MR的区别】

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1. How do users experience the integration of AR and VR within the Metaverse, and what are their emotional responses to immersive environments?
2. In what ways can AR and VR contribute to the sense of presence and social interaction within the Metaverse?
3. How do individuals' perceptions of reality shift after prolonged exposure to AR and VR environments?
4. What are the ethical implications of creating and experiencing highly realistic avatars within the Metaverse?
5. How do AR and VR affect the learning and educational outcomes in virtual spaces?
6. What are the potential risks and benefits of conducting therapy using AR and VR in the Metaverse?
7. How do different cultural backgrounds influence the way users interact with and perceive the Metaverse?
8. What are the barriers to widespread adoption of AR and VR technologies in everyday life and in the Metaverse?
9. How do users navigate issues of privacy and data security within AR, VR, and Metaverse platforms?
10. How do AR and VR in the Metaverse influence the development of digital economies and the nature of work?

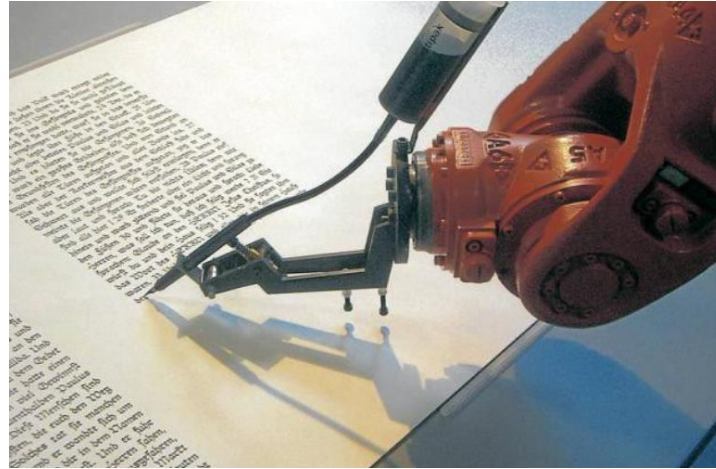




1. 用户如何体验在元宇宙中融合AR和VR，并且他们对沉浸式环境有何情感反应？
2. AR和VR如何有助于元宇宙中的存在感和社交互动？
3. 长时间暴露于AR和VR环境后，个人对现实的感知如何改变？
4. 在元宇宙中创建和体验高度真实化的虚拟人物有哪些伦理影响？
5. AR和VR如何影响虚拟空间中的学习和教育成果？
6. 在元宇宙中使用AR和VR进行治疗的潜在风险和益处是什么？
7. 不同的文化背景如何影响用户与元宇宙的互动和感知？
8. 在日常生活和元宇宙中广泛采用AR和VR技术的障碍是什么？
9. 用户如何在AR、VR和元宇宙平台上处理隐私和数据安全问题？
10. AR和VR在元宇宙中如何影响数字经济的发展和作品性质？



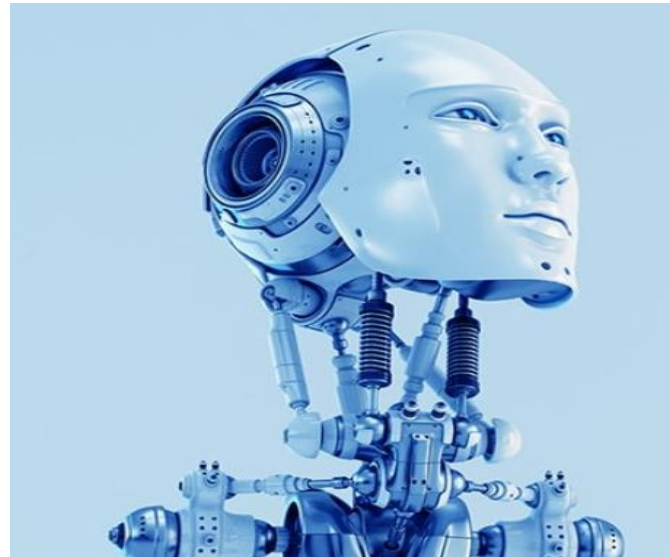
Will machine replace human





Evolution

- Steam Engine
- Car
- Computer
- Internet
- AI?





Evolution: Red flag traffic laws



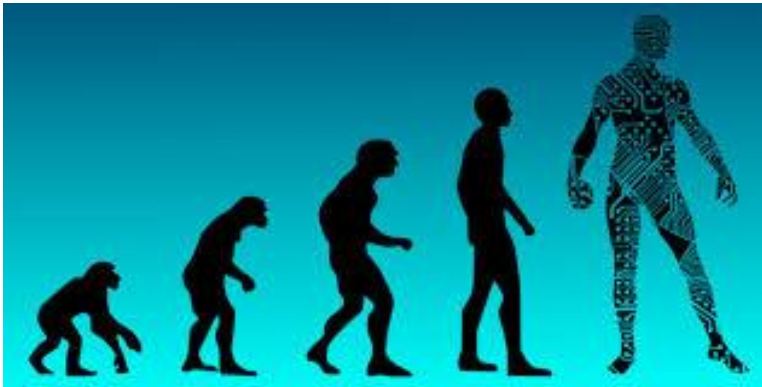
Secondly, one of such persons, while any locomotive is in motion, shall precede such locomotive on foot by not less than sixty yards, and shall carry a red flag constantly displayed.





AR, VR and AI

03 August 2019



<https://youtu.be/ligd1f5tMjU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZfnsvlqsfg&feature=youtu.be>





Introduction to AR, VR and AI

1. AI
2. Overview of AR and VR
3. Industry uses of AR and VR
4. Commonly used Hardware and Software
5. AR, VR and AI integration
6. Intro to Unreal Engine





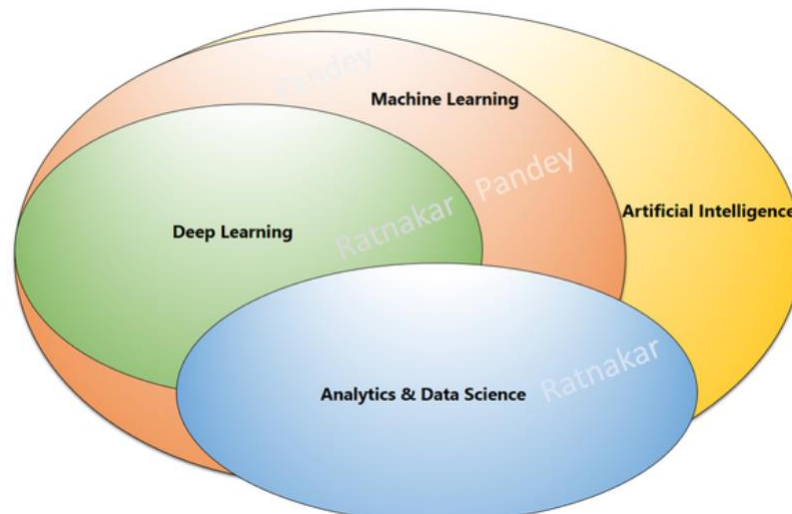
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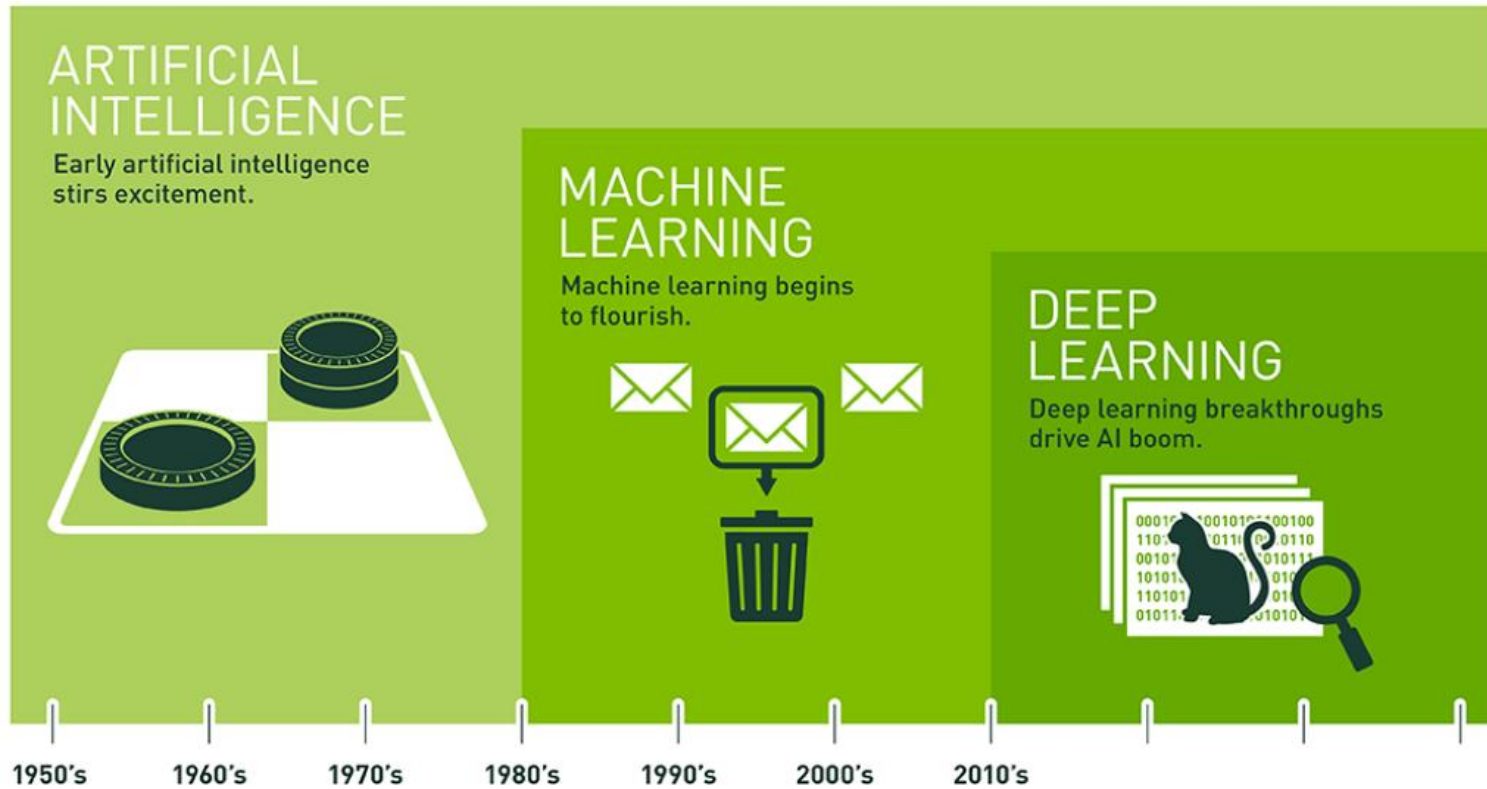




Data Analyst, Data Science, AI

- Data Analyst – Use Model
- Data Science – Create Model
- AI – Automated DA and DS using Machine



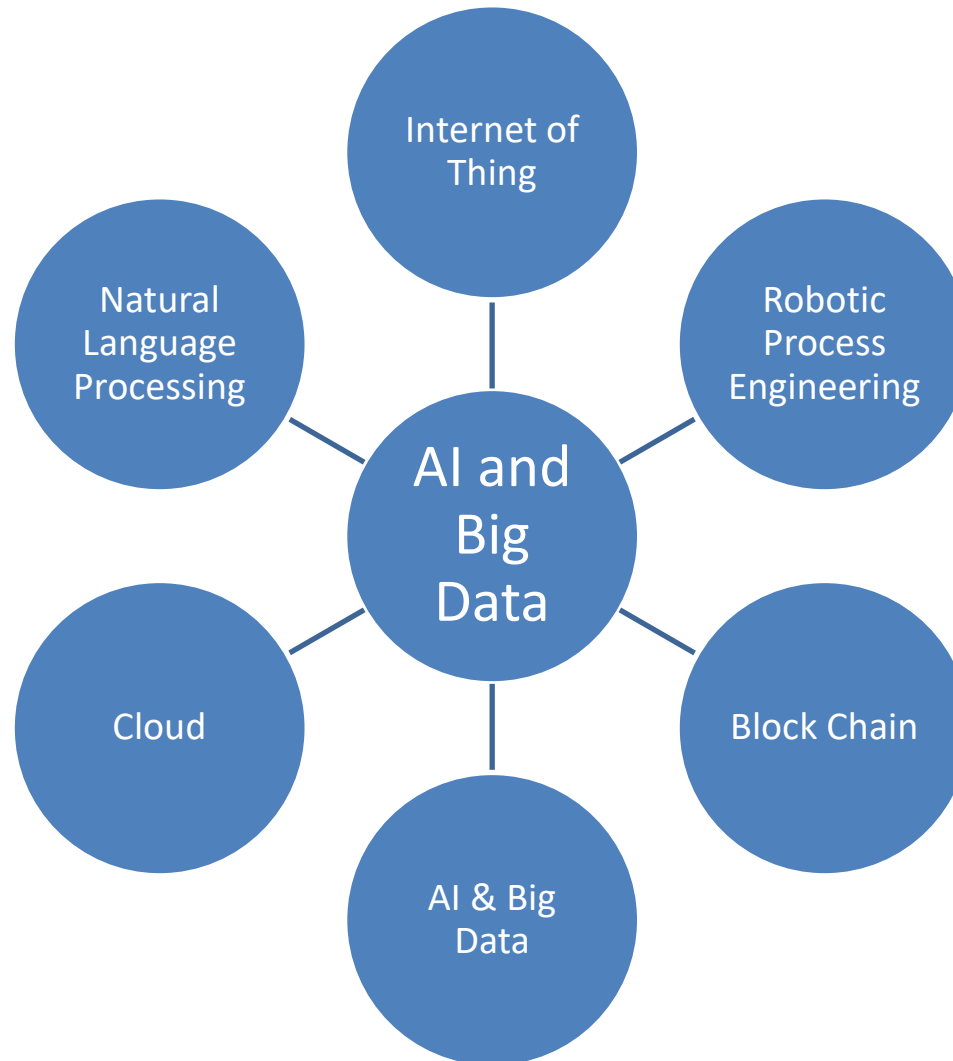


<https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/2016/07/29/whats-difference-artificial-intelligence-machine-learning-deep-learning-ai/>





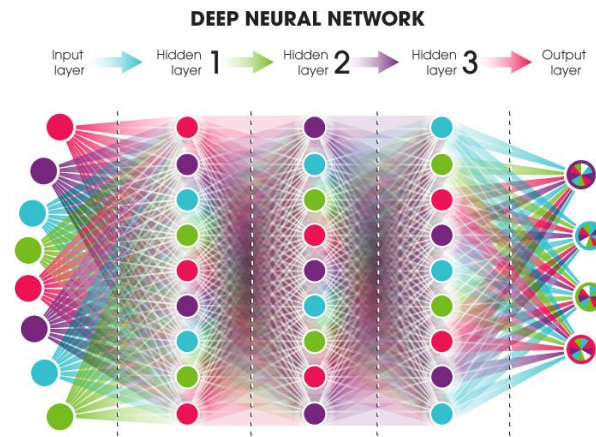
AI and Big Data





AI: Neural Network

- Started in 1943 by Warren and Walter
- NN : Modelled on the human brain
- Hundreds of variants (RNN, LSTM, CNN, MLP.....)
- Applications: Handwriting, face, speech recognition



neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com - Michael Nielsen, Yoshua Bengio, Ian Goodfellow, and Aaron Courville, 2016.

Source: <https://blog.ttro.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/TB010-Deep-Neural-Network.jpg>





Brains and Traditional Computers

Brain

- 200 billion neurons, 32 trillion synapses
- Processing speed: 100 Hz
- Parallel
- Inputs are approximately summed

Computer

- 1 billion bytes RAM but trillions of bytes on disk
- Processing speed: 10^9 Hz
- Serial
- Activation Function : Sum





2018: Deep Learning, Big Data, Distributed Computation

- Deep Learning (LSTM by TensorFlow)
- Big Data (Hadoop)
- Large Distributed Computation (Spark)



27th June 2019



A humanoid robot working side by side with employees at a factory in Japan. A report by UK-based research firm Oxford Economics says about one in three robots worldwide is in China, which accounts for around one-fifth of the world's total stock. But Japan – formerly the world leader in automation – has reduced its active stock of robots by around 100,000 units since 2000. It says. PHOTO: REUTERS

Robots to wipe out 20m jobs by 2030: Study

Lead author says Singapore, with a supportive regulatory structure, is well-placed to benefit from new robotics

Chong Koh Ping
Technology Correspondent

Up to 20 million manufacturing jobs will be lost globally to robots by

2030, a new study has found. And the displacement of jobs will not be evenly spread around the world, or within countries, according to the study published yesterday by Oxford Economics, a UK-

based research firm.

Lower-skilled regions are much more vulnerable to the job losses, it said after surveying seven economies – the United States, Germany, Britain, France, Japan, South Korea and Australia.

Since 2000, some 1.7 million manufacturing jobs have been lost to robots, including around 400,000 in Europe, 260,000 in the US, and 550,000 in China.

The study noted that the rate at which robots were replacing jobs had been rising steadily, with the global stock of industrial robots more than doubling since 2010.

"The robotics revolution is rapidly accelerating... The result will transform what robots can do over coming decades – and their ability to take over tasks that humans do now," said Mr James Lambert, associate director at Oxford Economics and a lead author of the study. He added: "The number of robots is also set to multiply rapidly. We expect the number in use to reach 20 million by 2030 – about 10

20m

Number of robots expected to be in use by 2030 – about 10 times the number now.

1.7m

Number of manufacturing jobs that have already been lost to robots since 2000, including around 400,000 in Europe, 260,000 in the US, and 550,000 in China.

14m

Number of industrial robots in use in China by 2030, dwarfing the rest of the world's stock of them.

times the number now."

The study noted the centre of gravity in the world's robot stock has shifted towards new manufacturers, mainly in China, Korea, and Taiwan but also to India, Brazil and Poland. About one in three robots worldwide is in China, which accounts for around one-fifth of the world's total stock, up from just 0.1 per cent in 2000. By 2030, China could have as many as 14 million industrial robots, dwarfing the rest of the world's stock of them.

In contrast, the combined robot inventory of the US and Europe has fallen to under 40 per cent of the global share from its peak of close to 50 per cent in 2009.

And Japan – formerly the world leader in automation – has reduced its active stock of robots by around 100,000 units since 2000.

The study predicted that the use of robots in services industries would accelerate sharply in the next five years. This would particularly affect the logistics sector but should spread to other industries, including healthcare and retail.

"The implications are huge. We will see a significant boost to productivity and economic growth and some new types of job we can't even yet foresee," said Mr Lambert.

The report predicted that a 30 per cent rise in robot installations above its baseline forecast for 2030 would add US\$4.9 trillion (\$56.6 trillion) to the global economy that year, equivalent to an economy greater than the projected size of Germany's in that year.

"But at the same time business models will be disrupted or up-turned and millions of existing workers will be displaced – and the impact will affect lower-skilled and poorer economies... most," he cautioned. "Governments, policymakers, business and individuals need to think hard now about this wave of tech-driven change and we all need to prepare for what amounts to a new industrial revolution."

When asked about the impact of robots in Singapore, Mr Lambert said it was well positioned to benefit from this new generation of robotics as it has a modern and upgradeable infrastructure, a supportive regulatory framework and a strong investment environment.

"Those workers in Singapore that are displaced by technology will have to adapt their skills to the evolving demands of the future economy but the government already has put in place schemes to help to retrain workers displaced by technology," he said.

"Singapore also has an ageing population (more so than most) and restraints on inward migration, so robots may be particularly helpful in keeping the economy growing."

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Man or machine: Who's really driving your portfolio? Feb 23 2019



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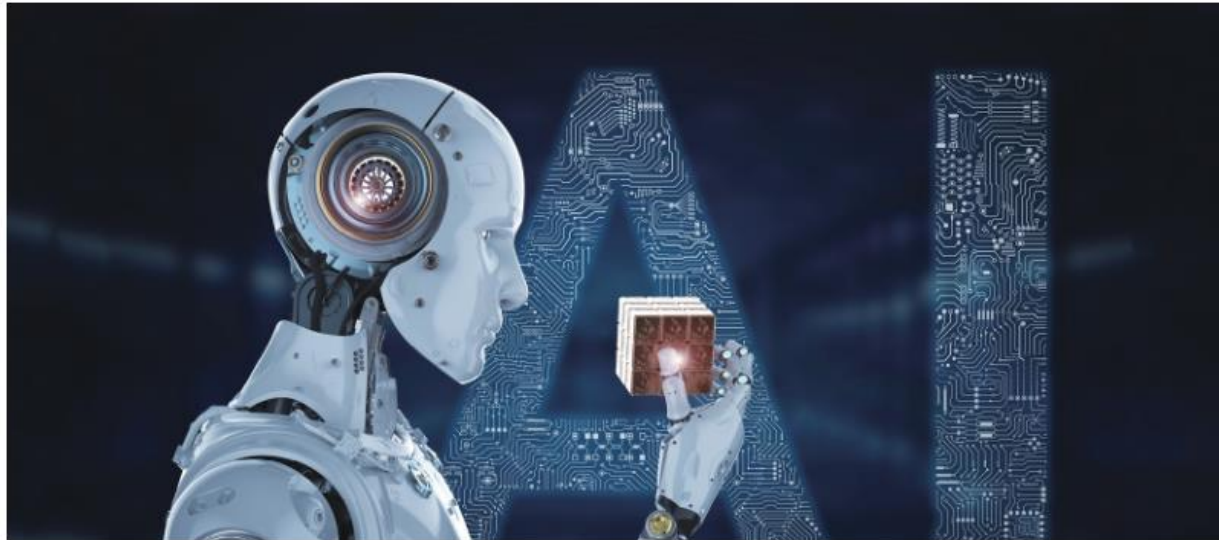
For the asset management industry, IA (Intelligence Augmentation) is a much more relevant area of science than AI. It enables the extraction of insights that few others can even identify. PHOTO: REUTERS

ARTIFICIAL intelligence (AI) is a hot topic. Innovations in this area are creating intrigue as to whether machines will replace human beings as portfolio managers. "Robo-advisers" already exist, providing basic financial advice using algorithms that are calculated from the questions being asked.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/executive-money/man-or-machine-whos-really-driving-your-portfolio>



AI, the future of investment management? CFA Institute July 2018



CFA Institute recently co-hosted a conference with CFA Society Beijing, which was also livestreamed around China, to discuss and, dare I say, speculate on the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on our industry. As you can imagine, this sparked some lively debate and the consensus was that although the investment management business is not going away any time soon, AI will have a profound impact on the way we invest in the future.

<https://www.asiaasset.com/aam/2018-07/201807-ai.aspx>





EY, Deloitte And PwC Embrace Artificial Intelligence For Tax And Accounting



Adelyn Zhou Contributor

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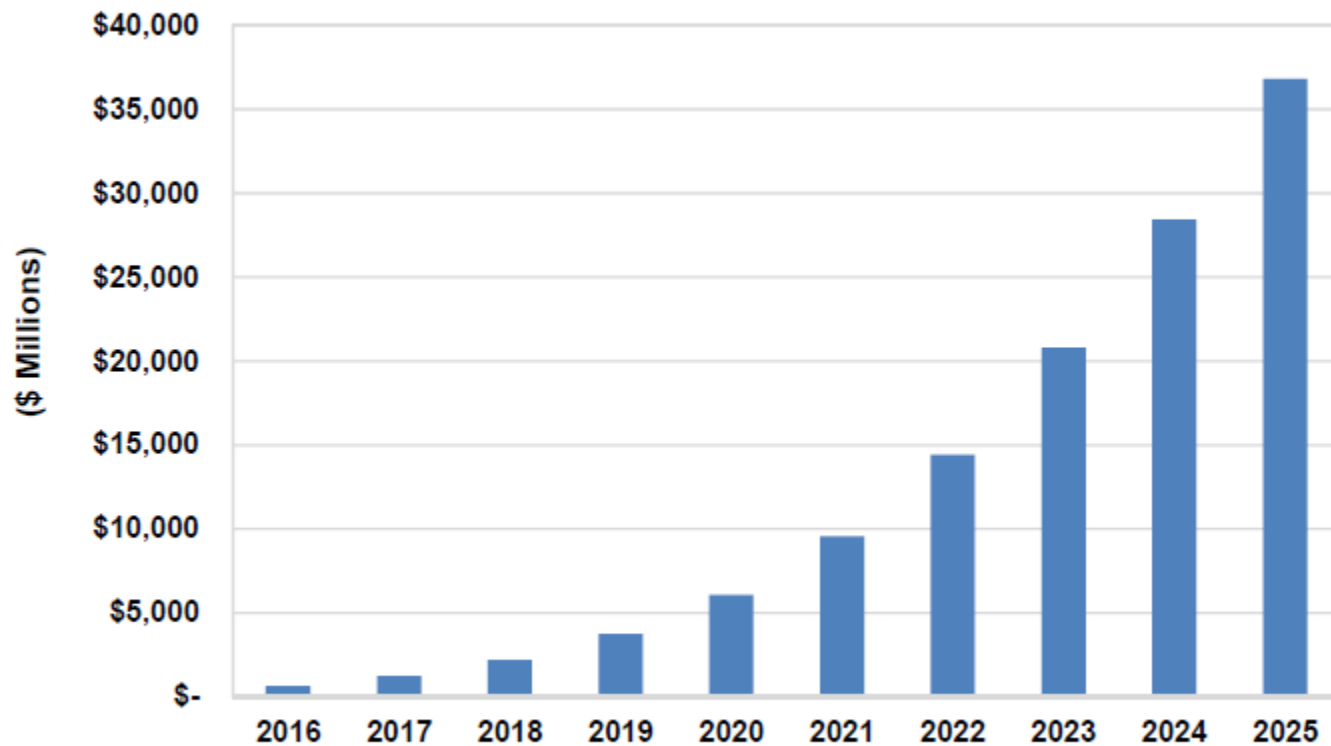
- Using NLP to extract information and a human-in-the-loop to validate the results, the AI system is three times more consistent and twice as efficient as previous humans-only teams.
- At Deloitte, what once took four to five months to complete is now done in a week





AI Market Size

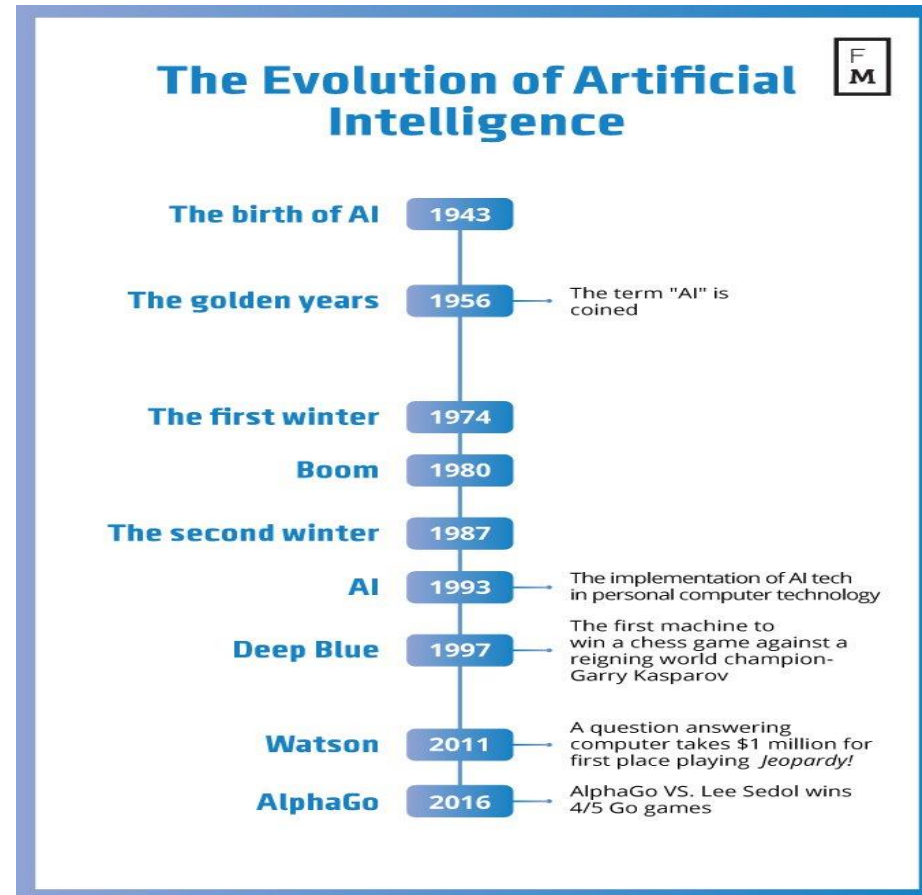
Chart 1.1 Artificial Intelligence Revenue, World Markets: 2016-2025



(Source: Tractica)



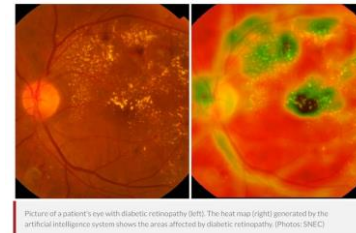
Evolution in AI





Singapore AI: Detect Eye Conditions

- In a world first, Singapore-developed artificial intelligence system detects 3 major eye conditions
- Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC), Singapore Eye Research Institute (SERI) and National University of Singapore (NUS) School of Computing.
- Deep Learning System (DLS)
- 5 million images next 5 years
- 30 co-investigators
- 500,000 retinal images
- 180,000 out of 600,000 Singaporeans with diabetes have diabetic retinopathy – lead to blindness.



Source:
https://www.ihis.com.sg/Latest_News/News_Article/Pages/In-a-world-first-Singapore-developed-artificial-intelligence-system-detects-3-major-eye-conditions.aspx

- <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/in-a-world-first-singapore-developed-artificial-intelligence-9498742>



Cardiologist vs AI

DIAGNOSIS DILEMMA: PERICARDITIS OR CARDIOMYOPATHY?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HELPS DOCTORS SEE WHAT THEY NEVER HAVE BEFORE. THE RESULT IS A DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY RATE THAT FAR SURPASSES WHAT CARDIOLOGISTS CAN ACHIEVE.

TRADITIONAL METHODS

Doctors who use traditional methods only look at 7 attributes of the heart and achieve 56% accuracy.

7 ATTRIBUTES
56%
ACCURACY

AI IN A SINGLE HEARTBEAT

In the span of a single heartbeat, AI collects:

90 METRICS

06 LOCATIONS

20 TIMES

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI can look at 10,000 attributes of the heart and achieve 90% accuracy*.

10,000
ATTRIBUTES
90%
ACCURACY

http://saffrontech.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Healthcare-Case-Study_Final-1.pdf





Big Four embraces AI for Tax and Accounting

Natural Language Processing (NLP)	Document Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review high volumes of contracts• Deloitte: Half a year → < 1 month
Machine Learning	Anomaly Detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify fraudulent invoices for clients• EY: Fraud detection system with 97% accuracy has been rolled out to over 50 companies
Natural Language Generation (NLG)	Producing Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NLG: creation of text by computers• Deloitte: use NLG to create detailed narrative reports of individual tax returns. Its tax professionals rely on these reports to provide more targeted financial advice to clients during consultations.



Mining giant BHP goes digital in race for survival



At BHP's Integrated Remote Operations Centre in Perth, banks of monitors flicker with real-time video and tracking data from far-off autonomous equipment at the company's mining sites. (Courtesy of BHP)

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Company-in-focus/Mining-giant-BHP-goes-digital-in-race-for-survival>





Block Chain in Commodity Trading

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Blockchain Could Be Used to Fix Sugar Trading Problems

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 Priyeshu Garg  February 14, 2019

Sugar traders are looking to fix industry woes by implementing blockchain technology, following the steps of agricultural merchants who have already used the tech to help streamline trading and shipping transactions, Bloomberg reported on February 14, 2019.

<https://unblock.net/blockchain-could-be-used-to-fix-sugar-trading-problems/>



TO Logistic : How a logistics company in Toronto **cut business costs by 80% + saved space by 60% + saved time by 75%**



“The digitization of TO Logistics' storage process required skilled planning, delivery, implementation and training. 360 Business Ventures designed the digital transformation pathway for TO Logistics and worked with the various stakeholders on its successful implementation.”

-Controller at TO Logistics

The Result

60% SAVED SPACE

75% SAVED TIME

80% SAVED COST

<https://www.360businessventures.com/case-study-logistics/>

<https://logisticsviewpoints.com/2018/04/09/recent-supply-chain-case-studies/>





Campbell Soup's Ability to Greatly Improve their Forecasting - August 15, 2017 - **76 percent** forecast accuracy



<https://logisticsviewpoints.com/2017/08/15/campbells-demand-management-benchmarking/>





AI fake face website launched

19 February 2019

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-47296481>





Police used facial recognition to identify the Capital Gazette shooter. Here's how it works



By **Dakin Andone**, CNN

🕒 Updated 2222 GMT (0622 HKT) June 29, 2018



This airport commits to facial recognition tech 00:53

News & buzz



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AI is even discovering new spices for our meals



By [Ryan Daws](#)

Editor of AI News. A gadget lover, music purveyor, and ex-host of a consumer technology show.

Posted on February 5, 2019



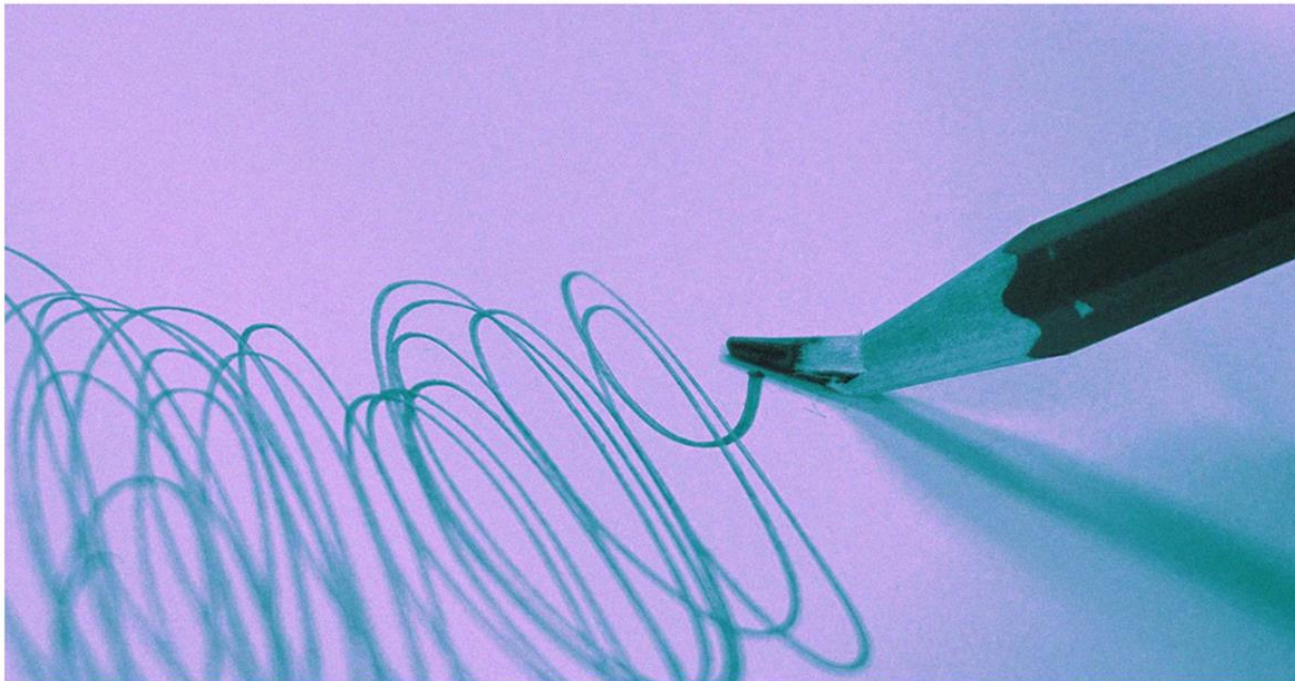
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SAVING LIVES

A JAPANESE CITY IS USING AI TO PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDES



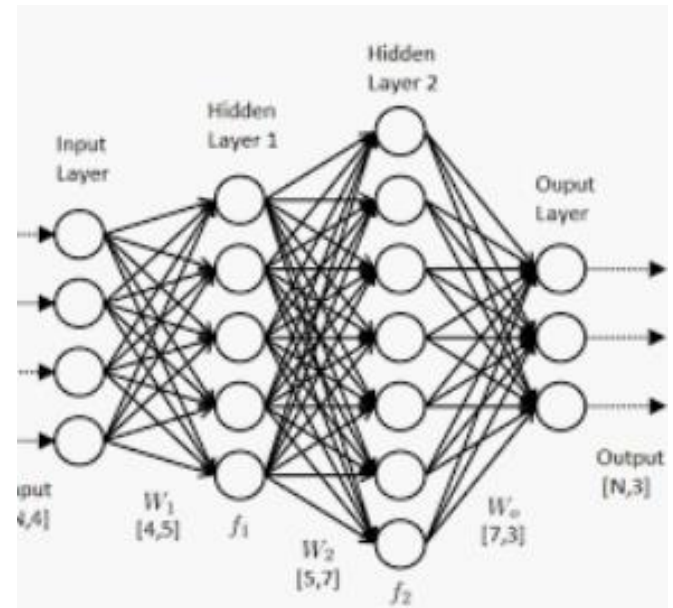
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Artificial Intelligent

- Predictive – Campbell to Predict Order
- Student's Project – Predicting Commodity Price, Predicting Bankruptcy Risk





Cloud Computing

- Amazon Work Space – Host AI application



Natural Language Processing (NLP)



- Student's Project
 - Web Scrapping - Know Your Client
 - Medical Chatbot

Tokenization

Training examples	love	programming	also
1 → I love programming	1	1	
2 → Programming also loves me	1		1

Documents

Natural language processing

NLP

Stopwords

Steeming

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In [1]: from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
text = "I love programming and programming also loves me"
tokens = word_tokenize(text)

ps = PorterStemmer()
tokens = [ps.stem(word) for word in tokens]
print(tokens)

'love', 'program', 'and', 'program', 'also', 'love', 'me'
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Lemmatization

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In [1]: from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
text = "I love programming and programming also loves me"
tokens = word_tokenize(text)

wnl = WordNetLemmatizer()
tokens = [wnl.lemmatize(word) for word in tokens]
print(tokens)

'I', 'love', 'program', 'and', 'program', 'also', 'love', 'me'
```





Robotic Process Automation (RPA)

- Student's Project – Automate Hotel Processes Using UI Path



Software Used



TELEGRAM



Natural Language Analysis
with Python NLTK



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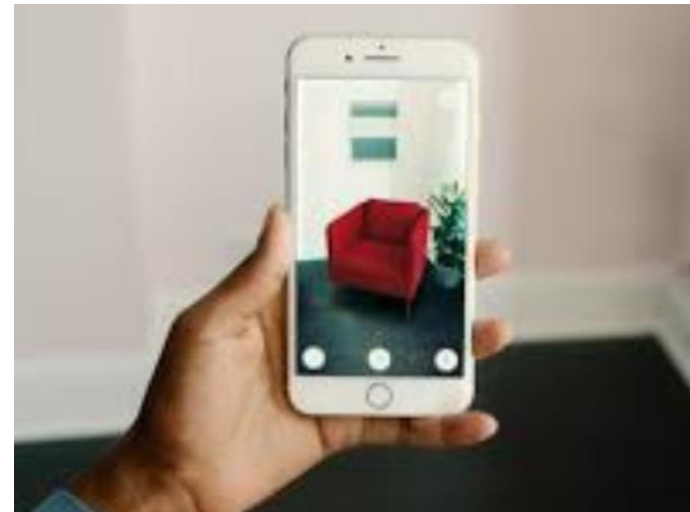
2. AR/VR





What is Augmented Reality (AR)?

- **Real-time** direct or indirect view of our physical world, **overlaid** with computer generated information and graphics
- **Combines** virtual and real objects together and creates an **interactive** experience





Patrick Ryan
July 31, 2019

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Dubai bus drivers to receive virtual-reality training

► Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority is turning to technology to improve safety standards



Dubai bus drivers will soon be receiving special virtual reality training.

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/dubai-bus-drivers-to-receive-virtual-reality-training-1.892929>





Virtual reality will reshape your entertainment experience in the next five years

Game developers are learning how to use virtual reality (VR) and immersive technology to engage their audiences.

by Cheryl Kahla — 2019-07-29 15:13 in Technology



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Google Custom Search

Elasticsearch
+
Canvas

B2B or bee to bee? Create something unexpected with your data.

44,458
LIVE BEES IN FLIGHT

<https://www.thesouthafrican.com/tech/virtual-reality-reshape-entertainment-experience-next-five-years/>





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Augmented reality will change concerts forever

By: Rachelle Dragani

U2, Maroon 5 and Eminem are shattering the fourth wall.



<https://www.verizon.com/about/our-company/fourth-industrial-revolution/augmented-reality-will-change-concerts-forever>





Facebook Augmented Reality device to let you type with your mind

The researchers hope to reach a real-time decoding speed of 100 words per minute

Published: July 31, 2019 17:42

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<https://gulfnnews.com/technology/media/facebook-augmented-reality-device-to-let-you-type-with-your-mind-1.1564580786366>





Apple is hosting augmented reality art walking tours in major cities

Lucas Matney @lucasmtny / 1 day ago

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<https://techcrunch.com/2019/07/30/apple-is-hosting-augmented-reality-art-walking-tours-in-major-cities/>





Other News

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- <https://venturebeat.com/2019/07/16/ar-vr-early-stage-valuations-soften-leading-to-investment-and-merger-opportunities/>



Augmented Reality Check: Why Businesses are Embracing AR in 2018

AR, VR games motivate players to sweat it out in the real world

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AR/VR early stage valuations soften, leading to investment and acquisition opportunities





Augmented
Reality



Virtual
Reality





Hardware



Software





Popular AR Applications





1. Instagram Stories Filters



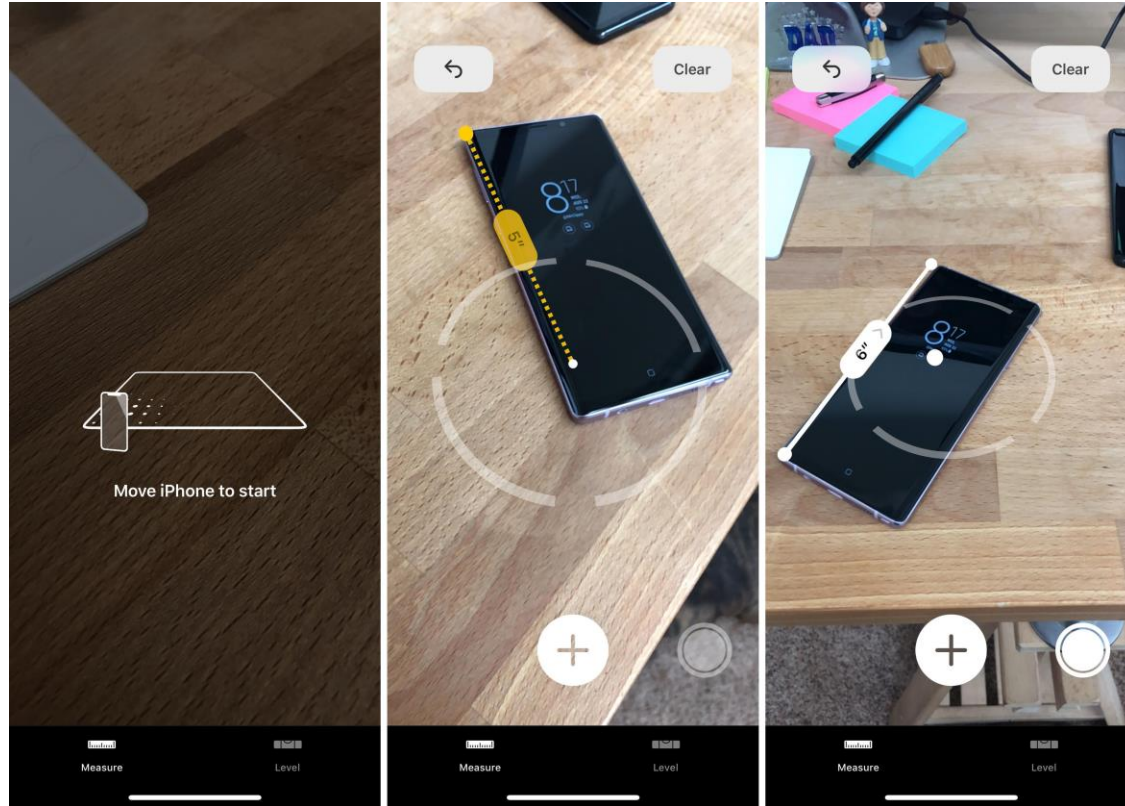


2. Pokémon Go



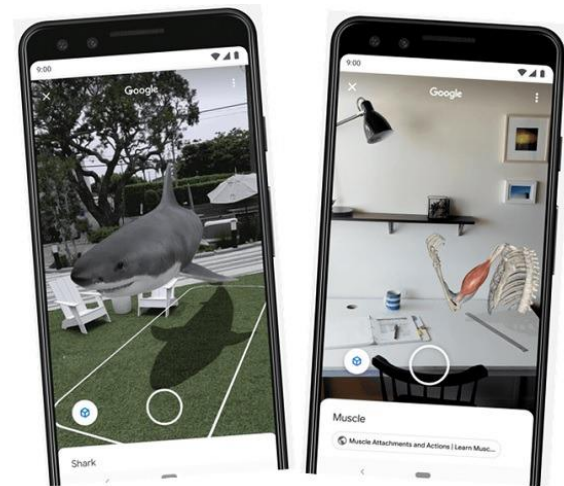
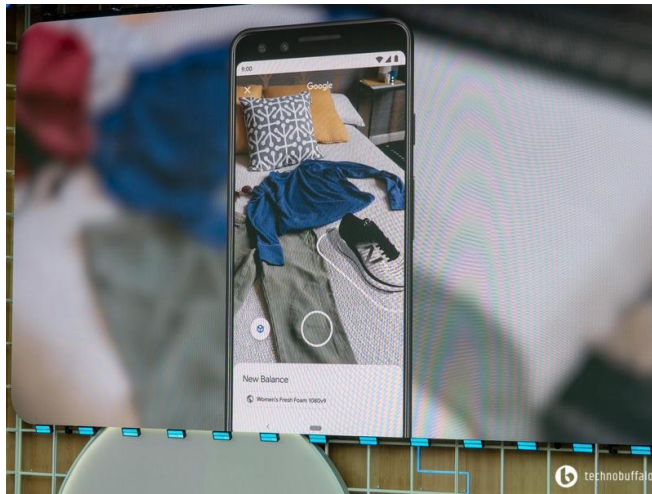


3. iOS Measure App





4. Google Search





What is Virtual Reality (VR)?

- **Three-dimensional, computer generated environment** which can be explored and interacted with by a person using input devices
- Users becomes part of this virtual world or is immersed within this environment and whilst there, is able to **manipulate objects or perform a series of actions.**





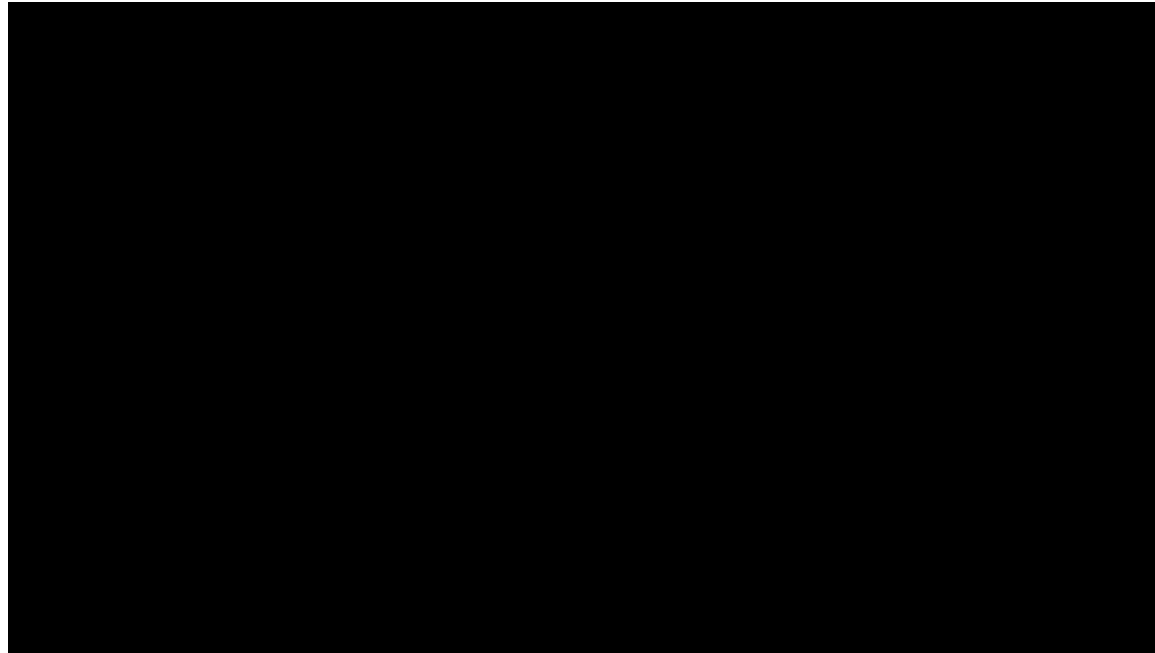
Current VR Applications

- Resident Evil 7 VR
- Tilt Brush
- Kraken Unleashed Roller Coaster





1. Resident Evil 7 VR



<https://youtu.be/fcLI-DZGLZ8>





2. Tilt Brush



<https://youtu.be/TckqNdrdbgk>





3. Kraken Unleashed Roller Coaster



<https://youtu.be/5K950lBpi6A>





Industries' Usage of AR & VR

- Healthcare
- Architecture
- Entertainment
- Sports
- Business
- Education
- Military
- Media
- Rehabilitation
- Arts





Healthcare

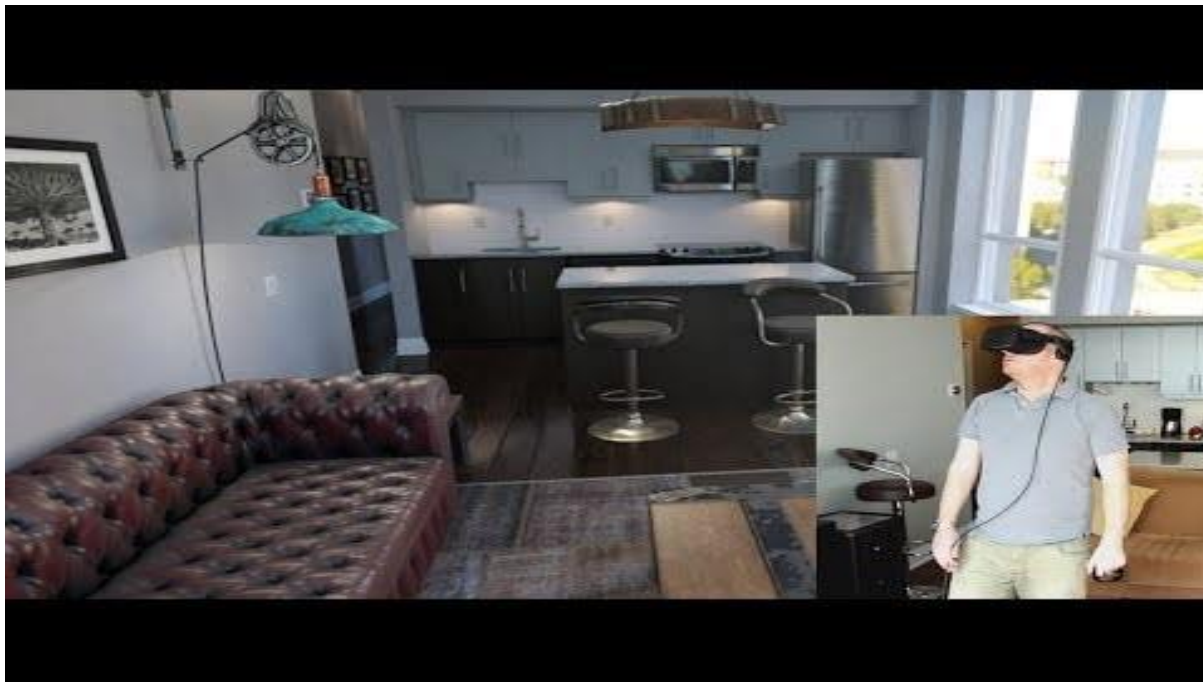


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Architecture



<https://youtu.be/xpjhsOneeQQ>





Entertainment



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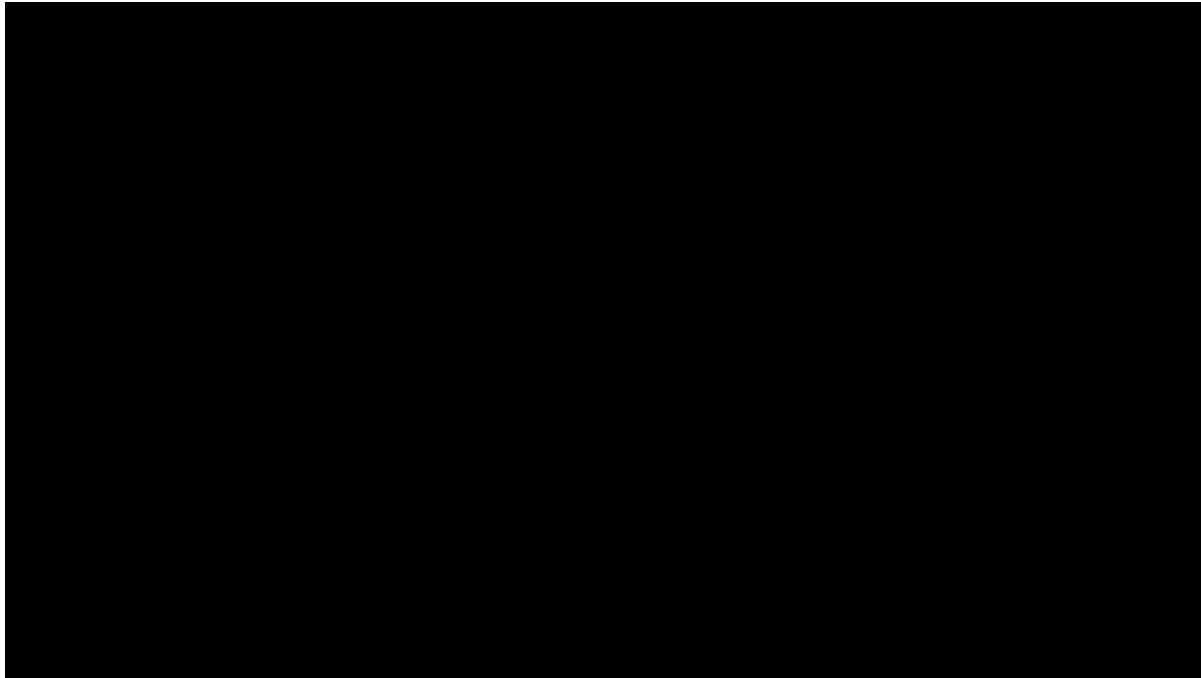


Sports





Arts

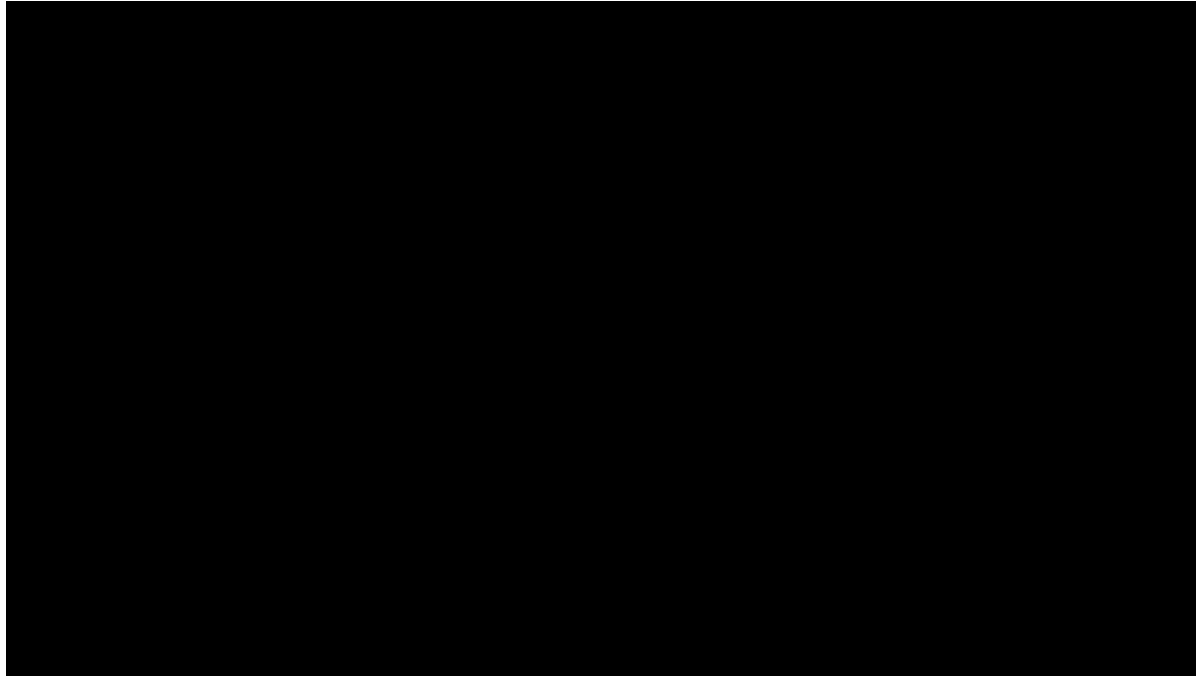


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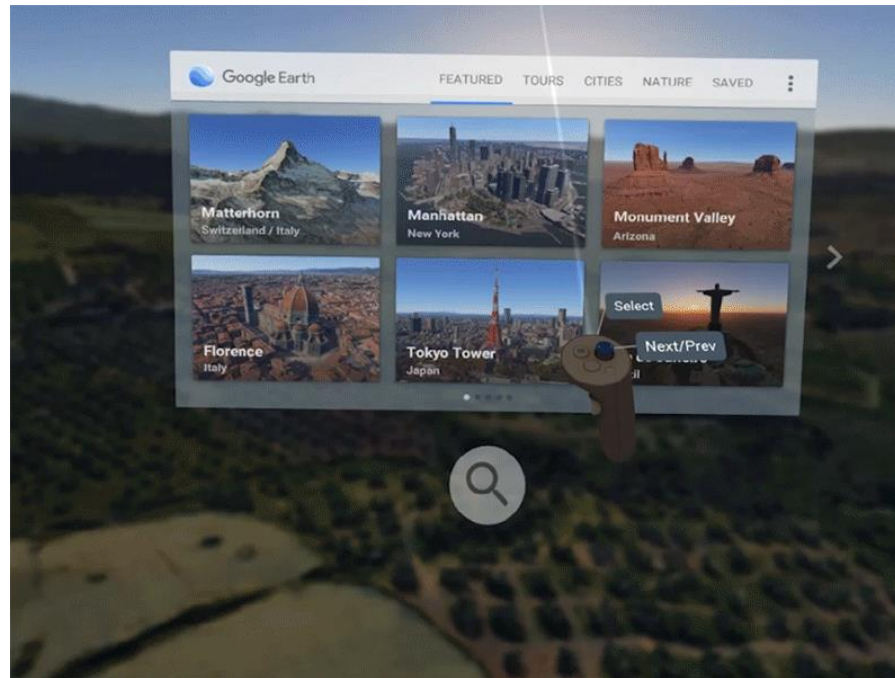


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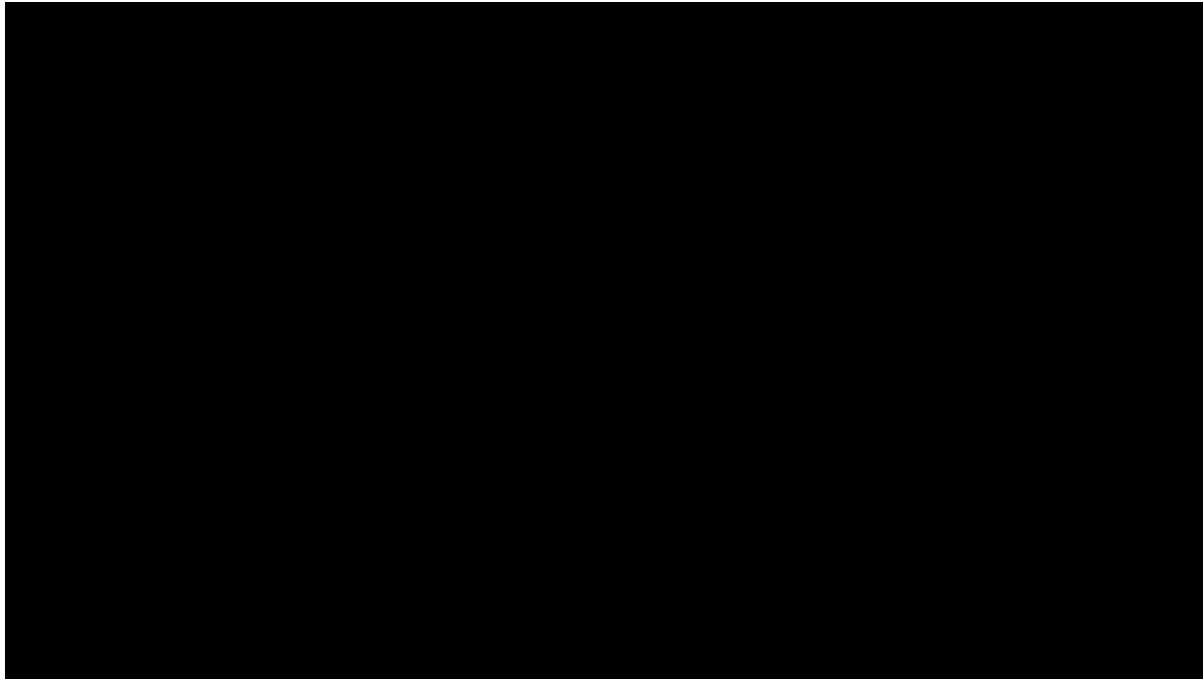


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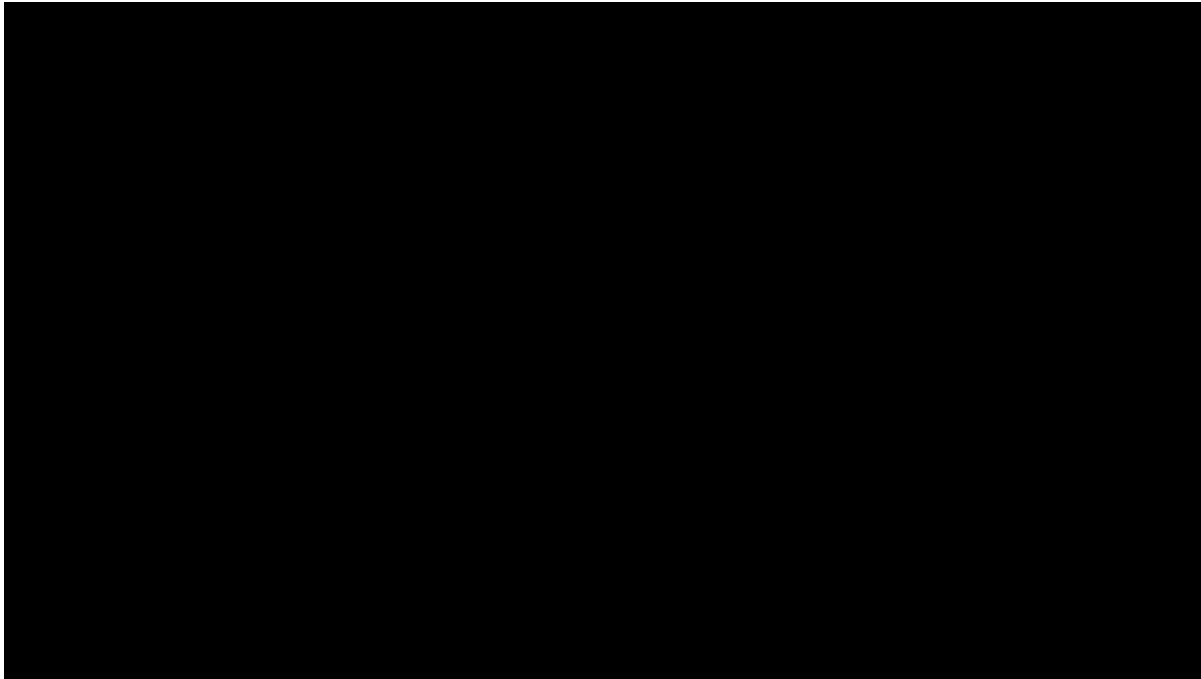


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Some hardware that are used

Virtual Reality

- HTC Vive
- Oculus Rift
- Valve Index





Some hardware that are used

Augmented Reality

- Microsoft HoloLens
- Google Glass
- Your phone



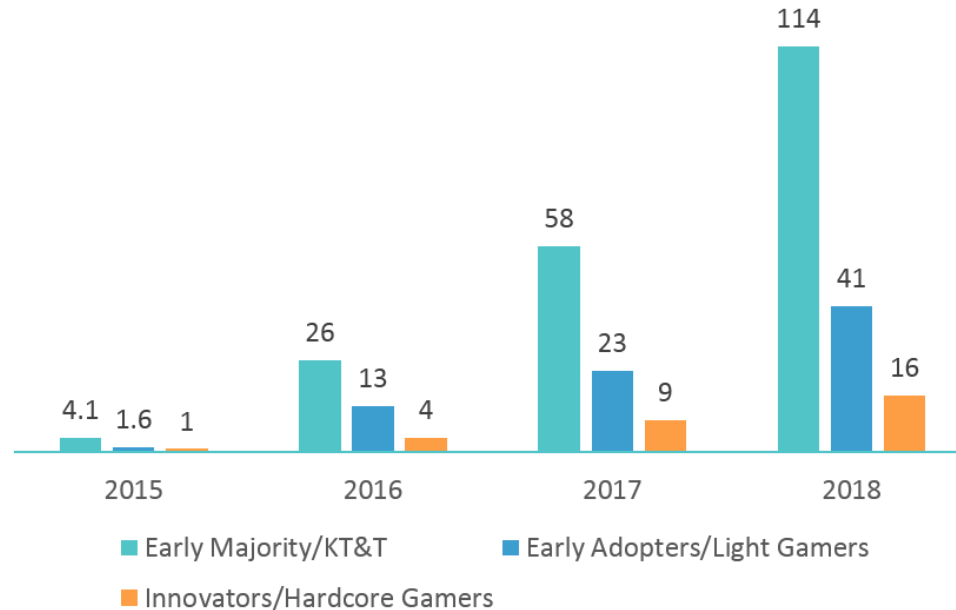
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Market Trends

Number of Virtual Reality Users, in millions, Global (2015-2018)



Source: KZero





Market Trends

More than
600,000 AR jobs
are waiting for
workers with the
right skills.



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Integration of AI with AR and VR

1. Physical Environment Mapping
2. Precise Depth Perception
3. Relevant Threat Warnings
4. Simulation & Training
5. Rendering Optimization
6. Unbounded Social Events
7. Character Modelling





Physical Environment Mapping

- Mapping entire environments in real time while blending the results with a virtual world.
- Allows a fully immersive VR and AR experiences with real world buildings and structures
- Creates opportunities such as AR shopping





Precise Depth Perception

- Besides mapping stationary structures, AI could soon map constantly moving environments, such as internal organs
- Only AI can handle the vast number of calculations needed to achieve instant, precise and accurate adjustments for the required actions
 - e.g. Surgery





Relevant Threat Warnings

- Make complex decisions for the military, through learning from archived simulations and strategies
- Able to highlight clear and relevant danger





Relevant Threat Warnings

Civilian can also use the same system, where it highlights danger such as oncoming cars or see round corners and give advance warnings before they're even in danger.





Customized Simulation & Training

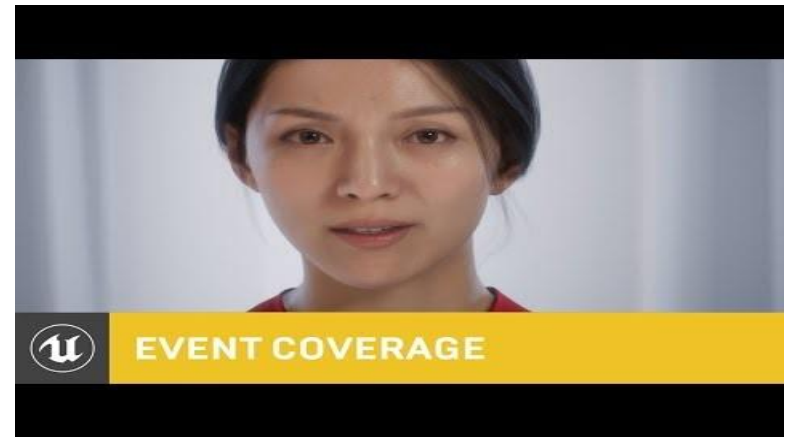
- Improve simulated training
 - Incorporating more data points
 - Comparing and contrasting different techniques
 - Personalizing education
- Has the potential to make education easily accessible for every student, giving all a chance to learn





Character Modelling

- Coupled with deep learning to create realistic character models, realistic characters can be produced easily and readily, in theory.





Appendix A: Quick look at Unreal Engine 4





What is Unreal Engine 4?

UE4 = A Game Engine





What do game engines do?



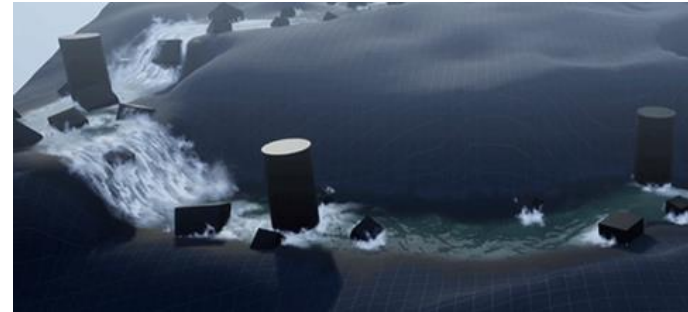


Graphics Renderer





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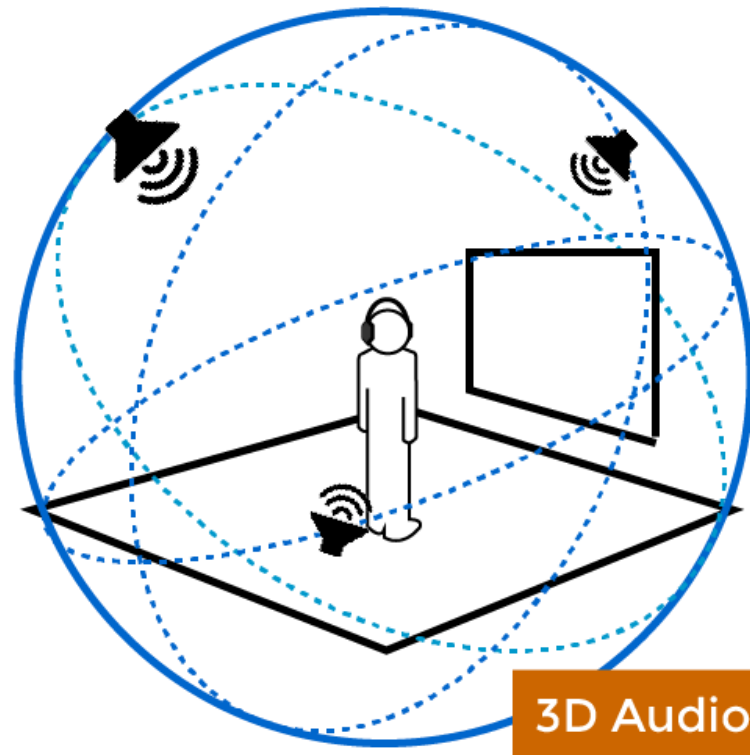


Logic





Audio





Platforms Deployment





Logic behind UE4 → Blueprints

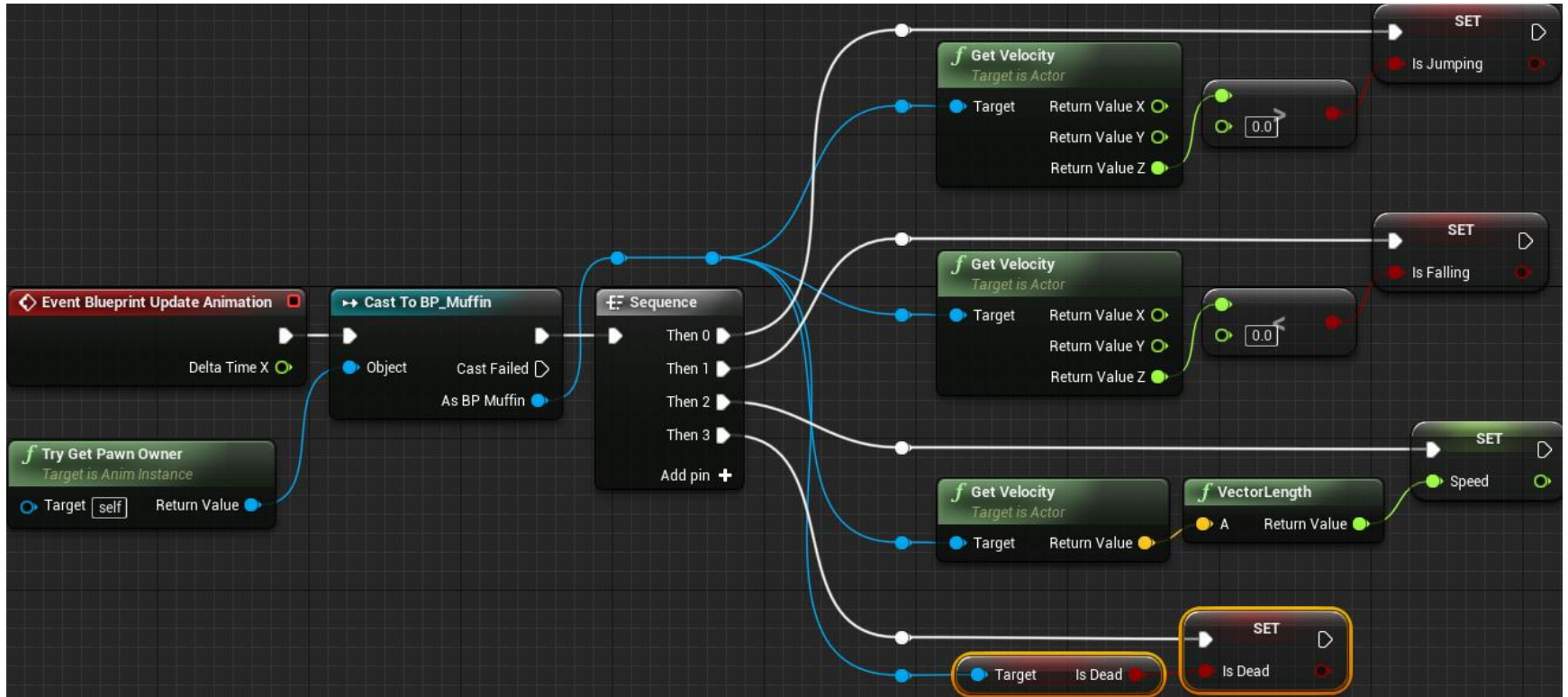


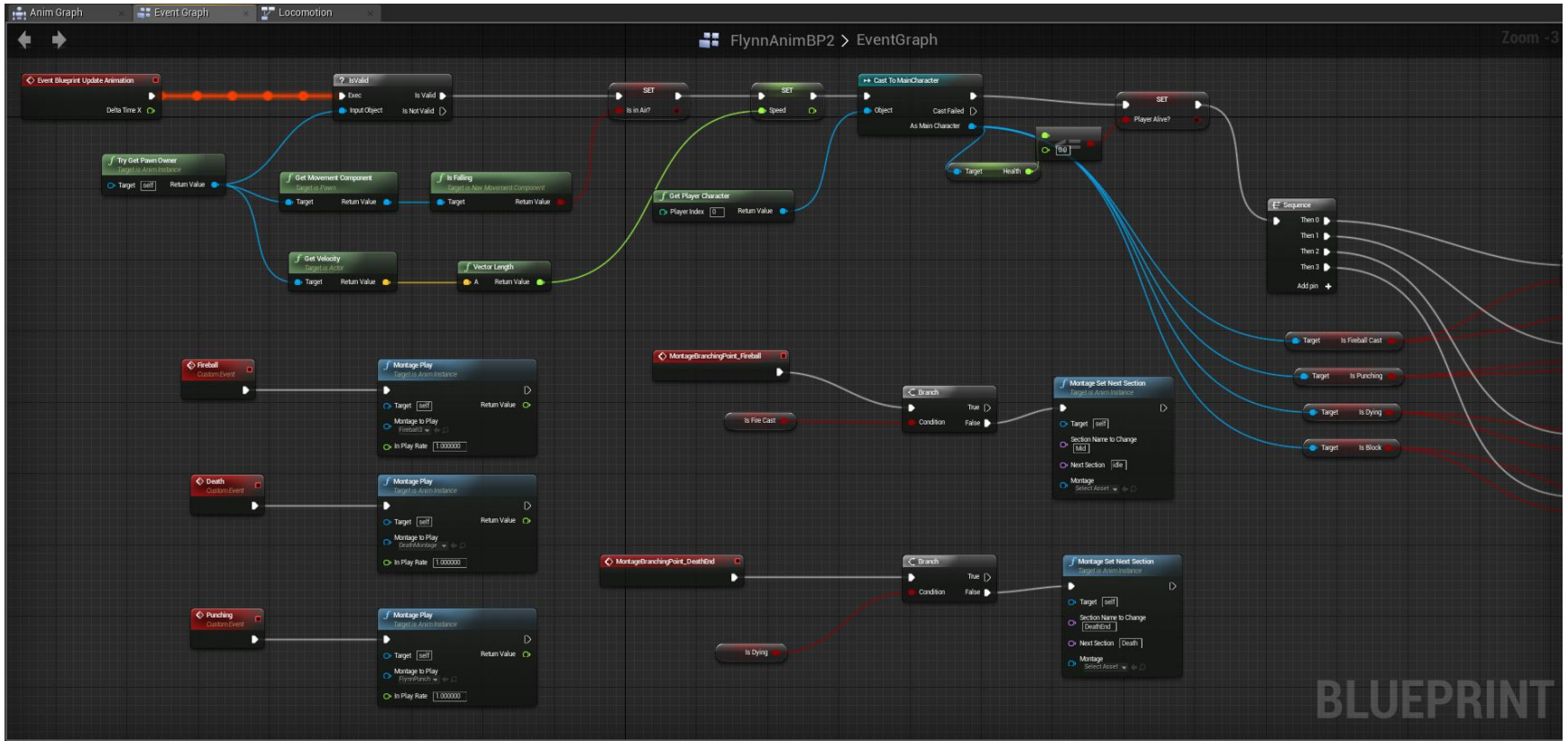


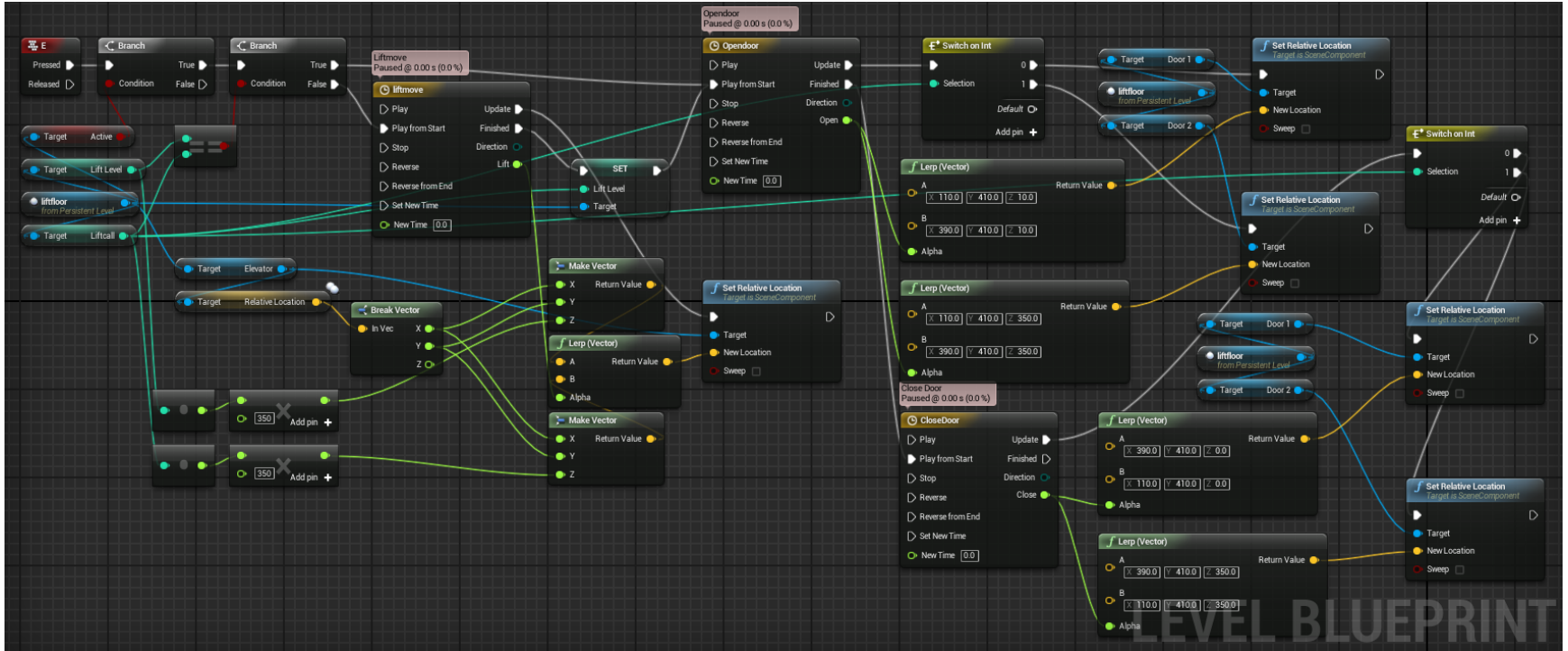
Blueprints

- Scripting system based on the concept of using a **node-based interface**
- Used to define object-oriented (OO) classes or objects in the engine











How do blueprints works?

- Basically, Blueprints are **visually scripted additions** to your project.
- It works by connecting **Nodes, Events, Functions, and Variables** with *Wires*





How do blueprints works?

- Blueprints work by using graphs of Nodes for various purposes that are **specific** to each instance of the Blueprint in order to implement behavior and other functionality.
- It is possible to create **complex interactive** elements from blueprints





Blueprint Classes

- Usually ideal for making interactive assets like:
 - Doors
 - Switches
 - Collectible items
 - Destructible scenery
 - Etc..





Blueprint Classes

- Ideally, each interactive assets has their own separate Blueprints
- Contains the necessary script to **respond** to events such as:
 - Making them animate
 - Play sound effects
 - Change their materials





Blueprint Classes

- Blueprint classes are **self-contained**
 - Thus, they can be constructed in such a way that you can drop them into a level and they will simply work, with minimal setup required.
- This also means that editing a Blueprint that is in use throughout a project will **update every instance of it.**





Project

Primary Game Module

Class

Functions

Properties

Class

Functions

Properties

Class

Functions

Properties

Additional Game Module

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Functions

Properties





Construction Scripts

- A type of graph within Blueprint Classes that executes when that Actor is placed or updated in the editor, but not during gameplay.
- It is useful for creating easily customizable props that allow environment artists to work faster, such as a light fixture that automatically updates its material to match the color and brightness of its point light component, or a Blueprint that randomly scatters foliage meshes over an area.







Pawns

- A type of Blueprint Class that allows users to put together every element you need for a playable character in the Blueprint graph.
 - Manipulate camera behavior
 - Set up input events for mouse, controller, and touch screens
 - Create an Animation Blueprint asset for handling skeletal mesh animations.





Pawns

- Blueprint also comes with a character component that you can edit such as:
 - Moving around
 - Jumping
 - Swimming
 - Falling built-in
- You can edit and add values and input in accordance with how you want your character to be controlled.







Creating a HUD

- Blueprint script can be used to create a game's HUD (Heads Up Display) as well
- Similar to Blueprint Classes, it can contain event sequences and variables but is assigned to your project's **GameMode** asset instead of being added directly to a level.





Creating a HUD

- HUDs can be set up to read variables from other Blueprints and use them such as:
 - To display a health bar
 - Update a score value
 - Display objective markers
 - Etc..





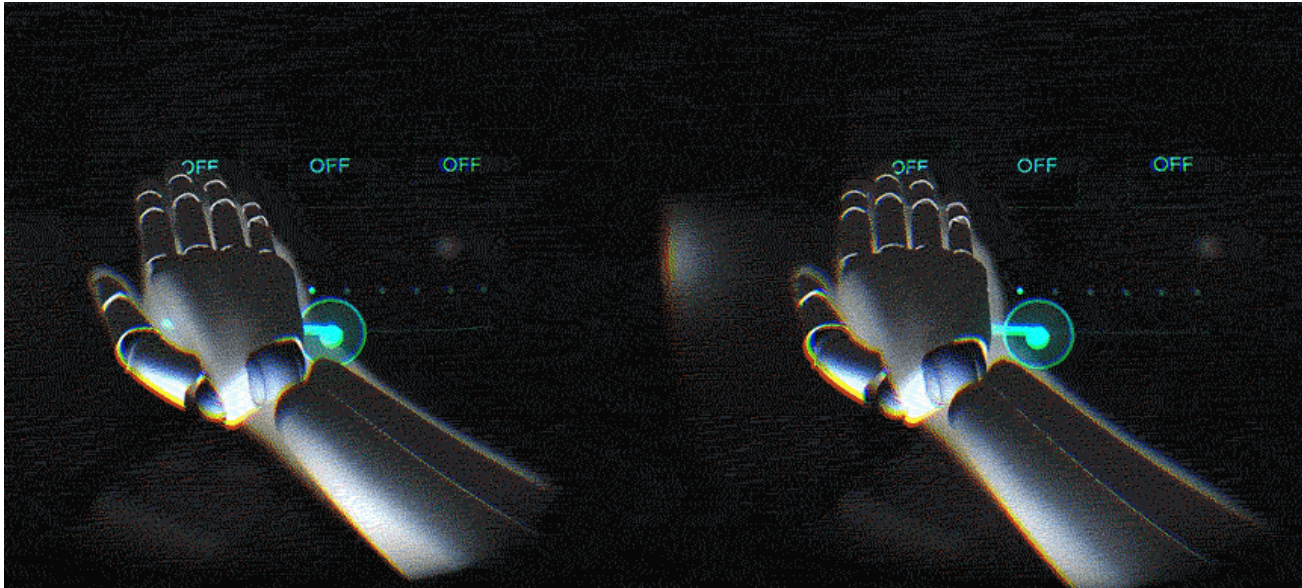


Creating a HUD

- It is also possible to use the HUD to add hit-boxes for elements like buttons that can be clicked on or, in the case of mobile or Virtual Reality, can respond to touch input.



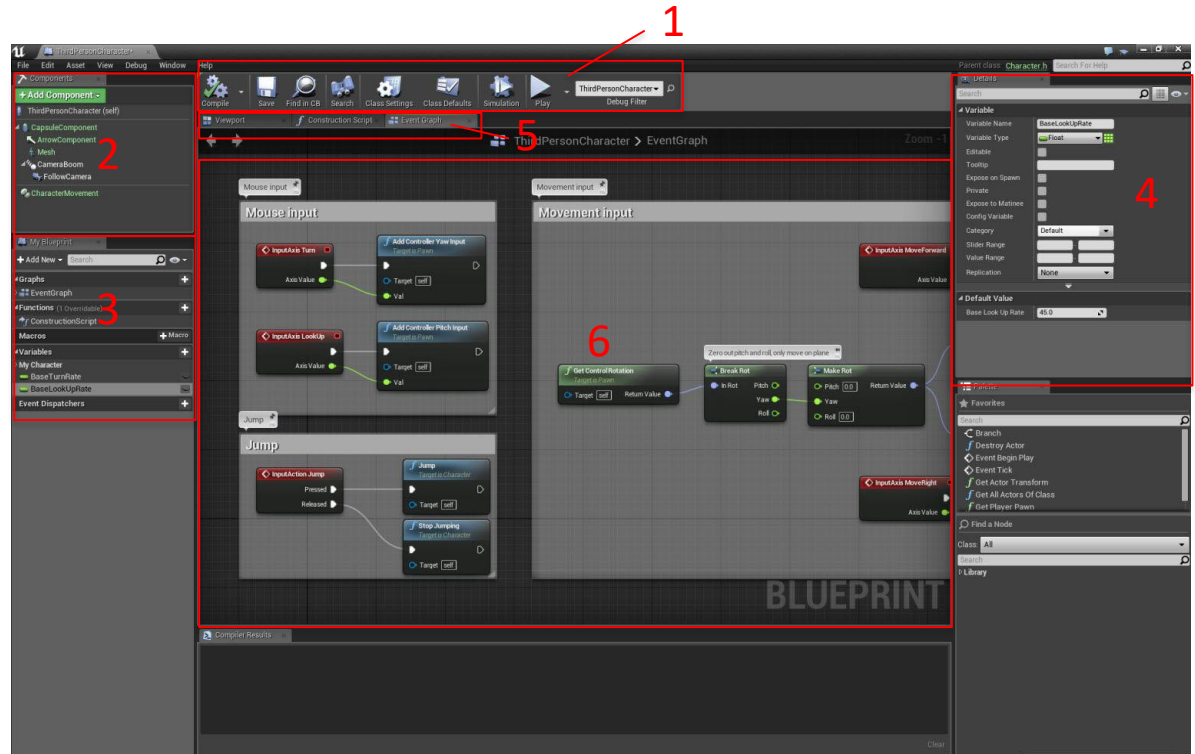






Blueprints - Interface

1. Toolbar
2. Components panel
3. My Blueprint panel
4. Details panel
5. Viewport
6. Event Graph

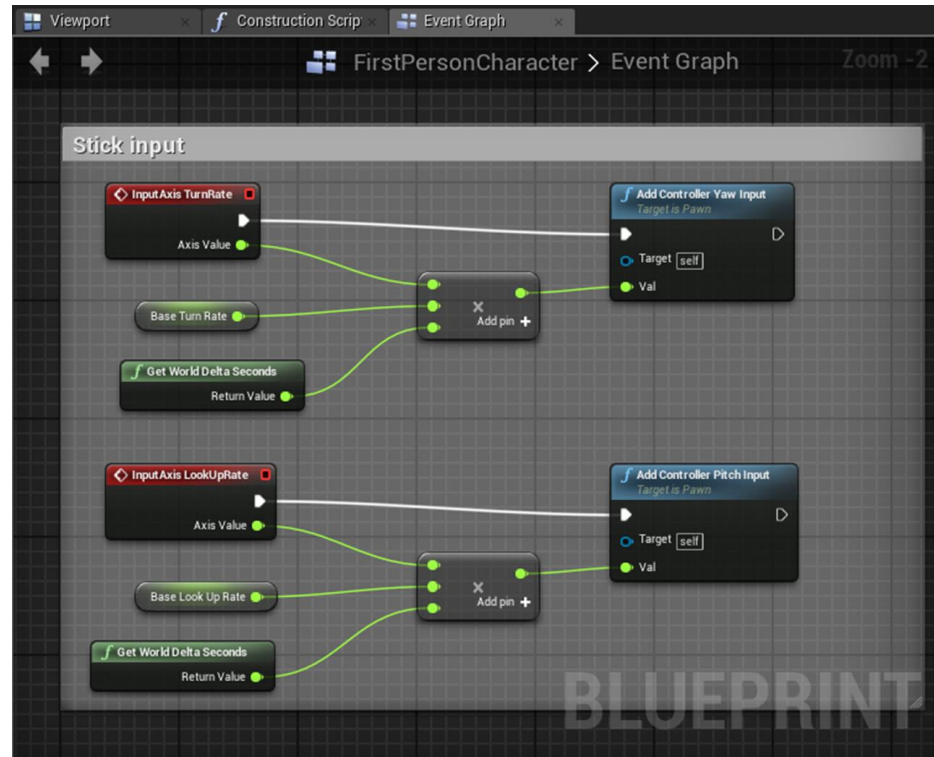




Blueprints – Event Graph

This is where the gameplay logic that determines a Blueprint class's behaviour during gameplay appears.

The Event Graph contains events and actions represented by a node graph.



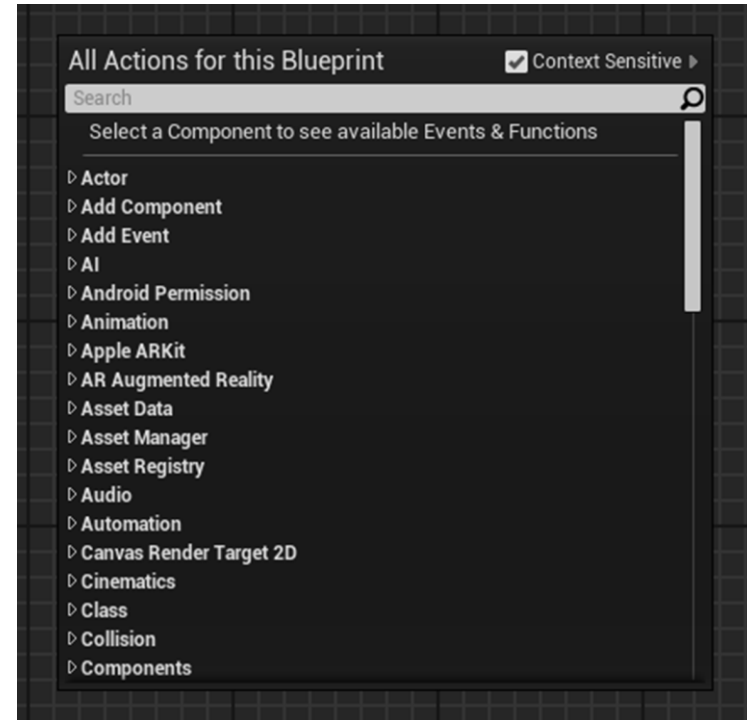


Blueprints – Context Menu

Clicked within the event graph, this menu is used to add nodes within.

Some of the nodes represented are:

- Variables
- Operators
- Functions
- Events

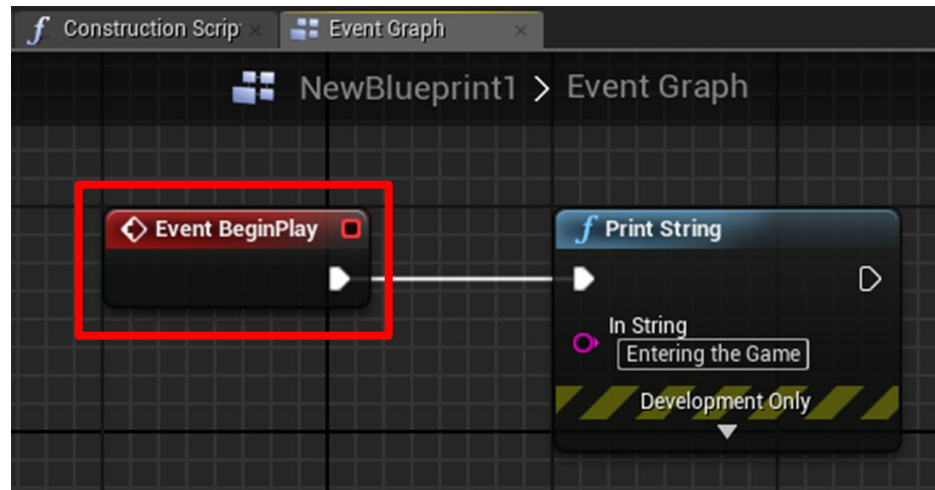




Blueprints – Events

Events allow Blueprints to perform a series of actions in response to certain events that occur within the game.

An example is the **BeginPlay** event, where it is triggered when the game starts for an Actor spawns within, which then triggers any other connected event or function components.

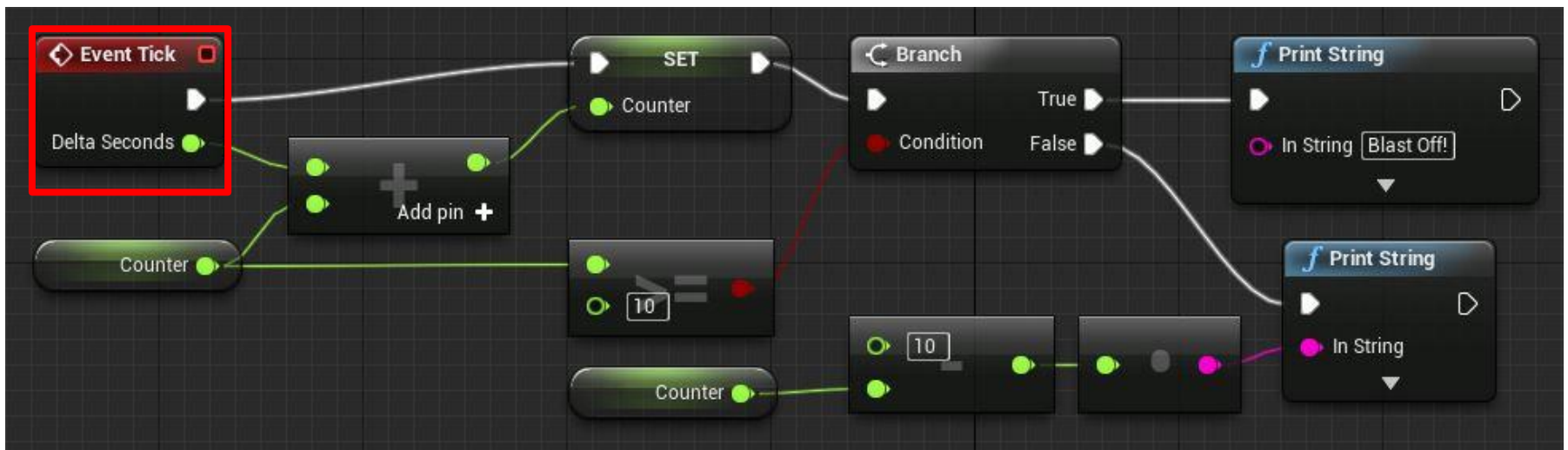




Blueprints – Events

Another example is the **Tick** event, where it is called every frame of the game.

For example, in a game that is running at 60 frames per second, the Tick event is called 60 times in a second.





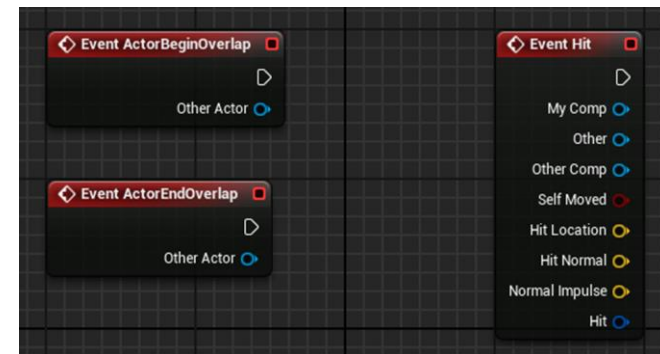
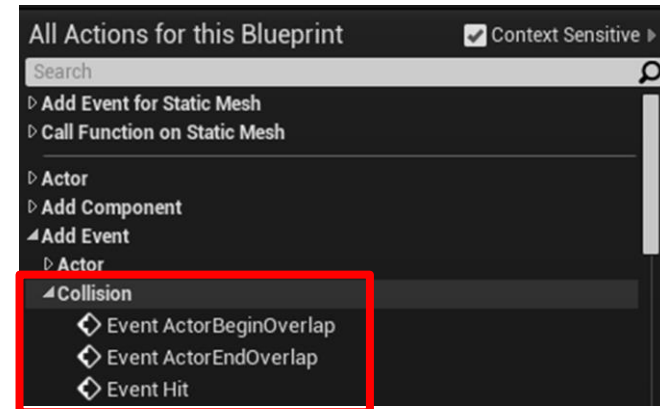
Blueprints – Events

Collision events are triggered when two Actors collide or overlap.

Event ActorBeginOverlap will execute when two Actors start overlapping.

Event ActorEndOverlap will execute when two Actors stop overlapping.

Event Hit will execute if the **Simulation Generates Hit Events** property of one of the Actors in the collision is set to “**true**”.





Blueprints – Events

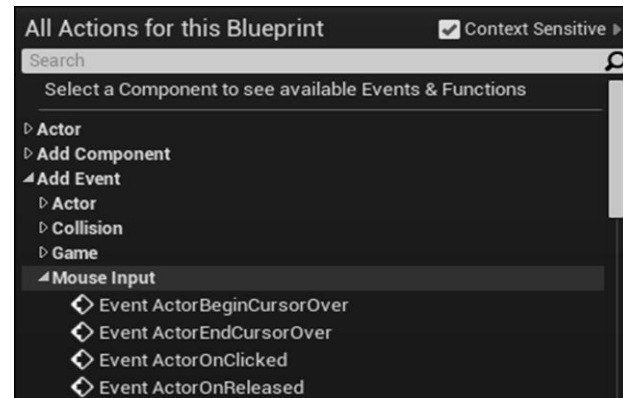
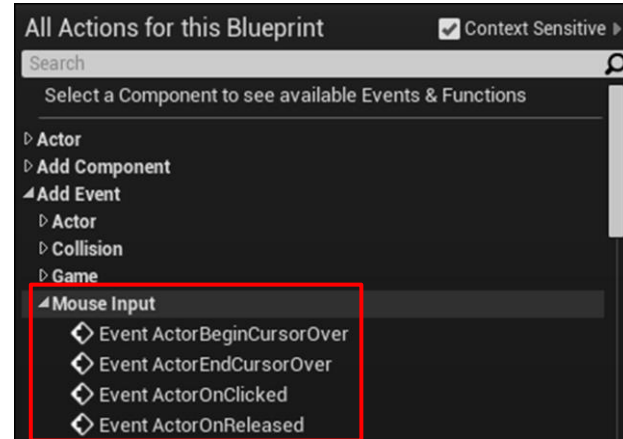
There are some events related to **mouse interaction** with an Actor.

Event ActorBeginCursorOver is activated when the mouse cursor moves over the Actor.

Event ActorEndCursorOver is activated when the mouse cursor moves off the Actor.

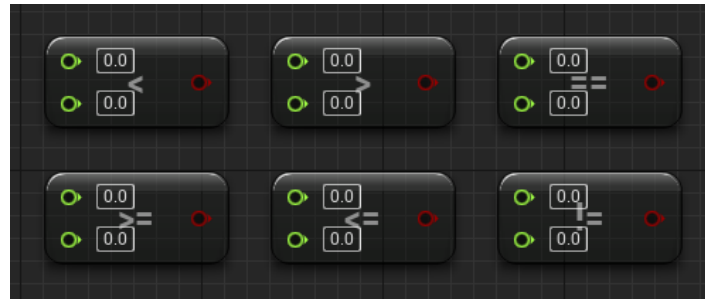
Event ActorOnClicked is activated when the mouse clicks on the Actor.

Event ActorOnReleased is activated when the mouse button is released and the mouse cursor is still over the Actor.





Blueprints – Operators

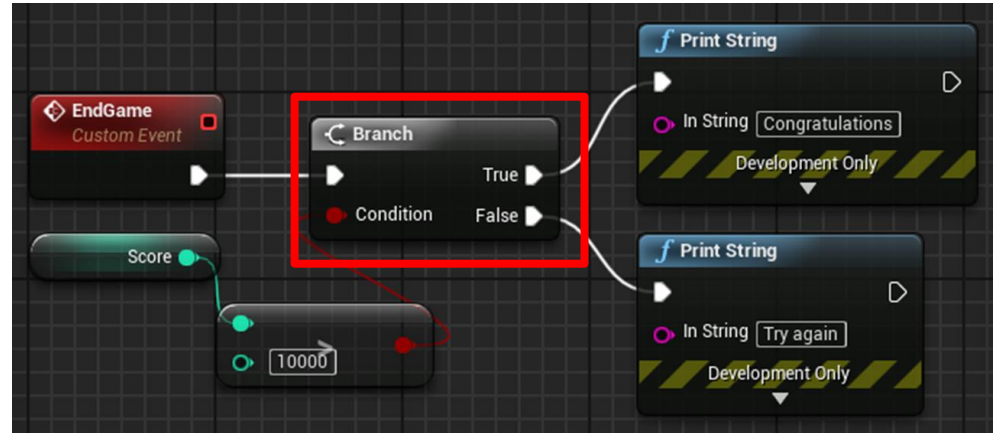




Blueprints - Functions

The **Branch** node directs the flow of execution of a Blueprint based on the value of the Boolean input “Condition”, which can be “true” or “false”.

This works the same as an if-else function within coding languages

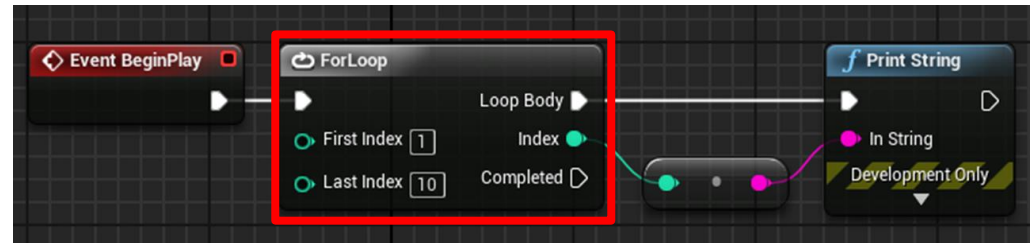




Blueprints - Functions

The **ForLoop** node performs the set of actions that are associated with the output pin Loop Body for each index.

When the **ForLoop** node completes its execution, the output pin Complete is triggered.



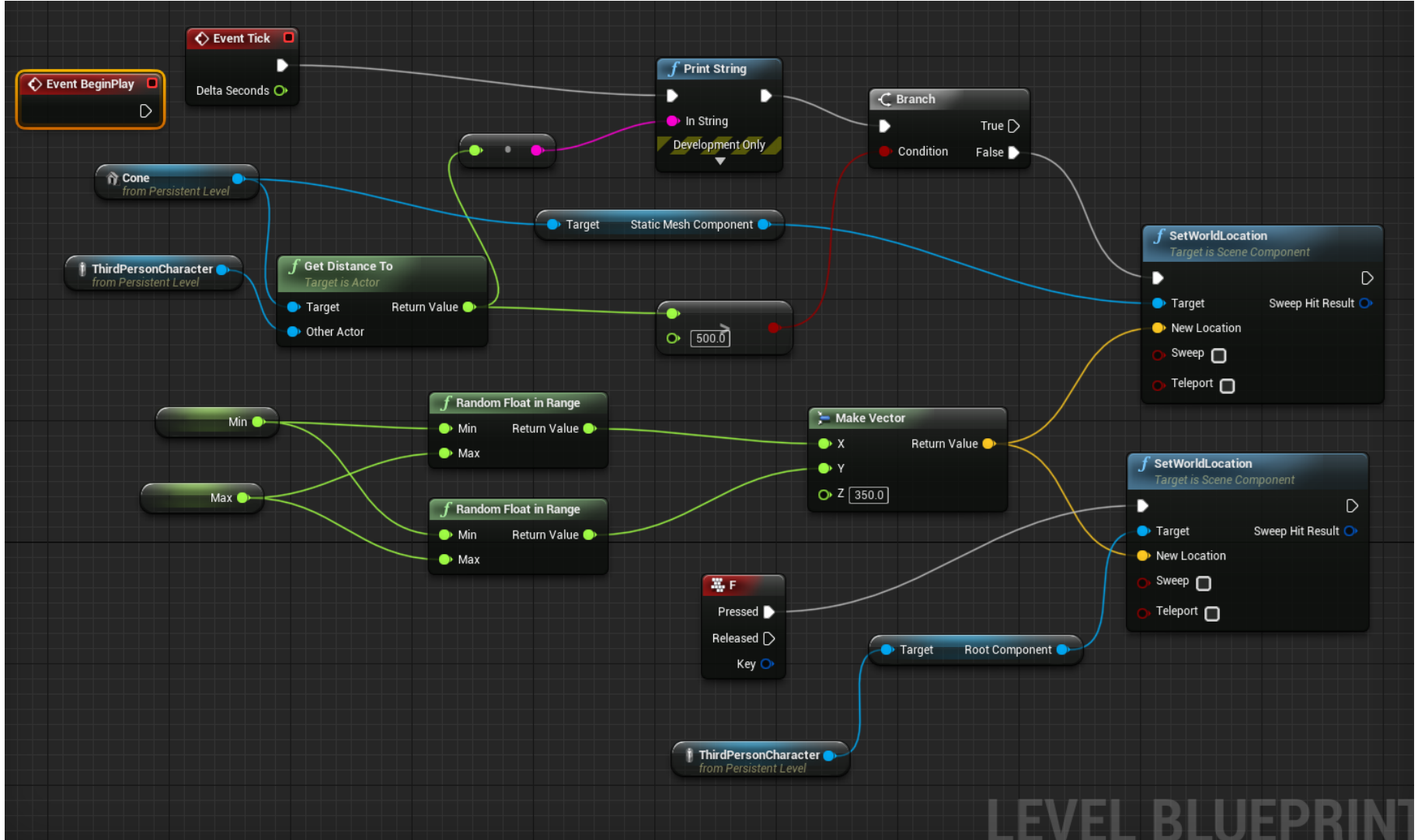


Blueprints - Functions

A **Sequence** node can be used to help organize other Blueprint actions.

When triggered, it executes all the nodes connected to the output pins in sequential order—that is, it executes all the actions of pin “**Then 0**”, then all the actions of pin “**Then 1**”, and so on.







Blueprints

Affects features within Unreal Engine 4 such as:

- Materials
- Geometry Animations & Interactions
- AI





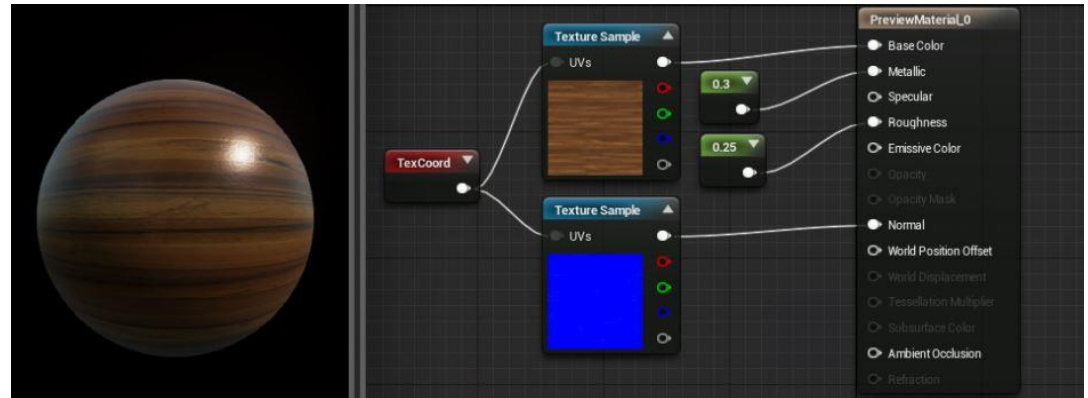
Materials





Materials

- Constructed not through code, but via a network of visual scripting nodes (called Material Expressions) within the Material Editor.
- Each node contains a snippet of **HLSL code**, designated to perform a specific task. This means that as you construct a Material, you are creating HLSL code through visual scripting.





Materials Example 1

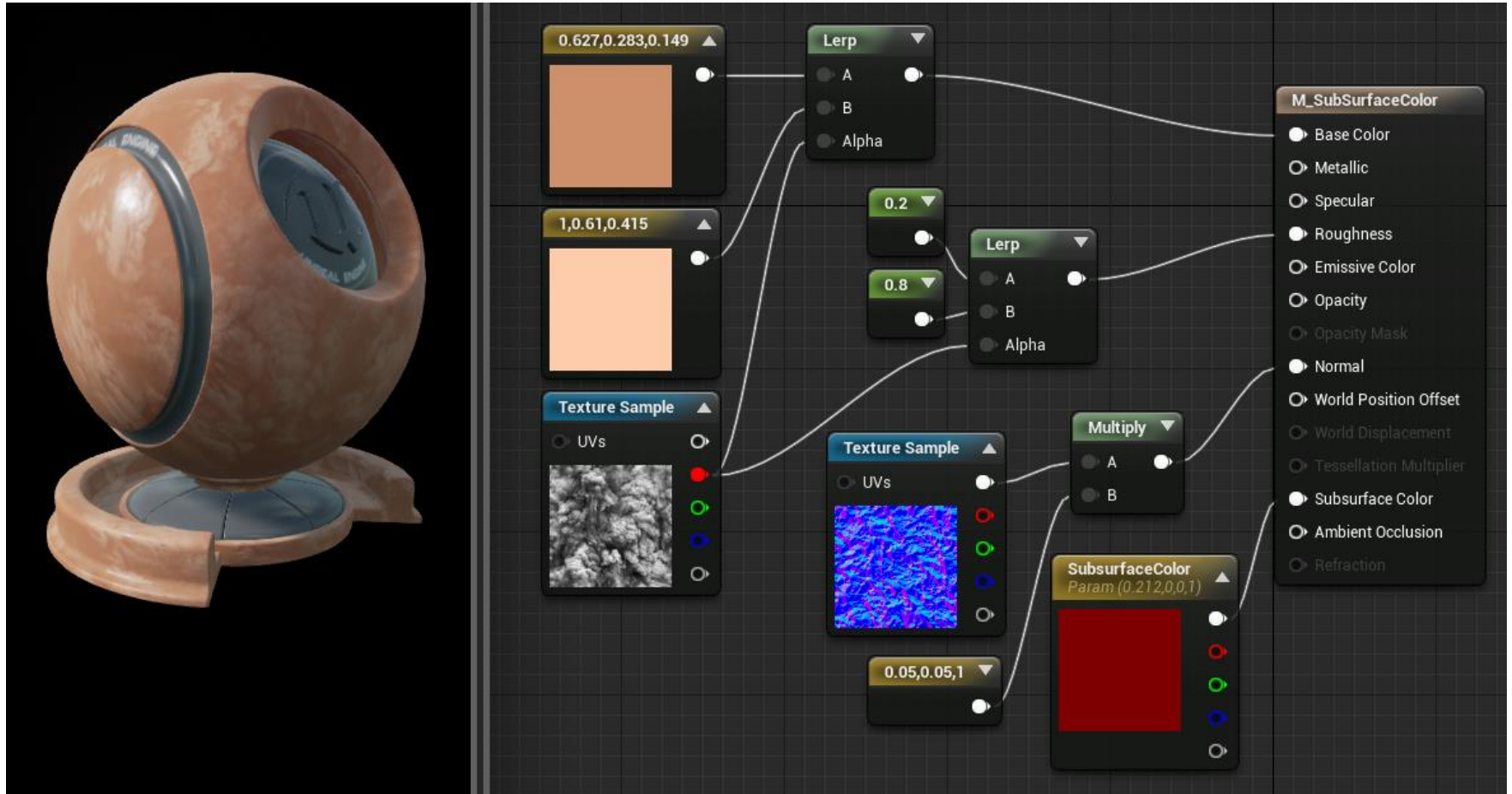
The screenshot displays the Unreal Engine 4 material editor for a material named `mat_MasterMaterial`. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Viewport:** Shows a 3D sphere rendered with the material, set against a background of a building.
- Toolbar:** Contains various tools like Save, Browse, Apply, Search, Home, Clean Up, Connectors, Live Preview, Live Nodes, Live Update, Stats, and Mobile Stats.
- Left Sidebar:**
 - Details:** A search bar and a list of material properties.
 - Physical Material:** A dropdown menu for 'Physx Material' set to 'None'.
 - Material:** Settings for Material Domain (Surface), Blend Mode (Opaque), Decal Blend Mode (Translucent), Shading Model (Default Lit), Two Sided, Use Material Attributes, and Subsurface Profile (None).
 - Translucency:** A section for material translucency settings.
- Main Editor:** A node graph showing the material's construction. It includes:
 - `baseColor_text` (Text parameter) and `Master_baseColor` (Texture parameter) connected to a `Multiply` node.
 - `Emissive_Text` (Text parameter) and `Master_Emissive` (Texture parameter) connected to another `Multiply` node.
 - `Master_Normal` (Texture parameter) and `Master_AO_RLM` (Texture parameter) connected to a `Multiply` node.
 - The output of the first `Multiply` node is connected to the `mat_MasterMaterial` node.
 - The output of the second `Multiply` node is connected to the `mat_MasterMaterial` node.
 - The output of the third `Multiply` node is connected to the `mat_MasterMaterial` node.
- Stats Panel:** Located at the bottom right, it displays performance metrics:
 - Base pass shader: 117 instructions
 - Base pass shader with Surface Lightmap: 137 instructions
 - Base pass shader with Volumetric Lightmap: 193 instructions
 - Vertex shader: 31 instructions
 - Texture samplers: 7/16
 - User interpolators: 2/4 Scalars (1/4 Vectors) (TexCoords: 2, Custom: 0)





Materials Example 2





Materials Example 3

The screenshot displays a material editor interface. On the left, a 3D preview window shows a bright white sphere on a blue background. The main area is a node-based material graph for a material named "NewMaterial". The graph includes the following nodes and connections:

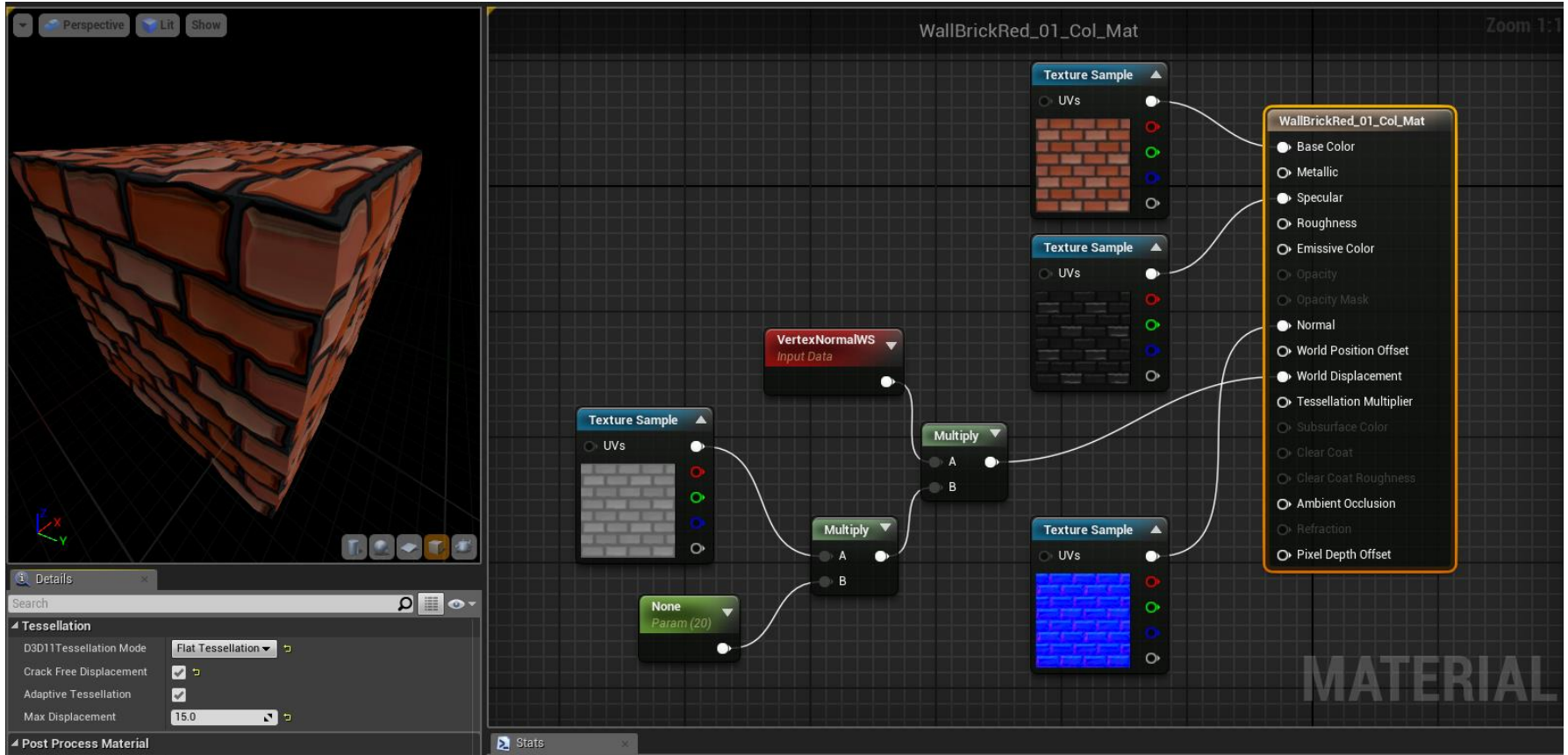
- Time Input Data** (highlighted with an orange border) connected to the 'A' input of a **Divide(,2)** node.
- Divide(,2)** node connected to the 'A' input of a **Sine** node.
- Sine** node connected to the 'A' input of an **Add(,1.1)** node.
- Add(,1.1)** node connected to the 'A' input of a **Multiply** node.
- A **20** constant node connected to the 'B' input of the first **Multiply** node.
- The first **Multiply** node connected to the 'A' input of a second **Multiply** node.
- A **0.361,0.521,0.915** color node connected to the 'B' input of the second **Multiply** node.

The right side of the interface shows a list of material properties for "NewMaterial", including Base Color, Metallic, Specular, Roughness, Emission, Opacity, Normal, World, and Ambient. The "States" panel at the bottom indicates "Base pass shader with only dynamic lighting: 26 instructions".





Materials Example 4

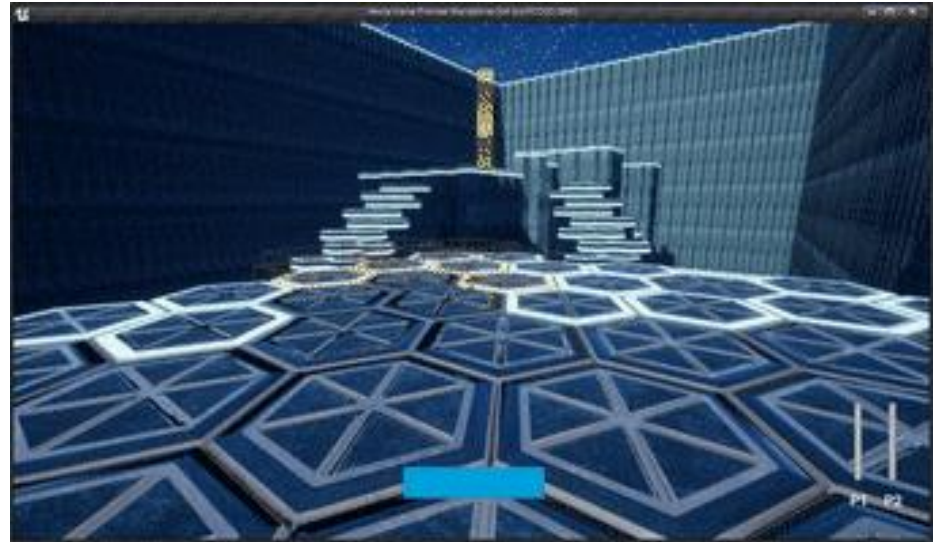




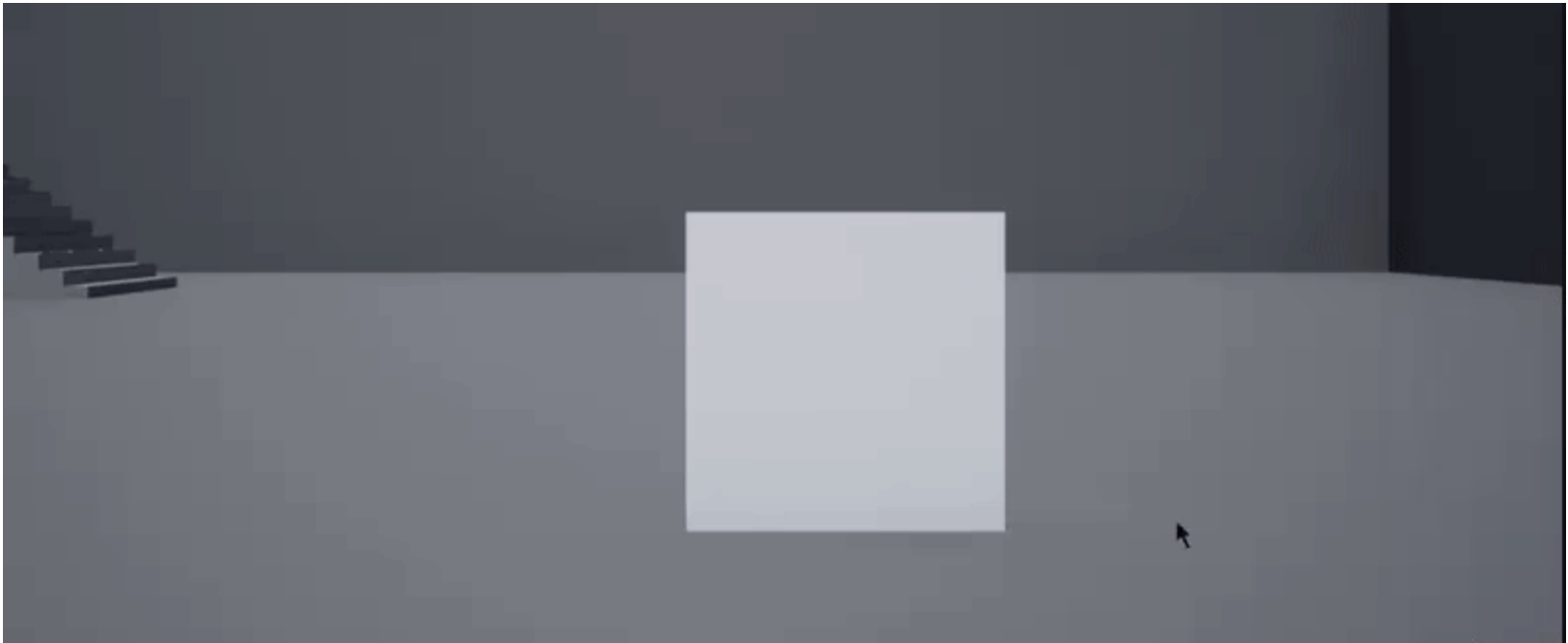
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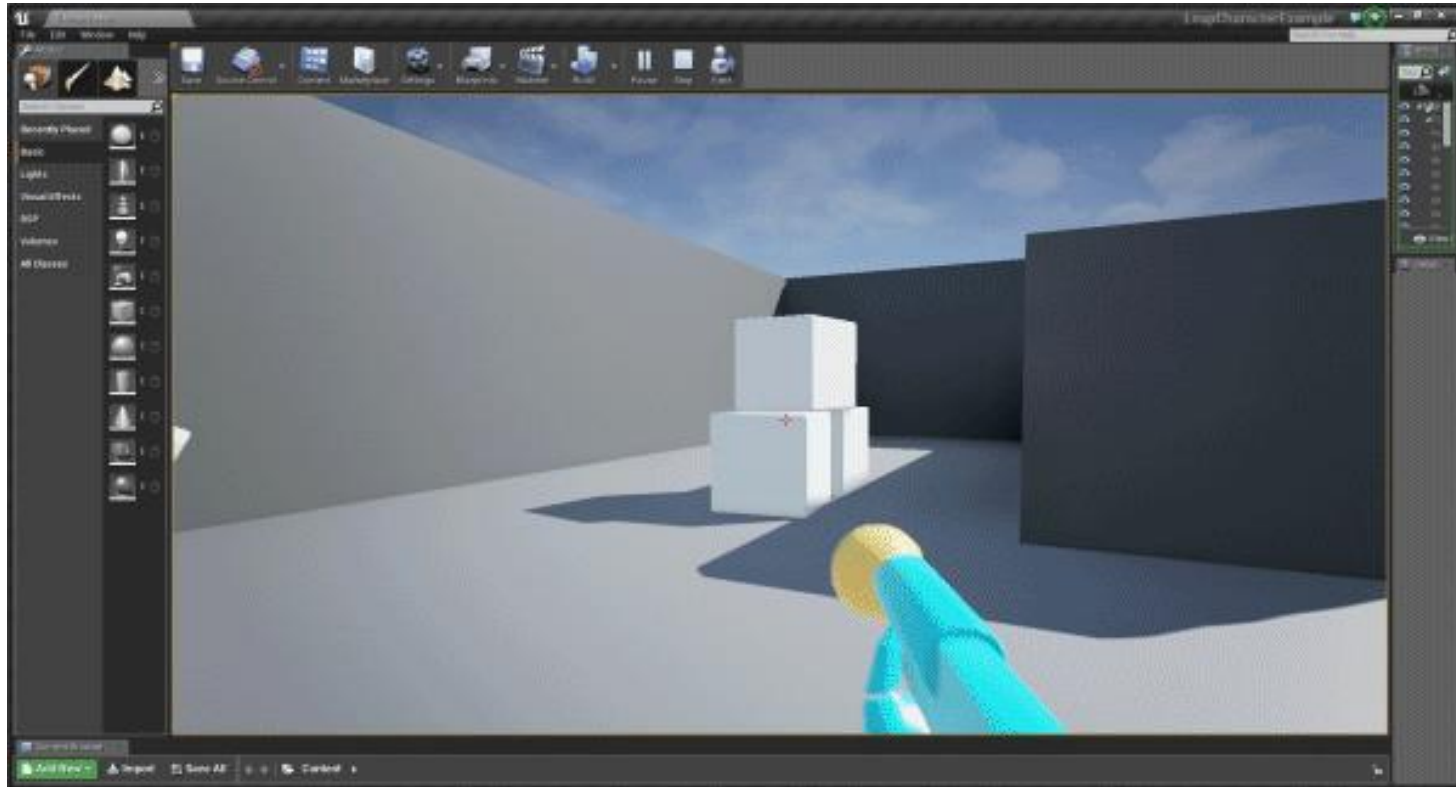
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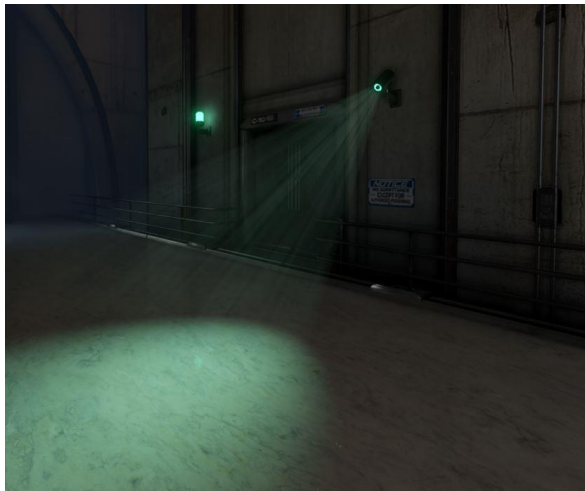




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Appendix B: Legends





Blueprint Class Legend

Class Type	Description
Actor	An Actor is an object that can be placed or spawned in the world.
Pawn	A Pawn is an Actor that can be "possessed" and receive input from a Controller.
Character	A Character is a Pawn that includes the ability to walk, run, jump, and more.
PlayerController	A Player Controller is an Actor responsible for controlling a Pawn used by the player.
Game Mode	A Game Mode defines the game being played, its rules, scoring, and other faces of the game type.



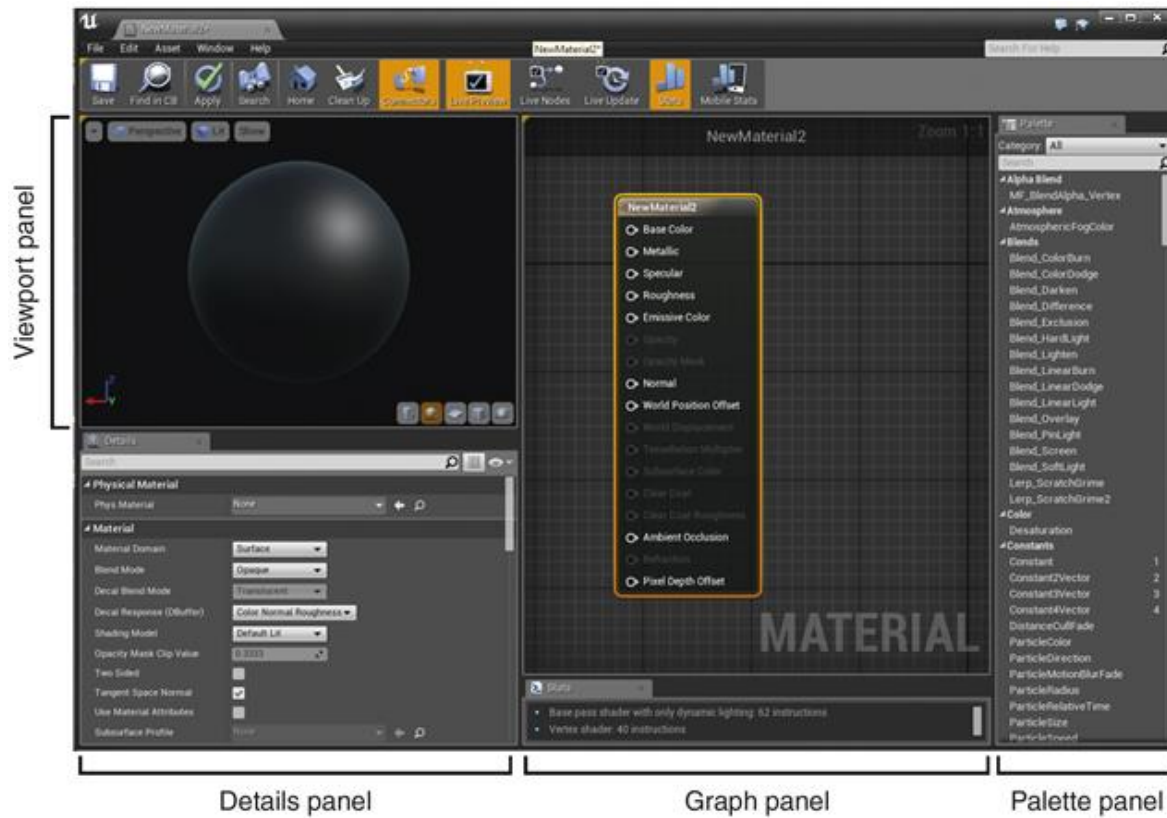


Appendix C: Materials Editor





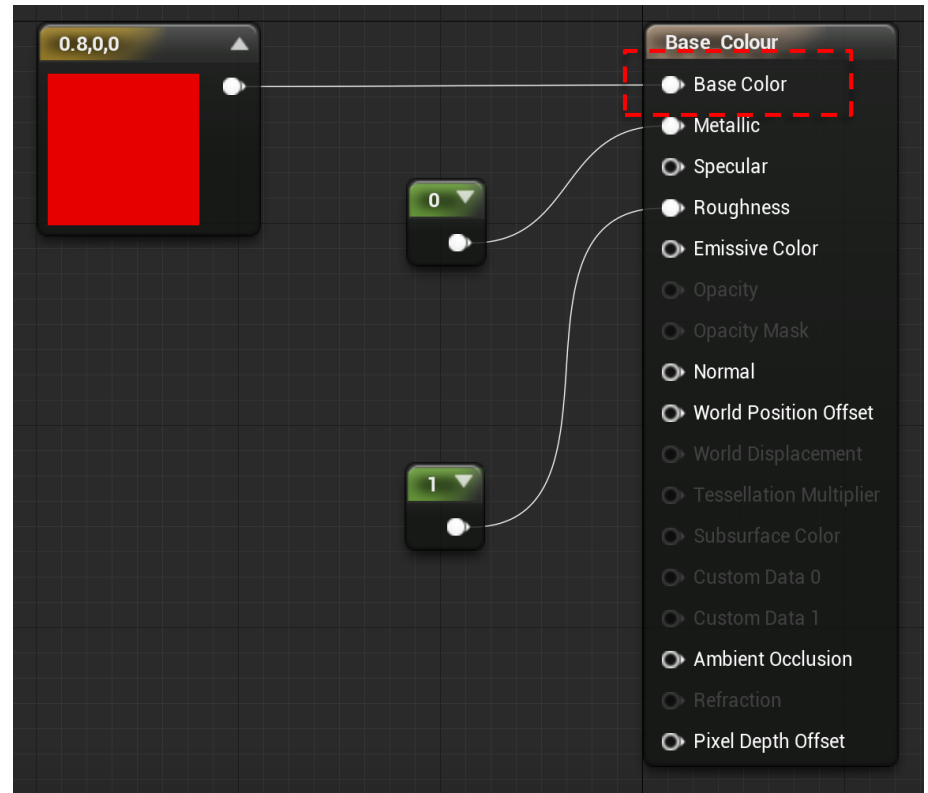
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Base Material Node - Base Colour

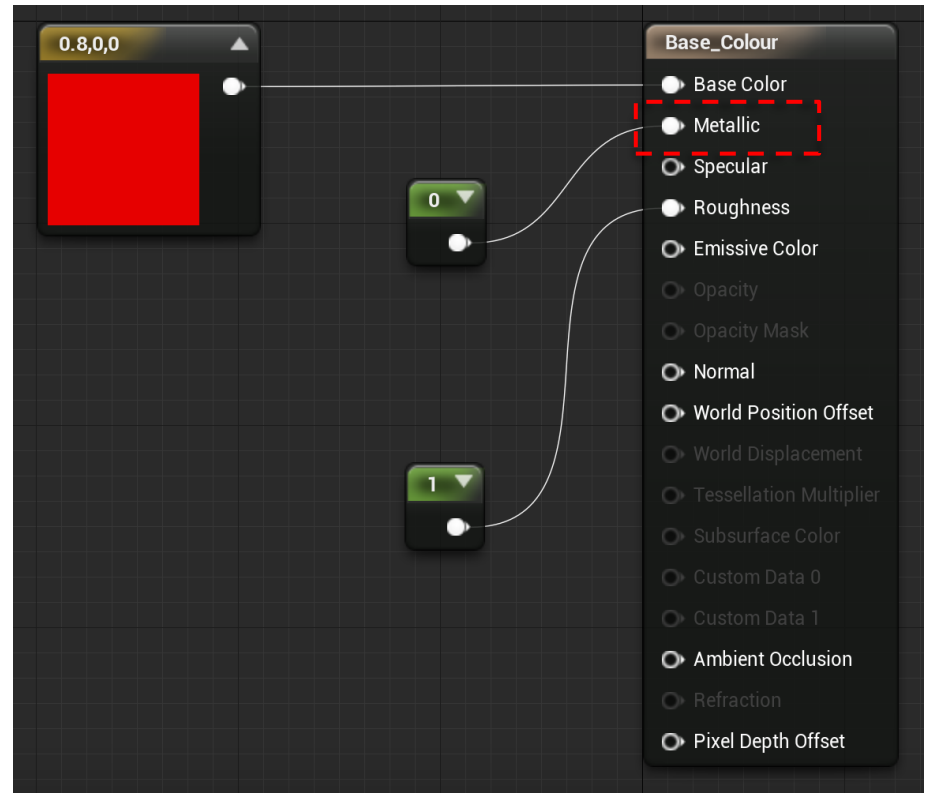
- It is the main colour of the surface in a Material
- Has no shadow or lighting detail.





Base Material Node - Metallic

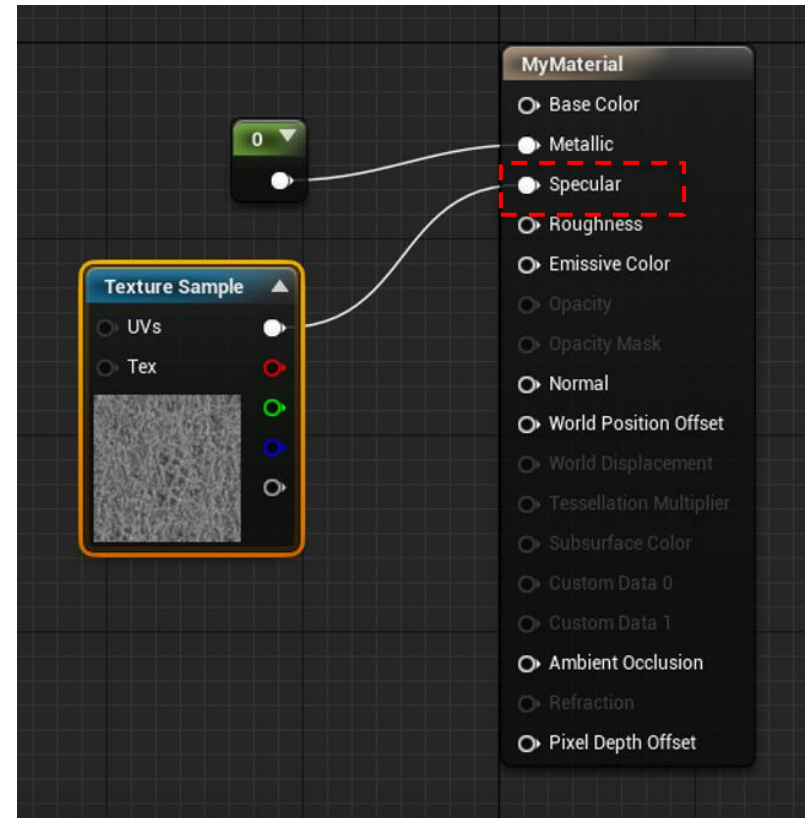
- Determines if the Material looks like a metal.
- 0 / black = not metallic
- 1 / white = fully metallic.
- Affects the reflective properties of the surface.





Base Material Node - Specular

- Determines the overall reflectivity of a surface
- 0 = does not reflect anything
- 1 = reflects everything
- Specular input does not affect metallic Materials.

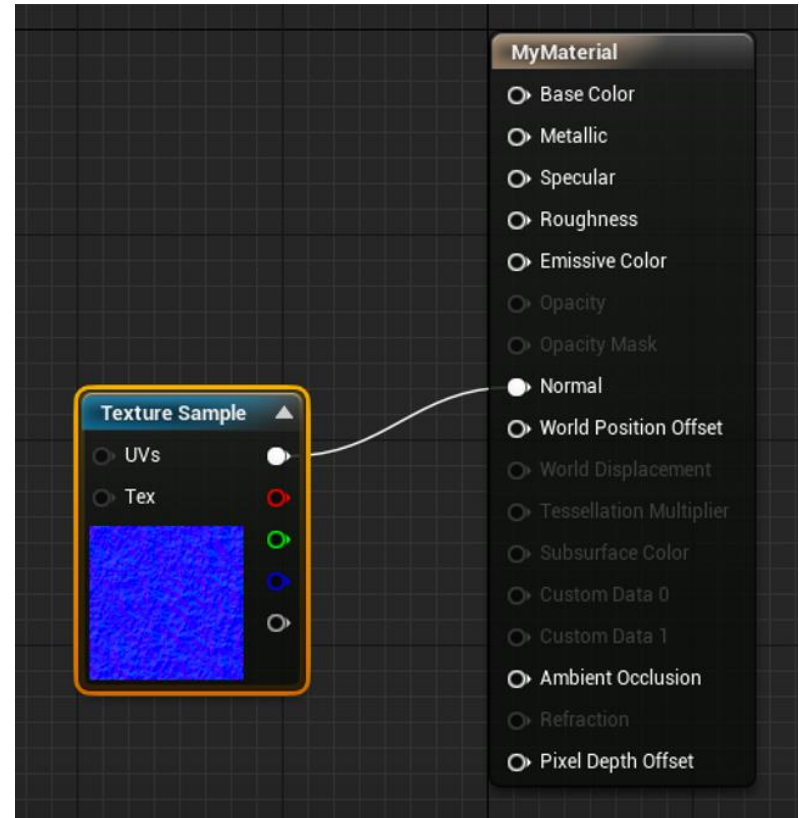




Base Material Node - Normal

Controls the direction in which light should react with a surface.

Normal maps add high-definition surface detail and shape to a Material by modifying the underlying surface's world normal direction.





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