



THE ART OF FIRST PERSON ANIMATION

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GAME CREDITS AT BUNGIE.

- HALO REACH
- DESTINY

WHAT MAKES A BUNGIE GAME FEEL LIKE A BUNGIE GAME?



CHAPTERS

- 1. Supporting the Goals of Sandbox Design
- 2. Making First Person content that feels "good".
- 3. How to keep from killing yourself in the process.

WHAT IS FIRST PERSON ANIMATION?

First person animation is the movement of your avatar from your perspective as a player (including the players camera motion).

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF SANDBOX DESIGN





THE DESIGN PILLARS OF FIRST PERSON ANIMATION

- 1. Immediate feedback from player controller input
- 2. Preservation of motion between actions
- 3. Player should have visceral satiation from your animation
- 4. Motion should serve to ground the player to the world
- 5. No speed bumps. Don't take control away from the player or slow him down





SUPPORT FAST, FUN, AND RESPONSIVE GAMEPLAY



MAKE IT FEEL LIKE YOUR BODY IS BEHIND THE CAMERA



HOW TO MAKE FIRST PERSON CONTENT THAT "FEELS GOOD"





BUNGIE'S PLAYER CHARACTER









Your Playable Character!

1st Person

3rd Person

DESTINY

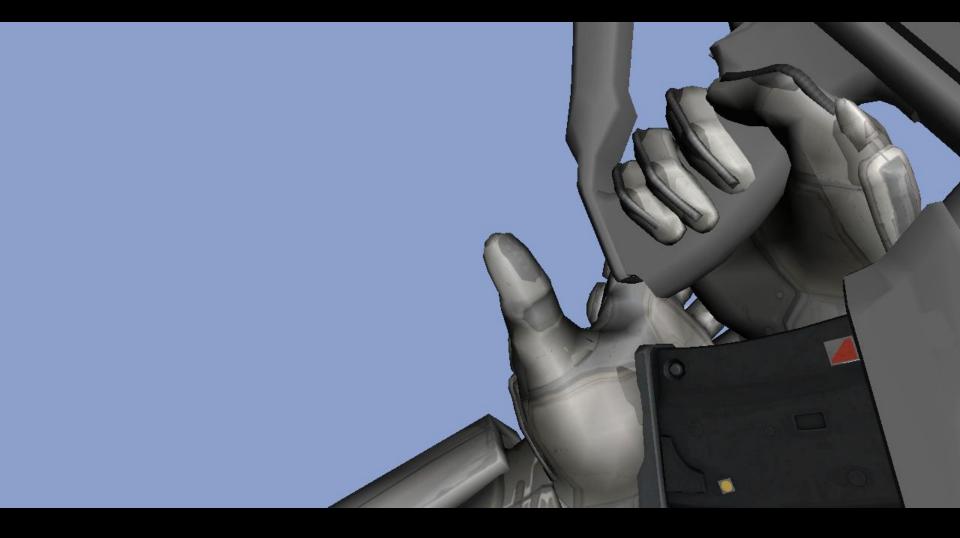
Bungie's Screen Space



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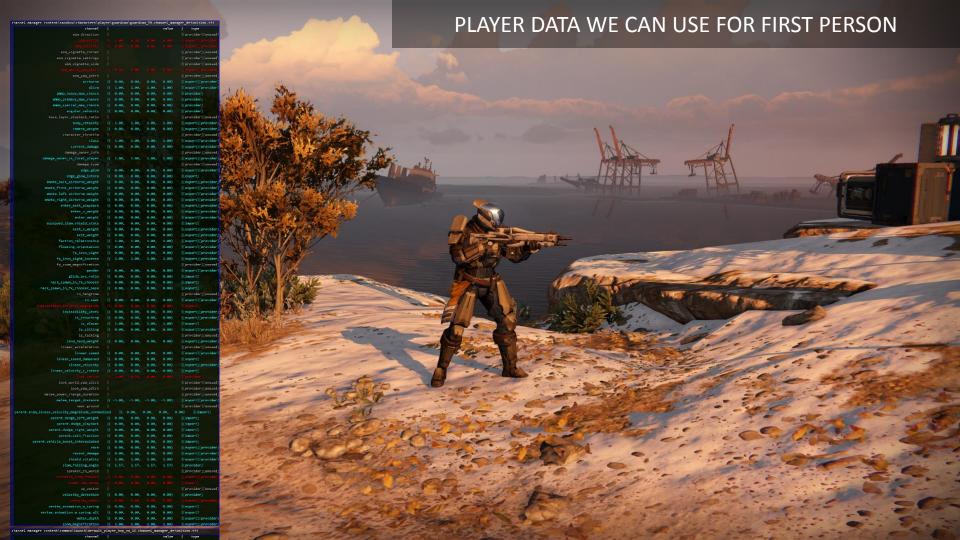




ADDING OVERLAYS







LOOK POSES





JUMP OVERLAY ANIMATION



LAND OVERLAY ANIMATIONS







POSING IN FIRST PERSON















ANIMATING THE KNIFE MELEE

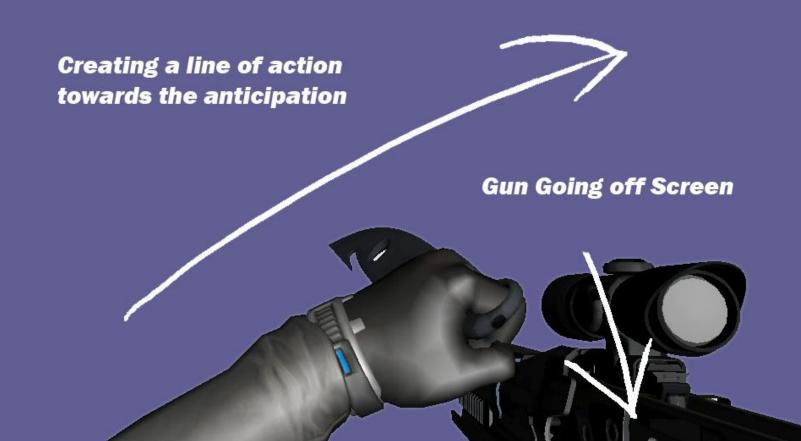


KNIFE MELEE KEY POSES

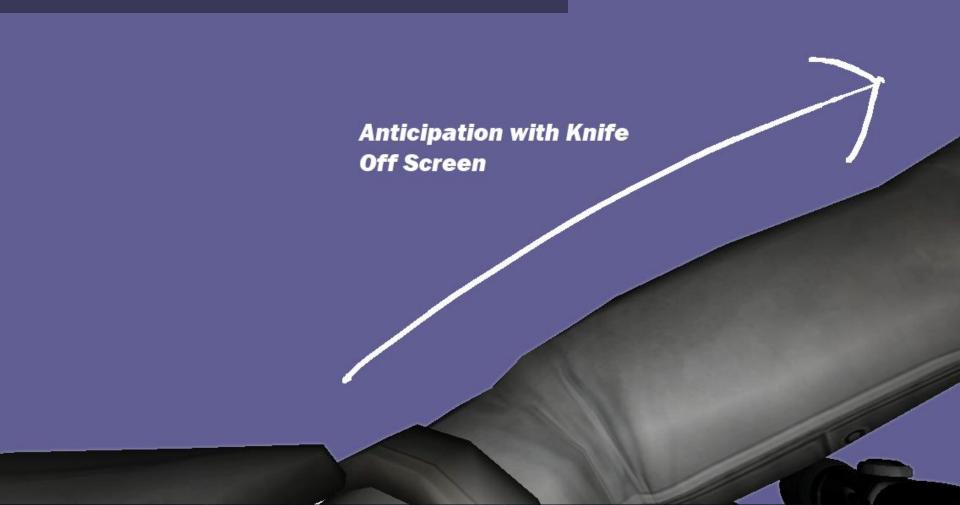


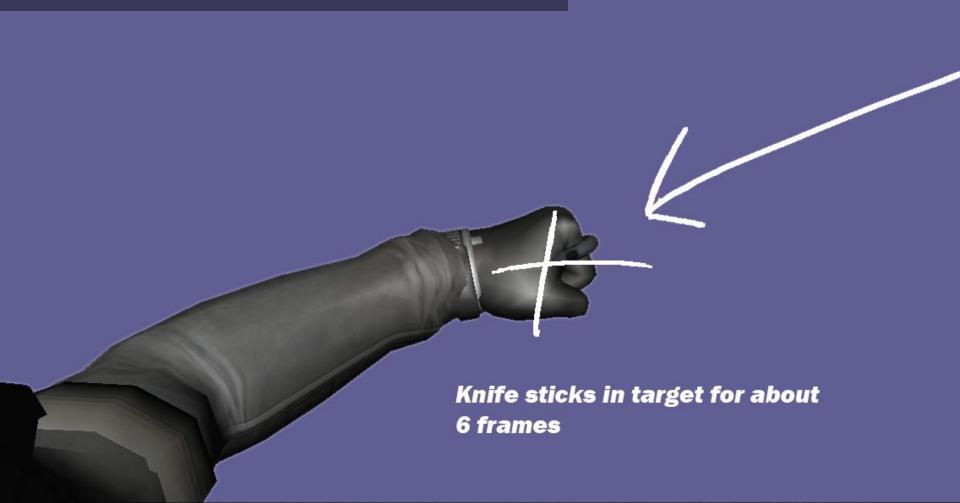
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FRAME 3 – ANTICIPATION POSE





Pull free takes 5 frames including overshoot



FRAME 25 - TRANSITION OFF SCREEN

Moving hold to off screen for 7 frames

KNIFE MELEE TIMING

FRAME 1

FRAME 3

FRAME 5

FRAME 15

FRAME 25

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FRAME 16

FRAME 25

Melee Length = 28 frames





POLISHED ANIMATION

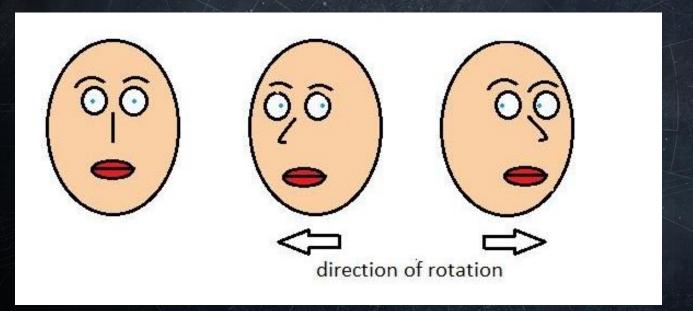


THE PLAYER CAMERA

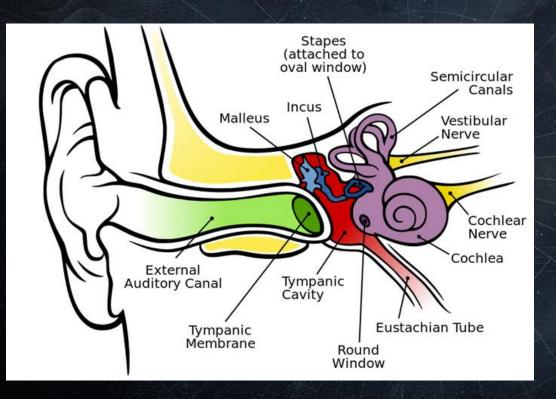




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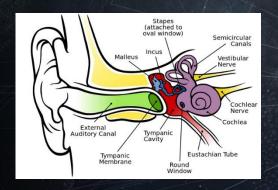


THE INNER EAR





BALANCE = ALIGNMENT



FEELING MOTION

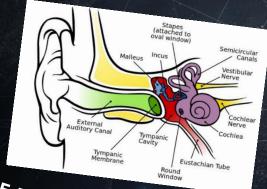




SEEING MOTION



MOTION SICKNESS = MISALIGNMENT



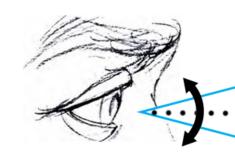
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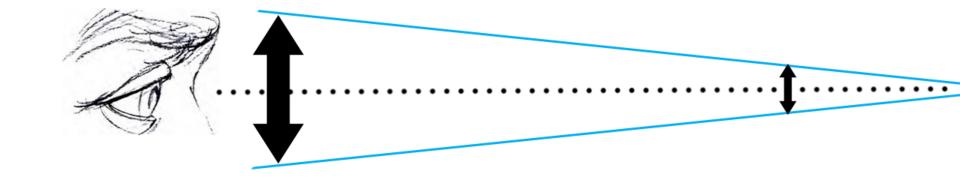
CAMERA ROTATION



CREATES LARGE MOTIONS IN THE WORLD -

- HORIZON LINE
- OBJECTS FAR AWAY FROM THE PLAYER

CAMERA TRANSLATION



CREATES LARGE MOTIONS UP CLOSE -

- OTHER PLAYERS, NPC'S AND COMBATANTS
- OBJECTS CLOSE TO THE PLAYER

THE HEAD LEADS THE ACTION







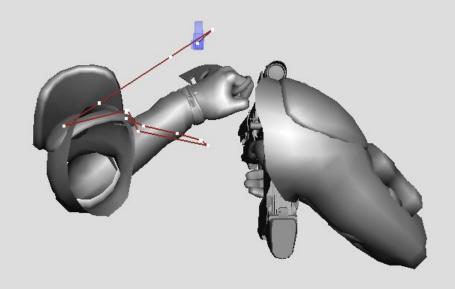




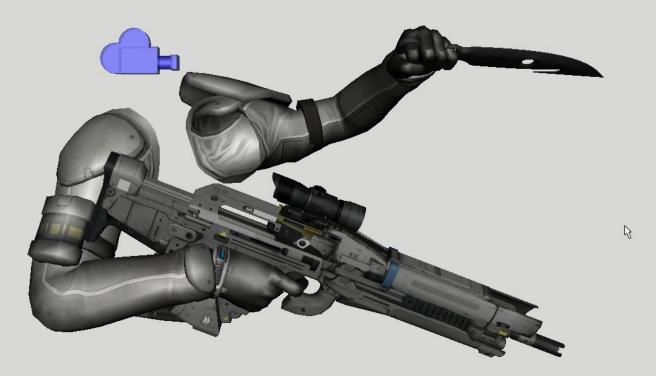




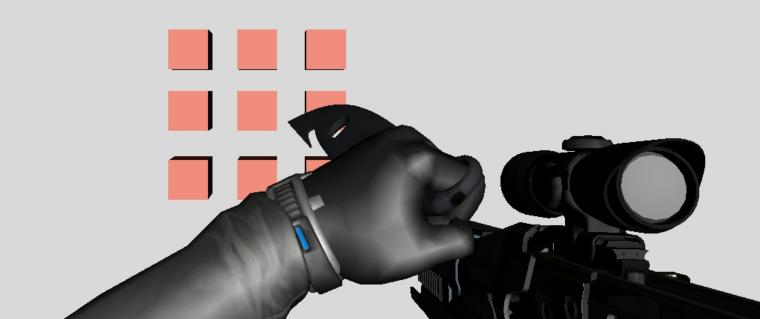
CAMERA ANIMATION PATH



CAMERA ANIMATION IN SLOW MOTION

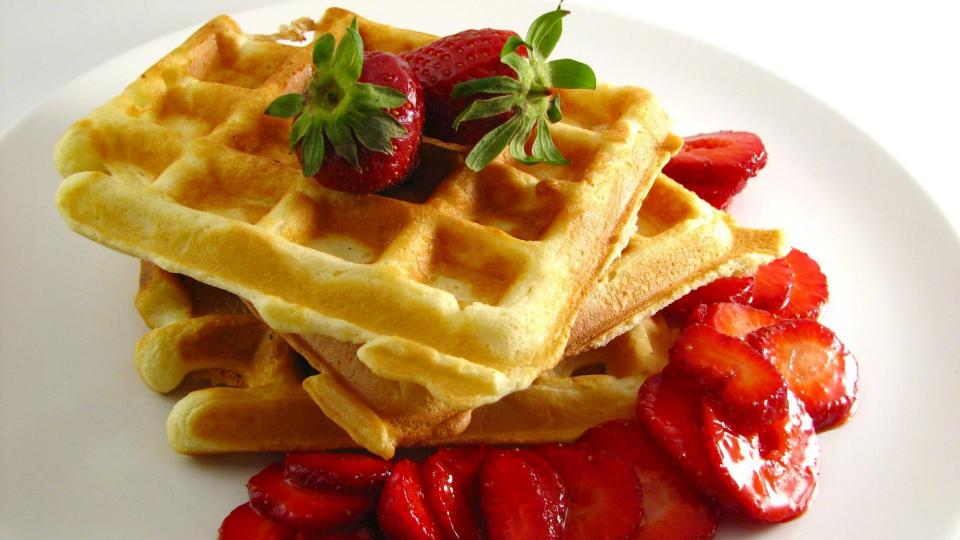






Key Poses

HOW TO KEEP FROM KILLING YOURSELF IN THE PROCESS



AGNOSTIC ANIMATION



Rocket Launcher Animation Set







ANIMATION SCALING



FOV AND DEVELOPMENT









CONCLUSION

- Design Principles
- Idle and overlay animations
- Posing
- Animating the Knife
- First person camera
- How to keep from killing yourself

matter, it's worth waiting to get it right.

Details

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