

Camera Animation

Helper function prefix: CameraAnimation_, CameraAnimationNode_

General

The camera animation system is used to move the player camera along a specific path while still allowing some degree of interaction.

Instructions

To use the system, place CameraAnimation nodes (Area → CameraAnimation) in the scene and give each of them the name of the animation followed by an underscore and their placement within the animation (such as WakeUpAnimation_1, WakeUpAnimation_2 etc). Note that if you duplicate (Ctrl-D) a node, the duplicate will automatically get the next available number as its suffix.

Rotate the nodes so that their Z-axes point in the direction you want the camera to look at that part of the animation.

In script, call the helper function CameraAnimation_Begin() to start the animation.

Node properties

MaxYaw/MaxPitch

Dictates how far the player is allowed to rotate the camera away from the target forward rotation. This value is interpolated between nodes.

LookSpeedMultiplier

How fast the player can rotate the camera.

ForwardTime

The time it takes to move from this node to the next at full speed forward.

BackwardTime

The time it takes to move from the next node to this one at full reverse speed.

AutoMovement

Dictates how the animation behaves when no movement input is given, or when movement input is disabled. 0 stops movement, 1 is as if given full forward speed (animation will finish after [ForwardTime] seconds), -1 is as if given full reverse speed.

LookMoveDistance

The length between this node and the next the player can move just by looking toward the next node, given as a value between 0 and 1.

LookMoveMaxAngle

The maximum angle away from the next node the player can look and still move forward. Only valid if LookMoveDistance > 0.

InteractiveMovement

If checked, the player can control the movement between this node and the next. If unchecked, the AutoMovement property has complete control over the movement and should not be set to 0.

CrouchOnExit

If checked, the player will automatically crouch if the animation is ended at this node.

InitToCamera

If checked, the node is given the orientation of the camera when the animation starts. This is very useful when you want the animation to have a smooth beginning, or you want to make sure the player is returned to where they were when the end node is reached.

UsePlayerEyeline

If ticked, instead of using the Y-value of the node itself, the camera system uses the Y-value that the player's eyeline should be at that point (i.e. from the ground/floor upwards).

CallbackFunc

Function in the level script that should be called when reaching this node. The syntax is bool FuncName(const tString &in asEntity, int alDirection), where asEntity is the name of the node and alDirection is 1 if moving forward and -1 if moving backward.

Important Functions

CameraAnimation_Begin

Start a camera animation.

CameraAnimation_End

Stop a camera animation.

CameraAnimationNode_SetAutoMove

Allows you to pause or continue animation at a particular node.

CameraAnimationNode_SetInteractiveMovement

Allows you to enable the player to progress within a particular node.

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