## The Unity roadmap in 2023

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Stable, fast, unified platform and core

Rendering that scales with your needs

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Profiling and performance optimization



Expanded scale for ambitious games

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Create and operate connected games

Reach more players over multiple platforms

Empowering teams with codeless and cloud

# Stable, fast, unified platform and core

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## Content pipeline

A simple and scalable content management experience, from Unity's ecosystem to the hands of your players



#### $\rightarrow$ Faster iteration

Multi-process AssetBundle build pipeline

#### > Optimize your Addressables use

- Addressables Build Report
- Addressables Profiler Module

#### > USD integration

New interoperability workflows

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# .NET and IL2CPP

A standards-based approach to coding with fine-tuned compilation performance, regardless of your target platform, along with improved debugging to ensure top quality in your projects

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### $\rightarrow$ .NET Modernization

- Migration to Microsoft's CoreCLR
- Fast-enter Play Mode

### → Async/Await

 Unify existing asynchronous constructs in the engine with async/await

- Burst quality-of-life
   improvements
  - Iteration times, debuggability, Inspector

Enabling creators to build more ambitious games

### ECS for Unity 2022



#### Fully supported ECS foundation

ECS for Unity enables seasoned Unity creators to build more ambitious games.





Streamlined workflows and a familiar authoring experience in the Unity Editor, compatible with GameObject ecosystems.

#### **Control and determinism**

Flexible architectures, maximized performance, large-scale simulation, rendering, and streaming



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### Rendering Performance



#### **PC/consoles**

- $\rightarrow$  DirectX 12 out of preview (22 LTS)
- → Split Graphics Jobs (23.1) Accelerates CPU multithreading performance
- → Ray tracing out of Preview (23.1)
   Stability, performance and feature compatibility improvements

#### All platforms

- Batched compute skinning
   Improves GPU Skinning and Blendshapes
   performance
- → Volumes optimizations (23.1) Reduced CPU time when using multiple volumes

# **Project Build Time**



#### Shader Variant Prefiltering (21.3.15+)

Optimized URP **build times** thanks to reduced shader variant generation (additional optimizations underway)

Blog post: "Improvements to shader build times and memory usage in 2021 LTS"

# Memory Usage

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#### Dynamic Shader Loading (21.3.12+)

of the memory budget at runtime (Player Settings or C# API)

Learn more in Unity Blog post: "Improvements to shader build times and memory usage"

**Mipmap limit groups (22LTS)** Per-texture quality settings for different devices



# Extensibility and unification



#### SRP RenderGraph (23.2)

- → HDRP RenderGraph now integrated with URP
- → Enables additional native render pass optimizations for improving performance on tile-based mobile GPUs (URP)

#### SRP Rendering Layers (23.1)

→ URP Rendering Layers now integrated with HDRP, allows dedicated layers for lights and decals instead of using GameObject layers

#### SRP Lights/Cameras/Settings

 → Per quality render pipeline settings – Lights and Cameras shared between SRPs (internal only)



### Universal Render Pipeline (URP)

#### **Feature richness**

Familiar Built-In Render Pipeline functionality

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#### Workflow improvements

Greater customizability and more productive workflows

#### Platform scalability

Feature scalability across all Unity supported platforms



Forward+ rendering path (22LTS) High-quality real-time lighting across a wide range of platforms



#### LOD crossfade (22LTS)

Smoother transition blending between the current LOE and the next LOD  $% \left( \mathcal{L}_{n}^{\prime}\right) =\left( \mathcal{L}_{n}^{\prime}\right) \left( \mathcal{L}_{$ 





High-quality real-time lighting across a wide range of platforms

**Temporal Anti-aliasing (23.1)** Supplements MSAA, FXAA, SMAA



# New URP 3D sample scenes!



Terminal Features photorealistic showcase. Lookdev, hub to other samples

#### Garden

Detailed cross-platform 3D stylized environments with many lights

#### Cockpit

Lightweight low-poly, highly stylized with custom lighting made with a custom renderer

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Material Variants (22 LTS) and Shader Graph Full Screen Master node (22 LTS)

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#### Material Variants (22.1)

- Build and reuse libraries of materials
- Override only the properties you need
- Lock properties to prevent mistakes
- Easily propagate changes from the reference materials





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Get started now with our Full Screen Samples in the HDRP package

# **VFX Graph**

Build advanced effects that can be reused at scale



#### VFX Graph Instancing (22LTS)

Reuse the same effect with low overhead on the CPU





#### Six-way lighting (22LTS)

Reuse the same smoke-simulation flipbook in various lighting conditions and for multiple effects

Blog post: "Realistic smoke lighting with 6way lighting in VFX Graph"

Credits: [HDRP] Abandoned Factory Building by Scans Factory on the Unity Asset Store





#### Boolean Ports (22LTS)

Dynamically toggle entire blocks to create configurable uber effects





#### Custom HLSL Blocks (23.2)

Create custom blocks using code to create advanced behaviors

# Lighting

Global Illumination solutions for each platform



#### Screen Space Lens Flares (23.1)

Automatic Lens Flares on any shiny light source or surface (SRP)

## GPU Lightmapper

Best-in-class GPU lightmapper



#### New light baking architecture (23.1)

LightBaker v1.0 provides a more predictable and stable light baking foundation

#### GPU Lightmapper out of preview (23.2)

GPU Lightmapper is out of preview, reduced min spec to 2GB

Simplifies light probe placement, and improves Global Illumination visual quality for Light Probe-lit objects



HDRP Preview (21LTS, 22 LTS)

#### Out of preview (23.1)

More robust light leaking prevention workflows, improved user experience

#### URP first release (23.1)

Core features enabled, limitations on scenarios & performance for mobile

#### Precomputed Realtime GI (next)

Dynamic Global Illumination, based on light probes built with Adaptive Probe Volumes



#### Easier probe placement

Simply place probe volumes or use Automatic Scene or Selection fit

Credits: [HDRP] Abandoned Factory Building by Scans Factory on the Unity Asset Store



#### **Faster Iterations**

Automatic volume grid update based on the Scene density

Credits: [HDRP] Abandoned Factory Building by Scans Factory on the Unity Asset Store



Credits: Tanker Truck by Pukamakara on the Unity Asset Store & Abandoned Factory Building by Scans Factory on the Unity Asset Store

#### Improved Visual Fidelity

Per-pixel indirect lighting and improved integration with volumetric fog (HDRP)





#### Lighting scenarios, HDRP (23.1)

Manage multiple lighting scenario baking sets and blend between them at runtime





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Credits: Terrain created with Gaia Pro on the Unity Asset Store

#### Adaptive Probe Volumes

#### GPU Streaming (23.1)

Stream light probe data to use less GPU memory at runtime





#### Precomputed Dynamic GI (next)

Dynamic update of indirect lighting from static contributors like the ground, walls, and ceilings

# Time of day

Render large worlds with dynamic lighting conditions



#### HDRP Real-time Reflection Probes

Time-sliced Reflection Probe rendering (22LTS) Real-time Reflection Probes relighting

HDRP Physical Sky Add support for night sky Improved sky visual fidelity

#### HDRP Clouds

Improved clouds rendering (22LTS) Volumetric clouds Beer shadow maps (23.2)

#### HDRP improved exposure

Local tone mapping and Luminance-Based Exposure for improved exposure under any lighting conditions

## **Ray tracing**

Enhance visual fidelity for productions on PC and consoles



Production-ready pipeline agnostic Ray-Tracing API and out-of-the-box HDRP effects for consoles and PC

VFX Graph and Terrain Heightmap support (HDRP 23.1)

#### Path-tracing denoisers (HDRP 22 LTS)

Better and faster results for high-quality frame capture or cinematics

Ray tracing in the HDRP Template (22 LTS)

# Environment

Detailed and dynamic environments



#### Water System (HDRP)

Simulation (waves, ripples and foam) and Physically Based Water Rendering (22LTS) 6



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Water excluder, deformer, current maps, foam generator, and CPU Simulation leveraging Burst to query water deformation and currents (23.1)

### SpeedTree



### **SpeedTree Modeler**

Artist-first workflows

- **9 Q**istom vertex color packing for game formats
- New global lighting workflows for canopy rendering
- FBX Camera import and Cutout editor improvements
- More features and updates coming throughout 2023



### **SpeedTree + Unity**

Growing a complete solution

- Quality of life
- Motion Vectors for trees
- SSS Masking
- Next: Octahedral Imposter pipeline in development



### **SpeedTree Library**

New features, new trees

- 130 new models added to the SpeedTree Library this year, more coming every quarter
- Sample assets in the URP and HDRP demos
- A starting point to build on, or completed ready-to-use asset for Unity



#### Splines 2.1 (22.2, 22 LTS)

Create tools to draw geometry Branch, merge, extrude

Blog post: "Building better paths while maintaining creative flow with Splines in 2022.2"

### **Characters and creatures**

Render high-fidelity characters and creatures in real-time

## Rendering highfidelity characters

High-fidelity playable humans and creatures real-time rendering

#### Hair and Fur Rendering (HDRP)

Physical hair and fur **shading** and samples (22 LTS) Hair and fur **rasterizer** for high-fidelity lighting and anti-aliasing (23.1)

#### Eyes (HDRP)

High-fidelity eyes with optional **caustics** and eye sample (22.2, 22 LTS)

#### Skin (HDRP)

**Dual lobe** to account for the thin oily layer covering the epidermis and diffuse power for improved ears rendering (23.1)

#### Hair and Fur Simulation

Real-time hair and fur **simulation** (experimental, for all render pipelines in 21 LTS and above)

### **Bringing Ziva to real-time**



### Ziva VFX

Advanced simulation to replicate organic physics and biomechanics of muscles, fat, skin and cloth for photorealistic character and creature assets



### Ziva Real-time **and** Ziva Real-time Player

Machine learning to adapt high-quality character simulations into real-time game engine assets, bridging the gap between film, real-time gaming and metaverse environments



- Automatically generate a facial rig for any characters to perform VFXquality facial deformations in realtime
- Deploy ZFT assets to Unity with ZivaRT Player, in 2023.2 as a supported package

# XR

Augmented, virtual, and mixed reality

### Ø Meta Quest

### PlayStation.VR2









# Vision Pro



# OpenXR

For cross-platform development on headset devices

#### **OpenXR Plugin (Ongoing)**

 $\rightarrow$  The future of OpenXR development

#### Composition layers (by 23.2)

 $\rightarrow$  Higher-resolution text, video, and UI elements

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