

Getting Started with VR

Prerequisites

If you are new to Godot, I HIGHLY recommend checking out the resources here to get started to familiarize yourself with the engine or find a short mini series on YouTube.

Godot offers C# as well as their own GDScript and if you are looking to use C#, I would familiarize yourself with the engine first. possibly doing a GDScript to C# conversion for practice.

I recommend having a default "World" scene (Node3D) ready to go, with both a **WorldEnvironment** and **DirectionalLight3D** as children.

The SCiL lab staff is always happy to provide guidance on getting started!

A Simple Rig

To set up a basic VR rig, follow the official guide here:

https://docs.godotengine.org/en/stable/tutorials/xr/setting_up_xr.html

A Better VR Rig Configuration

I highly recommend updating your VR rig with the following from the official documentation. You will be better suited in the long run:

https://docs.godotengine.org/en/stable/tutorials/xr/a_better_xr_start_script.html

Deploying to Android

Again, follow the documentation here:

https://docs.godotengine.org/en/stable/tutorials/xr/deploying_to_android.html

Read through available options and always fix warnings as they appear!

Caution Against Using Godot XR Tools

You may find the following two articles: **Introduction to XR Tools** and **Basic XR Locomotion**. These articles are valid and are great for prototyping but I would caution against using them and consider designing your own implementation and use these articles for reference only.

In my experience, the **Unreal VR template** and **Godot XR Tools** provide resources to get started quickly but are often difficult/time consuming when overriding or creating custom functionality.

Where to go from here?

My suggestion is implement input for your hands/controllers. You can then begin with a basic grab interaction.

I would then look at considering teleport for locomotion. You can always use smooth locomotion, but there are some considerations when implemented.

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