

Voxon Photonics

# Voxon x Unity Plugin User Guide (VxU)

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## Voxon Unity Plugin User Guide

*Unity* is a popular 3D engine for developing applications. The *Voxon Unity Plugin* (VxU) makes it possible for *Unity* applications to run as VX applications. A *Unity* VX App can take advantage of *Unity*'s impressive 3D engine, assets store and its plentiful online tutorials.

To get started developing VX apps with *Unity*, you will need to download both *Unity* and the *Voxon Developers Kit*.

**Note: The Voxon Unity Plugin is not located on the Unity Asset Store. It is an asset package included in the Voxon Developers Kit which is obtainable from our website ([www.voxon.co](http://www.voxon.co)), or download directly from <https://github.com/Voxon-Photonics/Content-Developers-Kit>**

### What build of Unity to use?

There are many versions of *Unity*. It is easiest to manage if you install *Unity Hub* which lets you install multiple build versions of *Unity* on a single computer.

It is recommended that you use *Unity* version **2021 LTS** (Long Term Support) with the *Voxon Unity Plugin*.

**Note:** When developing any software with *Unity*, avoid changing *Unity* builds mid project as switching *Unity* versions can result in compatibility problems, and potentially breaking your project!

**Note:** it is recommended that you develop your VX Unity Apps on a Windows Machine

## What Voxon Runtime and files are needed?

The *Voxon Unity Plugin* uses a C# bridge to interact with the *voxiebox.dll*. For this interaction to work, a few files and system settings need to be in place:

- *C#-Bridge-Interface.dll* and *C#-Runtime.dll* files need to exist in the Voxon Runtime directory (by default located at *C:\Voxon\System\Runtime*).
- User Path Variable needs to have the Voxon Runtime added.
- The Voxon Runtime path needs to be added to the system registry.

When you download the *Voxon Developers Kit*, the files, path variable, and registry values are created **but** you can reset the path and registry values by looking at the files within the 'C:\Voxon\System\Setup'

## Links to Unity Video Tutorials

As an alternative to reading this documentation, we have created a few video tutorials on using the *Voxon Unity Plugin*.

Video 1, Introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztMUCE0STss>

Video 2, Scene creation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzZkC2DKo3k>

Video 3, Advanced Unity: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7fbXV\\_RQ0E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7fbXV_RQ0E)

## How to add the Voxon Plugin to a Unity Project

As the *Voxon Unity Plugin* is released as a *Unity Asset Package* (not available on the *Unity Store*), you will need to add this asset to your *Unity Project*. For an existing project you can import the *Voxon Unity Plugin* by the top menu and navigating to *Assets>Import Package>Custom Package*.

- 1) Import the Voxon Asset Package

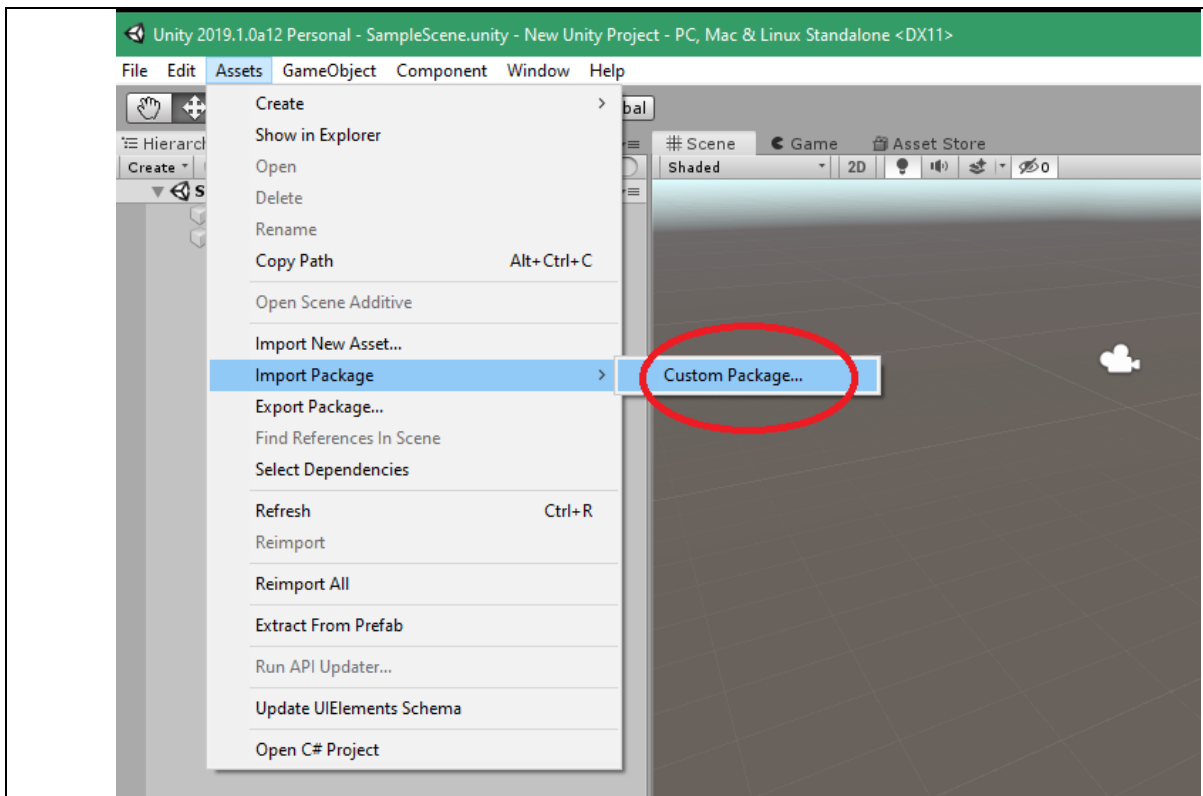


Figure 1 Use the Asset drop down menu to import the Voxon Unity Plugin into your project.

Click on the 'Assets' menu, then select 'Import Package' and then 'Custom Package...'.  
  
2) Navigate to the Voxon Asset Package

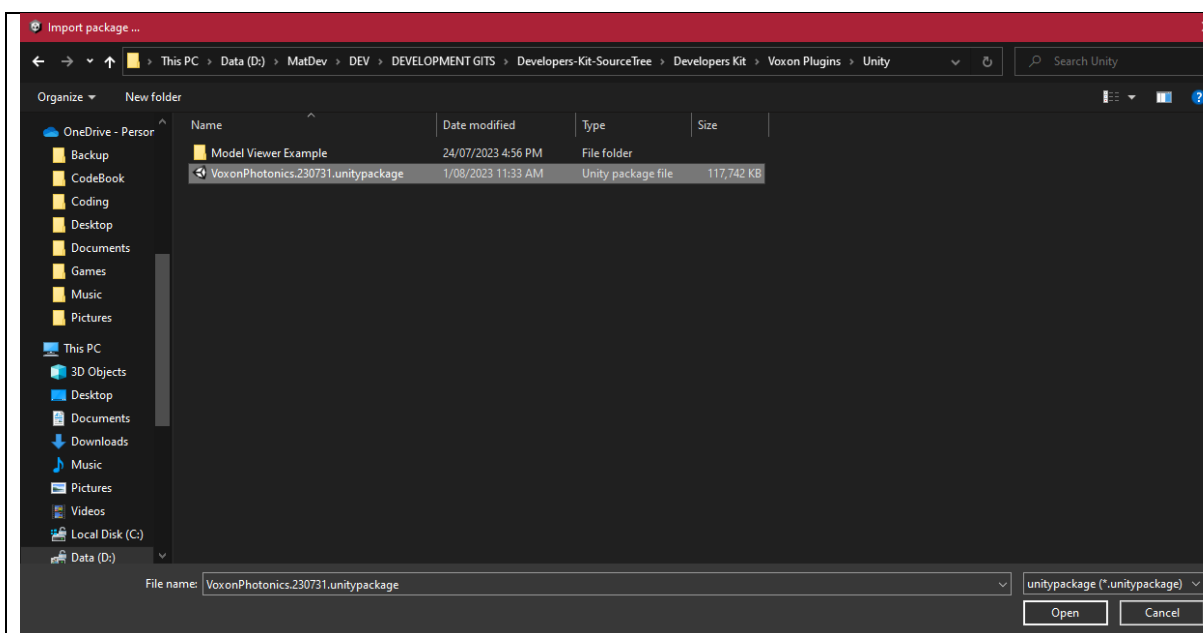


Figure 2 Navigating to where the Voxon Unity Plugin is located (VoxonPhotonics230731.unitypackage was the latest asset package name of writing this document)

The *Voxon Unity Plugin* is located within the *Voxon Developers Kit* ('...\Voxon\Developers Kit\Voxon Plugins\Unity').

### 3) Import all the package files.

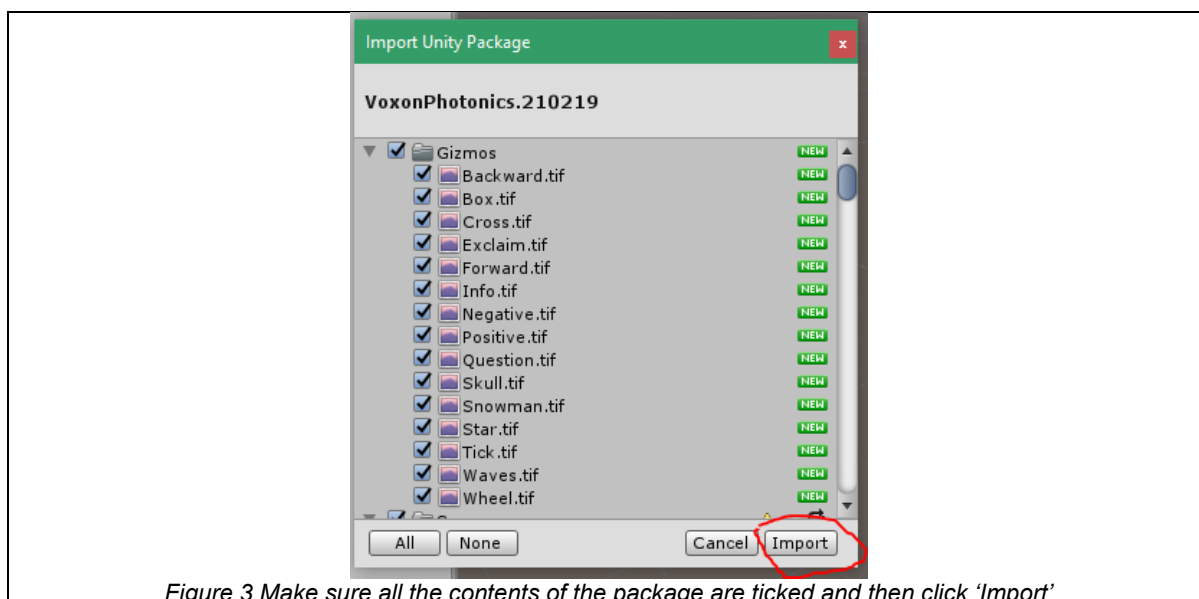


Figure 3 Make sure all the contents of the package are ticked and then click 'Import'

By default, make sure all the files are ticked to be imported and import them into your project. When you are more familiar with using the plugin, you can import only the files you need.

### 4) Ensure the plugin is installed

The plugin should now be added to your project.

If you are getting the following "cannot be used because it is not part of the C# 4.0 language specification" error(s) in the debug window, it means the project's Scripting Runtime is out of date.

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Assets/Scenes/Voxon.Examples/2_ComplexMesh/Scripts/CharacterSpawner.cs(30,37): error CS1644: Feature 'interpolated strings' cannot be used because it is not part of the C# 4.0 language specification.
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Figure 4 Error message from Unity when the Project's Scripting Runtime is out of date.

To fix this within *Unity*, make sure that your project's 'Scripting Runtime Version' is at least '.NET 4.x Equivalent'. You can find this setting by navigating:

Edit->Project Settings->Player->Other Settings->Configuration->Scripting Runtime Version.

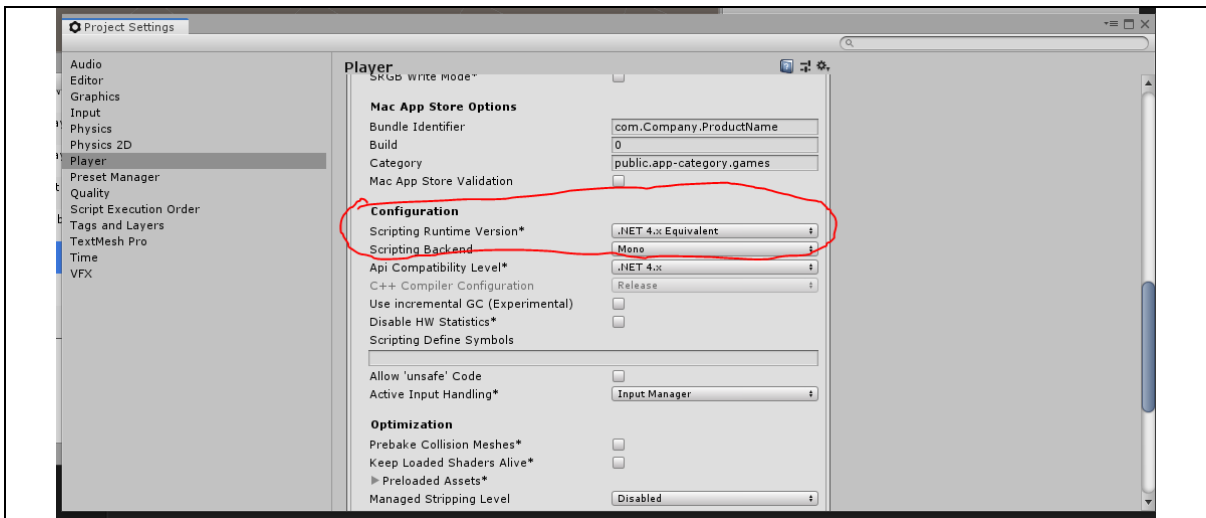


Figure 5 The Project's Player settings within Unity

If the plugin has been initialised successfully, you will notice some new directories in your project and a 'Voxon' menu option in the top menu bar.

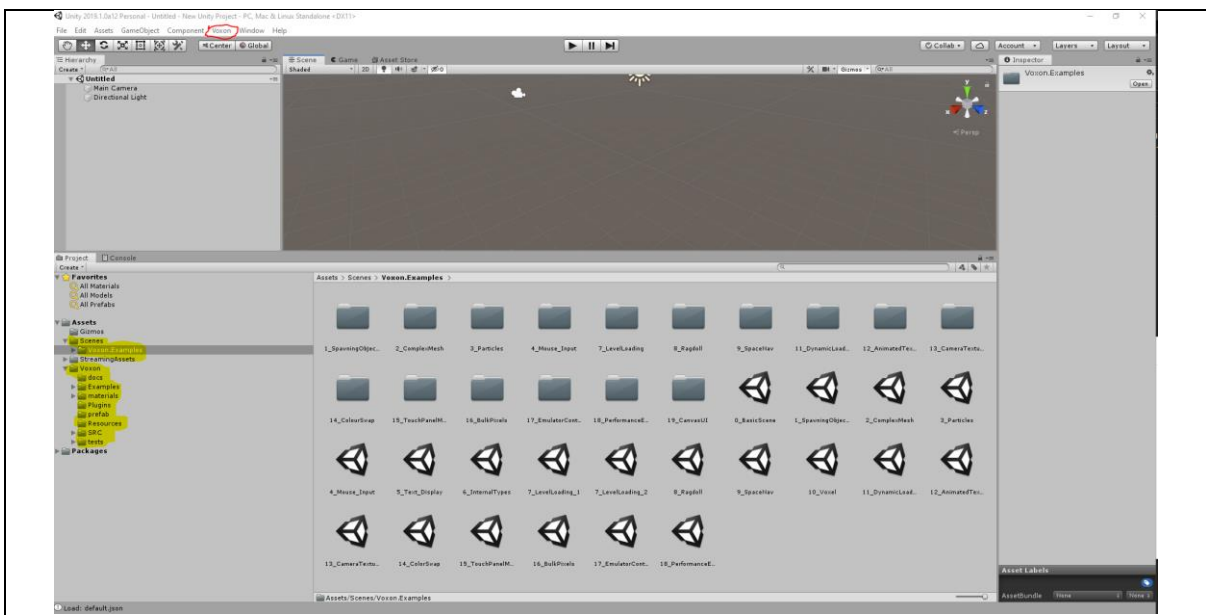
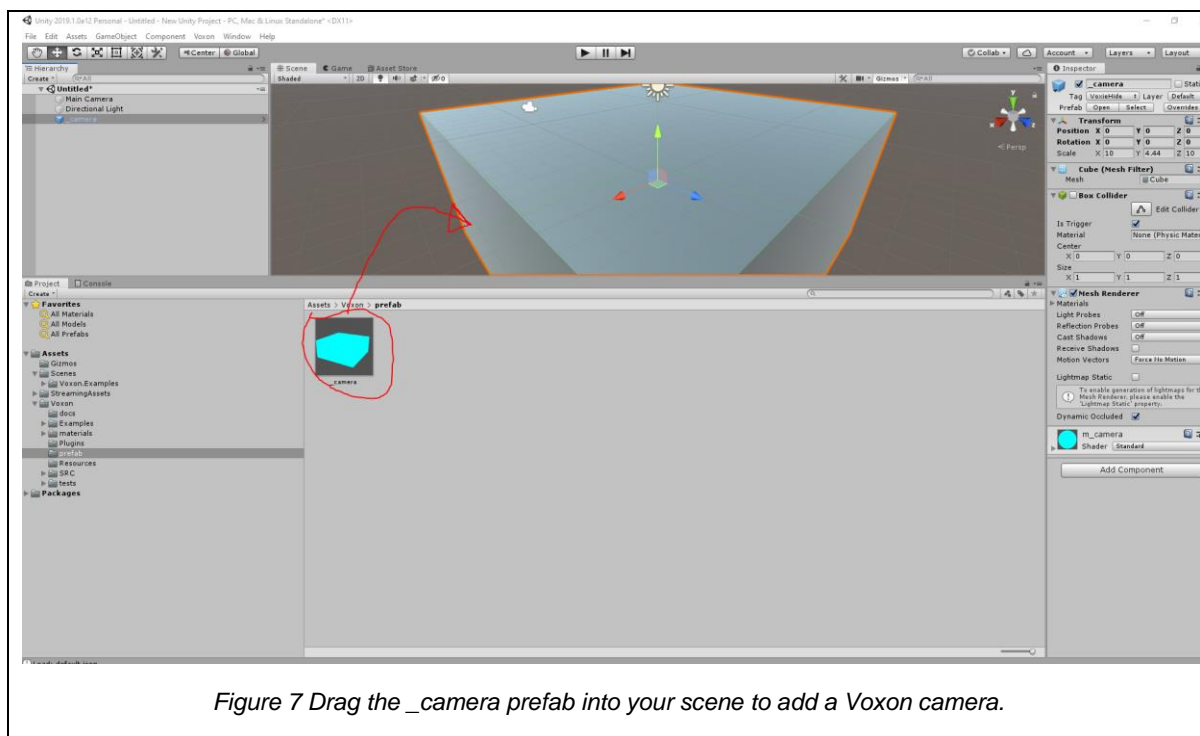


Figure 6 The new directories and files added to your project from the plugin.

### 5) Add the `_camera` prefab to your current scene.

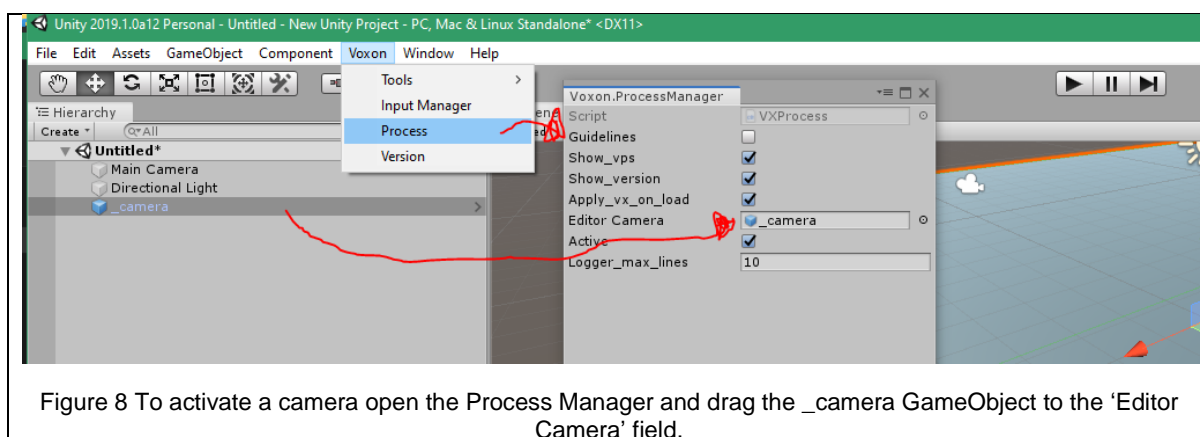
To render anything on the VX1, you will need to set a Voxon camera. Included in the plugin is a '`_camera`' prefab. This prefab captures anything within it and sends that data to a VX1.

Look under the Voxon prefab folder within your assets folder and drag the '`_camera`' prefab into your scene.



### 6) Setup the Process Manager

Set the '`_camera`' object to be the 'Editor Camera' in the 'Process Manager'. Click on the Voxon menu tab and select 'Process'. Drag the '`_camera`' object to the 'Editor Camera' field.



## 7) Run your Project

That should be all that is needed. Save your project, then press the 'Run' button.

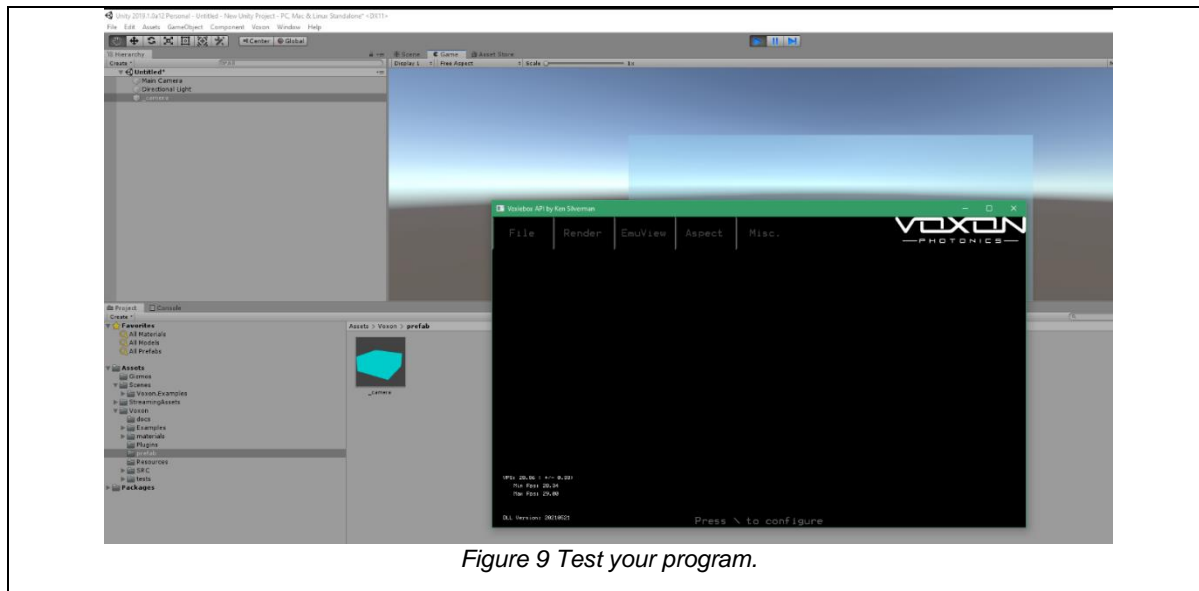


Figure 9 Test your program.

the project should run and render on a new instance of Voxon simulator window.

**Note: Always save your project before testing as Unity / VxU plugin can crash often.**

Always Press the 'Esc' key to exit the simulator once you have finished testing. Do not press the 'Play' triangle button on *Unity* to end the test. Do not use the VoxieMenu 'File > Shutdown'. Always use the 'Esc' key otherwise the system can become unstable.

**This is a problem we are aware of and are working on a solution, but it demands a total reworking of the Voxon Unity Plugin. Not an easy fix!**

Tip: when using the *Voxon Unity Plugin* it is recommended you turn off 'exclusive mouse' on the Voxon Simulator. This setting is under the 'Misc.' Tab.

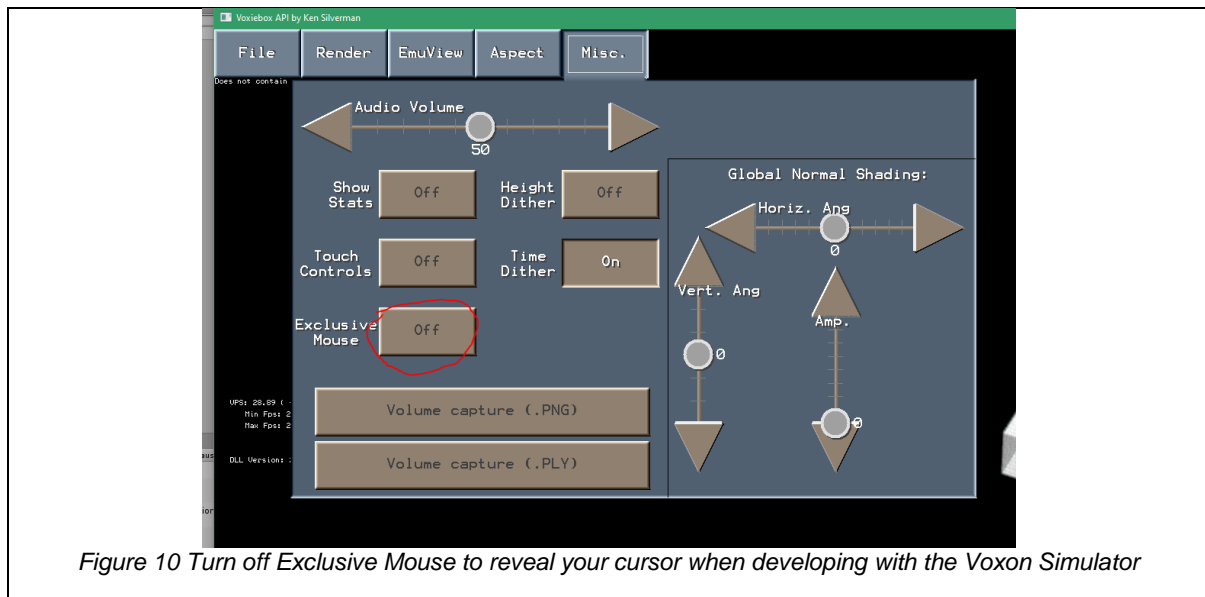


Figure 10 Turn off Exclusive Mouse to reveal your cursor when developing with the Voxon Simulator

Press (File > Save Settings) to keep this setting for future testing. This will make it easier to use the mouse as you develop your application.

## Voxon Example Scenes

A variety of example scenes can be found under 'Scenes > Voxon.Examples' in the project files. New examples are added often, and these are a great place to learn how to use the plugin.

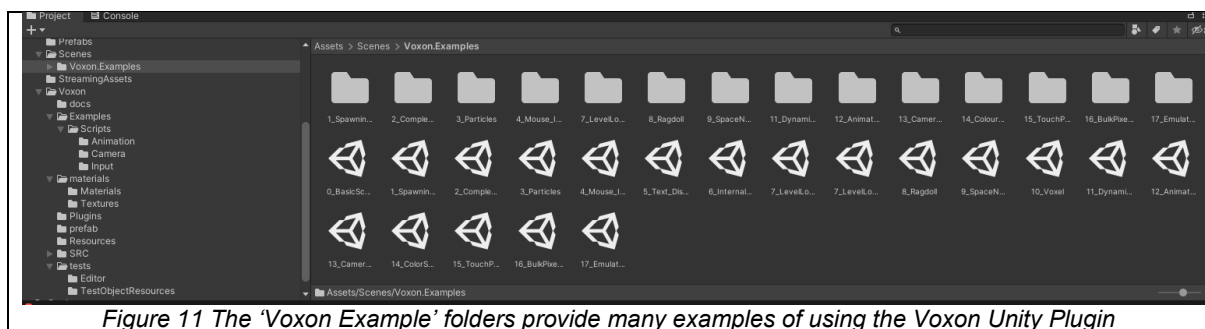
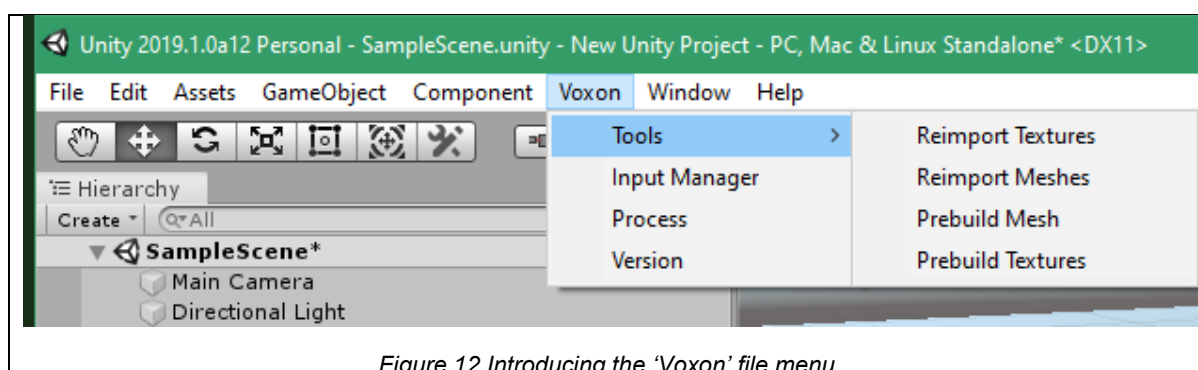


Figure 11 The 'Voxon Example' folders provide many examples of using the Voxon Unity Plugin

## The 'Voxon' File Menu

The Voxon File Menu holds various items to do with the *Voxon Unity Plugin*.



Here is a general breakdown of all the options:

**Tools -> Reimport Textures:** Once the plugin is initialised all textures added to the project are also added to an internal list managed by the *Voxon Unity Plugin*. There are some instances where the textures do not get added. This can happen if there were textures added to the project before the plugin was imported or sometimes an error occurs. Pressing the 'Reimport Textures' button will reimport all textures in the entire Unity Project. **Run this tool if textures are missing from the volumetric render or you receive texture related errors in the Unity Debug menu.**

**Tools -> Reimport Meshes:** Like the 'Reimport Texture' tool. All meshes added to the project after the plugin is set up will be amended to an internal list. **Run the Reimport Meshes tool if the internal list is missing meshes or has become corrupt.** Meshes added before the plugin was initialised will not be added until this tool has been run.

**Tool -> Rebuild Mesh:** Reduces scene loading times by creating a cache of all the mesh data in the scene. If no mesh cache is created *Unity* must prepare all the mesh data for the *Voxon Runtime* every time the scene is loaded or tested. By selecting 'Rebuild Mesh' a cache of all the mesh is created.

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## Managing Inputs using The Voxon Input Manager

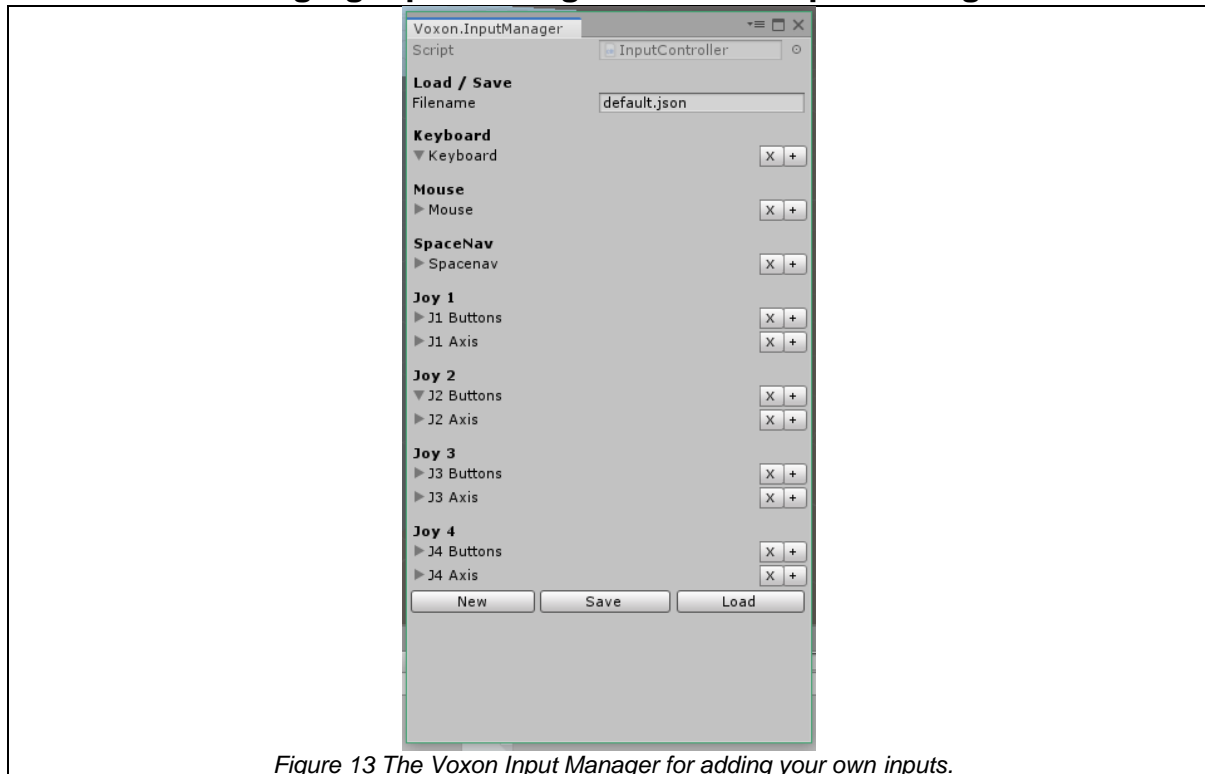


Figure 13 The Voxon Input Manager for adding your own inputs.

Standard *Unity* inputs don't work for a VX app, so the Input Manager was created as a way of passing through input states from *Unity* to the VX app.

The Input Manager is used to set various inputs (keyboard, mouse, Space Navigator and USB game controllers) to be used while the VX app is running. **All** input buttons need to be defined in the Input Manager.

To reference these keys within scripts, use the 'Voxon.Input.GetKey()' function or relevant functions depending on the input type. For more information see examples scenes.

## Setting The Voxon Process Manager

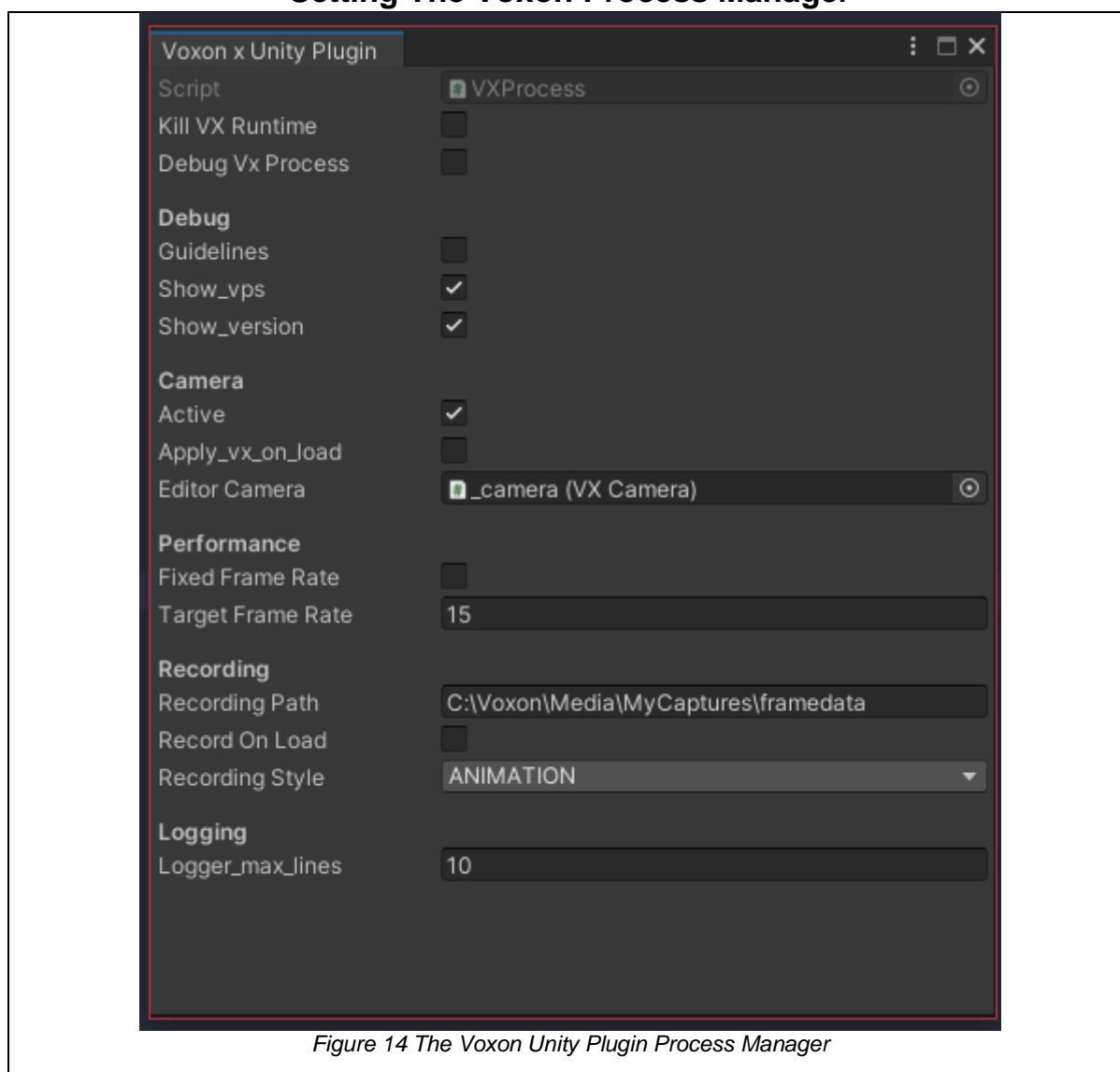


Figure 14 The Voxon Unity Plugin Process Manager

There are many settings in the Process Manager to do with rendering the volumetric display.

**Script:** The script that is used to manage the rendering process. 'VXProcess' is the default, but it is possible to write your own custom script.

**Kill VX Runtime:** Kills the current Voxon Runtime if it is left running.

**Debug Vx Process:** If Visual Studio's debugger is attached to Unity hitting this button will force a breakpoint in the default VXProcess script.

**Guidelines:** Toggles on / off a border around the outside of the volume.

**Show\_vps:** displays the VPS information onto the secondary (touch) screen.

**Show\_version:** displays the Unity Plugin and *voxiebox.dll* version onto the secondary (touch) screen.

**Active:** if ticked, when you test your app it will launch the Voxon Simulator. **Disable this setting if you want to do debugging without loading the simulator** (good for quick changes and safer with a lower risk of crashing!).

**Apply\_vx\_on\_load:** if enabled all GameObjects that do not have a 'VxGameObject' script attached will have one attached when the app is started. Any GameObject without a 'VXGameObject' (or 'VXComponent') script attached will not render on the volumetric display.

**Editor Camera:** Is to be referenced to the GameObject that is the 'camera' for the VX app. Use the '\_camera' prefab as a starting point. Anything within the bounds of the camera GameObject will be displayed.

**Fixed Frame Rate:** enable this to force the volume to be updated at a fixed rate. A VX1 runs at 15 frames per second.

**Target Frame Rate:** set a target frame rate to operate at when a fixed frame rate is enabled.

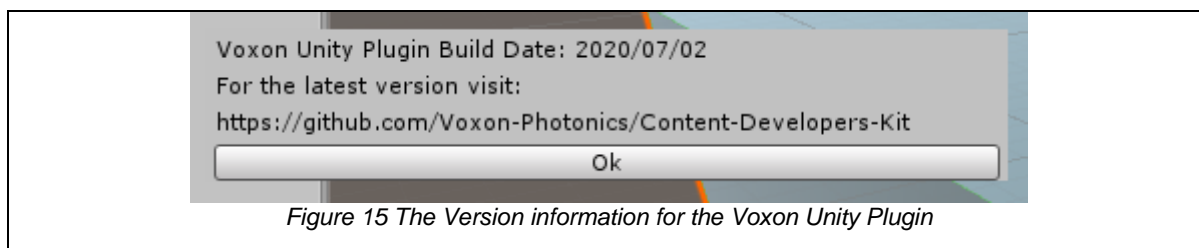
**Recording Path:** If using the Voxon x Unity plugin to capture / record a VCB (Volumetric Compressed Bitmap) video where to output those files.

**Record On Load:** If enabled when the scene starts it will be automatically recorded.

**Recording Style:** Toggle between recording an ANIMATION (a chronological series of frames) or a SINGLE\_FRAME, one instance.

**Logger\_max\_lines:** the number of lines the internal Voxon logger can output. The text is displayed during a VX app runtime on the secondary (touch) screen. The default is set to 10.

**Version:** shows the current version of the Voxon Unity Plugin.



*Figure 15 The Version information for the Voxon Unity Plugin*

## The `_camera` prefab

The camera prefab is a special `GameObject` that represents the Voxon display volume. The dimensions (10 x 4.44 x 10) adheres to the default aspect ratio of the volumetric display (1 x 4 x 1). It also uses the special `Unity Tag` 'VoxieHide' which prevents the object from being rendered on the volumetric display. The '`_camera`' prefab is located under the Voxon > prefab folder.

Technically any `GameObject` can act as a camera, just remember that the dimensions of the camera are derived from the scale of the `GameObject` and make sure that the `GameObject` has the 'VoxieHide' Tag.

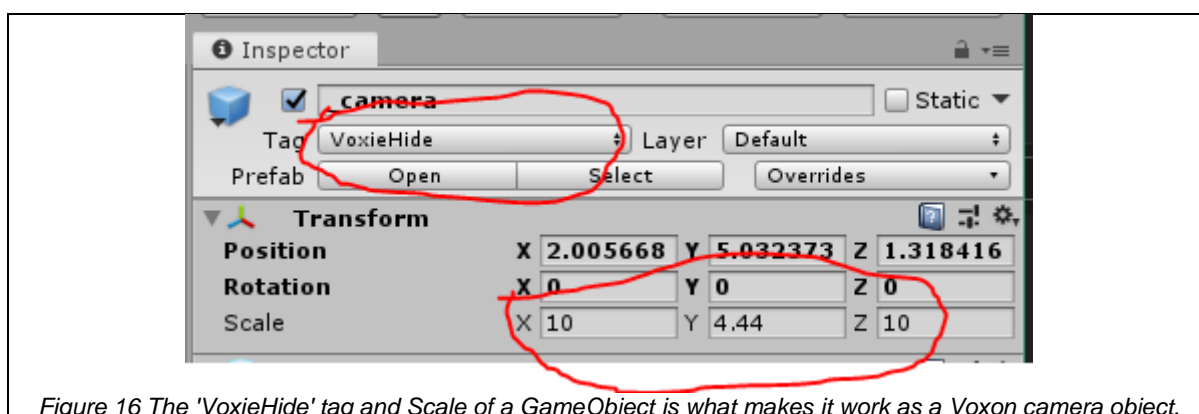


Figure 16 The 'VoxieHide' tag and Scale of a `GameObject` is what makes it work as a Voxon camera object.

## Not rendering a `GameObject` on the Volume – The 'VoxieHide' Tag

Special tags are used to interact with the Voxon Unity plugin. In `Unity` a single tag can be applied to any `GameObject`. The option is located just beneath the name of the `GameObject`.

'VoxieHide' is a special Voxon specific tag that is used to prevent `GameObjects` from being rendered on the volumetric display. It's the tag that makes a Voxon Camera work, but it can be used for other purposes.

If your `Unity Project` does not have the 'VoxieHide' tag you can add it in to as a custom tag.

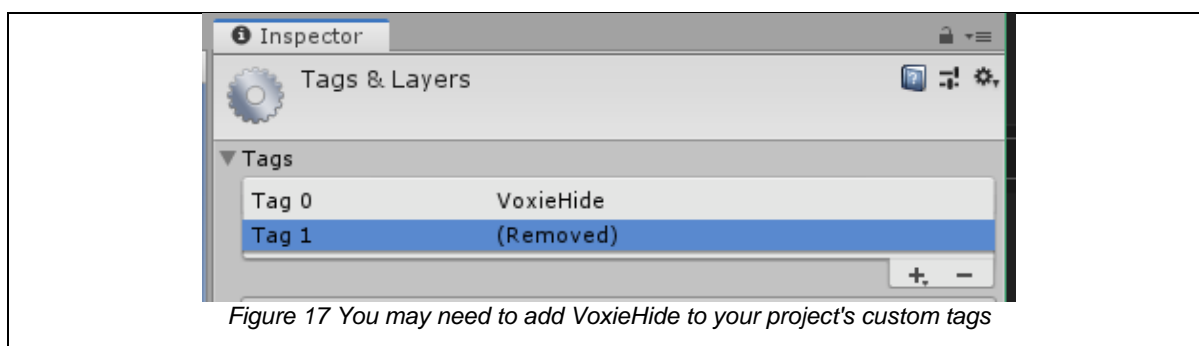


Figure 17 You may need to add `VoxieHide` to your project's custom tags

## Special VX Scripts

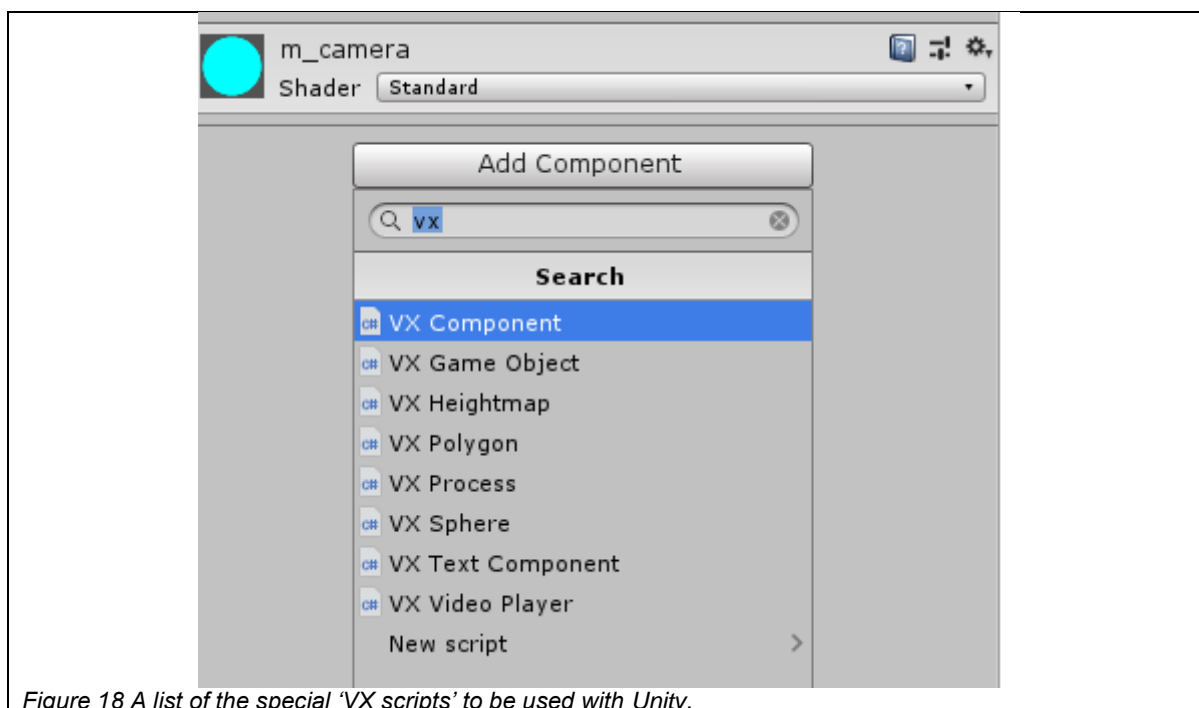


Figure 18 A list of the special 'VX scripts' to be used with Unity.

Included with the *Voxon Unity Plugin* there are a bunch of scripts starting with 'VX' these 'VX scripts' are used to help the *Voxon Unity Plugin* and developers work.

## Summary of the included 'VX' scripts

### VX Component

Needs to be attached to every GameObject that you want to render on the volumetric display. It also has a few different rendering methods and an auto expire mode.

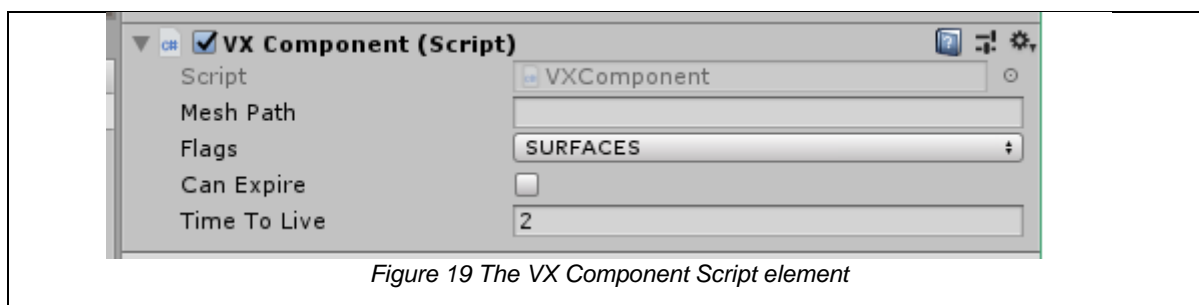


Figure 19 The VX Component Script element

Mesh Path: Automatically generated field when the object has mesh.

Flags: Instructs how the GameObject should be rendered:

DOTS: Draws only a voxel at every vertex.

LINE: Draws the wireframe of the vertices.

**SURFACES:** (default) Draws the mesh's surfaces, default and recommended for most instances.

**SOLID:** Fills the surfaces with solids (warning this method draws many voxels and requires a lot of CPU power)

**Can Expire:** If enabled, hides the GameObject after a desired amount of time based on the 'Time To Live' field.

**Time To Live:** The time in seconds before the GameObject is not rendered on the volumetric display.

## VX Game Object

Any GameObject with the *VX Game Object* script added to it will render onto the volumetric display. **A VX GameObject script will also attach a VX Component script to any sub GameObjects associated with the parent GameObject.** This is useful when working with hierarchies.

VX Heightmap, VX Polygon, VX Sphere, VX Heightmap

Scripts which have not been fully developed and are reserved.

## VX Text Component

Can be used to render text onto the volumetric display using the font used from the *voxiebox.dll*. This text can be rotated and scaled at any angle and relies on three vectors.

Pr – The right vector.	The X value of this determines the width of the text.
Pd – The down vector.	The Y value of this vector determines the height of the text.
PP – The left top position.	This value determines the position of the text.

**Color:** The HEX value of the RGB colour to be displayed. This value is intended to be a hex number so it is a 16 base number presented as a 10-base number the default is '16777215' which is 0xFFFFFFFF in hex so it would be white. Red would be 16,711,680 (0xFF0000) etc...

**Text:** The actual text to display.

**Force Update Per Frame:** Enable this feature to have the text object update per *Unity* frame.

See the **5\_Text\_Display** example scene to see this script working in a demo.

*For a more robust and easier to use Voxie text Script we recommend using 'VoxieText.cs'*

## VX Process

This is a special script which the *Voxon Process Manager* uses to execute its renderer. It is a singleton (can only be instantiated once) and not to be attached to various GameObjects. **Must only be used for the Process Manager.**

Note: If you have *Apply\_vx\_on\_load* enabled on the *Voxon Process Manager* any GameObjects in your scene that do not already have a *VX Game Object* or *VX Component* script attached will automatically get a script attached on launch.

## Performance Monitoring

The VX1 operates at 15 volumes per second. 'volumes per second' is the volumetric / 3D equivalent of 'frames per second' used in traditional computing. 15 volumes per second is the 2D screen equivalent of 15 fps. It is how many times the CPU is drawing the screen / volume per second.

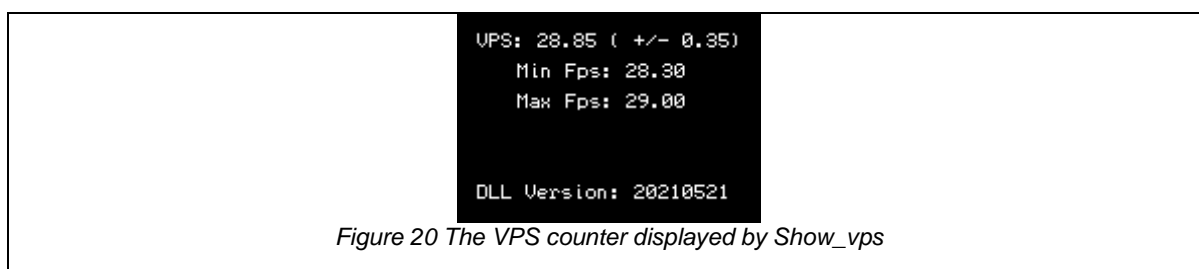


Figure 20 The VPS counter displayed by Show\_vps

It is important that your VX app runs at least 15 volumes per second (above 30+ VPS is recommended).

The VPS amounts to how many volumes the VX1 can render, and it is dependent on your computer's CPU load. Ultimately VPS is related to the amount of work your VX application is asking the CPU to do.

While using the simulator you can check the current VPS at any time. If you have 'Show\_vps' checked in the *Voxon Process Manager*, it will display on the secondary screen. You can also see the VPS by turning on 'show stats' under the 'Misc' tab.

Keeping your app performant is important and while you are developing here are some tips to keep your VPS counter high:

- In general, the more voxels (3d pixels) you are rendering the more the CPU is working.
- The resolution on the VX1 is quite low compared to a traditional 2D screen. The volumetric display is about the equivalent 1000 x 1000 x 200 pixels. So often texture

and the number of vertices in a model are too high resolution to be noticeable on the volume.

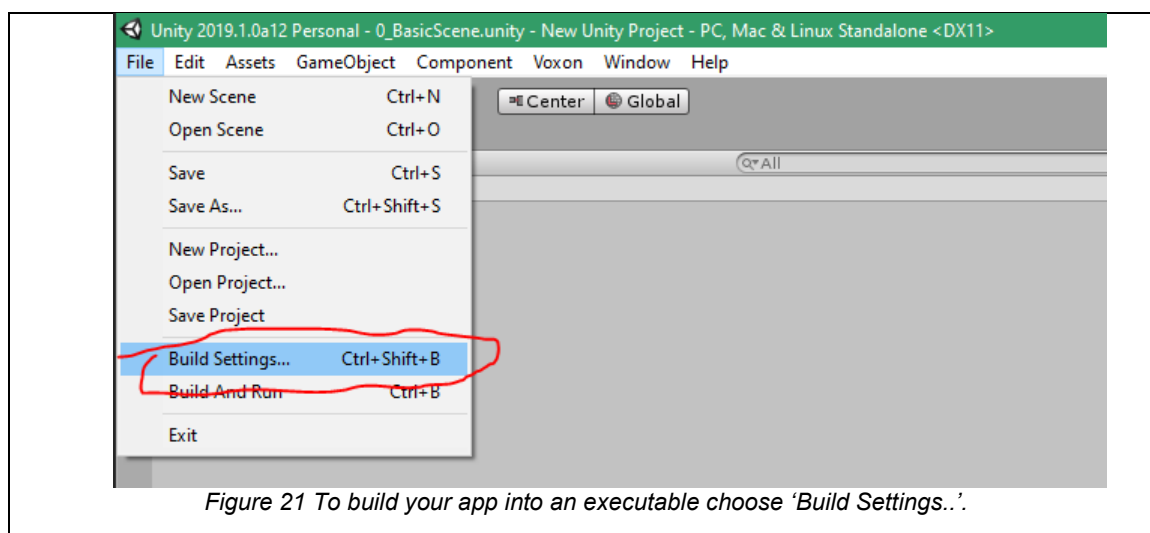
- Reduce a mesh's vertices amount - every mesh that is being rendered onto the volumetric display is made up of vertices. Your models may not have to be as high poly count.
- Reduce texture size. Every texture being rendered needs to be interpreted by the voxel frame buffer. A smaller texture size speeds up this process.
- Test often and optimise your project as you work. Always be aware of your VPS count.
- Sometimes it is not the rendering of the volumetric graphics that is slowing an app down. Check to see if there are any other processes happening within your app that are causing performance issues.
- Try to display what is needed. Less is more with the VX1.
- *Unity* has its own profiler which may help with obtaining more performance.

## Building Your Project to Use On a VX1

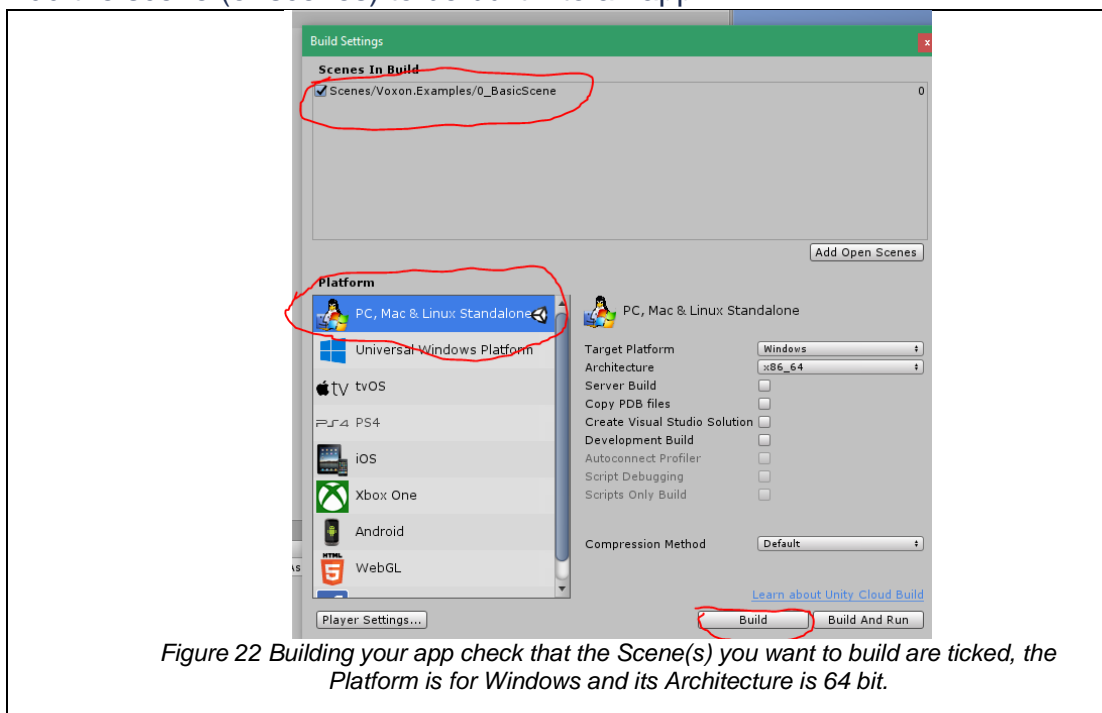
Building your project to run as a VX app on real VX hardware is as straightforward as building any Unity application.

- 1) Check the build settings.

Click on the File menu and select 'Build Settings...'



2) Add the scene (or scenes) to be built into an app.



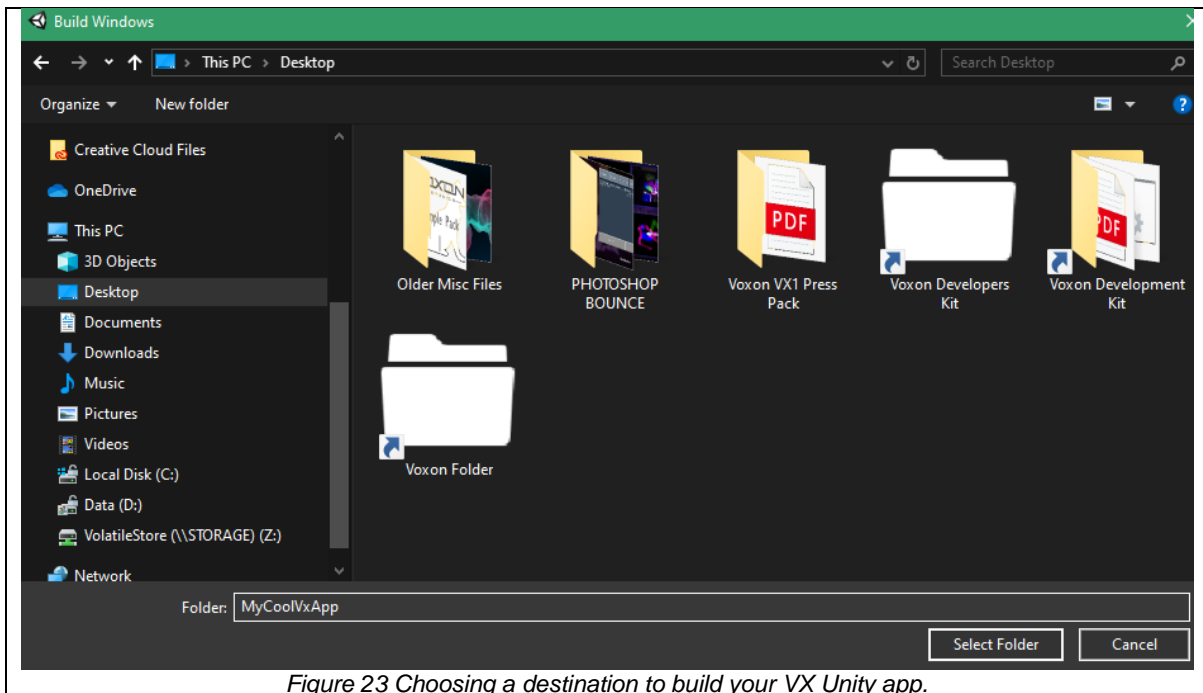
Make sure the scenes you wish to build are included in the 'Scenes In Build'. You can build multiple scenes into a single app. The scene at the top of the list is the scene which your app will launch in.

Make sure the platform is set to 'PC, Mac & Linux Standalone'. Target platform is 'Windows' and Architecture is 'x86\_64'.

Once you have these settings set click 'Build' to build your VX app!

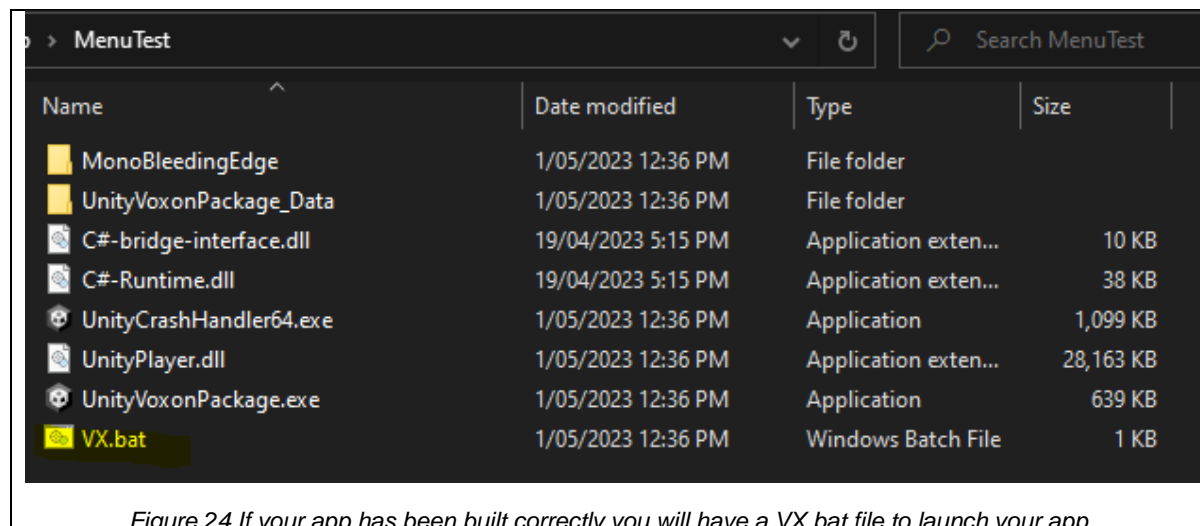
**Note:** Make sure you have your Editor Camera active and The Voxon Process Manager is set to be 'active' set otherwise your VX app won't display anything.

3) Choose a folder for the location of your build.



Choose a folder to build your app. You can call it whatever you like.

#### 4) Test your app



Navigate to the folder you built your app in. If the build was successful, you should see a bunch of files; The executable for your project, the VX.bat file (the ideal method to launch your project), Unity Crash Handler, Unity's DLLs, Local DLL instances of the C# bridge and C# interface (we include these to make your app more compatible these can be deleted and will fall back to whatever ones are in your Voxon Runtime folder)

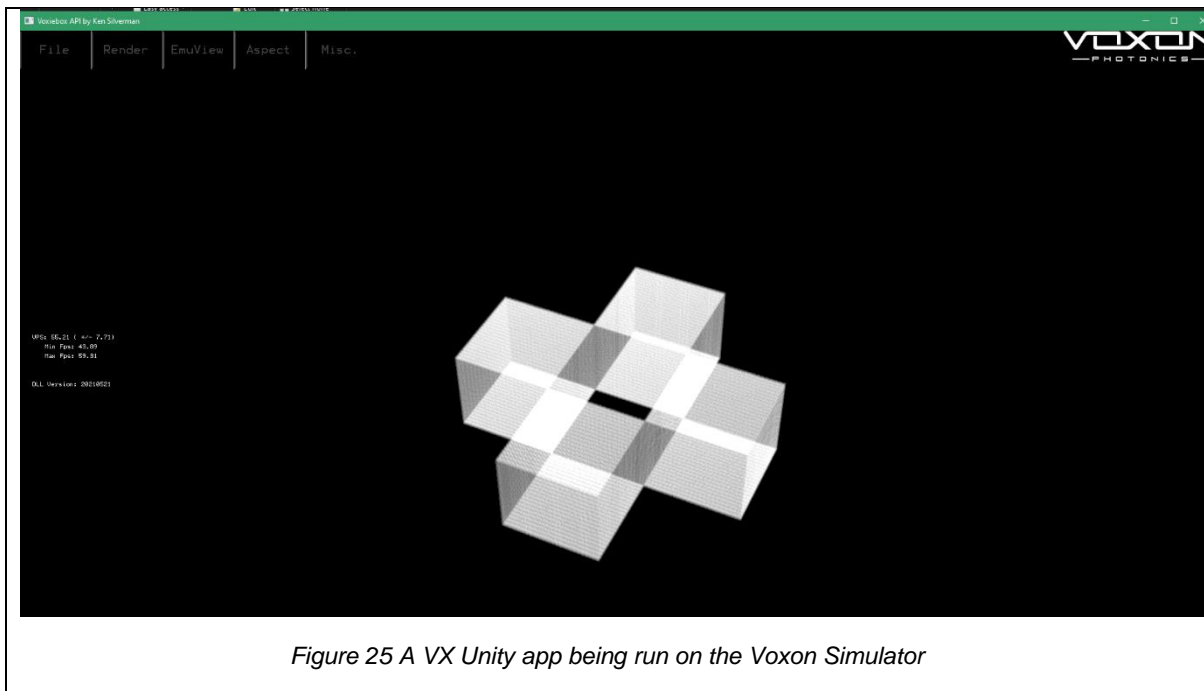
In this example *UnityVoxonPackage.exe* is the program's main executable (which will be named after whatever you called it). You can run this, and it will work just fine, but for an optimised experience you will want to run the **VX.bat** file.

The **VX.bat** runs the VX application in 'batch mode' (runs the Unity.exe with a -batchmode parameter), 'batchmode' runs the application without creating a Unity window to render the graphics. (it's OK because the *Voxon Unity Plugin* knows what to do and works directly with the *Voxon Runtime*).

```
VXUnityApp.exe a -batchmode
```

**Note:** Running a VX Unity app using the standard executable will still work but you will notice that there is a Voxon window created and a standard Unity window. This takes more CPU power as the computer must manage 2 instances of your program running. This is not ideal or practical.

To launch double click on the *VX.bat file*.



If your build settings were correct your app should run. Your app will work on any other system that has the Voxon Runtime installed.

**Note:** If your VX app doesn't load, check that you actually added the scene to the 'Scenes In Build' selection bin in the build settings option and that your scenes have a valid '\_camera' object attached.

## Model Viewer Unity Example

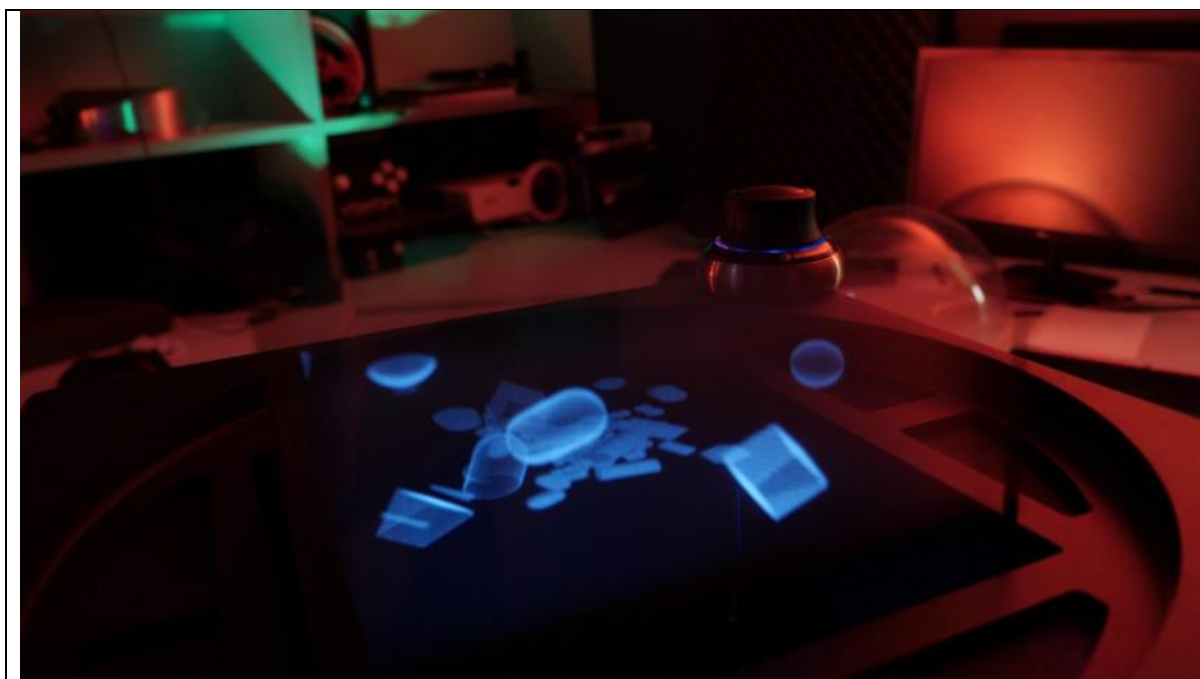


Figure 26: Image of a Unity VX application running (Between Worlds)

Within the Developers Kit is a binary and package example of a VX Unity App called 'Model Viewer' this project loads and animates FBX models (or any prefab model that has the custom *Unity Tag* 'Model'). Various inputs controllers such as keyboard, mouse, gamepads and the SpaceMouse can be used to transform the models. It is a good example for the VxU Plugin.

It is located at '*... \Voxon \Developers Kit \Voxon Plugins \Unity \ModelViewer Example*'.

### The VxProcess.cs Script

The VxProcess.cs script is the entry point for the VxU plugin. It is the 'engine' that drives the plugin. Managing the C# Runtime, transforming the mesh, handling user input and managing the `_camera` instance.

As you get familiar with the VxU plugin and The Voxon Runtime you'll be able to write your own VxProcess or modify the default one to suit your needs.

Like many Unity scripts it adheres to the two main functions. `Start()` and `Update()` it also includes a `Draw()` function where it draws all the `IDrawables` and `VXGameObjects` from its internal list

The VxProcess contains the behaviour for both while using the Unity Editor and when running a build Unity Application (this is determined by precompiler statements `"#if (UNITY_EDITOR) { ... }"`)

## Summary of VXProcess.cs script's components and key functions

**Runtime** – A local instance of the Runtime.cs class to interact directly with the C#-Runtime.dll

**VXCamera** – A reference to a valid Voxon \_camera object class. A Voxon camera manages the virtual volume which is to be sent to the volumetric display.

**IDrawables List** – stores all references to classes which are inherited from the IDrawables class and are to be iterated upon and rendered.

**VXGameObjects List** - stores all references to VXGameObject instances to be iterated upon and rendered.

**Start() Function** - checks it has a valid Runtime class and VXCamera GameObject, starts the timers and initialisers and starts a new Voxon Runtime Instance.

**Update() Function** - Updates timers, checks the Voxon Runtime's Breathloop state, starts a volumetric frame (Runtime.FrameStart()) calls its internal draw() function, ends the Voxon frame (Runtime.FrameEnd()). Checks for user and system input if the Unity Application has been closed.

**Draw() Function** - Iterate through all the drawable lists (any classes that inherits the IDrawables interface or is a VXGameObject that has been added to the list) and execute their .Draw() function. Translates all the meshes from Unity's coordinates to Voxon's space – see *Appendix B*.

## How To Draw Directly to the Voxon Display

If you are an experienced Vx App developer, you may wish to interact with the volume directly.

To draw Voxon primitives (such as simple text and primitive shapes such cubes, spheres, cones, lines and dots) from a custom C# Script you'll need to inherit the IDrawable class from the Voxon namespace and then add it to the VXProcess.cs internal IDrawable reference list.

The VxProcess manages a list of references of IDrawable inherited classes. When it comes to rendering a scene, this list is iterated through and each's draw() function is called.

Interestingly All VXGameObjects references are also maintained in a separate list within the VxProcess. These two lists maintain most (all in most cases) of the Unity Game Objects that are to be rendered on the Voxon Display.

```
#region drawables
public static List<IDrawable> Drawables = new List<IDrawable>();
public static List<VXGameObject> Gameobjects = new List<VXGameObject>();
#endregion
```

Figure 27: Code snippet of the VXProcess.cs script where both the drawable lists are initialised.

- 1) Use the Voxon namespace

To access the VXProcess and Voxon variable types in your own scripts add the Voxon namespace.

```
using Voxon;
```

- 2) Inherit from the IDrawable class :

```
public class <<YOUR CLASS>> : MonoBehaviour, IDrawable
```

- 3) In the Setup function of your script add the instance of the class to the IDrawables list

```
VXProcess.Drawables.Add(this)
```

- 4) Create a Draw() function which will be called by the VXProcess on every update.

```
public void Draw() { }
```

- 5) Within the Draw() function

Use the VxProcess.Runtime.draw () functions to use various Voxon Draw calls...

Such as :

```
VxProcess.Runtime.DrawBox ()
VxProcess.Runtime.DrawCube ()
VxProcess.Runtime.DrawLine ()
VxProcess.Runtime.DrawSphere ()
```

Infact the VxProcess.Runtime gives you access directly to the C# bridge so you can interact with the Voxon Runtime in many ways beyond just drawing graphics!

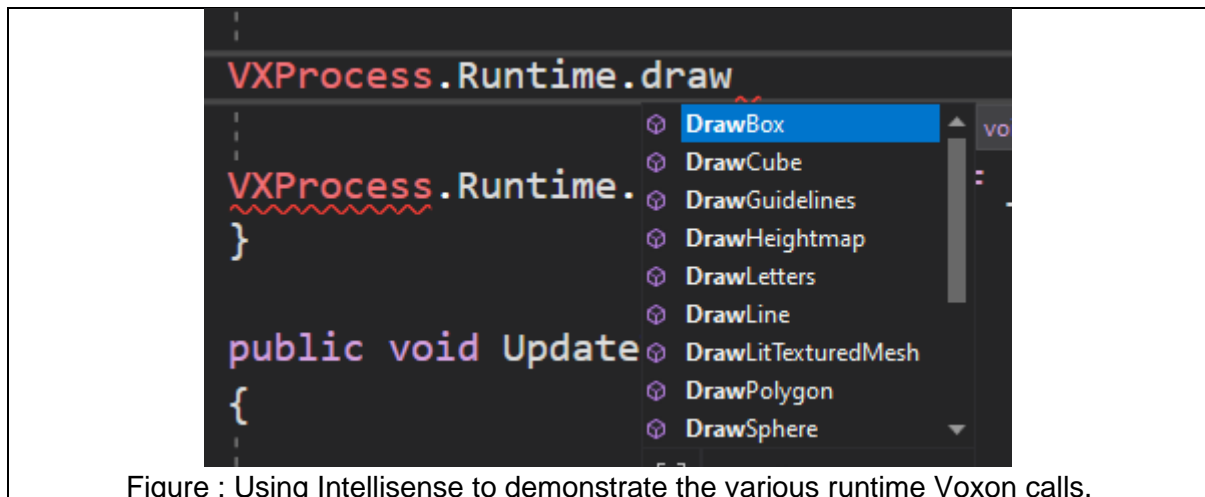


Figure : Using Intellisense to demonstrate the various runtime Voxon calls.

### DrawSphere.cs Example script

```
using System.Collections;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using UnityEngine;
using Voxon; // use the Voxon namespace to reference the VX process

/* Example Script of drawing directly to the Voxon display.
 * this script when added to a Unity scene it will render a white
sphere in the centre of the volume
 * by Matthew Vecchio for Voxon.
 */

public class DrawSphere : MonoBehaviour, IDrawable // make sure
you
//inherit the IDrawable interface so your class can be added to the
IDrawable list.
{
    void Start()
    {
        VXProcess.Drawables.Add(this); // add this script to the
internal VXProcess Drawable list
    }

    public void Draw()
    {
        point3d pos;
        pos.x = 0;
        pos.y = 0;
        pos.z = 0;
        // position, radius, 0 = not filled : 1 = filled, color in
RRGGBB hex)
    }
}
```

```
VXProcess.Runtime.DrawSphere(ref pos, 0.2f, 0, 0xffffffff);
}
}
```

## Appendix A: Data Flow from Unity to the Volumetric Display

A overview of how data and interactions occur from Unity to the Volumetric Display.

<p style="text-align: center;">Unity</p>	<p>A Unity scene that contains an active _camera prefab and some models or scripts that will interact with the volumetric display.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Unity x Voxon Plugin</p>	<p>Unity x Voxon Plugin has a valid Voxon _camera prefab linked to it and a valid VxProcess script defined in its Process Manager.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">VxProcess.cs Script (includes the Runtime.cs file type)</p>	<p>The VxProcess manages a valid Voxon Runtime and _camera.</p> <p>It will start a new Voxon Application Window</p> <p>the VxProcess script will then enter its main update loop: check for a Voxon Runtime breath(), process all graphics and prepares the volumetric image while listening for system and user input.</p> <p>It sends the volumetric frame data to the volumetric display through its Runtime.cs class instance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Runtime.cs Local instance to interact with the C# Runtime</p>	<p>A class that resides inside the VxProcess script that allows the VxProcess script to interact with the Voxon Runtime.</p> <p>A local Wrapper or C# instance of the C# Voxon Runtime adheres to the <i>IRuntimePromise</i>.</p> <p>Requires C#-Runtime.dll to work.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">C# Bridge Interface C# Runtime.dll</p>	<p>The C# Runtime.dll converts the C# Voxon runtime calls into C++ so the native Voxon Runtime (voxiebox.dll) can be accessed</p>

Voxon Runtime (Voxiebox.dll)	The native Voxon Runtime receives the translated data and instructions and operates the Voxon Application as normal and sends data to the Volumetric Display
Volumetric Display	The Volumetric Display renders the Voxon frame data as a complete volume.

## Appendix B: Transforming Unity Space to Voxon Space

The Voxon Runtime uses a different transform to what Unity and other popular 3D software uses here is how to translate between the two spaces.

Unity Axis	Voxon Axis
X	X
Y	-Z
Z	-Y

### Document Version History

Version	Date	Author	Description
1.0	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	M Vecchio	First version
1.1	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	M Vecchio	Updated version to go with August 2023 runtime update. Added detailed version of the VXProcess, drawing directly to the VX1, Data Flow and Transforming Unity Space Appendix information.