



Tracking progress and minimizing overhead

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*first touch*



```
todo.txt:
```

```
- design:
```

```
-- make that level with the horse
```

```
-- fix the boat level again
```

```
-- player is sometimes going outside  
the level???
```

```
- art:
```

```
-- update the font
```

```
-- draw horse (more legs)
```



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- Left Sidebar:** Contains navigation links such as "Add Story", "Provide Feedback On The Beta", "My Work", "MY SAMPLE PROJECT", "Current/Backlog", "Icebox", "Epics", and "Other Panels".
- Main Content Area:** Displays a "Current/Backlog" view with a list of tasks. Each task includes a title, a status (e.g., "Accepted", "Start", "Finish"), and a priority level (e.g., "Pts: 2 of 7").
- Overlapping Windows:**
  - Waiting:** A modal window showing a list of tasks with titles like "Talk to Rick about uploading newsletter", "Go through XM manager debugging with Sean", "Fill Out Trading Partner Forms", and "Review item list and figure out how to import it to a demo DB".
  - Freight Management App:** A window showing a list of tasks related to a freight management application, including "Cart manipulation show AJAXy (DD1)", "Some product photos not properly when browsing products", and "When shopper submits authorize total product from payment gateway".
  - Notifications:** A window showing a list of notifications, including "My Sample Project 2 Shopper should be able to recommend a product to a friend" and "Product browsing pagination not working in IE6".
  - Product State Started:** A window showing a list of tasks related to a product state, including "Sample Project 2", "Sample Project", and "Sample Project 2".
- Bottom Section:** Contains a "DESCRIPTION" section with a heading "This is markdown!" and a list of bullet points: "with a bullet", "and another", and "and yet another." Below this is a code block titled "On Deck" with a function definition: 

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  - Blog: Trello at Computol:** A window titled "Blog: Trello at Computol" showing a task titled "Figure out the deployment strategy for the video".
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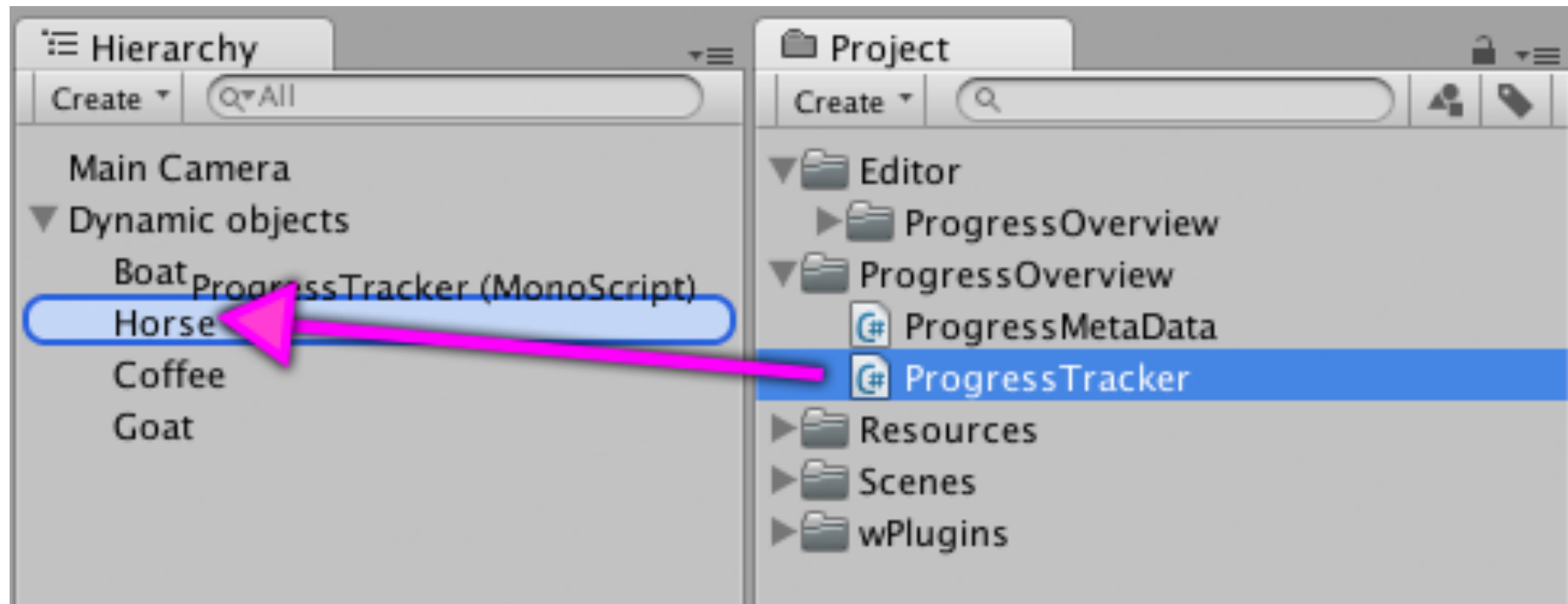
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# Solution / hack

- Track game objects in Unity
- To CSV
- To Google Drive





Horse

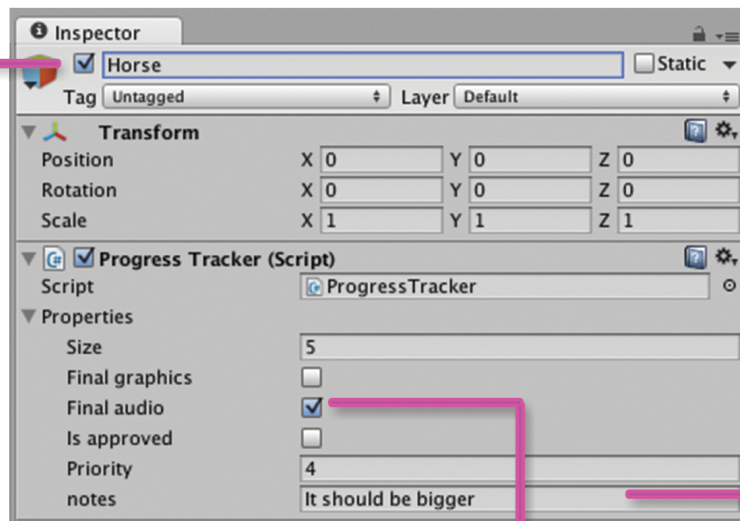
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It should be bigger

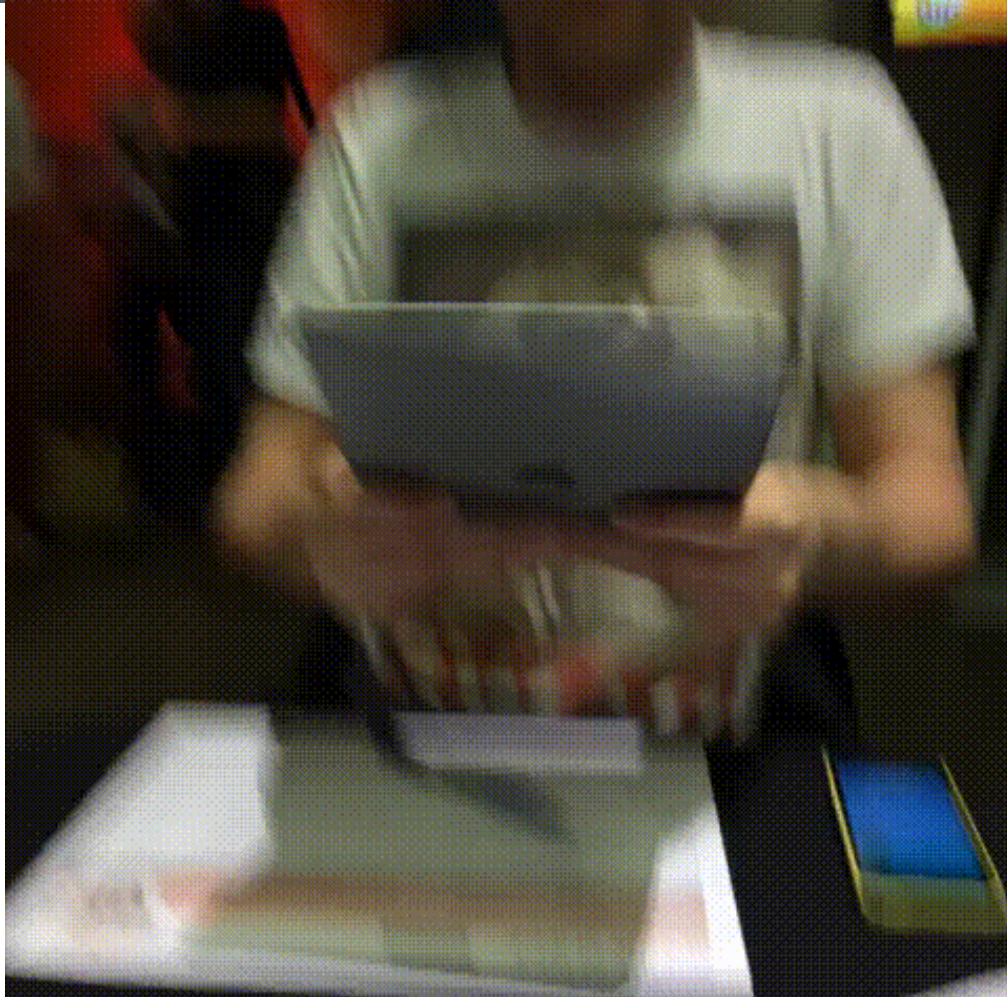


Object name	Final graphics	Final audio	Is approved	Priority	Notes
Dog	1	1	0	3	
Goat	1	1	1	2	
Horse	0	1	0	4	It should be bigger
Boat	0		0	1	
Menu		1			works so far
Coffee cup	1	0	1	5	Need it for next build
Big tree	1	1	0	3	



# Results

- Spreadsheets works!
- Happy client
- Happy developers
- Todo list





# What I needed

- Level design overview
- Platform testing overview
- Audio and test notes
- Simple bug tracking



hint	iphone	ipad	aphone	apad	fun to play	difficulty	fun to look at	sensor	design	audio	Tims audio notes
first touch	1	1	1	1	4	5	3	touch	5	4	
100 puzzling moments	1	1	1	1	3	4	2		5	0	Maybe something like first touch, but a little different
slide to unlock	1	1	1	1	2	3	5	touch	5	0	Does the iPhone make sound?
upside down	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	motion	5	0	
touch and hold	1	1	1	1	3	5	5	touch	5	4	resusing first touch right now
two fingers	1	1	1	1	3	4	5	touch	5	4	good, but each touch should be individual. So I can play the second one when the second finger is added
ten	0	1	1	1	3	5	4	touch	5	3	progress sounds
five	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	touch	5	0	progress sounds
against the clock	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	touch	5	4	
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Inspector

☒ Two Fingers
 ☐ Static

Tag Untagged
 Layer Default

**Transform**

Position X 0 Y 0 Z 0

Rotation X 0 Y 0 Z 0

Scale X 1 Y 1 Z 1

☒ **Progress Tracker (Script)**

Script ProgressTracker

**Properties**

Size 5

hint two fingers

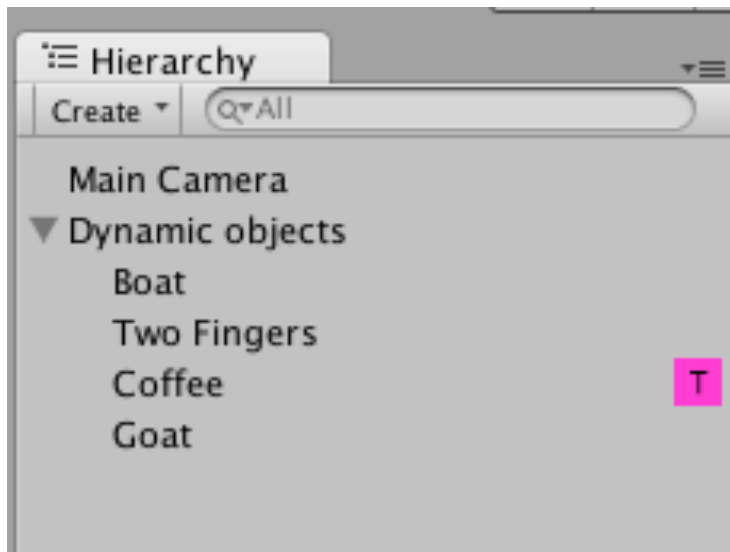
iPhone ☒

iPad ☐

fun to play 0.794

Difficulty 0.444

Add Component



test	notes
5	
5	
5	
5	
0	crash
5	
5	gestures
5	
5	





# Results

- Great overview of state of the game
- Platform testing overview
- More time in my development environment
- Efficiency
- Prototype todo tool



# What's next?

- Open sourcing this week (but it is simple)
- Open issues:
  - no commit hook
  - no conflict handling
  - flat structure only
- Unity only for now
- Google Spreadsheets only for now



# Summary

- Overhead in project management
- Optimizing workflow
- Worked for us



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