

Scripting Basics

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Scripting in Unity

◦ Set Visual Studio as External Script Editor

The image shows a screenshot of the Unity Preferences window, specifically the 'External Tools' section. Three numbered boxes (1, 2, and 3) are connected by arrows to specific elements in the interface:

- 1**: Points to the 'Preferences' window title bar.
- 2**: Points to the 'External Tools' category in the left-hand sidebar.
- 3**: Points to the 'External Script Editor' dropdown menu, which is currently set to 'Visual Studio 2022 [17.9.34!]'.

The 'External Tools' section includes the following options and settings:

- External Script Editor**: Visual Studio 2022 [17.9.34!]
Visual Studio Editor v2.0.22 enabled
- Generate .csproj files for:**

 - Embedded packages:
 - Local packages:
 - Registry packages:
 - Git packages:
 - Built-in packages:
 - Local tarball:
 - Packages from unknown sources:
 - Player projects:

- Regenerate project files**: [Button]
- Image application**: Open by file extension
- Revision Control Diff/Merge**: Custom Tool
- Tool Path**: [Text field] [Browse]
- Two-way diff command line**: [Text field]
- Three-way diff command line**: [Text field]
- Merge arguments**: [Text field]

At the bottom, a message states: "No supported VCS diff tools were found. Please set up a custom tool or install one of the following tools: - SourceGear DiffMerge"

Scripting in Unity

- Scripting allows developers to extend functionality
- Unity uses C#
- C# syntax is almost identical to what you learned in C++
- Typically scripts apply to a game object

Scripts as Behavior Components

- Scripts can be added to objects as components
- Scripts are used to create behavior
 - Change size or color
 - Apply intelligence to an object

Variables

{type} variableName = {value};

```
1 using UnityEngine;
2 using System.Collections;
3
4 public class BasicScripting : MonoBehaviour {
5
6     int number = 2; // Created a integer number
7
8     string hello = "Hello World!"; // Created a String
9
10    double bigNumber = 12314.324234; // Created a Double
11
12    // Use this for initialization
13    void Start () {
14        Debug.Log (hello);
15    }
16
17    // Update is called once per frame
18    void Update () {
19
20    }
21 }
```

Functions

{type} functionName({type} inputVariable){ Do Something }

```
1 using UnityEngine;
2 using System.Collections;
3
4 public class BasicScripting : MonoBehaviour {
5
6     int number = 2; // Created a integer number
7
8     // Multiplies returns the passed in number multiplied by 2
9     int multiplyByTwo(int number){
10         return number * 2;
11     }
12
13     // Use this for initialization
14     void Start () {
15         Debug.Log (multiplyByTwo(number));
16     }
17
18     // Update is called once per frame
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```

Conditionals

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10         return number * 2;
11     }
12
13     // Use this for initialization
14     void Start () {
15         int answer = multiplyByTwo (number);
16         if (answer > 0) {
17             Debug.Log ("Our answer is greater than zero!");
18         } else {
19             Debug.Log ("Our answer is less than zero :(");|
20         }
21     }
22
23     // Update is called once per frame
24     void Update () {
25
26     }
27 }
28
```

Loops

◦ Supports for, while, and do-while loops

```
1 using UnityEngine;
2 using System.Collections;
3
4 public class BasicScripting : MonoBehaviour {
5
6     int number = 5; // Created a integer number
7
8     // Use this for initialization
9     void Start () {
10         for (int i = 0; i < number; i++) {
11             Debug.Log ("Times through the loop" + i);
12         }
13     }
14
15     // Update is called once per frame
16     void Update () {
17
18     }
19 }
```

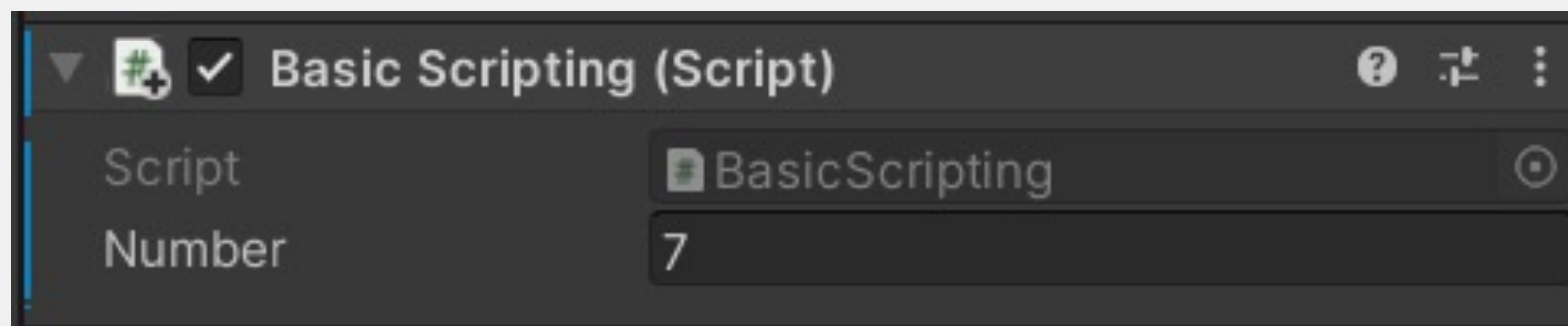
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2 using System.Collections;
3
4 public class BasicScripting : MonoBehaviour {
5
6     int number = 5; // Created a integer number
7
8     // Use this for initialization
9     void Start () {
10         int i = 0;
11         while (i < number) {
12             Debug.Log ("Times through the loop" + i);
13             i++;
14         }
15     }
16
17     // Update is called once per frame
18     void Update () {
19
20     }
21 }
```


Passing in Values Through Inspector

◦ Set a variable to public

Or

◦ Set a variable as SerializeField



```
1  using System.Collections;
2  using System.Collections.Generic;
3  using UnityEngine;
4
5  Unity Script | 0 references
6  public class BasicScripting : MonoBehaviour
7  {
8      public int number; //Variable is now setable in Inspector
9      [SerializeField]
10     private int number; //A private variable is now setable in Inspector
11
12     // Use this for initialization
13     Unity Message | 0 references
14     void Start()
15     {
16         for (int i = 0; i < number; i++) {
17             Debug.Log("Times through the loop" + i);
18         }
19     }
20
21     // Update is called once per frame
22     Unity Message | 0 references
23     void Update()
24     {
25     }
```

Built in Unity Functions

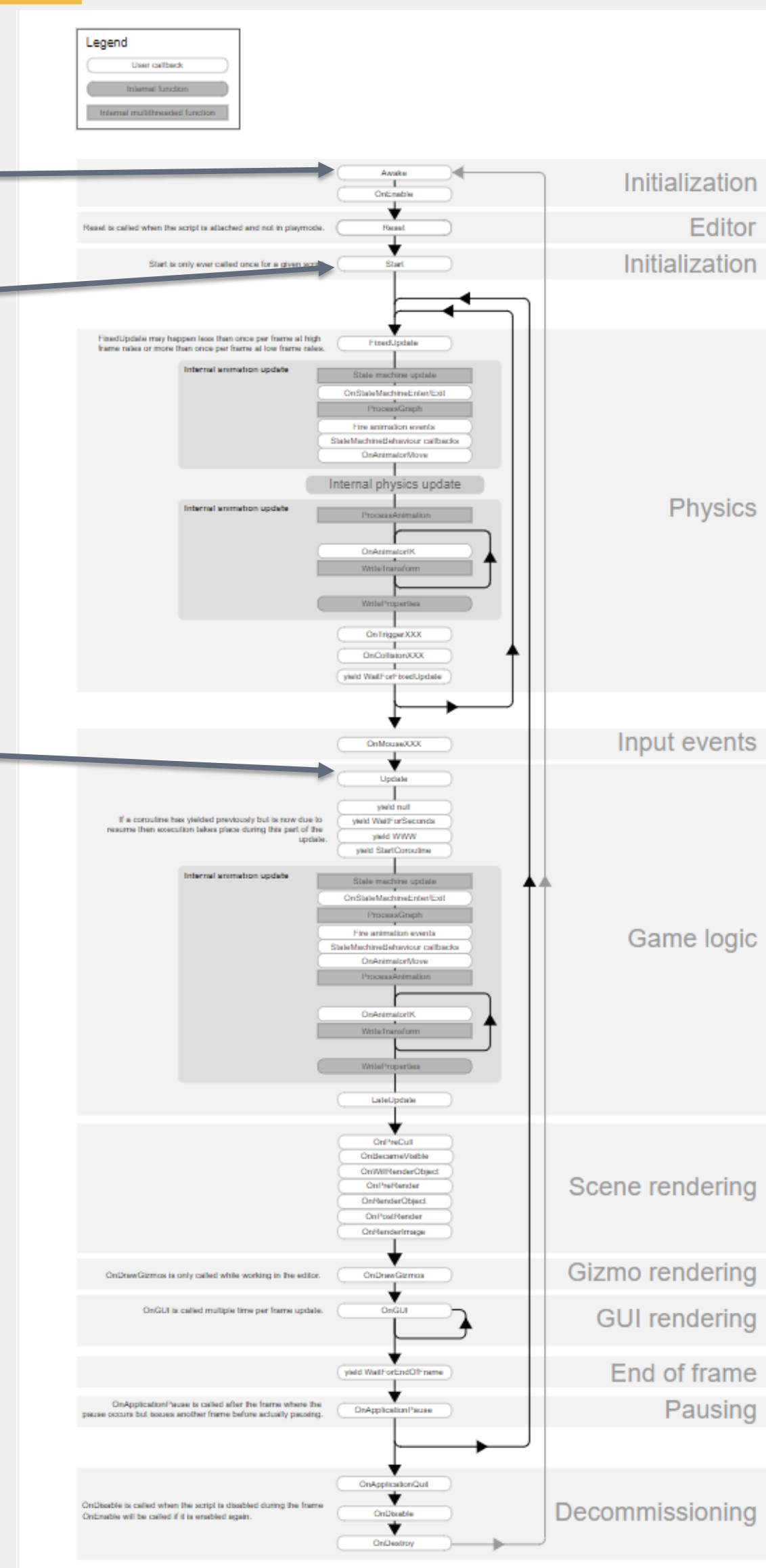
◦Awake()

◦Start()

◦Update()

◦Other functions

(<https://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/ExecutionOrder.html>)



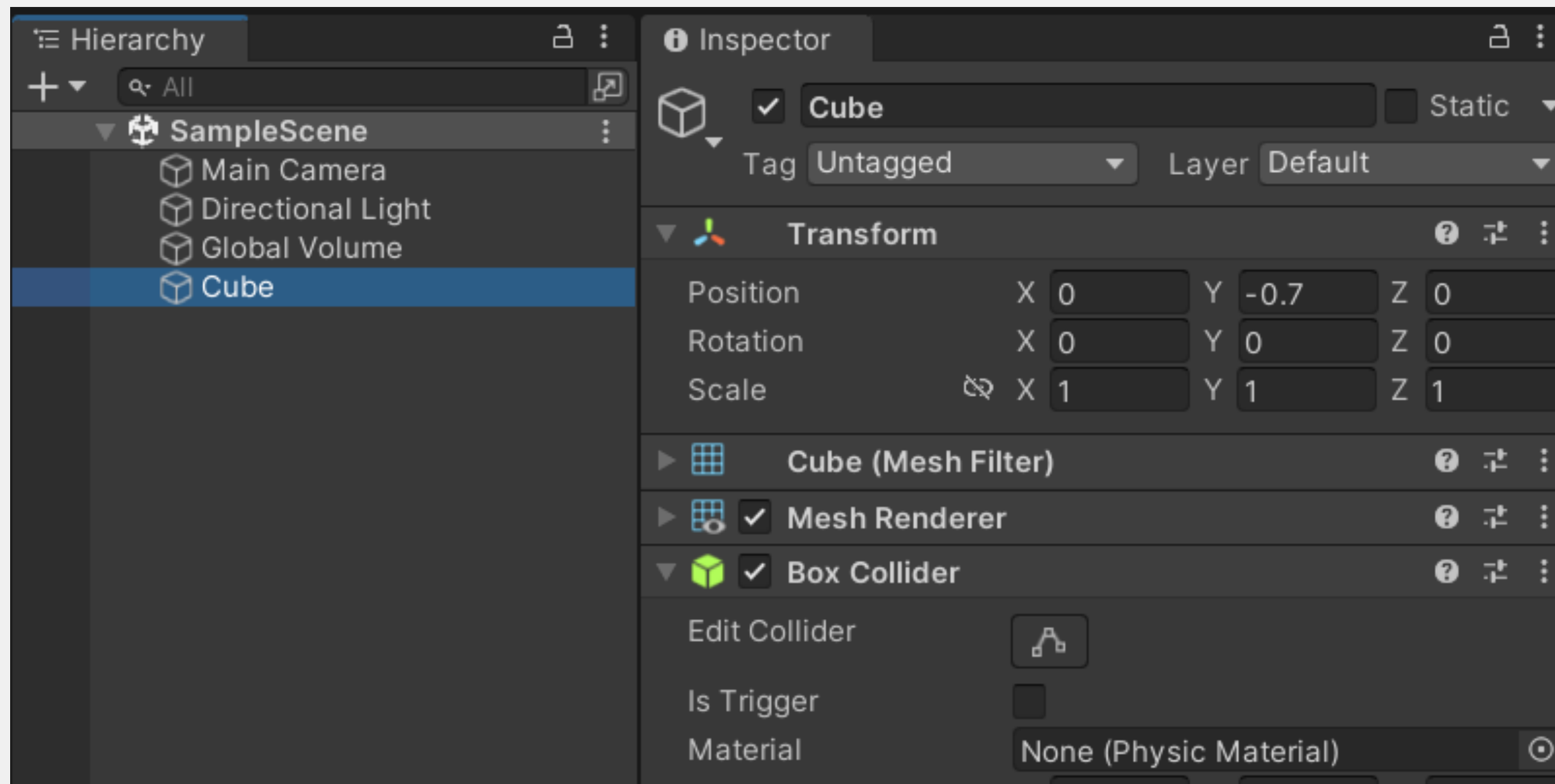
Awake Function

- A default function in Unity objects
- Should be treated like a class constructor
- Called once, only once, upon initialization

Start Function

- Called after `Awake()` upon the first frame if and only if the object is enabled
- Called once and only once
- Called before `Update()`

Getting a Component



```
1 using UnityEngine;
2 using System.Collections;
3
4 public class BasicScripting : MonoBehaviour {
5
6     public Color color; // Variable is now setable in Inspector
7
8     // Use this for initialization
9     void Start () {
10         Debug.Log (GetComponent<Transform> ().position);
11     }
12
13     // Update is called once per frame
14     void Update () {
15
16     }
17 }
```

Update Function

- Update() is called every frame when the object is enabled
- This is the most used function in Unity
- Time.deltaTime gives you the amount of time since Update() was called last. Use this for animating!

Translate and Rotate Objects

- The Transform Component of an object holds its Position, Rotation, and Scale
- Use `GetComponent<>()` to change these values

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In Class Activity

- Create a first-person view “Player” for your farm
- Implement a script so that WASD keys control your player to move forward & backward and rotate left & right
- Bonus: Enable mouse control for smooth player rotation
- Be creative!