Getting started document

This stuff is old, mainly all 3D editing needs to be done in an editor version release at the time of the games creation in 2006/2007 and same goes for the Collada plugins. It will not work with modern releases.

What you need

- 1. Penumbra: Overture
- 2. Download The Tools
- 3. Download .NET 1.1 and 2.0 should both work fine.
- 4. Download COLLADA for your editor. Get Maya here and 3DS Max here.
- 5. A 3D editor like Maya, 3D Studio or Blender.

Setup

- 1. Install Penumbra
- 2. Extract the tools archive and place the files directly in the "penumbra install directory/redist", you should have the following .exe in the redist folder
 - * HplHelper.exe
 - HudObjectEditor.exe
 - ModelViewer.exe
 - ParticleEditor.exe
 - ParticleViewer.exe
 - SceneViewer.exe
- 3. Install .NET
- 4. Install COLLADA for your 3D editor
 - * Make sure your editor is set to unit = meter
 - $\,\circ\,$ make sure COLLADA is set to "export polygons as triangles" under export settings

Taking your first baby steps

- 1. Briefly read through the Documentation, mainly the HPL-Engine© Content Creation
- 2. Use the Tutorials to get the basic skills
- 3. Make your first level, make it really simple and create a basic scenario based on what you learned in the Tutorials
- 4. Look at the Penumbra levels, objects and scripts for reference, use the documentation as a lexicon and you should be OK.

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