Administriva

Half-life 2 accounts

- If you have your own and HL2-EP2, then you can just use that
- -3500 students keep your old one
- -Others get it off the web page
- HW1 due in a week and a half (see end of presentation)



Getting Started

See resources page for what to get installed:

- Install steam, source sdk, source sdk
 base, half-life 2 ep2
- -Make sure that you run HL2 ep2 at least once before messing with the SDK
- -Run source sdk and make sure that you have options set up for Orange Box and HL2 ep2
- If you haven't played HL2, please do so, just to get the hang of what is there

Getting Started in the Lab

- Steam already installed
- But when you login with your steam account it makes a:

c:\program files\steam\steamapps\<LOGIN>

- Then it will download all the steam stuff to your directory
 - Takes gobs of time
 - So, tend to use the same computer

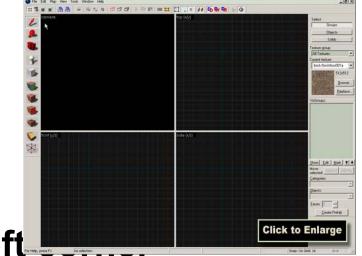
• PITB

 Consider copying the files or renaming directories.



Brushes (Blocks)

Launch hammer (HL2 world editor)



- 3D Textured view in upper left
 - -May not default to this
- Add brush in a 2D window
 - -I prefer to do this in the top view
- Choose noDraw texture as default this allows easy optimization
- Gridding is important

Duplication is your friend (shift/drag on selected object)

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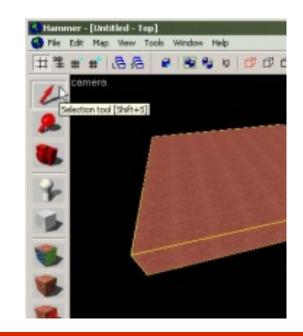
Working and Texturing Brushes

 Notice what happens when you click a brush (or any object)

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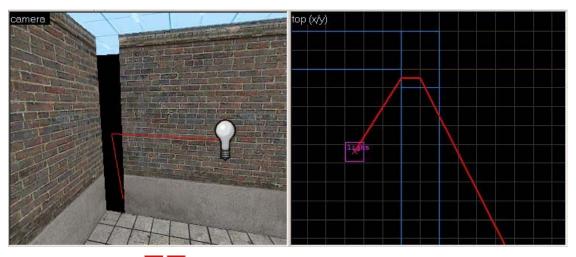
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- -The three selection modes
- Texture
 - -Browse
 - -Paint brush
 - -Paint faces
 - -Adjust to look good



Test Map Fix Problems

- Add info_player_start
- Run map to test out
- Leaks
 - -Inside/outside
- 2D Skybox





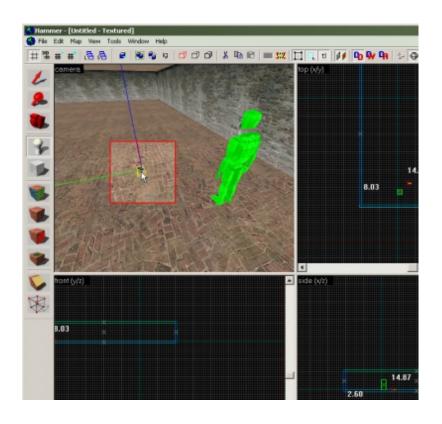
Objects

Add light object

Properties (double click is your friend [©])

Add models

- -Prop_physics and prop_static
- -World model and manipulation



Moving NPCs and Events

Add an NPC

- Path corners (ok), but scripted sequences are better – don't forget ground node
- Make NPC follow path
- Triggers
 - -Brush
 - -Paint with trigger texture

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- -Link to trigger entity
- Events (output to input)



Making a Movie

Follow instructions linked from web page

- Change resolution of your game to 720x480 (will make much smaller files)
 - Plus we will get consistent wide screen format
- Basically in the console:
 - -sv_cheats 1
 - host_framerate 30
 - startmovie nameofmovie_
 - » The underscore makes it easier
 - Resume game and start
 - endmovie

 Use virtualdub or premier to get files and turn into avi

HW1

- Use web102 map

 Clean version
 Movie version
 for examples
- Add props
- Add lights
- Add npcs
- Cameras
- Tell a joke or do something funny

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Make a movie

