

theory and discusses how to create realistic lighting that takes full advantage of the capabilities of modern hardware. Topics include the physics of light, raytracing and related techniques, objects and materials, lighting and reflectance models, implementing lights in shaders, spherical harmonic lighting, spherical harmonics in DirectX, and real-time radiosity. Upon reading this text, you will understand the underlying physics of light and energy; learn about the visual features of different materials and how they can be modeled for real-time graphics; find out about the different lighting models; discover how real-time techniques compare to ray tracing; learn to use the provided shader implementations to implement lights and realistic materials in real time. Accompanying CD-ROM includes all the code in the book with resources (models, textures, probes, etc.) needed to run the programs, along with the SDKs and libraries needed to build the programs and luminance Radiosity Studio, an advanced radiosity program.

Adobe Captivate 3: The Definitive Guide, the follow-up to Wordware's popular Macromedia Captivate: The Definitive Guide, steps you through all the procedures needed to create Flash movies based on any software on your desktop. You'll learn how to create Flash movies, edit individual screens, add and edit sound, even add interactivity (with or without grading) for complete customization. The expanded e-learning chapter in this edition discusses a variety of ways to build quizzing functions with individual questions and question pools. A chapter on branching shows how to move slide elements on a visual display, and how to create paths through a movie that give each viewer a unique experience. This book covers everything from getting the software installed and activated, manipulating the movie files, adding and editing audio, and building quizzes, all the way to delivery mechanisms of the final output and integrating your movies with other applications. With this book, learn to install and configure Captivate; create and edit movies; add, delete, edit, and rearrange slides; incorporate audio and interactivity in your movies; create e-learning content through the use of question slides and branching functions; use a variety of Captivate tools including templates and MenuBuilder.

Essential XNA Game Studio 2.0 Programming provides both hobbyists and experienced programmers with the information they need to take advantage of Microsoft's powerful XNA Framework and XNA Game Studio to produce professional-level games for both the PC and the Xbox 360. Beginners learn the fundamentals of 2D game development, creating a complete top-down shooter. Intermediate and advanced users can jump right into 3D game development and create a version of the 3D game that takes advantage of hardware acceleration using High-Level Shader Language (HLSL). Learn how to build an input system to receive events from devices; use the Microsoft Cross-Platform Audio Creation Tool (XACT) to integrate sounds and music into your game; design difficulty systems to tailor your game to players with different skill levels; create a multiplayer game using the networking features of the XNA Framework; implement an achievement system to provide incentive for continued play of your game.

Provides information and techniques on computer animation using LightWave 3D to create cartoon characters.

Designed for advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate courses, 3D Graphics for Game Programming presents must-know information for success in interactive graphics. Assuming a minimal prerequisite understanding of vectors and matrices, it also provides sufficient mathematical background for game developers to combine their previous experience in graphics API and shader programming with the background theory of computer graphics. Well organized and logically presented, this book takes its organizational format from GPU programming and presents a variety of algorithms for programmable stages along with the knowledge required to configure hard-wired stages. Easily accessible, it offers a wealth of elaborate 3D visual presentations and includes additional theoretical and technical details in separate shaded boxes and optional sections. Maintaining API neutrality throughout to maximize applicability, the book gives sample programs to assist in understanding. Full PowerPoint files and additional material, including video clips and lecture notes with all of the figures in the book, are available on the book's website: <http://media.korea.ac.kr/book>

Beginning 3D Game Development with Unity 4 is perfect for those who would like to come to grips with programming Unity. You may be an artist who has learned 3D tools such as 3ds Max, Maya, or Cinema 4D, or you may come from 2D tools such as Photoshop and Illustrator. On the other hand, you may just want to familiarize yourself with programming games and the latest ideas in game production. This book introduces key game production concepts in an artist-friendly way, and rapidly teaches the basic scripting skills you'll need with Unity. It goes on to show how you, as an independent game artist, can create interactive games, ideal in scope for today's casual and mobile markets, while also giving you a firm foundation in game logic and design. The first part of the book explains the logic involved in game interaction, and soon has you creating game assets through simple examples that you can build upon and gradually expand. In the second part, you'll build the foundations of a point-and-click style first-person adventure game—including reusable state management scripts, dialogue trees for character interaction, load/save functionality, a robust inventory system, and a bonus feature: a dynamically configured maze and mini-map. With the help of the provided 2D and 3D content, you'll learn to evaluate and deal with challenges in bite-sized pieces as the project progresses, gaining valuable problem-solving skills in interactive design. By the end of the book, you will be able to actively use the Unity 3D game engine, having learned the necessary workflows to utilize your own assets. You will also have an assortment of reusable scripts and art assets with which to build future games. What you'll learn

How to build interactive games that work on a variety of platforms
Take the tour around Unity user interface fundamentals, scripting and more
Create a test environment and gain control over functionality, cursor control, action objects, state management, object metadata, message text and more
What is inventory logic and how to manage it
How to handle 3D object visibility, effects and other special cases
How to handle variety of menus and levels in your games development
How to handle characters, scrollers, and more
How to create or integrate a story/walkthrough
How to use the new Mecanim animation
Who this book is for
Students or artists familiar with tools such as 3ds Max or Maya who want to create games for mobile platforms, computers, or consoles, but with little or no experience in scripting or the logic behind games development.

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Includes companion DVD with trial versions of LightWave v9.2!
Essential LightWave v9 offers an unparalleled guide to LightWave 3D. Written to help users quickly take control of the software, this book is filled with easy-to-understand explanations, time-saving tips and tricks, and detailed tutorials on nearly every aspect of the software, including the new features in LightWave v9.2!
Key features: learn to model, light, surface animate, and render within the first seven chapters!; master the LightWave v9 Node Editor for advanced surfacing, texturing, and deformations; learn to model with polygons, Catmull-Clark/Subpatch SubDs, and splines; uncover the secrets of distortion-free UV mapping and high-quality texturing; learn to seamlessly composite 3D objects with real-world images; create professional-quality character animation using FK, IK, and IK Booster; enhance your animations with expressions, particle effects, and dynamics; set up a render farm to rip through complex rendering tasks.

Introduction to Game Programming with C++ explores the world of game development with a focus on C++. This book begins with an explanation of the basics of mathematics as it relates to game programming, covers the fundamentals of C++, and describes a number of algorithms commonly used in games. In addition, it discusses several libraries that can help you manage graphics, add audio, and create installation software so you can get started on the path to making both 2D and 3D games. With this book understand the basics of programming in C++, including working with variables, constants, arrays, conditional statements, pointers, and functions; learn how to use the ClanLib library to make 2D games; discover how the OGRE graphics library can be

used to implement particle systems and other effects in 3D games; find out how to integrate sound and music into your game. This tutorial goes through the requirements for a game engine and addresses those requirements using the applicable aspects of DirectX with C#.

A guide to game programming discusses concepts of both mathematics and physics that are related to successful game development.

Companion CD included with Paint Shop Pro 8 evaluation edition! Interfaces strongly affect how an application or game is received by a user, no matter which cutting-edge features it may boast. This unique book presents a comprehensive solution for creating good interfaces using the latest version of DirectX. This involves building an interface library from the ground up. Divided into three sections, the book discusses the foundations of interface design, the construction of a feature-rich interface library, and the creation of a fully functional media player in DirectShow.

Part animation guide, part Flash manual, *The Art of Flash Animation: Creative Cartooning* provides a practical primer on classic, hand-drawn 2D screen animation as well as an introduction to using Flash for creating your own cartoons. Section I discusses the terms and techniques of hand-drawn animation, character design, and storyboards, while Section II covers scanning, digitizing your artwork into Flash, and setting up scenes. Topics include how to animate a walk cycle; recording and editing dialogue, sound effects, and music; how to use recyclable symbols to make the animation process more efficient; preparing your work for video or web download.

RPG Programming Using XNA Game Studio 3.0 provides detailed information on role-playing games (RPGs) and how to create them using Microsoft's XNA Game Studio 3.0. The book examines the history of the genre and takes a piece-by-piece approach to producing a 2D tile-based game, demonstrating how to create the various components that make up an RPG and implement them using C# and XNA Game Studio 3.0. By the end of the book, readers will have built a complete toolset that can be used to create data for their own RPGs. Learn how to:

- * Creating the characters and monsters that populate RPG worlds
- * Add stats and skills to allow game entities to perform actions
- * Populate the game world with items and treasures. Construct a conversation editor to add another degree of interaction
- * Create a multiple-step quest system to give players goals to research during gameplay
- * Creating a tile engine for displaying the world
- Populating the game world with items and treasure
- * Implementing a sound and music system
- * Adding multiplayer support

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Introduction to 3D Game Programming with DirectX 9.0c: A Shader Approach presents an introduction to programming interactive computer graphics, with an emphasis on game development, using real-time shaders with DirectX 9.0. The book is divided into three parts that explain basic mathematical and 3D concepts, show how to describe 3D worlds and implement fundamental 3D rendering techniques, and demonstrate the application of Direct3D to create a variety of special effects. With this book understand basic mathematical tools used in video game creation such as vectors, matrices, and transformations; discover how to describe and draw interactive 3D scenes using Direct3D and the D3DX library; learn how to implement lighting, texture mapping, alpha blending, and stenciling using shaders and the high-level shading language (HLSL); explore a variety of techniques for creating special effects, including vertex blending, character animation, terrain rendering, multi-texturing, particle systems, reflections, shadows, and normal mapping; find out how to work with meshes, load and render .X files, program terrain/camera collision detection, and implement 3D object picking; review key ideas, gain programming experience, and explore new topics with the end-of-chapter exercises.

This updated bestseller provides an introduction to programming interactive computer graphics, with an emphasis on game development using DirectX 12. The book is divided into three main parts: basic mathematical tools, fundamental tasks in Direct3D, and techniques and special effects. It shows how to use new Direct12 features such as command lists, pipeline state objects, descriptor heaps and tables, and explicit resource management to reduce CPU overhead and increase scalability across multiple CPU cores. The book covers modern special effects and techniques such as hardware tessellation, writing compute shaders, ambient occlusion, reflections, normal and displacement mapping, shadow rendering, and character animation. Includes a companion DVD with code and figures. eBook Customers: Companion files are available for downloading with order number/proof of purchase by writing to the publisher at info@merclearning.com. FEATURES:

- Provides an introduction to programming interactive computer graphics, with an emphasis on game development using DirectX 12
- Uses new Direct3D 12 features to reduce CPU overhead and take advantage of multiple CPU cores
- Contains detailed explanations of popular real-time game effects
- Includes a DVD with source code and all the images (including 4-color) from the book
- Learn advance rendering techniques such as ambient occlusion, real-time reflections, normal and displacement mapping, shadow rendering, programming the geometry shader, and character animation
- Covers a mathematics review and 3D rendering fundamentals such as lighting, texturing, blending and stenciling
- Use the end-of-chapter exercises to test understanding and provide experience with DirectX 12

This engaging book presents the essential mathematics needed to describe, simulate, and render a 3D world. Reflecting both academic and in-the-trenches practical experience, the authors teach you how to describe objects and their positions, orientations, and trajectories in 3D using mathematics. The text provides an introduction to mathematics for game designers, including the fundamentals of coordinate spaces, vectors, and matrices. It also covers orientation in three dimensions, calculus and dynamics, graphics, and parametric curves.

An insightful presentation of the key concepts, paradigms, and applications of modeling and simulation *Modeling and simulation* has become an integral part of research and development across many fields of study, having evolved from a tool to a discipline in less than two decades. *Modeling and Simulation Fundamentals* offers a comprehensive and authoritative treatment of the topic and includes definitions, paradigms, and applications to equip readers with the skills needed to work successfully as developers and users of modeling and simulation. Featuring contributions written by leading experts in the field, the book's fluid presentation builds from topic to topic and provides the foundation and theoretical underpinnings of modeling and simulation. First, an introduction to the topic is presented, including related terminology, examples of model development, and various domains of modeling and simulation. Subsequent chapters develop the necessary mathematical background needed to understand modeling and simulation topics, model types, and the importance of visualization. In addition, Monte Carlo simulation, continuous simulation, and discrete event simulation are thoroughly discussed, all of which are significant to a complete understanding of modeling and simulation. The book also features chapters that outline sophisticated methodologies, verification and validation, and the importance of interoperability. A related FTP site features color representations of the book's numerous figures. *Modeling and Simulation Fundamentals* encompasses a comprehensive study of the discipline and is an excellent book for modeling and simulation courses at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It is also a valuable reference for researchers and practitioners in the fields of computational statistics, engineering, and computer science who use statistical modeling techniques.

3ds Max Modeling: Bots, Mechs, and Droids offers an unparalleled, project-based learning strategy for anyone who is interested in modeling with 3ds Max. From the very first pages, readers will discover how to use the Max toolset to create sophisticated models, including a spider

