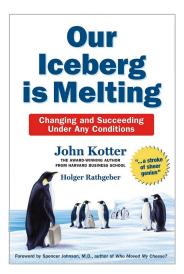
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Geometry Nodes and the Melting Iceberg

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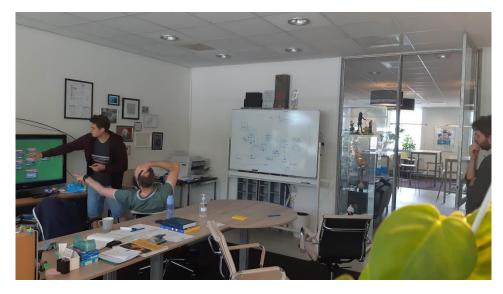
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1. Create a Sense of Urgency

- Everything nodes development on hold!
- Workshop in September 2020



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2. Pull Together the Guiding Team

- Lead Developer: Jacques Lucke
- Developers: Hans Goudey, Sebastian
- Product Owner/Manager: Dalai Felinto
- **Designer Tester/UI**: Pablo Vazquez
- Designer Features: Simon Thommes
- Scrum Master/Senior Developer: Jeroen Bakker

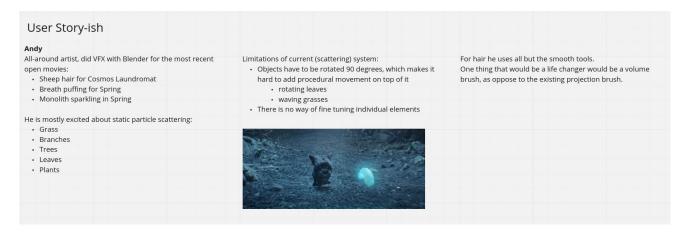
- Stakeholders: Ton Roosendaal, Brecht Van Lommel



3. Develop the Change Vision and Strategy

- What would the studio love/need the most?
- Set dressing
- "Customer Need Pivot"



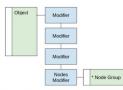


4. Communicate for Understanding and Buy In

Modifier Nodes

Geometry Nodes Modifier @

The "Geometry Nodes Modifier", or "Nodes Modifier" for short, is a a modifier to handle more complex behavior. Its logic is built with a node group owned by the modifier. The geometry node group which can be used by multiple modifiers on different objects, or shared for different projects, just like a shader node group. High level settings are exposed in the modifier stack.



Any of the existent modifiers can be ported to nodes, though they may need small adjustments in a per-case basis.

Geometry Node Editor

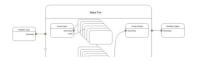
The modifier's node group is edited in the node editor. The editor is context sensitive, showing the modifier node group of the active modifier of the active object.

High Level Abstraction @

Modifiers are black boxes with geometry as the main input and output. External dependencies are possible on ID level. Users should be able to use the system in a high level. More general nodes contain several lower level building block nodes, with certain parameters exposed.



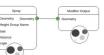
The building blocks of the system are kept inside the main node groups, abstracted away but tweak-able for advanced usage. Properties connected to the node group input are exposed in the modifier stack.





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Nodes Modifier Part I: Sprites

This initial milestone of the Everything Nodes Project will focus on the features that can be used by the Blender Studio. Now that the Sprite Fright short film has been officially announced, the use cases can finally be discussed publicly.

The Everything Nodes Project was started in 2019 with the Particles Nodes Project. The focus at the time was dynamic particles simulation. Around August it was decided to put the project on hold to make sure the design was on point. This was followed by a particle workshop in September where the groundwork for the design was laid.

Moving forward, the focus shifted to tangible use cases that could be validated in production. The priority then shifted to work on geometry nodes. more specifically particle scattering for set dressing. Those were the features the Blender Studio artists were looking forward to the most.

Design

The geometry nodes follow the design of the particle system projects, but its focus is more narrow, and it addresses only static particles.

The underlying design is still the same as for the particle system, with a welldefined integration in the modifier stack as well as a clear dataflow.

The modifier's input and output are directly connected to the non-node based modifiers. It also contains a node group that can be shared across different objects and Blender files.



Sprints and Agile

The team is working in a squad following the Scrum methodology. The project has two-week periods (sprints) where the team aims to achieve tangible results.

The initial sprint. October 19 to 30, was a mix of preparing the ground work as well as organizing the backlog for the upcoming sprints.

Geometry Nodes # Other Topics

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feature requests though

To test you can build the geomet r v-nodes branch yourself. Or download 47 the latest official build (updated every now and then). Or check what has already landed in master

What is ready for testing:

 Pebble scattering · Grass and flowers

Sprints:

Documentation

 User manual Design 36

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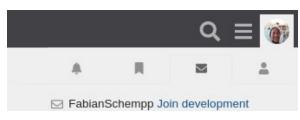




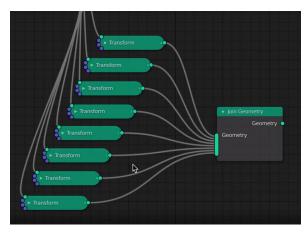
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5. Empower Others to Act



Contributor reaching out to be involved in the project.



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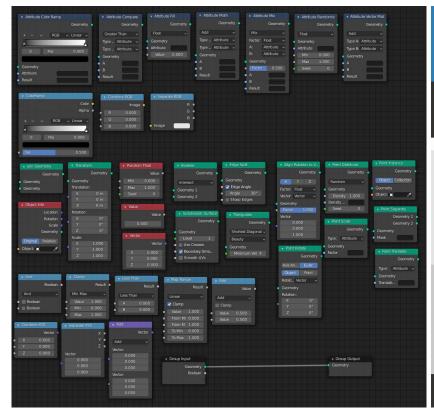
Patches contributions by multiple community members

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6. Produce Short-Term Wins





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Geometry Nodes

Nodes can be used to change an object's geometry in a more complex way than regular modifiers. To use them add a Geometry Nodes Modifier.

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The properties of a Geometry Nodes modifier in the modifier stack.

Attribute

Attribute Compare

Attribute Fill

Attribute Math

Attribute Mix

Attribute Vector Math

Attribute Randomize

Attribute Color Ramp

Color

Color Ramp Node

Combine RGB

All the nodes that will be part of 2.92.

Documentation of the nodes.

6. Produce Short-Term Wins



Faaaaarck! @faaaaarck · Jan 23

#b3d #geometrynodes #crowdsim - Performance is really good - frame took 1 minute to render. Fireflys have to go... some armatures rotate slightly "uncanny", i animated things in the geometrynode-tree. overall i am happy. Lets get some more random people.#cgi #history #Salute



Early work by the community.

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eric schubert @3d_eric · Dec 30, 2020 · · · · · Could not find a way to get the attribute color ramp of #geometryNodes in the shader. But random colors per object work on the instances. I just mapped these to a gradient ramp.



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6. Produce Short-Term Wins

Andy Goralczyk 25 January 2021

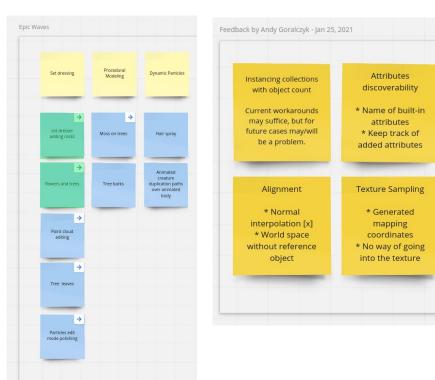
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Sprite Fright production repository log.

7. Don't Let Up

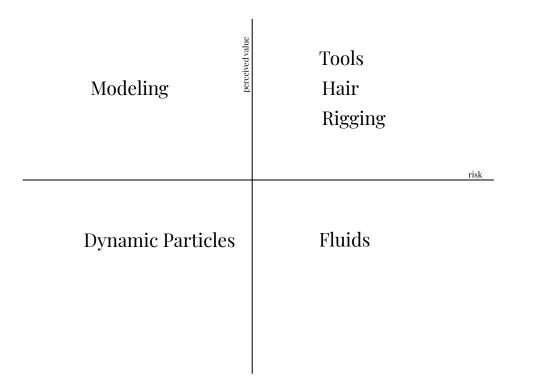


- Polishing
 - Instance objects
 - Modifiers integration
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- "Debugging"
 - Spreadsheet
 - Socket inspector
 - Viewport overlay
 - Mesh preview

• Studio core requirements

- Moss on trees
- Tree leaves
- Viewport/render quality
- User interface
 - Node Groups and Layers
 - Attribute search
- Everything nodes design
- ¿Attribute painting?

7. Don't Let Up



8. Create a New Culture What We Learned

- Close collaboration between designers, engineers and users
- Robust demos for testing and also validation
- Communication and quick iteration cycles saves time
- Design can easily become the bottleneck
- Focus and shared priorities are essential for team work
- Product over process improvise, cut sprints short, ...
- Overcoming distance with collaboration tools

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- 1. Define the problem and set the time
- 2. Assemble a complete team
- 3. Solve the design first
- 4. Document and communicate
- 5. Community involvement
- 6. Build incrementally / use cases
- 7. Polishing and wrap up
- 8. Project retrospective



Help others see the need for change and the importance of acting immediately. 2. Pull Together the Guiding Team. Make sure there is a powerful group guiding the change one with leadership skills, credibility, analytical Decide What to Do 3. Develop the Change Vision and Strategy. Clarify how the future will be different from the Past, and how you can make that future a reality.

The Eight Step Process of Successful Change

EIGHT STEP PROCESS OF SUCCESSFUL CHANGE

Set the Stage

1. Create a Sense of Urgency.

4. Communicate for Understanding and Buy In. Make it Happen Make sure as many others as possible understand and accept the vision and the strategy.

5. Empower Others to Act.

Remove as many barriers as possible so that those who want to make the vision a reality can do so.

6 Produce Short-Term Wins. Create some visible, unambiguous successes as soon as possible.

Press harder and faster after the first successes. Be relentless with initiating change after change until the vision is a reality.

Make It Stick

8. Create a New Culture.

Hold on to the new ways of behaving, and make sure they succeed, until they become strong enough to replace old traditions.

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