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Alpha Presentation Mobile Train Handling Simulator

The Capstone Experience

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Project Overview

- Distributed Power Handling Simulator
- Built in Unity with PS Technology's Physics API
- Control Throttle and Braking of Train
- Keep Buff and Draft Forces in Check
- Complete Level to Unlock Tracks and Trains
- On-The-Go Training for Locomotive Engineers
- Cost-Effective

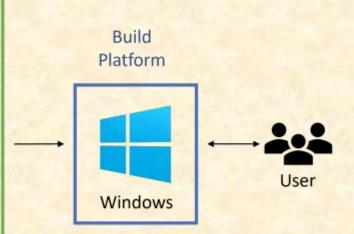
System Architecture

Core Technologies



Development Tools





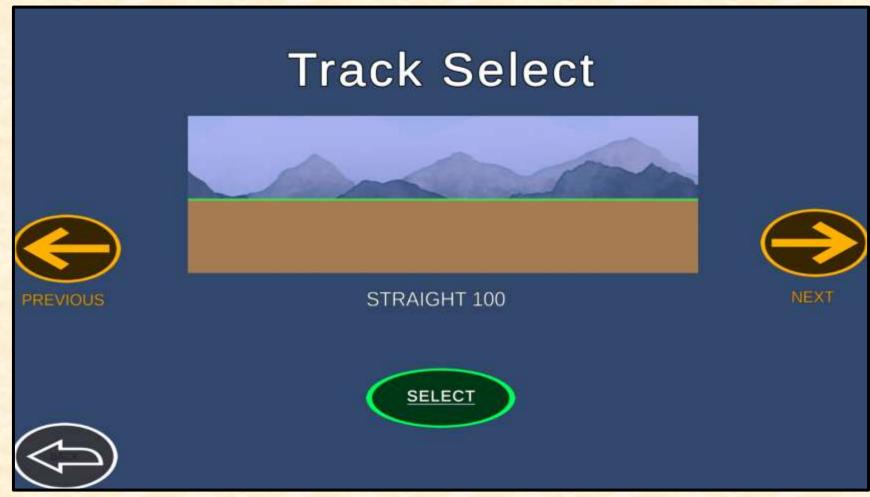
Physics API

Main Menu



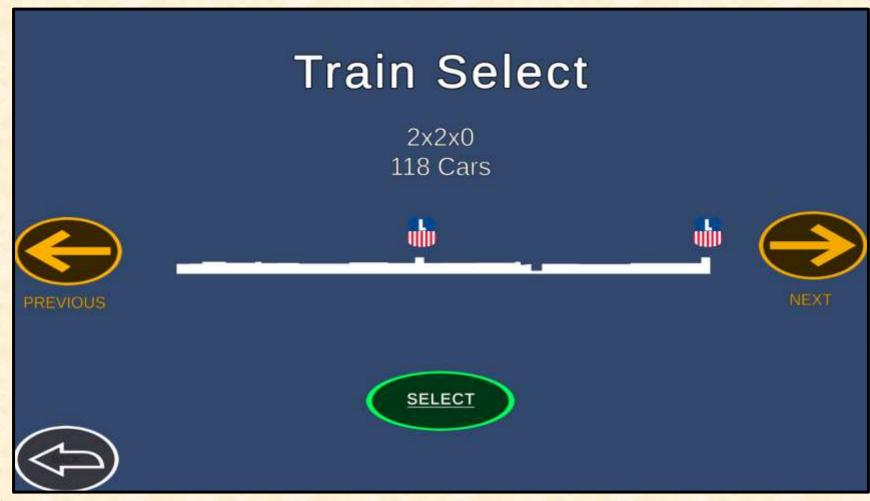


Track Select





Train Select





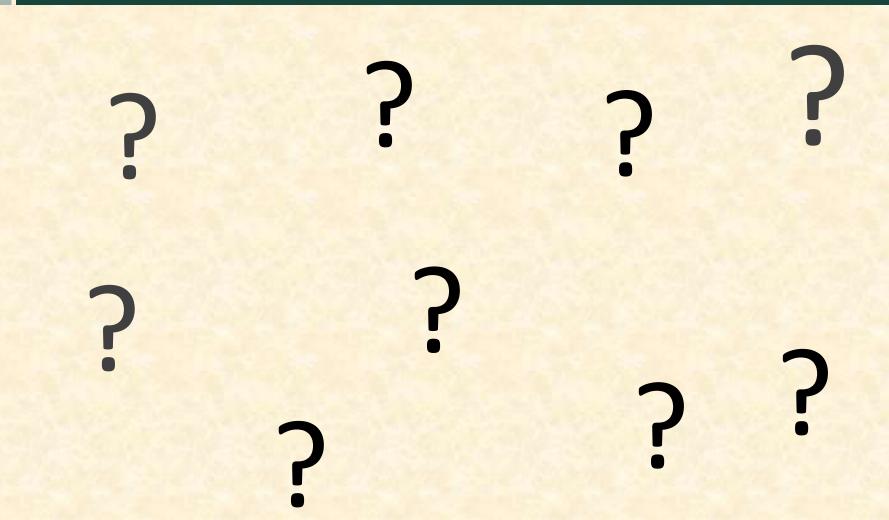
Game Scene



What's left to do?

- Update UI
 - Implement Weight Graph
 - Implement Force Graph
 - Implement Force Gradient Key
 - Implement Pause Button and Screen
- Import All Tracks, Create Levels
- Saving and Loading Level Progress and Unlocks
- Dialogue System for Tutorial

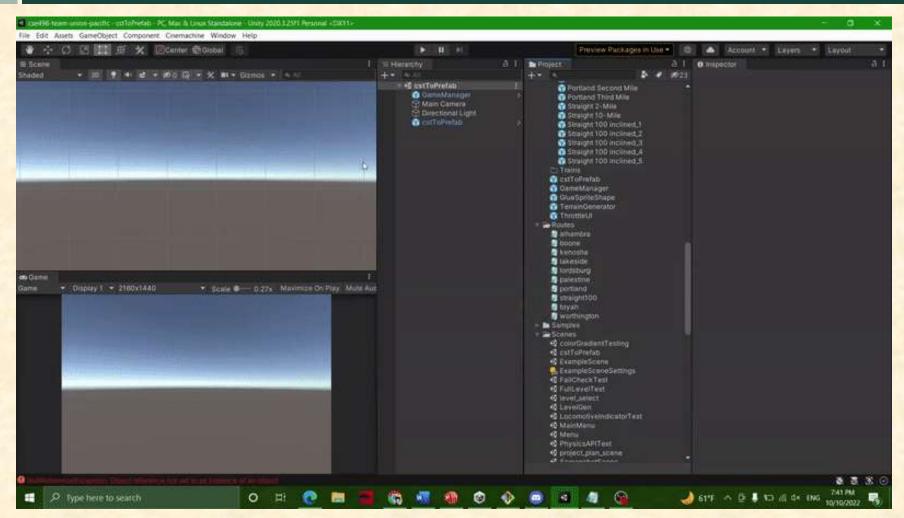
Questions?



Updated UI Mockup



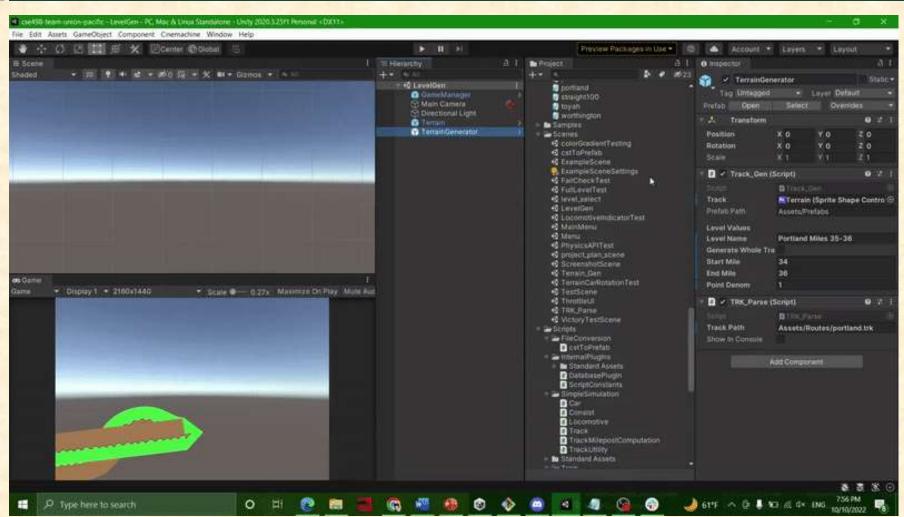
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- Can Make Segments of Tracks
- Can Select How Often Points Are Sampled



Scaling Everything

- A Difficult Task
- Problem: How to Take a 1.5-Mile-Long Train Moving 22 mph on a 36-Mile Track and Create a Level Lasting Five Minutes?
- Answer:
 - Train and Track Actual Size to Start
 - Squish on X-Axis, Amplify on Y-Axis
 Appropriately to Fit Camera
 - Simulate Game at 50x Speed