

Make an animated+lockable door

Animators are useful for many applications beyond animating the player character. They are also a great way to animate parts of your environment or architecture. Lets use the animator to make a lockable/unlockable door.

This tutorial combines previous topics into a single tutorial:

- Keyframe animation
- Animator state machines
- if statements
- Yarn commands

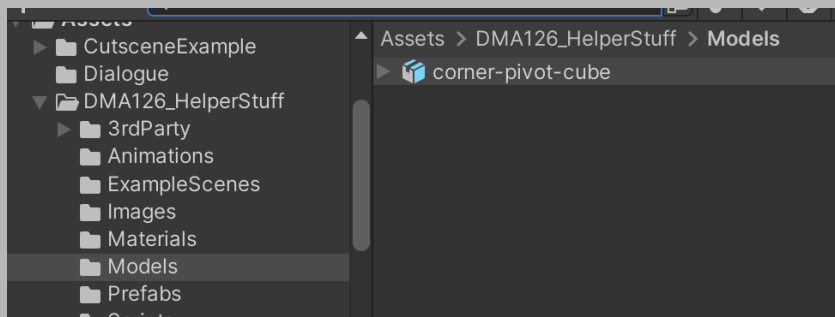
The steps below are a little bit general, but I've also included videos you can follow along with.

Step 1 make your door & set up animator

Video instructions: [_door_1_set_up_animation.mp4](#)

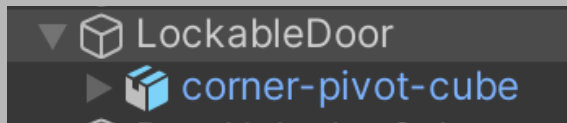
Set up the door object

- Start with an empty game object and name 'LockableDoor'
- Find the model [DMA126_HelperStuff / Models / corner-pivot-cube](#) model and drag into the scene,



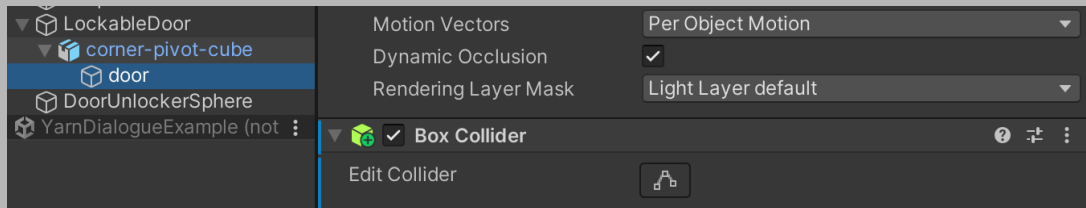
This is just a resized cube, with its pivot at its lower left corner so it rotates around the hinge, rather than the center of the shape.

- Child this model to your empty game object, and Set its position to (0,0,0)

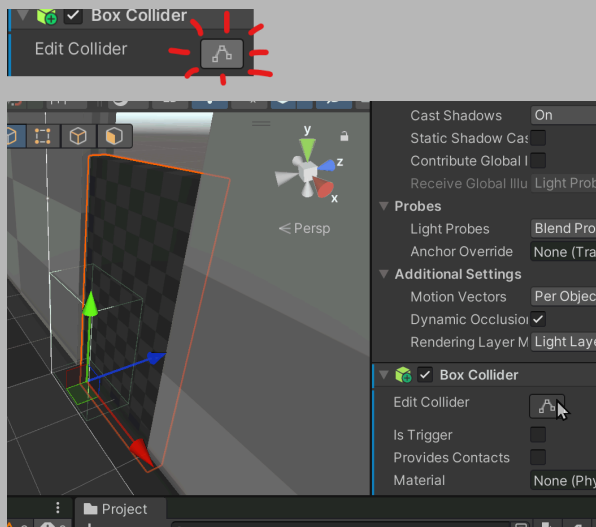


[More about parent/children/pivots](#)

- Add a box collider to the 'door' child object of the model



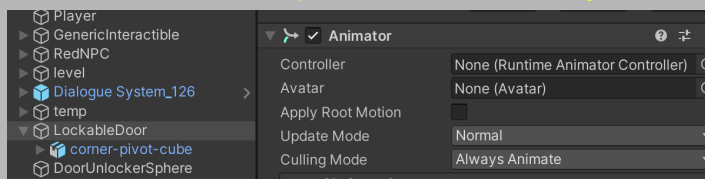
TIP: You can use the edit collider button to more visually edit the box collider to conform to the door.



Create an open animation

[Refer to the previous tutorial on keyframe animation](#)

- Add an animator to the toplevel 'LockableDoor' object.

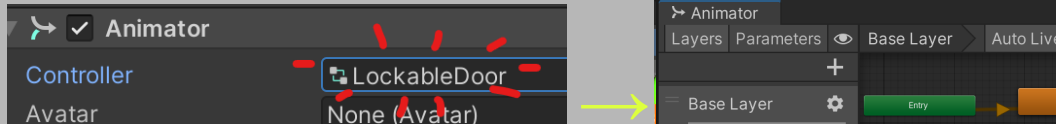


- Add a keyframe at start for child 'corner-pivot-cube' with rotation (0,0,0)
- Add keyframe a little later with the child rotated to something like (0,-110, 0)
- Select the animation clip in your project and disable looping

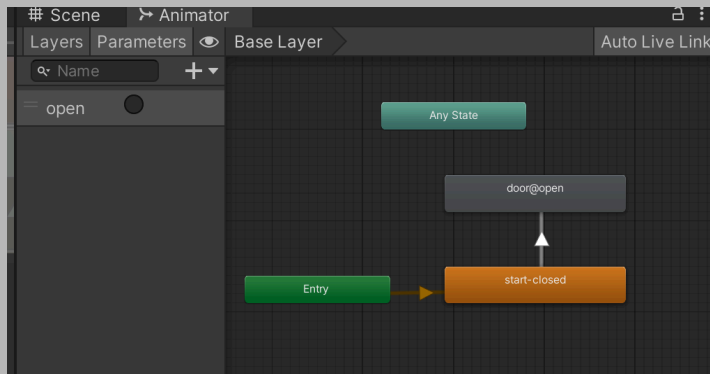
Set up the animator

[Refer to the previous tutorial on scripting animation](#)

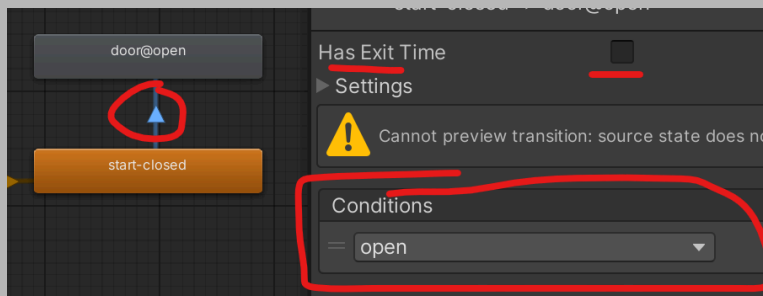
- Open 'animator' window by double clicking on the *Controller* of the animator component



- Create a new animator state called 'start-closed'
- Create a new trigger parameter called 'open'



- Create a transition from 'start-closed' to your open animation with 'open' as the condition, and uncheck 'has exit time'



Variations/Suggestions

There's no reason it has to be a literal door. It could be a giant mouth that opens, a more elaborate mechanical contraption, or a creature that needs to be coaxed out the way.



A complicated ship door



King Zora, slowly scooting away to reveal a passage in Zelda Ocarina of Time

Step 2 create a script 'LockableDoor' to control opening/closing/locking

We will write a script, implementing the *interface* `IPlayerInteractable` (adding some specifically named public methods to the script). Doing this will let our player interact with the door in the same it interacts with `YarnNPC` and `GenericActionInteractibles` (white text appears letting up know what action can be taken, pressing space to take the action)

[Here is an official tutorial on C# interfaces](#) and [one from Brackeys](#)

Video Instructions: [_door_2_create_script.mp4](#)

Here is the complete script.

```
using System.Collections;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using UnityEngine;

public class LockableDoor : MonoBehaviour, IPlayerInteractable
{
    Animator animator;
    public bool isLocked = false;

    void Start()
    {
        animator = GetComponent<Animator>(); //get the attached animator
    }

    //This method 'SetLocked' will let us unlock from TriggerZones, Yarn Commands, etc...
```

```

[YarnCommand("SetLocked")] //<- - - This line is necessary to execute this code from yarn.
public void SetLocked(bool nowLocked)
{
    this.isLocked = nowLocked;
}

public bool GetInteractionAllowed()
{
    //Always show the interaction message (lock interaction will just do nothing)
    return true;
}

public string GetInteractionDescription()
{
    if (isLocked)
    {
        //show 'Locked' for the interaction message if the door is locked.
        return "Locked";
    }
    else
    {
        //show 'Open door' for the interaction message if the door is not locked.
        return "Open door";
    }
}

public void Interact()
{
    //only play the open animation if the door is unlocked.
    if (isLocked == false)
    {
        animator.SetTrigger("open");
    }
}
}

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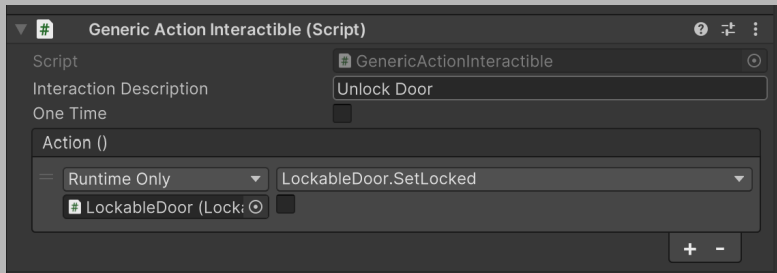
Using the door in your game

Video Instructions:  [_door_3_controlling_lock_state.mp4](#)

GenericActionInteractable / Trigger Zone.

[How to set up a trigger zone](#)

[How to set up a generic action interactable](#)



Yarn command

Please check the [Official documentation for Yarn commands](#) (calling Unity C# code from a Yarn script), but basically:

You need this before the method you want to call (this is already set up in the completed example script)

```
[YarnCommand("SetLocked")]
```

To execute the command from the yarn script, you would use this line to unlock

```
<<SetLocked LockableDoor false>>
```

You could also use the [DoCustomCommand126](#) helper if you wanted to avoid editing/creating more scripts.

Challenges/additions

- Create a more interesting "door" and open animation
- Add a "rattle" animation if the door is locked, and the player tries to open anyway
- Make the door re-closeable.
- Play sounds when door is open/closed/rattled/unlocked
- Only open the door if multiple conditions are met, (e.g. have collected all of a particular collectible)
- Could you unlock a door in another scene? (hint: you probably need to use static variables)

Here is the start of a script that you could use as a starting point for unlocking a door after multiple collectibles.

It's designed to be attached to your player, and "collect" certain objects on trigger collisions.

It's actually just a lightly modified version of the roll-a-ball controller.

```
public class CollectibleUnlocker : MonoBehaviour
{
    private int count = 0;
    public TextMeshProUGUI pickupCountText;

    //Change this to decide how many collectibles are needed
```

```

int nPickupsRequired = 2;

//You need to add another variable here of type LockableDoor (for the simplest solution)
//...

void Start()
{
    UpdatePickupCount();
}

void OnTriggerEnter(Collider other)
{
    //You might want to change this condition,
    //either using a different tag from "PickUp",
    //checking other.name == "something"
    //or other.GetComponent<SomeScript>() != null
    //depending on your collectible
    if (other.gameObject.CompareTag("PickUp"))
    {
        other.gameObject.SetActive(false);
        count = count + 1;
        UpdatePickupCount();
    }
}

void UpdatePickupCount()
{
    if (count >= nPickupsRequired)
    {
        //unlock here!
    }

    if (pickUpCountText != null)
    {
        pickUpCountText.text = "Count: " + count.ToString();
    }
}
}

```