

COSC 477: Virtual Reality and its Principles  
**Fall Semester 2016**  
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**Assignment 4: Create a Survival Game for Emergency Response**

This project will familiarize you with the Unity 3D game engine. This assignment will also get you prepared for the final project.

Please submit your assignment by: **10/10/2016**

**Topics:** The Unity 3D game engine, 3-D scenes, terrain editing and texture painting, skyboxes, trees and foliage, scene lighting, first-person controller, water, animation, and simple 3D models.

**Submission:**

Submit your code files and all scene assets in the SHARMASHARE directory on the network.  
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**Description:**

In this project you will create a **VR** environment. You are expected to create an entire virtual environment that combines 3D Studio Max models, sketch up models and Unity 3D game engine. You will be required to do the following:

**1) Create the terrain and 3d models.** [20 points]

Start off by using the terrain editing and texture painting tools to create the terrain for your Scene. In painting (and editing) the terrain, consider using variety in your Scene, both to give the Scene a more realistic feel (i.e. the outdoors is nothing if not irregular), and to show signs of human or animal life (e.g. paths, more regular town areas, open areas in woods, etc.)

Some possible ideas:

- Add terrain, trees, foliage, etc.
- Add 3D models from the freely available online asset packages.
- Create a distinct or more interesting structure like a tower, a building, etc.;
- Create and use additional materials with different colors or textures to give your structure(s) a distinct different look and feel.
- Creatively employ physics to add motion (and/or destruction) to your Scene.

**2) Add the sky.** [5 points]

As discussed in class select **Edit** → **Render Settings**, then click on the little circle to the right of Skybox Material and select the desired type of sky for your mission.

**3) Add a Player Controller to the Scene.** [10 points]

The game needs a player view camera and a controller (that moves by player's control) to enable the player to interact with the game. As discussed in class, add a player controller to the Scene. I recommend the First Person Controller for your first Scene, but you're certainly welcome to experiment with the 3rd Person Controller, if desired.

**4) Add other characters in the environment** [10 points]

The environment should contain at least 12+ agents with pre-existing animations (paths). The animations can be in a loop.

**5) Add Audio to the Scene.**

[5 points]

You can add water splashing sounds and other sounds as needed in the environment.

**6) Create an opponent or enemy agent (behavior).**

[30 points]

When the first person controller comes near the enemy agent, the enemy agent will lose its health. When the player is brought closer to enemy and the mouse button is pressed Health variable *decreases*. Include a *health counter*. Add a *weapon* to the first controller. [Refer the class handout].

7) Creativity: **Create a compelling environment.**

[10 points]

**EXTRA Credit: Add 3D models to the scene and create/save the scene file [10 points]**

In many VR environments, the terrain and natural environment start to "set the stage", but it's generally the 3D models, such as buildings, vehicles, and other objects the player interacts with, that are the major focal points for the users attention. As such, start adding some 3D Models to your Scene.

There are very few (if any) 3D models in the Standard Assets that come with Unity Basic, and there's only a couple of buildings and a few small objects in the book's asset package, so I encourage you to look at the free assets available in Unity's Asset Store (which can be accessed from within Unity via **Window** → **Asset Store**). Again, when selecting 3D models for your Scene, consider the theme, setting, and/or purpose of your Scene. Try to find models that match with the desired theme/setting.

**References**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x87AQ2Sfxmw>

<https://unity3d.com/learn/tutorials/modules/beginner/physics/assignments/brick-shooter>

<https://unity3d.com/learn/tutorials/modules/beginner/physics/assignments/bouncing-ball>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-IYXB1bhls>

**Options for VR environment**

- Create a Virtual University Campus (BSU)
- Create an underwater sea adventure with dinosaurs.
- Create a town that follows a single consistent style or theme
- Urban inner-city slums, a country club resort

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1) **Unity 5: 3D Essential Training:** <https://www.lynda.com/Unity-tutorials/Unity-5-3D-Essential-Training/383666-2.html>

2) **Advanced Unity 3D Game Programming:**

<https://www.lynda.com/Unity-3D-tutorials/Advanced-Unity-3D-Game-Programming/160270-2.html?srchtrk=index%3a1%0alinktypeid%3a2%0aq%3aunity+3d%0apage%3a1%0as%3arelevance%0asa%3atrue%0aproducttypeid%3a2>

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