
mGear: Maya Rigging Framework Documentation

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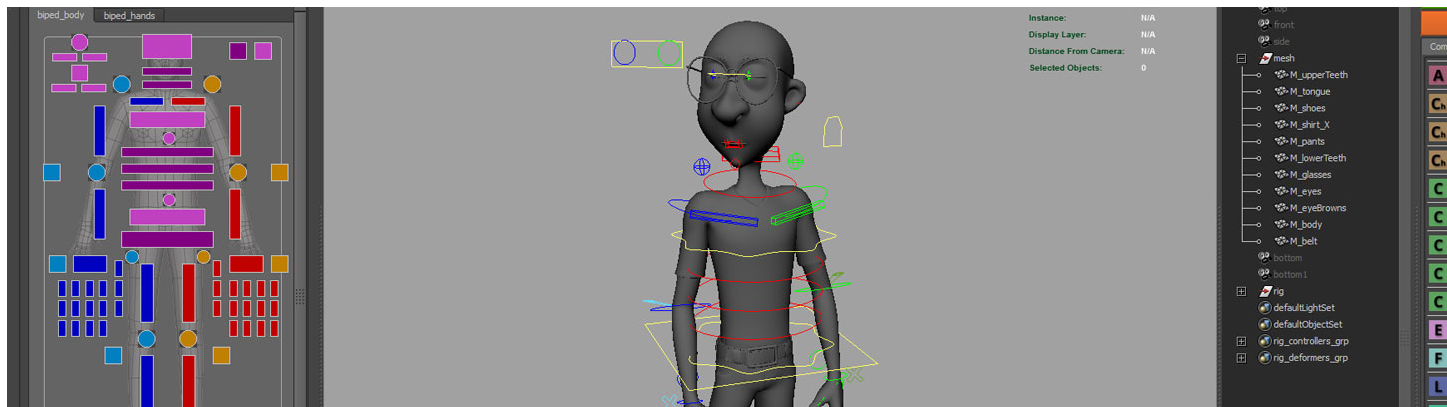


Fig. 1: mGear

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CHAPTER 1

Overview

mGear is a rigging and animation framework for Autodesk Maya. mGear provides a set of convenient modules, tools and c++ solvers to streamline the development of rigging and animation tools.

Originally mGear was design and developpe by [Jeremie Passerin](#) , since 2013 [Miquel Campos](#) continued the project and evolved to the current design. From 2018 mGear is developed by the [mGear Dev team](#)

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Note:

from Miquel: Big thanks to [Jeremie Passerin](#) , he is the real master behind mGear design. I am just following his steps and continuing what he started.

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And thanks!! to all the people who help me and support this project :)

Warning: I can't promise any kind of support and this tool is provided "AS IS". Please read the LICENSE for more information.

However, I am committed to continue developing mGear. So please, do not hesitate contact us if you found any bug or possible improvement.

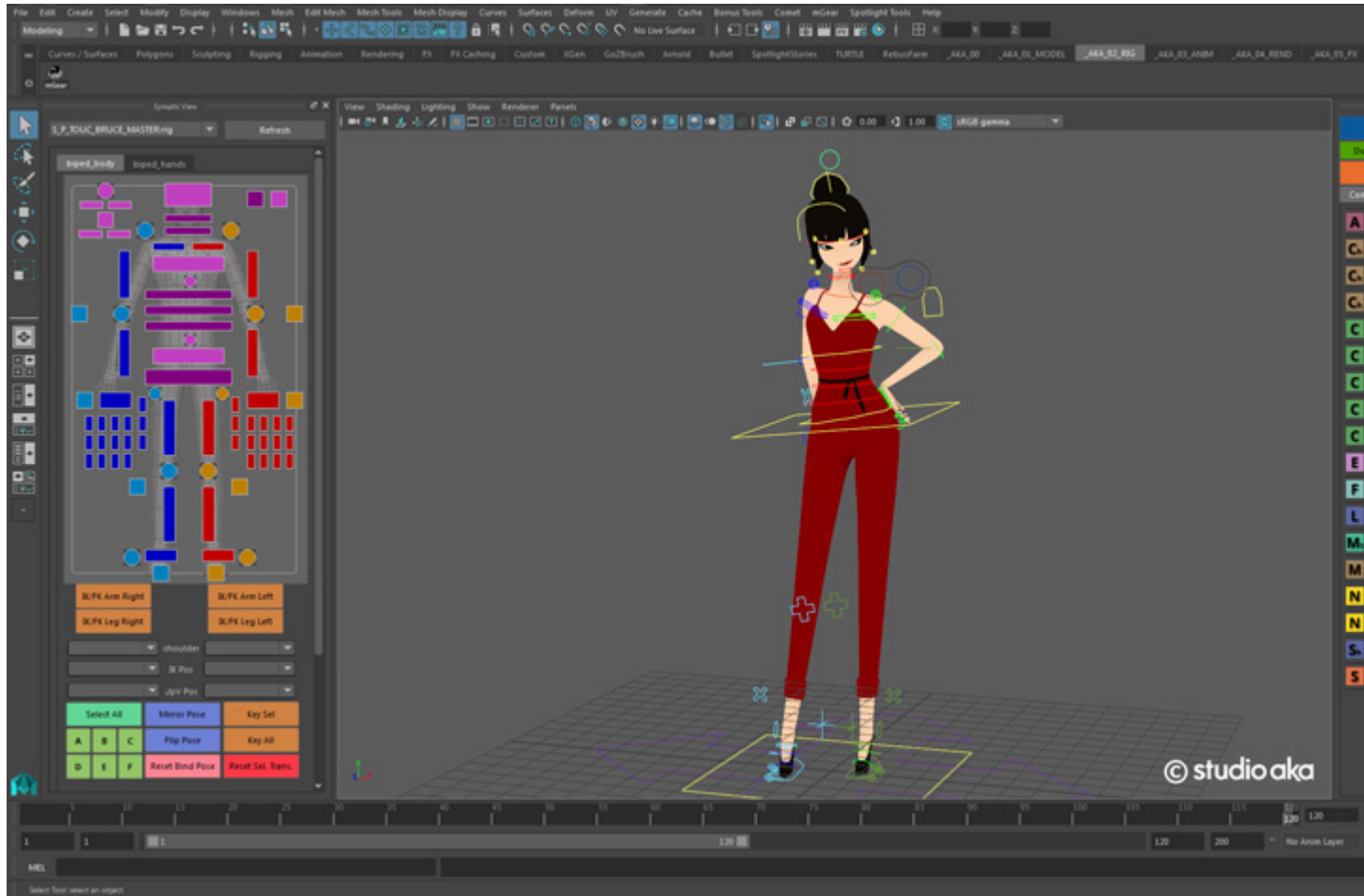


Fig. 1: mGear have been used at Studio AKA for San Pellegrino 'Dining By Starlight'. Rigged by Adam Avery

This is a quick guide to get you up and running with mGear's Shifter. Shifter is the character rigging part of mGear, with which you can combine various components (arms, legs, spines, chains etc.) to rig most kinds of characters, creatures and mechanical contraptions. Shifter currently ships with over 40 different components, and more are constantly being added. Here we'll only focus on building a basic human biped.

2.1 Installation

To install mGear on your computer:

- 1) Download the latest mGear release from [here](#).
- 2) Unzip it
- 3) Copy the content of the mGear **release** folder to your maya/modules folder:
 - a) Windows: Users<username>DocumentsMayamodules
 - b) Linux: ~/maya/modules
 - c) Mac OS X: ~/maya/modules
- 4) Start Maya

You should now have an mGear menu in Maya.

2.2 Rigging a Biped

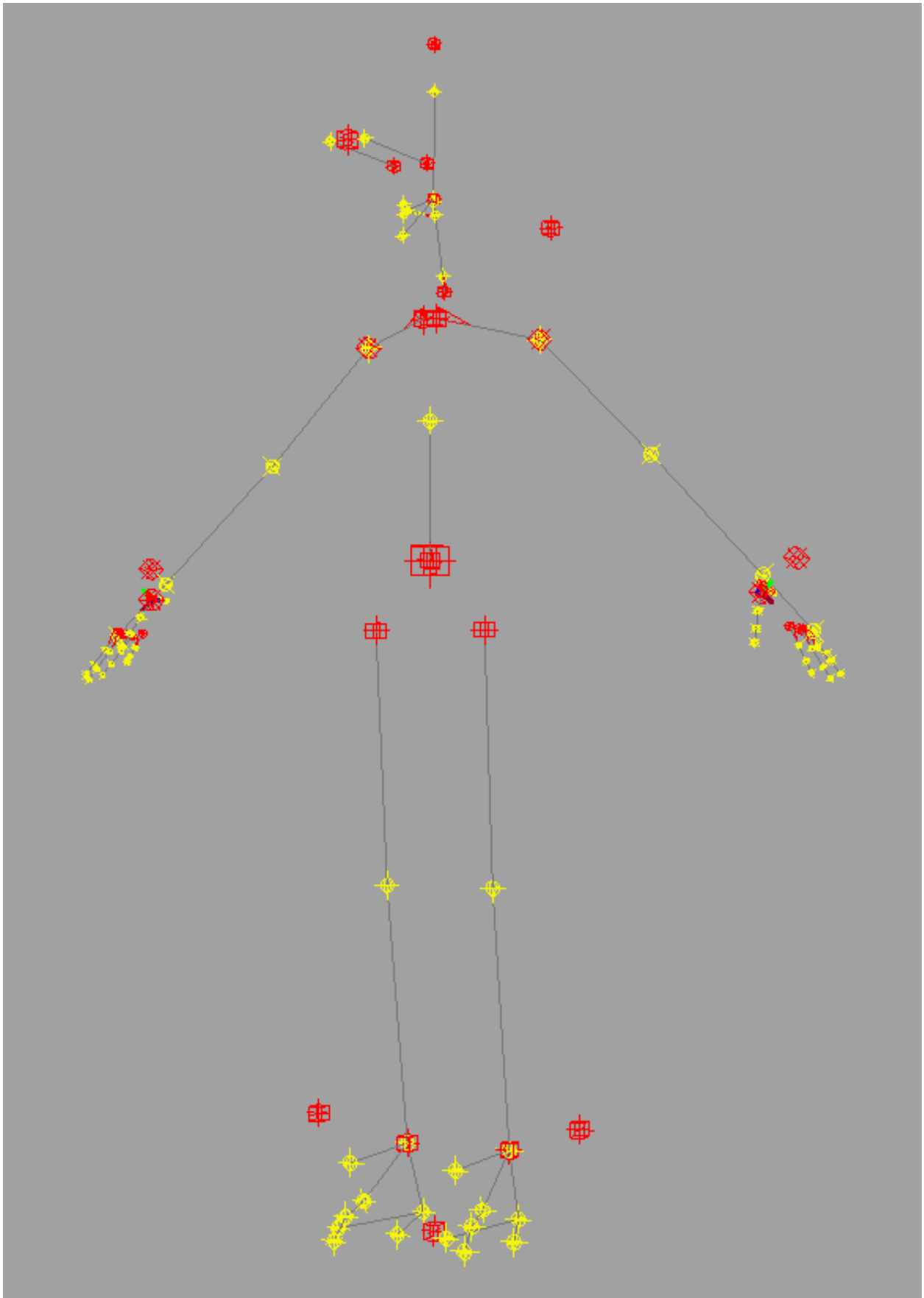
Rigging a biped character is very quick and easy with mGear's Shifter, as it comes with ready made guide templates for both a standard biped and a quadruped. The steps involved in building a rig are:

- 1) Load the guide template
- 2) Position the guides to match your characters anatomy

- 3) Build the animation rig
- 4) Adjust the control curves if needed
- 5) Skin the character to the deformer joints
- 6) Animate!

2.2.1 Build Guides from a Template

Start by selecting mGear>Shifter>Guide Template Samples>Biped Template from the menu.



This builds all the guides we need to build a biped rig. The biped guides consist of multiple components that we will position to match the proportions of our character. Each guide component consists of a:

- **root:** (red cubes) These are the top level node of each component.
- **position:** (yellow spheres) These are the positions of each joint (e.g. elbow, wrist etc).
- **blade:** (red triangular wedges) These controls the up axis of some components.
- **curve:** (gray lines) These are only for reference, to show how everything connects together.

Note: All components have a **root**, but not all have **position**, **blade** or **curve**.

You can position, rotate and scale the **root** and **position** guides to fit your character, and use the Blade Roll Offset attribute to adjust the **blade** guides.

Since we don't want to do double work, we can start by deleting the right side **root** guides; the **eye_R0_root**, **shouler_R0_root** and **leg_R0_root**. Once we're happy with the placement of the guides on the left side, we can simply use mGear>Shifter>Duplicate Sym to mirror them over to the right side.

Note: You can test your rig at any point, by simply selecting the **guide** node from the Outliner and running mGear>Shifter>Build from Selection. This will build the complete animation rig. Once finished testing, you simply delete the **rig** node from the Outliner, and continue adjusting your guides.

2.2.2 Positioning the Guides

Start by selecting the top **guide** node in the outliner and scale it so the hip is in the correct place. Then work your way down the hierarchy, from the spine and out to the different bodyparts, positioning each one in turn. If you need to re-position a parent guide, after positioning its children, you can temporarily de-parent the children, while moving the parent.

Note: We'll only be covering what you need to get your character rigged here. For details on each component, see the [Shifter Component Reference](#). (TODO! Broken link)

Settings

Each **guide** has settings you can adjust to change the behaviour of that component. To access the settings of **guide**, simply go to the mGear>Shifter>Settings menu. For this quick start, we won't be touching the settings, but it's good to know they are there.

Host Guides

You'll notice that next to the hand and feet, and above the head and one of the shoulder there are **root** nodes that are seemingly not connected to anything. These are used to position Host controllers from which you can control things like IK/FK blending, arm/leg stretching and more.

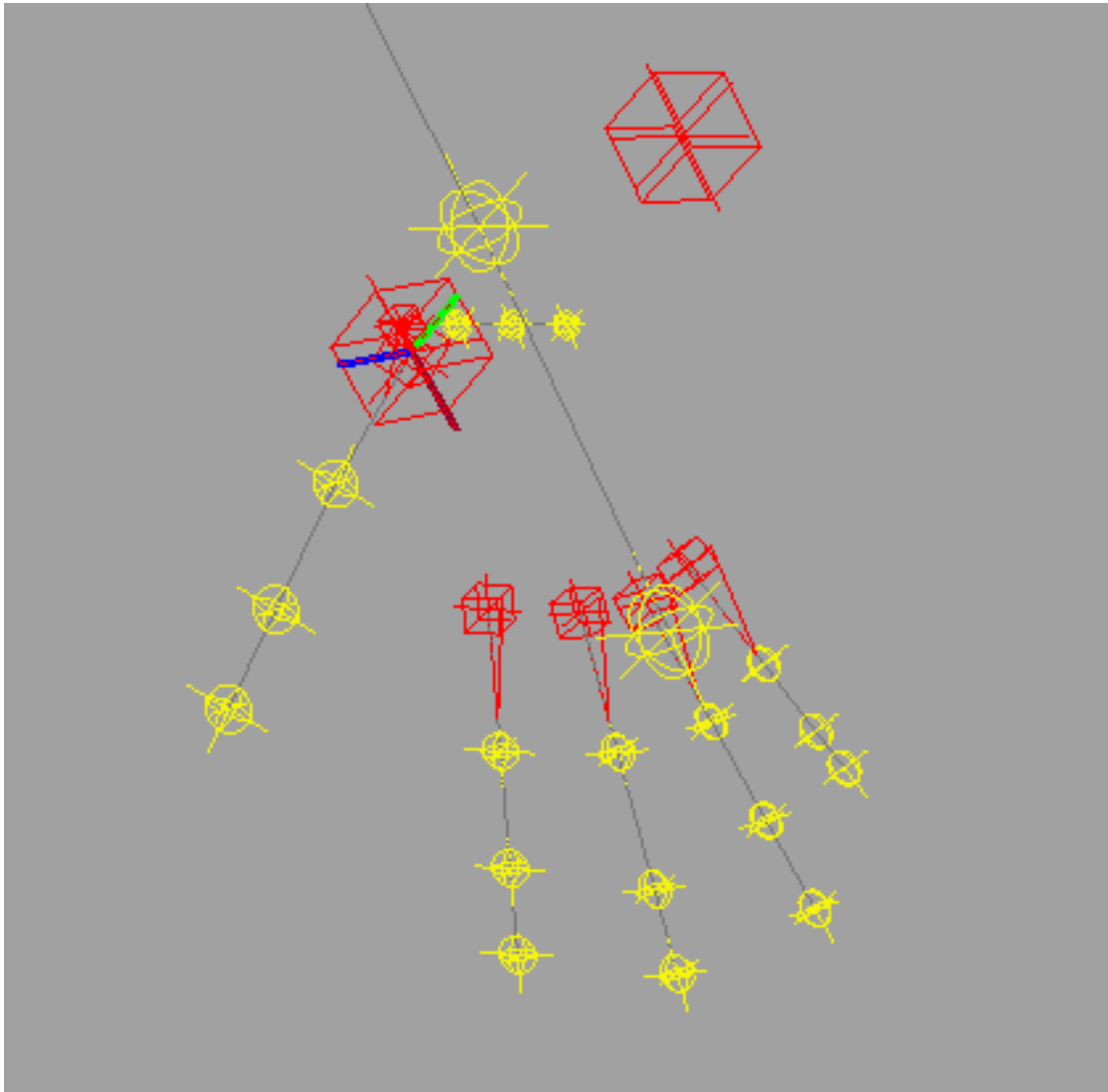
Hip and Spine

There are two **root** nodes at the hip. The bigger one controls the position of the hips and where the controller that moves the entire upper body will be, while the smaller one sets the position of the controller that only moves the hips, keeping the torso in place. The yellow **position** guide controls the length of the flexible part of the spine.

Neck

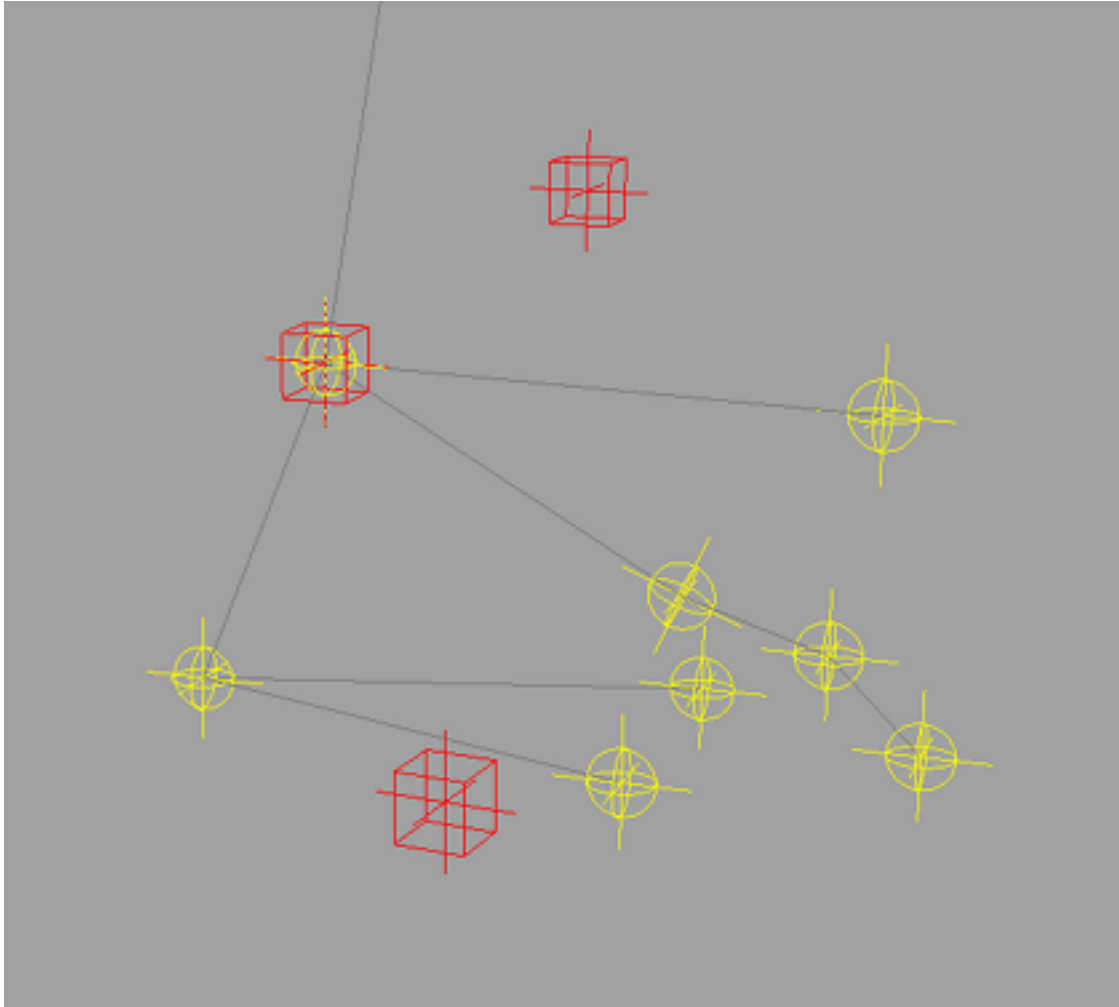
The neck has two yellow **position** tangent guides, that control the neck curve. These are more useful for rigs with longer necks with more neck joints.

Thumb Rotation



You'll notice that the thumbRoll **root** guide has an RGB axis. This controls the orientation of the thumbRoll controller. In addition the thumbs and each of the fingers have a **blade** guides to control the plane fingers should rotate on.

Feet



The foot has a lot of guides, but most of them are quite straight forward. The bottom three, the **heel** and **in/outpivot** set the pivot points when you rotate the foot. The one in front of the ankle called **eff** controls the direction of the FK foot control. The remaining ones are simply to position the characters joints and toes.

Note: You'll notice there are no guides for the pole vectors for the knees and elbows. These are positioned automatically based on the direction the knee or elbow is pointing in when you build the rig.

2.2.3 Building the Animation Rig

Once you are ready to build the rig, you can simply select the **guide** node from the Outliner and run **mGear>Shifter>Build** from Selection from the menu. This will build the complete animation rig, with all controls ready to use. You can now hide the **guide** node in the Outliner, and test out the rig. If you need to adjust something, simply delete the **rig** group from the outliner, adjust your **guides** and rebuild it.

Adjusting Controls

Some times the shape or size of the default control curves doesn't fit well with the proportions of your character. You can easily fix this by selecting the vertices of the control curves, and positioning and scaling them as needed.

Once you're happy with your new control curves, select the ones you've modified and store them by choosing **mGear>Shifter>Extract Controls** from the menu. This will store them under **guide**|**controllers_org**, so that if

you delete the rig and rebuild it, it will get your modified control curves instead of the default ones.

Skinning

When you built the rig a selection set was added under **rig_sets_grp** called **rig_deformers_grp** that contains all the joints in the rig you can skin to. Simply skin your mesh to these joints, and the rig is ready for animation.

Note: You may be thinking, what do you do if you need to adjust the position of a joint after skinning and adding blend shapes? You can't simply delete the rig, and rebuild, as that will break the skinning. Shifter is built around the idea of [Data Centric Rigging](#). In short this means that rather storing all the skinning data, blend shapes, model and rig in one file, we store each in separate files, and bring it all together when we build the rig. This is a bit beyond the scope of this quick start, so hop on over to the mGear YouTube channel and check out the [Data Centric Rigging](#) workshop.

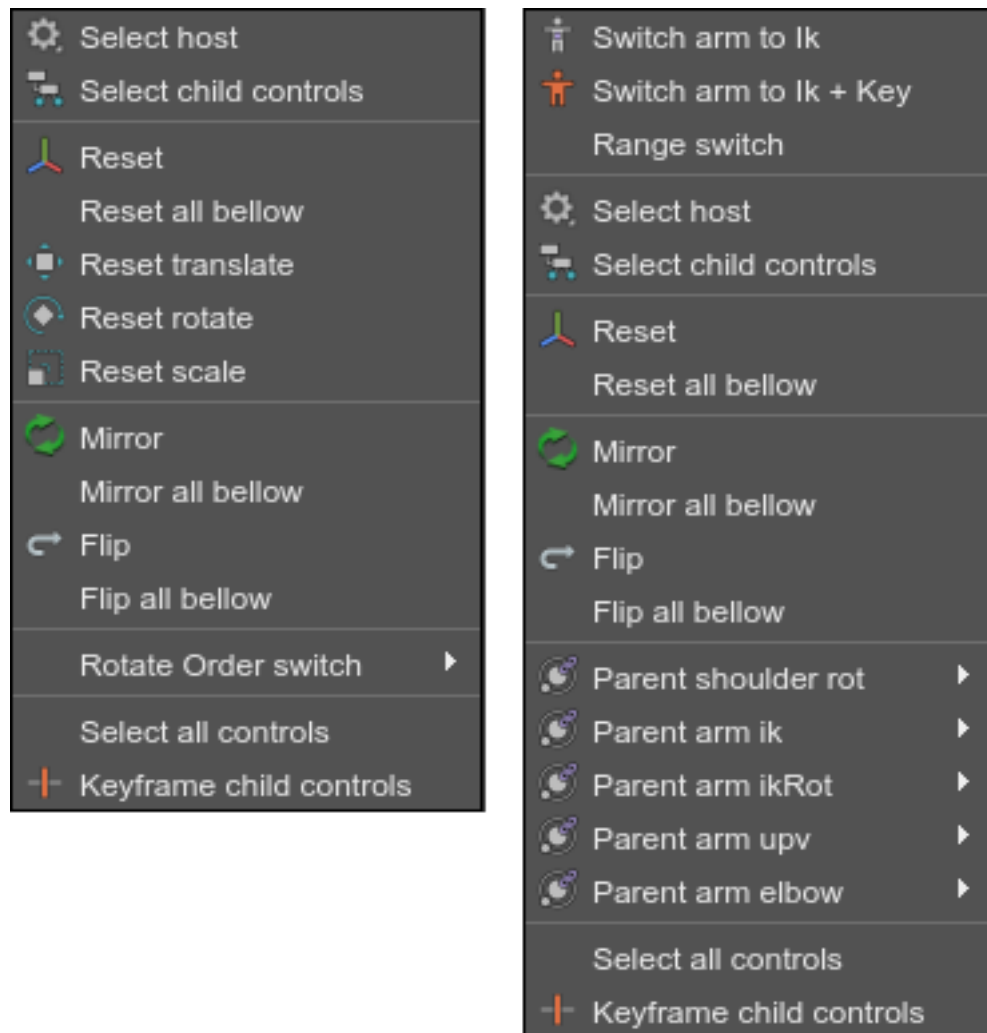
2.3 Animating the Biped

The Shifter biped rig comes with a lot of functionality straight out of the box, including IK/FK blending, stretchy arms, legs and spines, space shifting and even rubber hosing, should you need it. It also performs quite well, so should be able to run in real-time on most modern hardware. Before starting animation, let's cover some of the interfaces to make your work easier.

2.3.1 mGear Viewport Menu

At the top of the mGear menu, there is a checkbox for the mGear Viewport Menu. If you have this enabled it will replace Maya's default right click menu if you have Shifter animation controls selected. Note that the normal right click menu still work as normal, if you have something else selected.

This menu is dynamic, and changes based on what kind of controller you have selected. For most controllers and host controllers it will look like this:



Controller Viewport Menu

- **Select host:** Select the host controller for this bodypart, from which you can do IK/FK blending and more.
- **Select child controls:** Selects the child controls underneath the current one.
- **Reset:** Resets the selected control to it's default position (similar to bind pose)
- **Reset all below:** First does Select Child Controls, and then Reset like above.
- **Reset translate/rotate/scale:** Same as the normal Reset above, but for translate, rotate and scale specifically.
- **Mirror:** Mirrors the selected controllers pose over to the opposite side.
- **Mirror all below:** Same as Mirror, but for all the child controls
- **Flip:** Flip the selected controllers pose to the other side
- **Flip all below:** Same as flip, but for all the child controls
- **Rotate Order switch:** Change the rotate order, while attempting to keep animation intact

Host Viewport Menu

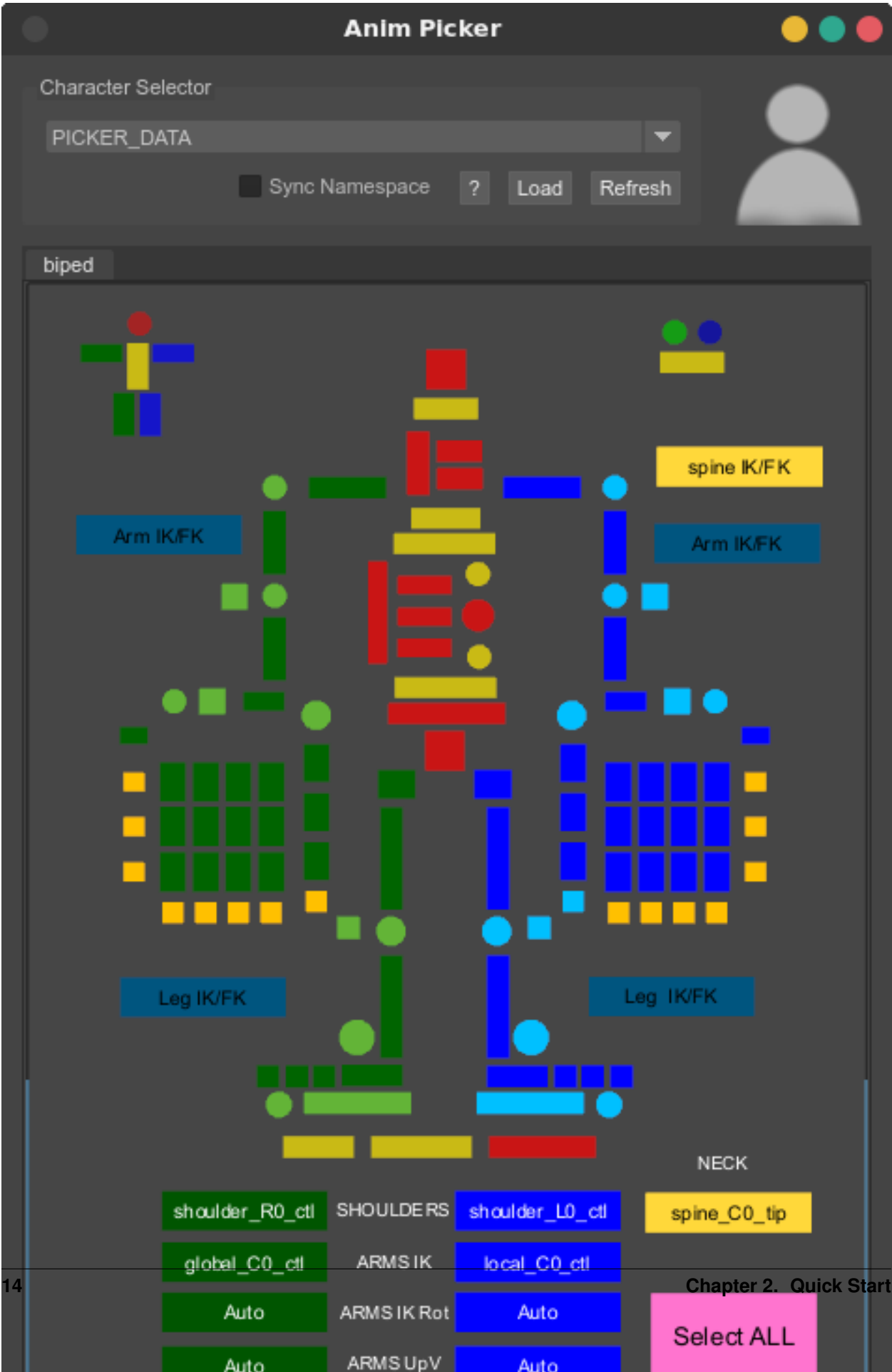
- **Switch arm/leg to Ik/Fk:** Toggle between IK and FK, while keeping the pose intact

- **Switch arm/leg to Ik/Fk + Key:** Toggle between IK and FK, while keeping the pose intact. Adds keyframes before and after the switch.
- **Range switch:** WIP
- **Parent [various]:** Drop down menus for various controllers, such as the IK controller, that set what space that controller follows. You can, for instance switch between the arm's IK controller following the shoulder, body or global controller. If you have keyframes on the component already, this will add keyframes before and after the switch.
- **Select all controls:** Selects all the controllers of the rig
- **Keyframe child controls:** Keyframes all the child controls of the current selection

2.3.2 Anim Picker

mGear comes with a customizable Anim Picker interface to give you easy access to all controls. Choose mGear>Anim Picker>Anim Picker. When you first open it up, it will be empty. Hit the **Load** button and the **Select File** and navigate to the biped.pkr file (it comes with mGear and can be found in anim_picker/picker_templates/biped.pkr).

Once you've selected the biped.pkr file, hit the **Load Picker** button. A dialog will pop up asking you to enter a node name for the character. This will create a node in Maya that stores the Anim Picker layout in your scene. You should now see a dialog that looks like this:



From this interface you can select any of the controls by simply clicking the different colored boxes. You can also box select or shift-select multiple controls at a time. The little guy at the top left of the interface gives you access to the **host** controllers, while the two dots and a square on the right are eye controllers. In addition, there are a number of buttons you can use to switch between different spaces or toggle between IK and FK.

Finally if you right-click outside the boxes, you can choose Frame Selection, to zoom in on parts of the interface, or Reset View, to reset the zoom.

Adding Multiple Characters to the Anim Picker

If you have multiple rigs in your scene, you can switch between the characters using the Character Selector menu in the Anim Picker. Note that you can have multiple Anim Pickers windows open at the same time, if you have the screen space for it.

2.3.3 Animate

That's it. You should now be ready to animate with mGear and Shifter. For more in-depth tutorials, please check out the [mGear Youtube channel](#)

CHAPTER 3

mGear Rigging Workflow

Note: This was the unofficial mGear Workflow document create by [Chris Lesage](#) on his website. But now is official ;)

This official-unofficial document is a quick overview of how the mGear Shifter workflow works. It is meant to describe all the parts, so as you go through the tutorials and documentation, you have a full sense of everything.

This document is still a messy work in progress! I started writing it in mGear 2.6.1 just before mGear 3.0.3 was released. I'll update this page, as I continue to learn. I'll improve the illustrations too.

If you have any questions about my workflow, you can [find me on the mGear Forums](#) . The entire community there is great for answering questions.

3.1 Quick Reference

mGear official Youtube [video tutorials](#)

[Python Documentation](#)

How to install mGear: tl;dw: use Maya.env and add this line to point to where you put the mGear folder. Don't copy/paste the scripts into your Maya prefs. Here are my example paths, as I develop my pipeline using Dropbox. The final configuration will be on our studio's network.

HELP! See below for some answers to things that can go wrong.

3.2 FIRST THINGS TO KNOW About mGear

- 1) **mGear** is an auto-rigging and animation framework. **Shifter** is the name of the rigging framework inside mGear. Shifter has individual rigging components you can build, and full rig templates you can start from.

- 2) It also has animation tools like IK/FK switching, space-switch baking, synoptic pickers, a basic shot sculpting tool, pose flipping and mirroring, etc. Some of these tools rely on the structure of the rig, so it is good to learn about them before you spend too much effort designing your own custom rig modules or editing the existing ones. If you change the rig, you'll have to also change the synoptic picker, for example.
- 3) There are a lot of Python modules and functions that you can use to script rigging tasks.
- 4) For example, ``mgear.rigbits`` there are functions for Vectors, creating transforms, building curve constraints, control icons, fcurves, skinning, logging and much more. A full list is in the documentation.
- 5) However, the docs just list the functions without much context or examples. All the tutorials on how to use mGear are found in the Youtube videos and they are in reverse chronological order.
- 6) As you learn how to use mGear, **you are going to need to design your own file structure** to organize all the data. **I recommend watching ALL of the Youtube videos first**, as you build your first test rigs, because Miguel offers most of the information you need, but it is contained within all the videos. This unfortunately takes a long time, but it will save you a lot of reorganizing later. For example, you'll want to organize a directory structure where you store all of your skinning, blendshape, and build scripts. And you will probably want to consider using version control like git. In this document, I will show you my example of how I organize my structure on a film which includes 33 characters.
- 7) Rigging is done by creating guide modules or using the existing template. When you first create a guide, it will give you some options, like the number of joints to use in a chain. When you click ``Continue`` it will build the guide. You then place and orient the guide. Additional settings are stored on the guide, like space switching, orientation, naming, etc.
- 8) When you build an mGear rig, you can define **PRE** and **POST** scripts which run before and after the main rig builds. If you open the settings of your main guide, you can access this interface. You can run your own files here. But if you click "New" in the interface, it will include some helpful boilerplate code, which will give you access to a special dictionary called `stepDict` from `mgear.maya.shifter.customStep`. This dictionary has information about the rig, so you don't just have to call the names of objects blindly from your scene.
- 9) The basic rigging workflow goes a bit like this:
 - 1) **QUICK OVERVIEW: Build Guide → Place Guide → Build Rig → Test rig → Save Control Icons, skinning, blendshapes, etc. → Delete rig → Tweak the guides → Write POST scripts → Repeat**
 - 2) Open ``mGear → Shifter → Guides UI`` to access the UI for building modules.
 - 3) You use the Guide Templates, or build your own by assembling different modules.
 - 4) If you select a part of the guide and click "Settings" in the mGear UI, a window opens up with settings for that module. For example, you can set `Chain_01` to be FK, IK, or FK/IK blend. You can also set the name, symmetry and more.
 - 5) All of your settings and guide placements are saved in the Guide. The root of the guide also has settings for the entire rig.
 - 6) There is no auto-symmetry (you could build it, in theory). Instead you delete the right side, and then **Duplicate Symmetry** on the left side in order to get symmetrical parts. (Or right to left.) In order for your guides to understand how to duplicate properly, you have to set your guides to be "Left", "Right" or "Center" in the guide settings. Center guides cannot be duplicated symmetrically.
 - 7) As you are building the rig, you can select certain components, or the entire guide and click "Build from Selection". This builds the rig you so you can test it. Do not be afraid to test early and test often.
 - 8) As you test your rig, you delete the rig, tweak the guides and your build scripts, and delete the rig and rebuild.

- 9) When you build, you can add **PRE** and **POST** Python scripts, so you can customize the result to your own pipeline. Watch “Data-Centric Rigging” on mGear Youtube for more details. For example PRE: You could create a symmetry constraint, and then delete it in the PRE step.
- 10) When creating **PRE** and **POST** steps, if you click “new” in the Custom Steps UI, then mGear will automatically populate your new script file with a bit of boilerplate. There are some functions for passing dictionaries of objects between steps. However, you can also just run plain vanilla Python in these files too.
- 11) Try making some PRE and POST scripts early on as you are rigging so you can see how it works. But before you get too far, I recommend designing how you are going to organize the scripts for multiple characters or projects. For example, I have a folder called “common” where I store scripts that will be run on every single character. Then each character will have their own custom scripts stored in a separate folder, if needed. ALL of my scripts will live under one directory where I can track it using git.
- 12) You can set up hotkeys to do some of the frequent mGear actions. mGear → Utilities → Create mGear hotkeys. This adds a bunch of actions in the Hotkey Editor. Then it is up to you to map them. I map “Build From Selection” to F7. And “Settings” to F6. Hitting F6 opens the module settings of the rig component I have selected.
- 13) **Control Icons:** When the rig is built, you can tweak or replace your control icons, and click “Extr. Ctl”. This stands for “Extract Control” and it saves the icons inside the guide. The next time you build the script, it will use your custom icons. To reset to the default, you can simply delete the icons from inside the `guidelcontrollers_org` group. You can also import icons from another character or another file. They are based on name. If names don’t match, they won’t be used.
- 14) Saving your Skinning

When you build your rig, you can skin it, and then save the skinning to external .jSkin or .gSkin file. You can also save all your skinning in a bunch using a .jSkinPack file which basically just collects a list of all your separate .jSkin files. Even after saving a .jSkinPack file, you can still save the weights of an individual piece of geometry to its own .jSkin file. The Pack file will not change, unless you need to add or remove geometry. I recommend using the Ascii .jSkin files, instead of the binary .gSkin files. You can edit the Ascii files in a text editor, which lets you fix problems like mis-named joints. In the past, the binary files were a bit smaller on your hard drive, but since mGear 3.2, all skinning data files are about 90% smaller. **IMPORTANT:** This can be confusing to new users. When you export skinning, it will not automatically add it to your skinPack file. If you export a skinPack file, it will overwrite any existing skinPack file. So if you want to add a single skin to a skinPack file, the best way is to export a single skin file, add then add it manually to the skinPack file using a text editor. If you accidentally lose or overwrite your skinPack file, you might think you lost all your skinning. But the skin files are separate, and the skinPack file is just a text list of all those skin files. So you can often find and fix those kinds of problems. If you change the skinning on your character, and you already have a skinPack file, you just need to export the skin file. NOT the entire skinPack file again. I’ll say it again: The skinPack file is just a text list of skinning data files, used for loading multiple skins all at once.

- 15) Loading your Skinning

During the rig build you can define a POST step to import your .jSkinPack files from a saved location.

```
from mgear.core import skin
skinPath = '/YOUR/PATH/HERE'
skin.importSkinPack(skinpath)
```

16) Saving your Blendshapes

I just keep my blendshapes stored on my character's geometry. When I delete the rig, and rebuild, I run a Post Python script that connects my blendshapes to the controllers I want. This is completely dependent on your own personal rig design. So I don't have specific tips. But in general, [this is how I structure my blendshapes using a hook node](#)

10) Rigging the eyes and face and getting that data back when you rebuild

There is an autorigging utility to build the eyes and lips based on selecting edge loops and points. Then the autorigger computes skinning for you. Here is how that works:

- 1) Build your character from the guide. If you don't already have the biped template's face controls, I recommend making your own simple Control_01 modules for the upper lips, lower lips, and each eye. Configure them to have a joint. These controls will just be there so you can use that joint as a root for the face rig.
- 2) When the rig is built, open the lips rigging utility from the mGear menu.
- 3) From the lips rigging UI, you can just experiment with settings, until you get it right. If you get it wrong, delete your rig, rebuild, and try again. You can leave the lips rigging window open and not lose your configuration.
- 4) When you are happy with the result, you can edit your skinning a bit if needed. **This part is tricky. I personally generate my eyes skinning, and then export it to an ngSkinTools file. Then I generate my lips, and export it as well. Later, after I've skinned the rest of my character, I import these layers on top of all the other skinning.**
- 5) In the guide, turn OFF "Compute Topological Autoskin". Because if you have that checked, it will add the skinning before the lips exist, and mess up your weights.
- 6) Save your lips config to a json file.
- 7) Now that the json file is saved, you can add a POST step to your rig build, and use this code. Please be careful to note which version of the eyes and lips tool you are using. The legacy tools still exist. The new `facial_rigger` module is the one where the lips and eyes are in tabs of the same window. They use different functions, and save a different data format. I highly recommend using the new `facial_rigger` version.

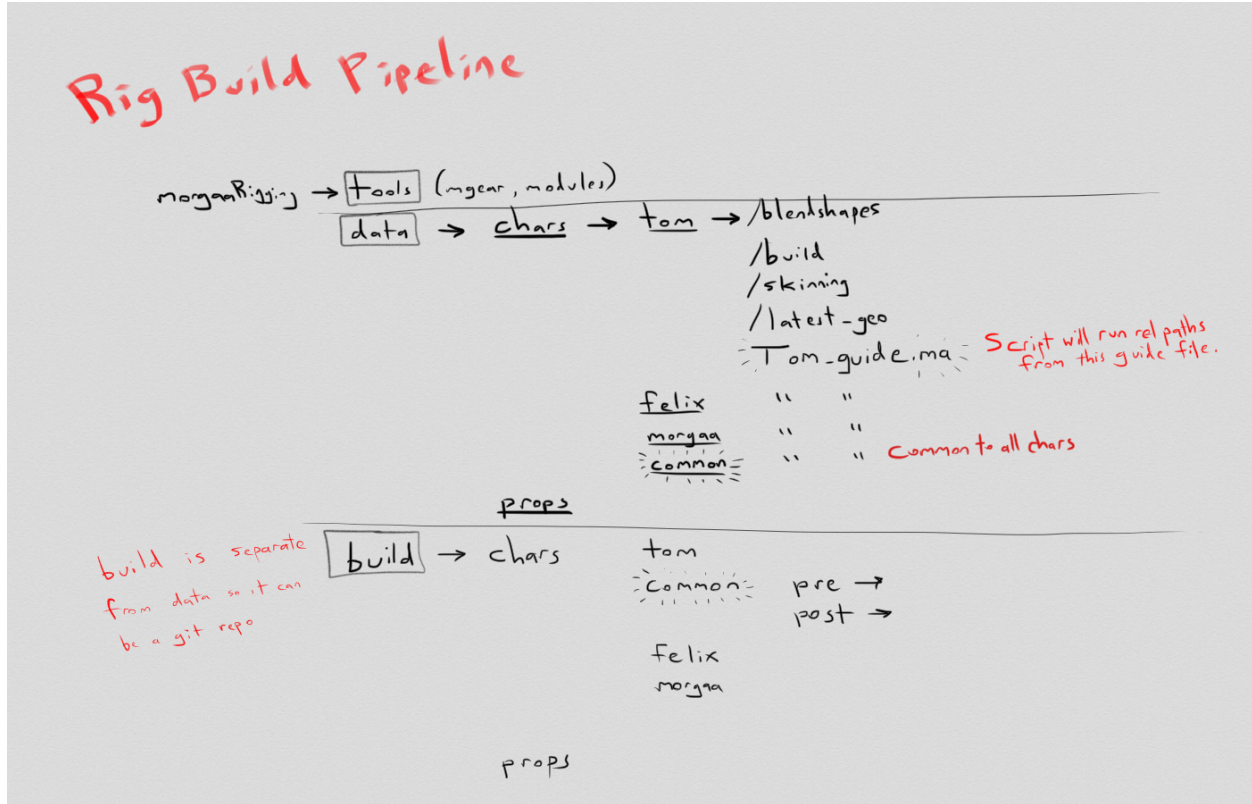
```
from mgear import rigbits
import os
lipsConfigPath = os.path.abspath(os.path.join('YOUR PATH HERE'))
eyesConfigPath = os.path.abspath(os.path.join('YOUR PATH HERE'))

# OLD LEGACY eye_rigger and lips_rigger tool
rigbits.eye_rigger.eyesFromfile(eyesConfigPath)
rigbits.lips_rigger.lipsFromfile(lipsConfigPath)

# NEW "facial_rigger" module
rigbits.facial_rigger.eye_rigger.rig_from_file(eyesConfigPath)
rigbits.facial_rigger.lips_rigger.rig_from_file(lipsConfigPath)
```

- 8) That is going to load your lip rigging. AFTER you load the lip rigging, you want to load your skin weights. Make sure to run the lips rig first, and then import the skinning, otherwise the joints won't exist yet! In this pipeline, you need to think about the order that things happen.

3.2.1 PIPELINE



A sketch for how I'll organize pipeline data. Inside each character will be blendshapes, skinning, the latest_geo, and any other stuff. By putting the data inside a character, it is easier to clone for a new character. There will also be a "common" character folder, where build scripts will live that will run on every character. Shifter build scripts will be kept under a separate "build" directory, and tracked as a separate git repo.

- [] FIRST: Design the pipeline. The rigs will be built from guides. Figure out how to save this as a template asset that can easily be reused and iterated on.
- [] Maybe write this as a Google Doc or a Wiki doc.

The best way to install mGear is by putting it in a directory that can be accessed by your artists, and then pointed to by using the Maya environment variable `MAYA_MODULE_PATH = /your/directory/here/foo`

If you are creating custom modules, you should store them in a separate directory of your choosing, and then point to it in your Maya.env by using `MGEAR_SHIFTER_COMPONENT_PATH = /your/directory/here/foo`

Consider that in your studio, in the long-term, you will like be using mGear on multiple projects, supporting different versions of mGear, or customizing modules that are specific to a project.

Import the face template and place it (script this or improve the hooks?)

Do whatever custom clothes and hair needs rigging

3.3 HELP! How do I fix this???

In this section, I'll try to answer some questions that I got hung up on at first. When you are doing "Data-Centric rigging" like with mGear and Shifter, there is a level of complexity, and there are bound to be things that go wrong.

3.4 Q. I renamed all my controls and my custom icons are gone!

- A. No problem. Custom icons are stored by name. “[NAME]_controlBuffer”. If you look under your guide, there is a group called controllers_org. Your icons are probably still under that group, but named with the old control names. You can simply rename the objects under the controllers_org group to match your new controls. The next time you build it will be fixed. You can also import or manually add shapes into that group.

3.5 Q. I made some gimmick joints and skinned them, but the next time I build, they are lost!

- A. Gimmick joints are not stored in the guide. You have to add them during the POST build stage. You can add them manually when you are first testing and skinning them. But once you are happy with them, add a POST step and use `mgear.rigbits.addBlendedJoint()`. There are 2 videos where Miguel shows how to create Gimmick Joints, but he doesn’t explain how to rebuild them using Python until Data Centric Rigging 014: [Gimmick joints custom step and first rebuild](#)

Make sure to build your Gimmick Joints before importing your skinning, otherwise the joints won’t exist yet!

3.6 Q. Is it possible to rig... X, Y or Z in mGear?

- A. mGear Shifter is an open source rigging framework, and you can run any Python you like during your build process. So YES it is possible, but you will likely have to do some scripting or create your own custom modules. The existing Shifter modules do not cover every possibility you might want. As of January 2019, there are also very limited facial features, so you will have to design and rig a lot of your own face components. mGear is not a magic bullet for every rig you can imagine, but it is open enough that you can easily customize it to suit any needs.

4.1 Animbits

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4.1.1 Introduction

Animbits is a animation commont library with tools and functions for the animators.

4.1.2 Modules

`mgear.animbits`

`mgear.animbits.menu`

`mgear.animbits.softTweaks`

mgear.animbits package

Subpackages

mgear.animbits.cache_manager package

Submodules

mgear.animbits.cache_manager.collapse_widget module

class mgear.animbits.cache_manager.collapse_widget.**QCollapse** (*parent=None*,
title='QCollapse')

Bases: sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject

QCollapse is a collapsible widget with transition

Parameters

- **parent** (*QWidget*) – parent widget for the QCollapseWidget
- **title** (*str*) – Title name for the widget

SPEED = 150

set_layout (*layout*)

Applies the given layout to the scroll area widget

Parameters **layout** (*QLayout*) – layout widget to add into the QCollapse

mgear.animbits.cache_manager.dialog module

mgear.animbits.cache_manager.mayautils module

mgear.animbits.cache_manager.model module

class mgear.animbits.cache_manager.model.**CacheManagerStringListModel** (*items=[]*,
parent=None)

Bases: sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject

Custom list model for the cache manager

Parameters

- **items** (*list*) – string list of rigs inside scene
- **parent** (*QWidget*) – Parent widget

data (*index, role*)

Override QAbstractListModel method

data returns the item name and icon at the given index

rowCount (*parent*)

Override QAbstractListModel method

rowCount returns the number of items in the list model

mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query module

mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.**find_model_group_inside_rig** (*geo_node*,
rig_node)

Finds the given group name inside the hierarchy of a rig

Parameters

- **geo_node** (*str*) – geometry group transform node containing the shapes to cache
- **rig_node** (*str*) – Rig root node containing the geo_node

Returns Full path to the geo_node if found else None

Return type str or None

```
mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_cache_destination_path()
```

Returns the cache destination path

This methods returns a path pointing to where the cache manager will store the GPU caches.

If the **MGEAR_CACHE_MANAGER_CACHE_DESTINATION** environment variable has been set it will return whatever path has been set if valid. If none has been set or fails to use that path this method tries then to return whatever settings has been set on the **cache manager preferences file**.

Finally if no environment variable or preference file is been set then we use the **OS TEMP** folder as destination path.

Returns cache destination path

Return type str

```
mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_model_group(ignore_selection=False)
```

Returns the model group name to cache

This methods returns a string with the name of the transform node to use when caching the geometry/model

If the **MGEAR_CACHE_MANAGER_MODEL_GROUP** environment variable has been set it will return the name stored in it. If none has been set or fails to use that name this method tries then to return whatever settings has been set on the **cache manager preferences file**.

Finally if no environment variable or preference file is been set then we fall back to selection.

This doesn't check if the returner values is a valid value like if the transform node exists. This is because we do not know at this stage if the asset it inside a namespace or something scene specific. As this is generic only checks for that generic part are been made.

Parameters **ignore_selection** (*bool*) – whether it falls back to the selected group

Returns group name if anything or None

Return type str or None

```
mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_preference_file()
```

Returns the preference file path and name

Returns preference file path and name

Return type str

```
mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_preference_file_cache_destination_path()
```

Returns the folder path set on the preference file

Returns The path stored in the preference file or None if invalid

Return type str or None

```
mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_preference_file_model_group()
```

Returns the model group name set on the preference file

Returns

Model group name stored in the preference file or None if invalid

Return type str or None

```
mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_scene_rigs()
```

The rigs from current Maya session

This method search for rigs in your current Maya scene. If the MGEAR_CACHE_MANAGER_RIG_ATTRIBUTE has been set it will try to find rigs based on the attribute set on the environment variable. Otherwise it will use the attribute **gear_version** in order to find rigs in scene.

Returns mGear rig top node or None

Return type list or None

`mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_time_stamp()`

Returns the date and time in a file name friendly way

This is used to create the cache file name a unique name in order to avoid clashing files overwriting other cache files been used on other specific file scenes

Returns time stamp (19-05-12_14-10-55) year-month-day_hour-minutes-seconds

Return type str

`mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.get_timeline_values()`

Returns the min and max keyframe values from the current playback range

In order to give more freedom to the artist we always evaluate the playback range and not the animation range so that artists can choose what range to use when creating the GPU cache

Returns min and max value

Return type float, float

`mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.is_rig(rig_node)`

Returns whether the given rig node is in srig state or caching state

Parameters **rig_node** (*str*) – rig node name

`mgear.animbits.cache_manager.query.read_preference_key(search_key)`

Returns the preference stored on the pref file for the given key

Returns The path stored in the preference file or None if invalid

Return type str or None

Module contents

ANIMATION CACHE MANAGER

mGear's animation cache manager is a tool that allows generating a Alembic GPU cache representation of references rigs inside Autodesk Maya.

module `mgear.animbits.cache_manager.__init__`

Submodules

`mgear.animbits.channel_master` module

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_node` module

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.create_channel_master_node(name)`

Create a new channel master node

Parameters **name** (*str*) – name of the nodes

Returns name of the channel master node

Return type str

```
mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.export_data (node, tab=None, filePath=None)
```

Export the node data

Parameters

- **node** (*str*) – node to export
- **tab** (*str*, *optional*) – if a tab name is set, only that tab will be exported
- **filePath** (*str*, *optional*) – the path to save the configuration file

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

```
mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.get_external_data (node)
```

```
mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.get_node_data (node)
```

Get the configuration data from a node Can get the data from the external data or from local data

Parameters

- **node** (*str*) – nme of the node
- **use_local_data** (*bool*, *optional*) – If true will force to use the node local data

Returns configuration data

Return type dict

```
mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.import_data (filePath=None, node=None,
                                                add_data=False)
```

Import and create channel master configuration nodes

Parameters

- **filePath** (*str*, *optional*) – Path to the channel master config file
- **node** (*None*, *str*) – Node to add the data. If None, will create a new node
- **add_data** (*bool*, *optional*) – If true, will add the data to existing node

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

```
mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.list_channel_master_nodes ()
```

return a list of channel master nodes in the scene

Returns List of channel master nodes

Return type list

```
mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.remove_external_config_path (node)
```

```
mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.set_external_config_path (node,
                                                            filePath=None)
```

Set the path to the external file configuration

Parameters

- **node** (*PyNode*) – Channel Master node
- **filePath** (*str*, *optional*) – Path to the file configuration

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_node.set_node_data (node, data)`

Set the node data attribute

Parameters

- **node** (*str*) – node name
- **data** (*dict*) – configuration dict

mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils module

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.channel_has_animation (attr)`

Check if the current channel has animaton

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – Attribute fullName

Returns Return true if the attribute has animation

Return type bool

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.current_frame_has_key (attr)`

Check if the attribute has keyframe in the current frame

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – Attribute fullName

Returns Return true if the attribute has keyframe in the current frame

Return type bool

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.get_anim_value_at_current_frame (attr)`

Get the animation value in the current framwe from a given attribute

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – Attribute fullName

Returns animation current value

Return type bol, int or float

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.get_attributes_config (node)`

Get the configuration to all the keyable attributes

Parameters **node** (*str*) – name of the node that have the attribute

Returns All keyable attributes configuration

Return type dict

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.get_keyable_attribute (node)`

Get keyable attributes from node

Parameters **node** (*str*) – name of the node that have the attribute

Returns list of keyable attributes

Return type list

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.get_single_attribute_config (node, attr)`

Summary

Parameters

- **node** (*str*) – name of the node that have the attribute
- **attr** (*str*) – attribute name

Returns attribute configuration

Return type dict

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.get_table_config_from_selection()`

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.init_channel_master_config_data()`

Initialize the dictionary to store channel master tabs configuration

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.init_table_config_data()`

Initialize the dictionary to store the channel master table data

Items are the channels or attributes fullname in a list items_data is a dictionary with each channel configuration, the keys is the fullName

Returns configuration dictionary

Return type dict

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.next_keyframe(attr)`

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.previous_keyframe(attr)`

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.remove_animation(attr)`

Remove the animation of an attribute

Parameters `attr` (*str*) – Attribute fullName

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.remove_key(attr)`

Remove the keyframe of an attribute at current frame

Parameters `attr` (*str*) – Attribute fullName

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.reset_attribute(attr_config, namespace=None)`

Reset the value of a given attribute for the attribute configuration

Parameters `attr_config` (*dict*) – Attribute configuration

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.set_key(attr)`

Keyframes the attribute at current frame

Parameters `attr` (*str*) – Attribute fullName

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.sync_graph_editor(attr_configs, namespace=None)`

sync the channels in the graph editor

Parameters `attr_configs` (*list*) – list of attribute configuration

`mgear.animbits.channel_master_utils.value_equal_keyvalue(attr, current_time=False)`

Compare the animation value and the current value of a given attribute

Parameters `attr` (*str*) – the attribute fullName

Returns Return true is current value and animation value are the same

Return type bool

mgear.animbits.channel_master_widgets module

mgear.animbits.menu module

`mgear.animbits.menu.install()`

Install Skinning submenu

mgear.animbits.softTweakWindowUI module

mgear.animbits.softTweaks module

mgear.animbits.space_recorder module

mgear.animbits.version module

Module contents

4.2 Base Modules

<i>mgear</i>
<i>mgear.core</i>
<i>mgear.core.applyop</i>
<i>mgear.core.attribute</i>
<i>mgear.core.curve</i>
<i>mgear.core.dag</i>
<i>mgear.core.fcurve</i>
<i>mgear.core.icon</i>
<i>mgear.core.log</i>
<i>mgear.core.menu</i>
<i>mgear.core.meshNavigation</i>
<i>mgear.core.node</i>
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<i>mgear.core.primitive</i>
<i>mgear.core.pyqt</i>
<i>mgear.core.skin</i>
<i>mgear.core.string</i>
<i>mgear.core.transform</i>
<i>mgear.core.utils</i>
<i>mgear.core.vector</i>
<i>mgear.core.widgets</i>

4.2.1 mgear

mGear init module

Functions

<i>getInfos(level)</i>	Get information from where the method has been fired.
<i>getVersion()</i>	Get mGear version
<i>install()</i>	
<i>log(message[, severity, infos])</i>	Log a message using severity and additional info from the file itself.
<i>logInfos()</i>	Log version of Gear

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<i>reloadModule</i> ([name])	Reload a module and its sub-modules from a given module name.
<i>setDebug</i> (b)	Set the debug mode to given value.
<i>toggleDebug</i> ()	Toggle the debug mode value.

Exceptions

<i>FakeException</i>

4.2.2 mgear package

Subpackages

mgear.anim_picker package

Subpackages

mgear.anim_picker.handlers package

Submodules

mgear.anim_picker.handlers.action_handlers module

mgear.anim_picker.handlers.file_handlers module

mgear.anim_picker.handlers.maya_handlers module

mgear.anim_picker.handlers.mode_handlers module

mgear.anim_picker.handlers.python_handlers module

Module contents

mgear.anim_picker.widgets package

Submodules

mgear.anim_picker.widgets.basic module

mgear.anim_picker.widgets.overlay_widgets module

mgear.anim_picker.widgets.picker_widgets module

Module contents

Submodules

`mgear.anim_picker.gui` module

`mgear.anim_picker.menu` module

`mgear.anim_picker.picker_node` module

`mgear.anim_picker.version` module

Module contents

`mgear.cfxbits` package

Subpackages

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost` package

Submodules

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.guide` module

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.ui` module

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.ui_form` module

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler` module

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.connect_curve_to_xgen_guide` (*crv*,
xgen_description)

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.create_curve_guide_setup` (*xgen_description*)

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.disconnect_curve_from_xgen_guide` (*crv*)

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.filter_curve_guides` (*crvs*, *xgen_description*)

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.get_connected_curve_guides` (*xgen_description*)
return the connected curve guides from descriptions

Parameters `xgen_description` (*TYPE*) – Description

Returns curve guides list or empty list if none

Return type list

`mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.get_curve_to_spline_node` (*xgen_description*)
get the curve to spline node of the guide modifier from xgen description

Parameters `xgen_description` (*PyNode*) – xgen Description

Returns xgen guide curve to spline node

Return type *PyNode*

```
mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.get_description(name)
```

Get description from string name

Parameters `name` (*str*) – name of the description

Returns xgen Description

Return type PyNode

```
mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.get_description_from_selection()
```

```
mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.get_scalp(xgen_description)
```

get the scalp object of the xgen description

Parameters `xgen_description` (*PyNode*) – xgen Description

Returns scalp object

Return type PyNode

```
mgear.cfxbits.xgenboost.xgen_handler.refresh_curve_connections(guide_modifier)
```

Module contents

Submodules

mgear.cfxbits.menu module

```
mgear.cfxbits.menu.install()
```

Install CFXbits submenu

mgear.cfxbits.version module

Module contents

mgear.core package

Submodules

mgear.core.anim_utils module

mgear.core.applyop module

Apply operator module

Operators are any node that connected to other nodes creates a rig behaviour:

I.E: IK solvers **and** constraints are operators

```
mgear.core.applyop.aimCns(obj, master, axis='xy', wupType='objectrotation', wupVector=[0, 1, 0],
                           wupObject=None, maintainOffset=False)
```

Apply a direction constraint

Parameters

- `obj` (*dagNode*) – Constrained object.

- **master** (*dagNode*) – Constraining Object.
- **axis** (*str*) – Define pointing axis and upvector axis (combination of xyz and -x-y-z).
- **wupType** (*str*) – scene, object, objectrotation, vector, or none.
- **wupVector** (*list of 3 float*) – world up vector. Exp: [0.0,1.0,0.0].
- **wupObject** (*pyNode*) – world up object.
- **maintainOffset** (*bool*) – Maintain offset.

Returns Newly created constraint.

Return type *pyNode*

```
mgear.core.applyop.curvecns_op(crv, inputs=[])
```

```
mgear.core.applyop.gear_curvecns_op(crv, inputs=[])  
create mGear curvecns node.
```

Parameters

- **crv** (*nurbsCurve*) – Nurbs curve.
- **inputs** (*List of dagNodes*) – Input object to drive the curve. Should be same number as *crv* points. Also the order should be the same as the points

Returns The curvecns node.

Return type *pyNode*

```
mgear.core.applyop.gear_curveslide2_op(outcrv, incrv, position=0, maxstretch=1,  
                                       maxsquash=1, softness=0)
```

Apply a *sn_curveslide2_op* operator

Parameters

- **outcrv** (*NurbsCurve*) – Out Curve.
- **incrv** (*NurbsCurve*) – In Curve.
- **position** (*float*) – Default position value (from 0 to 1).
- **maxstretch** (*float*) – Default maxstretch value (from 1 to infinite).
- **maxsquash** (*float*) – Default maxsquash value (from 0 to 1).
- **softness** (*float*) – Default softness value (from 0 to 1).

Returns The newly created operator.

Return type *pyNode*

```
mgear.core.applyop.gear_ikfk2bone_op(out=[], root=None, eff=None, upv=None, fk0=None,  
                                     fk1=None, fk2=None, lengthA=5, lengthB=3,  
                                     negate=False, blend=0)
```

Apply a *sn_ikfk2bone_op* operator

Parameters

- **out** (*list of dagNodes*) – The constrained outputs order must be respected (BoneA, BoneB, Center, CenterN, Eff), set it to None if you don't want one of the output.
- **root** (*dagNode*) – Object that will act as the root of the chain.
- **eff** (*dagNode*) – Object that will act as the eff controller of the chain.
- **upv** (*dagNode*) – Object that will act as the up vector of the chain.

- **fk0** (*dagNode*) – Object that will act as the first fk controller of the chain.
- **fk1** (*dagNode*) – Object that will act as the second fk controller of the chain.
- **fk2** (*dagNode*) – Object that will act as the fk effector controller of the chain.
- **lengthA** (*float*) – Length of first bone.
- **lengthB** (*float*) – Length of second bone.
- **negate** (*bool*) – Use with negative Scale.
- **blend** (*float*) – Default blend value (0 for full ik, 1 for full fk).

Returns The newly created operator.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.gear_intmatrix_op(mA, mB, blend=0)`
create mGear interpolate Matrix node.

Parameters

- **mA** (*matrix*) – Input matrix A.
- **mB** (*matrix*) – Input matrix A.
- **blend** (*float or connection*) – Blending value.

Returns Newly created mGear_intMatrix node

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.gear_inverseRotorder_op(out_obj, in_obj)`
Apply a sn_inverseRotorder_op operator

Parameters

- **out_obj** (*dagNode*) – Output object.
- **in_obj** (*dagNode*) – Input object.

Returns The newly created operator.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.gear_matrix_cns(in_obj, out_obj=None, connect_srt='srt', rot_off=[0, 0, 0], rot_mult=[1, 1, 1], scl_mult=[1, 1, 1])`

Create and connect matrix constraint node

Parameters

- **in_obj** (*transform*) – the driver object or matrix
- **out_obj** (*transform, optional*) – the driven object
- **connect_srt** (*str, optional*) – scale rotation translation flag
- **rot_off** (*list, optional*) – rotation offset for XYZ
- **rot_mult** (*list, optional*) – rotation multiplier for XYZ
- **scl_mult** (*list, optional*) – scale multiplier for XYZ

Returns The matrix constraint node

Return type PyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.gear_mulmatrix_op (mA, mB, target=False, transform='srt')`
Create mGear multiply Matrix node.

Note: This node have same functionality as the default Maya matrix multiplication.

Parameters

- **mA** (*matrix*) – input matrix A.
- **mB** (*matrix*) – input matrix B.
- **target** (*dagNode*) – object target to apply the transformation
- **transform** (*str*) – if target is True. out transform to SRT valid value s r t

Returns Newly created mGear_multMatrix node

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.gear_raycast (in_mesh, ray_source, ray_direction, out_obj=None, connect_srt='t')`
Create and connect mraycast node

Parameters

- **in_mesh** (*shape*) – Mesh shape
- **ray_source** (*transform*) – ray source
- **ray_direction** (*transform*) – ray direction
- **out_obj** (*transform, optional*) – Object to apply the raycast contact
- **connect_srt** (*str, optional*) – scale rotation translation flag

Returns The raycast node

Return type PyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.gear_rollsplinekine_op (out, controllers=[], u=0.5, subdiv=10)`
Apply a sn_rollsplinekine_op operator

Parameters

- **out** (*dagNode*) – onstrained Object.
- **controllers** (*list of dagNodes*) – Objects that will act as controler of the bezier curve. Objects must have a parent that will be used as an input for the operator.
- **u** (*float*) – Position of the object on the bezier curve (from 0 to 1).
- **subdiv** (*int*) – spline subdivision precision.

Returns The newly created operator.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.gear_spinePointAtOp (cns, startobj, endobj, blend=0.5, axis='-Z')`
Apply a SpinePointAt operator

Parameters

- **cns** (*Constraint*) – The constraint to apply the operator on (must be a curve, path or direction constraint).
- **startobj** (*dagNode*) – Start Reference.

- **endobj** (*dagNode*) – End Reference.
- **blend** (*float*) – Blend influence value from 0 to 1.
- **axis** (*string*) – Axis direction.

Returns The newly created operator.

Return type pyNode

```
mgear.core.applyop.gear_spinePointAtOpWM(cns, startobj, endobj, blend=0.5, axis='-Z')
```

Apply a SpinePointAt operator using world matrix

Parameters

- **Constraint** (*cns*) – The constraint to apply the operator on (must be a curve, path or direction constraint).
- **startobj** (*dagNode*) – Start Reference.
- **endobj** (*dagNode*) – End Reference.
- **blend** (*float*) – Blend influence value from 0 to 1.
- **axis** (*str*) – Axis direction.

Returns The newly created operator.

Return type pyNode

```
mgear.core.applyop.gear_spring_op(in_obj, goal=False)
```

Apply mGear spring node.

Parameters

- **in_obj** (*dagNode*) – Constrained object.
- **goal** (*dagNode*) – By default is False.

Returns Newly created node

Return type pyNode

```
mgear.core.applyop.gear_squashstretch2_op(out, sclref=None, length=5, axis='x', scaleComp=None)
```

Apply a sn_squashstretch2_op operator

Parameters

- **out** (*dagNode*) – Constrained object.
- **sclref** (*dagNode*) – Global scaling reference object.
- **length** (*float*) – Rest Length of the S&S.
- **axis** (*str*) – 'x' for scale all except x axis...
- **scaleComp** (*list of float*) – extra scale compensation to avoid double scale in some situations.

Returns The newly created operator.

Return type pyNode

```
mgear.core.applyop.oriCns(driver, driven, maintainOffset=False)
```

Apply orientation constraint

Apply orientation constraint changing XYZ default connexions by rotate compound connexions

Note: We have found an evaluation difference in the values if the connexion is compound or by axis

Parameters

- **driver** (*dagNode* or *dagNode list*) – Driver object.
- **driven** (*dagNode*) – Driven object.
- **maintainOffset** (*bool*) – Keep the offset.

Returns Orientation constraintn node.

Return type pyNode

Example

```
import mgear.core.applyop as aop
import pymel.core as pm
sphere = pm.polySphere(n='sphereDriver')
cube = pm.polyCube(n='cubeDriven')
ori_cns = aop.oriCns(sphere[0], cube[0], True)
```

`mgear.core.applyop.pathCns(obj, curve, cnsType=False, u=0, tangent=False)`

Apply a path constraint or curve constraint.

Parameters

- **obj** (*dagNode*) – Constrained object.
- **curve** (*Nurbscurve*) – Constraining Curve.
- **cnsType** (*int*) – 0 for Path Constraint, 1 for Curve Constraint (Parametric).
- **u** (*float*) – Position of the object on the curve (from 0 to 100 for path constraint, from 0 to 1 for Curve cns).
- **tangent** (*bool*) – Keep tangent orientation option.

Returns The newly created constraint.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.applyop.splineIK(name, chn, parent=None, cParent=None, curve=None)`

Apply a splineIK solver to a chain.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the operator node.
- **chn** (*list of joints*) – List of joints. At less 2 joints should be in the list.
- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent for the ikHandle.
- **cParent** (*dagNode*) – Parent for the curve.
- **curve** (*dagNode*) – Specifies the curve to be used by the ikSplineHandle. This param is optional.

Returns ikHandle node and splinecrv in a list

Return type list

Example

```
>>> aop.splineIK(self.getName("rollRef"),
                 self.rollRef,
                 parent=self.root,
                 cParent=self.bone0 )
```

mgear.core.attribute module

Attribute creation functions

class mgear.core.attribute.**FCurveParamDef** (*scriptName*, *keys=None*, *interpolation=0*, *extrapolation=0*)

Bases: *mgear.core.attribute.ParamDef*

Create an Fcurve parameter definition.

Parameters

- **scriptName** (*str*) – Attribute fullName.
- **keys** (*list*) – The keyframes to define the function curve.
- **interpolation** (*int*) – the curve interpolation.
- **extrapolation** (*int*) – the curve extrapolation.

create (*node*)

Add a parameter to property using the parameter definition.

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The node to add the attribute

get_as_dict ()

set_from_dict (*param_dict*)

class mgear.core.attribute.**ParamDef** (*read as Parameter Definition*)

Bases: *object*

Encapsulate the attribute creation arguments in a handy object. Also include a creation method.

Example

This can be use later to create attr or export the description to xml or json file

Arguments: **scriptName** (*str*): Attribute fullName **paramDef** (*dic*): The stored param definition

create (*node*)

Add a parameter to property using the parameter definition.

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The node to add the attribute

get_as_dict ()

set_from_dict (*param_dict*)

class mgear.core.attribute.**ParamDef2** (*scriptName*, *valueType*, *value*, *niceName=None*, *shortName=None*, *minimum=None*, *maximum=None*, *keyable=True*, *readable=True*, *storable=True*, *writable=True*)

Bases: *mgear.core.attribute.ParamDef*

ParamDef2 inherit from ParamDef

Parameters

- **scriptName** (*str*) – Parameter scriptname.
- **valueType** (*str*) – The Attribute Type. Exp: ‘string’, ‘bool’, ‘long’, etc..
- **value** (*float or int*) – Default parameter value.
- **niceName** (*str*) – Parameter niceName.
- **shortName** (*str*) – Parameter shortName.
- **minimum** (*float or int*) – minimum value.
- **maximum** (*float or int*) – maximum value.
- **keyable** (*boo*) – If true is keyable
- **readable** (*boo*) – If true is readable
- **storable** (*boo*) – If true is storable
- **writable** (*boo*) – If true is writable

Returns The stored parameter definition.

Return type *ParamDef*

```
mgear.core.attribute.addAttribute(node, longName, attributeType, value=None, niceName=None, shortName=None, minValue=None, maxValue=None, keyable=True, readable=True, storable=True, writable=True, channelBox=False)
```

Add attribute to a node

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object to add the new attribute.
- **longName** (*str*) – The attribute name.
- **attributeType** (*str*) – The Attribute Type. Exp: ‘string’, ‘bool’, ‘long’, etc..
- **value** (*float or int*) – The default value.
- **niceName** (*str*) – The attribute nice name. (optional)
- **shortName** (*str*) – The attribute short name. (optional)
- **minValue** (*float or int*) – minimum value. (optional)
- **maxValue** (*float or int*) – maximum value. (optional)
- **keyable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is keyable or not. (optional)
- **readable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is readable or not. (optional)
- **storable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is storable or not. (optional)
- **writable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is writable or not. (optional)
- **channelBox** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is in the channelBox or not, when the attribute is not keyable. (optional)

Returns The long name of the new attribute

Return type *str*

`mgear.core.attribute.addColorAttribute` (*node*, *longName*, *value=False*, *keyable=True*, *readable=True*, *storable=True*, *writable=True*, *niceName=None*, *shortName=None*)

Add a color attribute to a node

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object to add the new attribute.
- **longName** (*str*) – The attribute name.
- **value** (*list of float*) – The default value in a list for RGB. exp [1.0, 0.99, 0.13].
- **keyable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is keyable or not. (optional)
- **readable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is readable or not. (optional)
- **storable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is storable or not. (optional)
- **writable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is writable or not. (optional)
- **niceName** (*str*) – The attribute nice name. (optional)
- **shortName** (*str*) – The attribute short name. (optional)

Returns The long name of the new attribute

Return type `str`

`mgear.core.attribute.addEnumAttribute` (*node*, *longName*, *value*, *enum*, *niceName=None*, *shortName=None*, *keyable=True*, *readable=True*, *storable=True*, *writable=True*)

Add an enumerate attribute to a node

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object to add the new attribute.
- **longName** (*str*) – The attribute name.
- **value** (*int*) – The default value.
- **enum** (*list of str*) – The list of elements in the enumerate control
- **niceName** (*str*) – The attribute nice name. (optional)
- **shortName** (*str*) – The attribute short name. (optional)
- **keyable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is keyable or not. (optional)
- **readable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is readable or not. (optional)
- **storable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is storable or not. (optional)
- **writable** (*bool*) – Set if the attribute is writable or not. (optional)

Returns The long name of the new attribute

Return type `str`

`mgear.core.attribute.addFCurve` (*node*, *name='fcurve'*, *keys=[]*)

FCurve attribute

Just a animCurveUU node connected to an attribute

Warning: This Method is deprecated.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object to add the new fcurve attribute
- **name** (*str*) – The attribute name
- **key** (*list*) – list of keyframes and values

Returns Fcurve and attribute name

`mgear.core.attribute.addProxyAttribute` (*sourceAttrs*, *targets*, *duplicatedPolicy=None*)

Add proxy parameter to a list of target dagNode Duplicated channel policy, establish the rule in case the channel already exist on the target.

Duplicate policy options

index	This policy will add an index to avoid clashing channel names
fullName	This policy will add the name of the source object to the channel
merge	This policy will merge the channels

Parameters

- **sourceAttrs** (*attr or list of attr*) – The parameters to be connected as proxy
- **targets** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – The list of dagNode to add the proxy parameter
- **duplicatedPolicy** (*string, optional*) – Set the duplicated channel policy

`mgear.core.attribute.add_mirror_config_channels` (*ctl*, *conf=[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]*)

Add channels to configure the mirror posing

Parameters **ctl** (*dagNode*) – Control Object

`mgear.core.attribute.collect_attrs` (*node*, *attrs*, *attrs_list*, *shapes=False*)

Collect the channel full path in a list.

Checks that the channel is not repeated.

Parameters

- **node** (*PyNode*) – Node that owns the channels
- **attrs** (*str*) – the list to add the channels full path
- **attrs_list** (*list*) – the list of channels names
- **shapes** (*bool, optional*) – If True will search the attr only in shapes

class `mgear.core.attribute.colorParamDef` (*scriptName*, *value=False*)

Bases: `mgear.core.attribute.ParamDef`

Create a Color parameter definition.

Parameters

- **scriptName** (*str*) – Attribute fullName
- **value** (*list of float*) – The default value in a list for RGB. exp [1.0, 0.99, 0.13].

create (*node*)

Add a parameter to property using the parameter definition.

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The node to add the attribute

get_as_dict ()

set_from_dict (*param_dict*)

`mgear.core.attribute.connectSet` (*source, target, testInstance*)

Connect or set attributes

Connects or set attributes depending if is instance of a instance check

Parameters

- **source** (*str or Attr*) – Striname of the attribute or PyNode attribute
- **target** (*str or Attr*) – Striname of the attribute or PyNode attribute
- **testInstance** (*tuple*) – Tuple of types to check

`mgear.core.attribute.connect_add_dynamic_pivot` (*pivots, driven*)

connect dynamic pivot with option to add offset channels on XYZ

Parameters

- **pivot** (*dagNode list*) – pivot translation
- **driven** (*dagNode*) – Driven object
- **offset** (*list*) – Description

`mgear.core.attribute.connect_dynamic_pivot` (*pivot, driven*)

connects translation of pivot dagNode to rotatePivot and scalePivot of the driven transform

Parameters

- **pivot** (*dagNode*) – pivot translation
- **driven** (*dagNode*) – Driven object

class `mgear.core.attribute.enumParamDef` (*scriptName, enum, value=False*)

Bases: `mgear.core.attribute.ParamDef`

Create an enumerator parameter definition.

Parameters

- **scriptName** (*str*) – Attribute fullName
- **enum** (*list of str*) – The list of elements in the enumerate control.
- **value** (*int*) – The default value.

create (*node*)

Add a parameter to property using the parameter definition.

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The node to add the attribute

get_as_dict ()

set_from_dict (*param_dict*)

`mgear.core.attribute.getSelectedChannels` (*userDefine=False*)

Get the selected channels on the channel box

Parameters **userDefine** (*bool, optional*) – If True, will return only the user defined channels. Other channels will be skipped.

Returns The list of selected channels names

Return type list

`mgear.core.attribute.getSelectedObjectChannels` (*oSel=None, userDefine=False, animatable=False*)

Get the selected object channels.

Parameters

- **oSel** (*None, optional*) – The pynode with channels to get
- **userDefine** (*bool, optional*) – If True, will return only the user defined channels. Other channels will be skipped.
- **animatable** (*bool, optional*) – If True, only animatable parameters will be return

Returns The list of the selected object channels names

Return type list

`mgear.core.attribute.getChannelBox` ()

Get the channel box

Returns channel box path

Return type str

`mgear.core.attribute.getDefaultValue` (*node, attribute*)

Get the default attribute value

Parameters

- **node** (*str, PyNode*) – The object with the attribute
- **attribute** (*str*) – The attribute to get the value

Returns The attribute value

Return type variant

`mgear.core.attribute.getNextAvailableIndex` (*attr*)

get the next available index from a multi attr This function is a workaround because the connect attr flag next available is not working.

The connectAttr to the children attribute is giving error

i.e: `pm.connectAttr(ctt.attr("parent"), tpTagNode.attr("children"), na=True)`

if using the next available option flag I was expecting to use `ctt.setParent(tagParent)` but doesn't work as expected. After reading the documentation this method looks pretty useless. Looks like is boolean and works based on selection :(

Parameters **attr** (*attr*) – Attr multi

Returns index

Return type int

`mgear.core.attribute.getSelectedChannelsFullPath` ()

Get the selected channels full path from channel box This function will collect channels from any area of the channel box. This include, Main, shape, input and output

Returns list of channels full path

Return type list

`mgear.core.attribute.lockAttribute` (*node, attributes=['tx', 'ty', 'tz', 'rx', 'ry', 'rz', 'sx', 'sy', 'sz', 'v']*)

Lock attributes of a node.

By default will lock the rotation, scale and translation.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The node with the attributes to lock.
- **attributes** (*list of str*) – The list of the attributes to lock.

Example

```
>>> att.lockAttribute(self.root_ctl, ["sx", "sy", "sz", "v"])
```

`mgear.core.attribute.moveChannel` (*attr, sourceNode, targetNode, duplicatedPolicy=None*)

Move channels keeping the output connections. Duplicated channel policy, establish the rule in case the channel already exist on the target.

NOTE: For the moment move channel only supports type double and enum

Duplicate policy options

index	This policy will add an index to avoid clashing channel names
fullName	This policy will add the name of the source object to the channel
merge	This policy will merge the channels

Parameters

- **attr** (*str*) – Name of the channel to move
- **sourceNode** (*PyNoe or str*) – The source node with the channel
- **targetNode** (*PyNoe or str*) – The target node for the channel
- **duplicatedPolicy** (*None, str*) – Set the duplicated channel policy

`mgear.core.attribute.reset_SRT` (*objects=None, attributes=['tx', 'ty', 'tz', 'rx', 'ry', 'rz', 'sx', 'sy', 'sz', 'v']*)

Reset Scale Rotation and translation attributes to default value

Parameters

- **objects** (*None, optional*) – The objects to reset the channels
- **attribute** (*list*) – The attribute to reset

`mgear.core.attribute.reset_selected_channels_value` (*objects=None, attributes=None*)

Reset the the selected channels if not attribute is provided

Parameters

- **objects** (*None, optional*) – The objects to reset the channels
- **attribute** (*list, optional*) – The attribute to reset

`mgear.core.attribute.setInvertMirror` (*node, invList=None*)

Set invert mirror pose values

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The object to set invert mirror Values

`mgear.core.attribute.setKeyableAttributes` (*nodes, params=['tx', 'ty', 'tz', 'ro', 'rx', 'ry', 'rz', 'sx', 'sy', 'sz']*)

Set keyable attributes of a node.

By default will set keyable the rotation, scale and translation.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The node with the attributes to set keyable.
- **attributes** (*list of str*) – The list of the attributes to set keyable. Attrs not in the list will be locked if None, ["tx", "ty", "tz", "rorder", "rx", "ry", "rz", "sx", "sy", "sz"] is used

```
mgear.core.attribute.setNotKeyableAttributes (nodes, attributes=['tx', 'ty', 'tz', 'ro', 'rx',  
                                                             'ry', 'rz', 'sx', 'sy', 'sz', 'v'])
```

Set not keyable attributes of a node.

By default will set not keyable the rotation, scale and translation.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The node with the attributes to set keyable.
- **attributes** (*list of str*) – The list of the attributes to set not keyable

```
mgear.core.attribute.setRotOrder (node, s='XYZ')
```

Set the rotorder of the object.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object to set the rot order on.
- **s** (*str*) – Value of the rotorder. Possible values : ("XYZ", "XZY", "YXZ", "YZX", "ZXY", "ZYX")

```
mgear.core.attribute.set_default_value (node, attribute)
```

Set the default value to the attribute

Parameters

- **node** (*str, PyNode*) – The object with the attribute to reset
- **attribute** (*str*) – The attribute to reset

```
mgear.core.attribute.smart_reset (*args)
```

Reset the SRT or the selected channels

Checks first if we have channels selected. If not, will try to reset SRT

Parameters **args* – Dummy

```
mgear.core.attribute.toggle_bool_attr (attr)
```

```
mgear.core.attribute.unlockAttribute (node, attributes=['tx', 'ty', 'tz', 'rx', 'ry', 'rz', 'sx', 'sy',  
                                                         'sz', 'v'])
```

Unlock attributes of a node.

By default will unlock the rotation, scale and translation.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The node with the attributes to unlock.
- **attributes** (*list of str*) – The list of the attributes to unlock.

Example

```
>>> att.unlockAttribute(self.root_ctl, ["sx", "sy", "sz", "v"])
```

mgear.core.callbackManager module

API for creating, deleting, debugging callbacks

```
# examples ----- # module cb.selectionChangedCB("testingSessssslection",
cb.testFunc) cb.RECORDED_CALLBACKS cb.removeAllSessionCB()

# manager A e = cb.CallbackManager() e.namespace e.debug = False e.selectionChangedCB("synopticUI1",
cb.testFunc) e.newSceneCB("synopticNewScene", cb.testFunc) e.removeManagedCB("synopticUI1")
e.removeManagedCB("synopticNewScene")

e.attributeChangedCB("attrChanged", cb.testFunc, "pSphere1", ["tx"]) e.removeManagedCB("attrChanged")

e.MANAGER_CALLBACKS e.removeAllManagedCB()

# manager b r = cb.CallbackManager() r.selectionChangedCB("synopticUI1", cb.testFunc)
r.MANAGER_CALLBACKS r.removeAllManagedCB()

__author__ = "Rafael Villar" __email__ = "rav@ravrigs.com"
```

```
class mgear.core.callbackManager.AttributeChangedManager (m_node, attributes, func)
    Bases: object
```

mini class that will be called upon when attrChanged callback is run this will check the plugs passed in to see if it is an attr of desired name

attributes

[tx, ty] of SHORT NAMED attrs to monitor

Type list

func

to call when criteria met

Type function

m_node

mobject

Type om.MOBJECT

attributeChanged (*id, plug1, plug2, payload*)

actual function that will be called when attrChanged callback is created

Parameters

- **id** (*int*) – 2056 is the desired, attr changed id
- **plug1** (*om.MPlug*) – MPlug attr to query

Returns n/a

Return type n/a

```
class mgear.core.callbackManager.CallbackManager
    Bases: object
```

Convenience to manage callbacks

debug

should callbacks created by manager produce print outs

Type bool

MANAGER_CALLBACKS

record of all created callbacks

Type dict

namespace

namespace to put callbacks under

Type str

addNamespace (*callback_name*)

used in the decorator, add namespace to any name provided

Parameters **callback_name** (*str*) – name of callback

Returns provided name with namespace

Return type str

attributeChangedCB (*callback_name, func, node, attributes*)

checkDebug (*debugInfo, *args*)

safely check if manager is in debug mode

Parameters

- **debugInfo** (*list*) – callback name, function being called with args
- ***args** – args to pass to the function associated with callback

newSceneCB (*callback_name, func*)

registerManagerCB ()

decorator, adds debug and namespace to every callback created

Parameters **func** (*function*) – function to wrap

Returns wrapped function

Return type function

removeAllManagedCB ()

remove all the callbacks created by this manager

removeManagedCB (*callback_name*)

remove specific callback under this manager

Parameters **callback_name** (*str*) – name

selectionChangedCB (*callback_name, func*)

setNamespace (*namespace*)

set the namespace to put callbacks under

Parameters **namespace** (*str*) – desired namespace

timeChangedCB (*callback_name, func*)

userTimeChangedCB (*callback_name, func*)

wrapWithDebug (*debugInfo, func*)

so every function that is associated with a callback is swapped out for this one, so it will check for debugging

Parameters

- **debugInfo** (*list*) – callback name, maya callback id, functions to call
- **func** (*function*) – to wrap with this debug checker

Returns partial function that will check for debug

Return type function

class `mgear.core.callbackManager.UserTimeChangedManager` (*func*)

Bases: object

mini class that will be called upon when timeChanged callback is run this will check to see if playback is active, if so BREAK

attributes

[tx, ty] of SHORT NAMED attrs to monitor

Type list

func

to call when criteria met

Type function

m_node

mobject

Type om.MOBJECT

userTimeChanged (*args)

Check if playback is active, if so return without calling func

`mgear.core.callbackManager.attributeChangedCB` (*callback_name, func, node, attributes*)

call the provided function any of the provided attributes are changed

Parameters

- **callback_name** (*str*) – name of the callback
- **func** (*function*) – to be called upon
- **node** (*str*) – name of node to montior for attr changes
- **attributes** (*list*) – of SHORTNAMED attributes to monitor

Returns maya id to created callback

Return type long

`mgear.core.callbackManager.checkAndRecordCB` (*callback_name, callback_id, call-back_info={}*)

will remove any callbacks of the same name prior to creating a new one

Parameters

- **callback_name** (*str*) – desired name of the callback, readable
- **callback_id** (*long*) – api method of identifying callbacks

`mgear.core.callbackManager.getMObject` (*node*)

get the mobject of any name provided, so it can have cb's assined to it

Parameters **node** (*str*) – of node

Returns MOBJECT

Return type om.MObject

`mgear.core.callbackManager.newSceneCB` (*callback_name, func*)

When a new scene is opened, call the provided function

Parameters

- **callback_name** (*str*) – name you want to assign cb

- **func** (*function*) – will be called upon

Returns maya id to created callback

Return type long

`mgear.core.callbackManager.registerSessionCB (func)`

decorator to ensure that every callback created is recorded

Parameters **func** (*function*) – function that will create the callback

Returns function

Return type function

`mgear.core.callbackManager.removeAllCBFromNode (node)`

remove all callbacks from the provided node

Parameters **node** (*str*) – name of node to remove callbacks from

`mgear.core.callbackManager.removeAllSessionCB ()`

Remove all the callbacks created in this session, provided they are in the RECORDED_CALLBACKS dict

`mgear.core.callbackManager.removeCB (callback_identifier, callback_info={})`

Remove callback from scene and RECORDED_CALLBACKS(or provided dict)

Parameters

- **callback_identifier** (*str*) – name of callback
- **callback_info** (*dict*, *optional*) – dict to remove callback from

`mgear.core.callbackManager.removeCBviaMayaID (mayaID, callback_info={})`

This if have the maya pointer only, this will remove it from the recorded_callbacks as well

Parameters

- **mayaID** (*long*) – maya point to a callback
- **callback_info** (*dict*, *optional*) – remove it from desired cb recorder

`mgear.core.callbackManager.removeNamespaceCB (namespace)`

Remove all callbacks under the provided namespace

Parameters **namespace** (*str*) – uuid or other type of namespace

`mgear.core.callbackManager.sampleCallback (callback_name, func)`

argument order is important. Callback_name and func must always be first must always return the mayaID to the callback :param callback_name: name you want to assign cb :type callback_name: str :param func: will be called upon :type func: function

Returns maya id to created callback

Return type long

`mgear.core.callbackManager.selectionChangedCB (callback_name, func)`

When the selection is changed call the provided function

Parameters

- **callback_name** (*str*) – name you want to assign cb
- **func** (*function*) – will be called upon

Returns maya id to created callback

Return type long

`mgear.core.callbackManager.testFunc(*args)`
test function used for debugging/dev

Parameters **args* – things that will printed

`mgear.core.callbackManager.timeChangedCB(callback_name, func)`
ANYTIME the time is changed, call the provided function

Parameters

- **callback_name** (*str*) – name you want to assign cb
- **func** (*function*) – will be called upon

Returns maya id to created callback

Return type long

`mgear.core.callbackManager.userTimeChangedCB(callback_name, func)`
Callback triggers during user timeChange, skips PLAYBACK

Parameters

- **callback_name** (*str*) – name you want to assign cb
- **func** (*function*) – will be called upon

Returns maya id to created callback

Return type long

mgear.core.curve module

NurbsCurve creation functions

`mgear.core.curve.addCnsCurve(parent, name, centers, degree=1)`
Create a curve attached to given centers. One point per center

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent object.
- **name** (*str*) – Name
- **centers** (*list of dagNode*) – Object that will drive the curve.
- **degree** (*int*) – 1 for linear curve, 3 for Cubic.

Returns The newly created curve.

Return type dagNode

`mgear.core.curve.addCurve(parent, name, points, close=False, degree=3,
m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>)`
Create a NurbsCurve with a single subcurve.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent object.
- **name** (*str*) – Name
- **positions** (*list of float*) – points of the curve in a one dimension array [point0X, point0Y, point0Z, 1, point1X, point1Y, point1Z, 1, ...].
- **close** (*bool*) – True to close the curve.

- **degree** (*bool*) – 1 for linear curve, 3 for Cubic.
- **m** (*matrix*) – Global transform.

Returns The newly created curve.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.curve.average_curve` (*crv*, *shapes*, *average*=2, *avg_shape*=False, *avg_scl*=False, *avg_rot*=False)

Average the shape, rotation and scale of the curve between n number of curves

Parameters

- **crv** (*dagNode*) – curve to average shape
- **shapes** (*[dagNode]*) – input curves to average the shapes
- **average** (*int*, *optional*) – Number of curves to use on the average
- **avg_shape** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True will interpolate curve shape
- **avg_scl** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True will interpolate curve scale
- **avg_rot** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True will interpolate curve rotation

`mgear.core.curve.collect_curve_data` (*objs*, *rplStr*=["", ""])

Generate a dictionary describing the curve data

Support multiple objects

Parameters

- **objs** (*dagNode*) – Curve object to store
- **collect_trans** (*bool*, *optional*) – if false will skip the transformation matrix
- **rplStr** (*list*, *optional*) – String to replace in names. This allow to change the curve names before store it. [old Name to replace, new name to set]

Returns Curves data

Return type `dict`

`mgear.core.curve.collect_curve_shapes` (*crv*, *rplStr*=["", ""])

Collect curve shapes data

Parameters

- **crv** (*dagNode*) – Curve object to collect the curve shapes data
- **rplStr** (*list*, *optional*) – String to replace in names. This allow to change the curve names before store it. [old Name to replace, new name to set]

Returns Curve shapes dictionary and curve shapes names

Return type `dict`, `list`

`mgear.core.curve.collect_selected_curve_data` (*objs*=None, *rplStr*=["", ""])

Generate a dictionary describing the curve data from selected objs

Parameters **objs** (*None*, *optional*) – Optionally a list of object can be provided

`mgear.core.curve.createCurveFromCurve` (*srcCrv*, *name*, *nbPoints*, *parent*=None)

Create a curve from a curve

Parameters

- **srcCrv** (*curve*) – The source curve.

- **name** (*str*) – The new curve name.
- **nbPoints** (*int*) – Number of control points for the new curve.
- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent of the new curve.

Returns The newly created curve.

Return type *dagNode*

`mgear.core.curve.createCurveFromOrderedEdges` (*edgeLoop*, *startVertex*, *name*, *parent=None*,
degree=3)

Create a curve for a edgeloop ordering the list from starting vertex

Parameters

- **edgeLoop** (*list*) – List of edges
- **startVertex** (*vertex*) – Starting vertex
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the new curve.
- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent of the new curve.
- **degree** (*int*) – Degree of the new curve.

Returns The newly created curve.

Return type *dagNode*

`mgear.core.curve.createCuveFromEdges` (*edgeList*, *name*, *parent=None*, *degree=3*, *sortin-*
gAxis='x')

Create curve from a edge list.

Parameters

- **edgeList** (*list*) – List of edges.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the new curve.
- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent of the new curve.
- **degree** (*int*) – Degree of the new curve.
- **sortingAxis** (*str*) – Sorting axis x, y or z

Returns The newly created curve.

Return type *dagNode*

`mgear.core.curve.create_curve_from_data` (*data*, *replaceShape=False*, *rebuildHierar-*
chy=False, *rplStr=" "*, *model=None*)

Build the curves from a given curve data dict

Hierarchy rebuild after all curves are build to avoid lost parents

Parameters

- **data** (*dict*) – serialized curve data
- **replaceShape** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, will replace the shape on existing ob-
jects
- **rebuildHierarchy** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, will regenerate the hierarchy

`mgear.core.curve.create_curve_from_data_by_name` (*crv*, *data*, *replaceShape=False*, *re-*
buildHierarchy=False, *rplStr=" "*, *model=None*)

Build one curve from a given curve data dict

Parameters

- **crv** (*str*) – name of the crv to create
- **data** (*dict*) – serialized curve data
- **replaceShape** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, will replace the shape on existing objects
- **rebuildHierarchy** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, will regenerate the hierarchy
- **rplStr** (*list*, *optional*) – String to replace in names. This allow to change the curve names before store it. [old Name to replace, new name to set]
- **model** (*dagNode*, *optional*) – Model top node to help find the correct parent, if several objects with the same name

```
mgear.core.curve.crv_parenting (data, crv, rplStr=["", ""], model=None)
```

Parent the new created curves

Parameters

- **data** (*dict*) – serialized curve data
- **crv** (*str*) – name of the curve to parent
- **rplStr** (*list*, *optional*) – String to replace in names. This allow to change the curve names before store it. [old Name to replace, new name to set]
- **model** (*dagNode*, *optional*) – Model top node to help find the correct parent, if several objects with the same name

```
mgear.core.curve.curl_curve (crvs, amount=0.3, frequency=10)
```

```
mgear.core.curve.export_curve (filePath=None, objs=None, rplStr=["", ""])
```

Export the curve data to a json file

Parameters

- **filePath** (*None*, *optional*) – Description
- **objs** (*None*, *optional*) – Description

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

```
mgear.core.curve.findLenghtFromParam (crv, param)
```

Find lenght from a curve parameter

Parameters

- **param** (*float*) – The parameter to get the legth
- **crv** (*curve*) – The source curve.

Returns Curve uLength

Return type float

Example

```
oParam, oLength = cur.getCurveParamAtPosition(upRope, cv)
uLength = cur.findLenghtFromParam(upRope, oParam)
u = uLength / oLength
```

`mgear.core.curve.getCurveParamAtPosition (crv, position)`

Get curve parameter from a position

Parameters

- **position** (*list of float*) – Represents the position in worldSpace exp: [1.4, 3.55, 42.6]
- **crv** (*curve*) – The source curve to get the parameter.

Returns parameter and curve length

Return type list

`mgear.core.curve.get_color (node)`

Get the color from shape node

Parameters **node** (*TYPE*) – shape

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

`mgear.core.curve.import_curve (filePath=None, replaceShape=False, rebuildHierarchy=False, rplStr=["", "])`

`mgear.core.curve.keep_lock_length_state (func)`

`mgear.core.curve.keep_point_0_cnx_state (func)`

`mgear.core.curve.lock_first_point (crv)`

`mgear.core.curve.lock_length (crv, lock=True)`

`mgear.core.curve.rebuild_curve (crvs, spans)`

`mgear.core.curve.set_color (node, color)`

Set the color in the Icons.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.

`mgear.core.curve.set_thickness (crv, thickness=-1)`

`mgear.core.curve.smooth_curve (crvs, smooth_factor=1)`

`mgear.core.curve.straighten_curve (crvs, straightness=0.1, keep_lenght=1)`

`mgear.core.curve.update_curve_from_data (data, rplStr=["", "])`

update the curves from a given curve data dict

Parameters **data** (*dict*) – serialized curve data

`mgear.core.curve.update_curve_from_file (filePath=None, rplStr=["", "])`

mgear.core.dag module

Navigate the DAG hierarchy

`mgear.core.dag.findChild (node, name)`

Returns the first child of input node, with a matching name.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search
- **name** (*str*) – The name to search

Returns The first child

Return type *dagNode*

```
>>> parent = dag.findChild(self.model,
                           mgear.string.convertRLName(
                               comp_guide.root.name()))
```

`mgear.core.dag.findChildren` (*node, name*)

Returns all the children of input node, with a matching name.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search
- **name** (*str*) – The name to search

Returns The children *dagNodes*

Return type *dagNode* list

`mgear.core.dag.findChildrenPartial` (*node, name*)

Returns the children of input node, with a partial matching name.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search
- **name** (*str*) – The name to search

Returns The children *dagNodes*

Return type *dagNode* list

`mgear.core.dag.findComponentChildren` (*node, name, sideIndex*)

Returns the component children of input component root.

Note: This method is specific to work with shifter guides naming conventions

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search
- **name** (*str*) – The name to search
- **sideIndex** (*str*) – the side

Returns The children *dagNodes*

Return type *dagNode* list

```
>>> objList = dag.findComponentChildren(self.parent,
                                         oldName,
                                         oldSideIndex)
```

`mgear.core.dag.findComponentChildren2` (*node, name, sideIndex*)

Returns the component children of input component root.

This function is using Maya cmds instead of PyMel

Note: This method is specific to work with shifter guides naming conventions

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search
- **name** (*str*) – The name to search
- **sideIndex** (*str*) – the side

Returns The children dagNodes

Return type dagNode list

```
>>> objList = dag.findComponentChildren(self.parent,
                                         oldName,
                                         oldSideIndex)
```

`mgear.core.dag.findComponentChildren3 (node, name, sideIndex)`

Returns the component children of input component root.

This function is using Maya cmds instead of PyMel

Note: This method is specific to work with shifter guides naming conventions

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search
- **name** (*str*) – The name to search
- **sideIndex** (*str*) – the side

Returns The children dagNodes

Return type dagNode list

```
>>> objList = dag.findComponentChildren(self.parent,
                                         oldName,
                                         oldSideIndex)
```

`mgear.core.dag.getShapes (node)`

Returns the shape of the dagNode

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search the shape

Returns The shapes of the node

Return type list

`mgear.core.dag.getTopParent (node)`

Returns the first parent of the hierarchy.

usually the 'Model' in Softimage terminology

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The input node to search.

Returns The top parent of the input node

Return type dagNode

mgear.core.dagmenu module

mgear.core.dragdrop module

mgear.core.fcurve module

`mgear.core.fcurve.getFCurveValues` (*fcv_node*, *division*, *factor=1*)

Get X values evenly spaced on the FCurve.

Parameters

- **fcv_node** (*pyNode* or *str*) – The FCurve to evaluate.
- **division** (*int*) – The number of division you want to evaluate on the FCurve.
- **factor** (*float*) – Multiplication factor. Default = 1. (optional)

Returns The values in a list float.

Return type list of float

```
>>> self.st_value = fcu.getFCurveValues(self.settings["st_profile"],
                                         self.divisions)
```

mgear.core.icon module

Predefined nurbsCurve shapes to be use as a rigging control Icons

`mgear.core.icon.arrow` (*parent=None*, *name='arrow'*, *width=1*, *color=[0, 0, 0]*,
m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, *pos_offset=None*,
rot_offset=None)

Create a curve with a ARROW shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int* or *list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

`mgear.core.icon.axis` (*parent=None*, *name='axis'*, *width=1*, *color=[0, 0, 0]*,
m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, *pos_offset=None*,
rot_offset=None)

Create a curve with a AXIS shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.circle (parent=None, name='circle', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0],
                        m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None,
                        rot_offset=None, degree=3)
```

Create a curve with a CIRCLE shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.compas (parent=None, name='compas', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0],
                        m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None,
                        rot_offset=None, degree=3)
```

Create a curve with a COMPAS shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

`mgear.core.icon.connection_display_curve` (*name*, *centers*=[], *degree*=1)

Visual reference curves connecting points.

Display curve object is a simple curve to show the connection between different guide element..

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Local name of the element.
- **centers** (*list of dagNode*) – List of object to define the curve.
- **degree** (*int*) – Curve degree. Default 1 = lineal.

Returns The newly created curve.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.icon.create` (*parent*=None, *name*='icon', *m*=<*sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject*
object>, *color*=[0, 0, 0], *icon*='cube', ***kwargs*)

Icon master function

Create icon master function. This function centralize all the icons creation

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the new icon
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the Icon.
- **m** (*matrix*) – Transformation matrix of the icon
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **icon** (*str*) – Icon type. Options: “cube”, “pyramid”, “square”, “flower”, “circle”, “cylinder”, “compas”, “diamond”, “cubewithpeak”, “sphere”, “arrow”, “crossarrow”, “cross”, “null”
- **kwargs** – The keyword arguments can vary depending of the icon type. Please refer to the specific icon method for more info.

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.icon.cross` (*parent*=None, *name*='cross', *width*=1, *color*=[0, 0, 0],
m=<*sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject* *object*>, *pos_offset*=None,
rot_offset=None)

Create a curve with a CROSS shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.crossarrow (parent=None, name='crossArrow', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0],
                             m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>,
                             pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a CROSS ARROW shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.cube (parent=None, name='cube', width=1, height=1, depth=1, color=[0, 0, 0],
                      m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None,
                      rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a CUBE shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **height** (*float*) – Height of the shape.
- **depth** (*float*) – Depth of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.cubewithpeak (parent=None, name='cubewithpeak', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0],
                               m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>,
                               pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a CUBE WITH PEAK shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.

- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.cylinder(parent=None, name='cylinder', width=1, height=1, color=[0, 0, 0], m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None, degree=3)
```

Create a curve with a CYLINDER shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **height** (*float*) – Height of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.diamond(parent=None, name='diamond', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0], m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a DIAMOND shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **height** (*float*) – Height of the shape.
- **depth** (*float*) – Depth of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.flower (parent=None, name='flower', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0],
                        m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None,
                        rot_offset=None, degree=3)
```

Create a curve with a FLOWER shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.getPointArrayWithOffset (point_pos, pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Get Point array with offset

Convert a list of vector to a List of float and add the position and rotation offset.

Parameters

- **point_pos** (*list of vector*) – Point positions.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The rotation offset of the curve from its center. In radians.

Returns the new point positions

Return type list of vector

```
mgear.core.icon.guideBladeIcon (parent=None, name='blade', lenX=1.0, color=[0, 0, 0],
                                m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>,
                                pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a BLADE GUIDE shape.

Note: This icon is specially design for **Shifter** blade guides

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **lenX** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.

- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.guideLocatorIcon (parent=None, name='locator', width=0.5, color=[0, 0, 0], m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a LOCATOR GUIDE shape.

Note: This icon is specially design for **Shifter** locator guides

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.guideRootIcon (parent=None, name='root', width=0.5, color=[0, 0, 0], m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a ROOT GUIDE shape.

Note: This icon is specially design for **Shifter** root guides

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.guideRootIcon2D (parent=None, name='root', width=0.5, color=[0, 0, 0],
                                   m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>,
                                   pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a 2D ROOT GUIDE shape.

Note: This icon is specially design for **Shifter** root guides

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.null (parent=None, name='null', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0],
                      m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None,
                      rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a NULL shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

```
mgear.core.icon.pyramid (parent=None, name='pyramid', width=1, height=1, depth=1,
                          color=[0, 0, 0], m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>,
                          pos_offset=None, rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a PYRAMIDE shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **height** (*float*) – Height of the shape.
- **depth** (*float*) – Depth of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type *dagNode*

```
mgear.core.icon.setcolor (node, color)
```

Set the color in the Icons.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.

```
mgear.core.icon.sphere (parent=None, name='sphere', width=1, color=[0, 0, 0],  
                        m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None,  
                        rot_offset=None, degree=3)
```

Create a curve with a SPHERE shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.
- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type *dagNode*

```
mgear.core.icon.square (parent=None, name='square', width=1, depth=1, color=[0, 0, 0],  
                       m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, pos_offset=None,  
                       rot_offset=None)
```

Create a curve with a SQUARE shape.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent object of the newly created curve.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the curve.

- **width** (*float*) – Width of the shape.
- **depth** (*float*) – Depth of the shape.
- **color** (*int or list of float*) – The color in index base or RGB.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The global transformation of the curve.
- **pos_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz position offset of the curve from its center.
- **rot_offset** (*vector*) – The xyz rotation offset of the curve from its center. xyz in radians

Returns The newly created icon.

Return type dagNode

mgear.core.log module

Logging Maya data

`mgear.core.log.matrix4 (m, msg='matrix4')`
Print matrix 4x4 data.

Parameters

- **m** (*matrix*) – 4x4 Matrix
- **msg** (*str*) – Message in front of the data print.

mgear.core.menu module

mgear.core.meshNavigation module

Functions to help navigate the mesh topology

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.bBoxData (obj=None, yZero=False, *args)`
Get bounding box data of a mesh object

Parameters

- **obj** (*dagNode*) – Mesh object
- **yZero** (*bool*) – If True, sets the Y axis value to 0 in world space
- **args** –

Returns center, radio, bounding box full data

Return type list

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.bboxCenter (obj, radius=False)`
Get bounding box center of mesh object

Parameters

- **obj** (*dagNode*) – mesh object
- **radius** (*bool*) – If True return a list the center + the radius

Returns the bounding box center in world space

Return type list of float

```
>>> center = mnnav.bboxCenter(source, radius=False)
```

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.edgeLoopBetweenVertices` (*startPos*, *endPos*)

Computes edge loop between two vertices.

Parameters

- **startPos** (*vertex*) – Start of edge loop
- **endPos** (*vertex*) – End of edge loop

Returns Edge loop, if one exists. Otherwise None.

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.edgeRangeInLoopFromMid` (*edgeList*, *midPos*, *endA*, *endB*)

Return a range of edges in the same loop from a mid position

Parameters

- **edgeList** (*list*) – selection edge loop
- **midPos** (*vertex*) – mid vertex
- **endA** (*vertex*) – endA vertex
- **endB** (*vertex*) – endB vertex

Returns loop range

Return type list

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.find_mirror_edge` (*obj*, *edgeIndx*)

Return the mirror edge of an edge

Parameters

- **obj** (*PyNode* or *str*) – Mesh object to get the mirror edge
- **edge** (*int*) – Index of the edge to find the mirror

Returns Mirror edge as a pynode

Return type PyNode

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.getClosestPolygonFromTransform` (*geo*, *loc*)

Get closest polygon from transform

Parameters

- **geo** (*dagNode*) – Mesh object
- **loc** (*matrix*) – location transform

Returns Closest Polygon

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.getClosestVertexFromTransform` (*geo*, *loc*)

Get closest vertex from transform

Parameters

- **geo** (*dagNode* or *str*) – Mesh object
- **loc** (*matrix*) – location transform

Returns Closest Vertex

```
>>> v = mn.getClosestVertexFromTransform(geometry, joint)
```

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.getConcentricVertexLoop(loop, nbLoops)`

Get concentric vertex loops

Parameters

- **loop** (*list*) – Vertex loop list
- **nbLoops** (*int*) – Number of loops to search

Returns the loop list

Return type list

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.getExtremeVertexFromLoop(edgeList=None, sideRange=False, z_up=False)`

Get extreme vertex X and Y

min and max positions from edge loop

Parameters

- **edgeList** (*list*) – Edge list
- **sideRange** (*bool*) – If True will calculate the extreme position of Z instead of X

Returns upPos, lowPos, inPos, outPos, edgeList, vertexList

Return type list

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.getVertexRowsFromLoops(loopList)`

Get vertex rows from edge loops

Parameters **loopList** (*list*) – Edge loop list

Returns vertex rows

Return type list

`mgear.core.meshNavigation.get_closes_edge_index(sourceGeo, targetGeo, edgeIndx)`

Get the closes edge index from 2 diferent object.

In some situation even with same topology and vertez index order. The edge index may change.

Parameters

- **sourceGeo** (*str*) – Name of the source object
- **targetGeo** (*str*) – Name of the target object
- **edgeIndx** (*int*) – Edge Index

Returns Description

Return type PyNode

mgear.core.node module

Functions to create and connect nodes.

`mgear.core.node.add_controller_tag(ctl, tagParent=None)`

Add a controller tag

Parameters

- **ctl** (*dagNode*) – Controller to add the tar
- **tagParent** (*dagNode*) – tag parent for the connection

`mgear.core.node.controller_tag_connect (ctt, tagParent)`

Summary

Parameters

- **ctt** (*TYPE*) – Teh control tag
- **tagParent** (*TYPE*) – The object with the parent control tag

`mgear.core.node.createAddNode (inputA, inputB)`

Create and connect a addition node.

Parameters

- **inputA** (*attr or float*) – The attribute input A
- **inputB** (*attr or float*) – The attribute input B

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

```
>>> add_node = nod.createAddNode(self.roundness_attr, .001)
```

`mgear.core.node.createAddNodeMulti (inputs=[])`

Create and connect multiple add nodes

Parameters **inputs** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes to add

Returns The output attributes list.

Return type list

```
>>> angle_outputs = nod.createAddNodeMulti(self.angles_attr)
```

`mgear.core.node.createBlendNode (inputA, inputB, blender=0.5)`

Create and connect a createBlendNode node.

Parameters

- **inputA** (*attr or list of 3 attr*) – The attribute input A
- **inputB** (*attr or list of 3 attr*) – The attribute input B
- **blender** (*float or attr*) – Float in 0 to 1 range or attribute string name.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

```
>>> blend_node = nod.createBlendNode(  
    [dm_node+".outputRotate%s"%s for s in "XYZ"],  
    [cns+".rotate%s"%s for s in "XYZ"],  
    self.lock_ori_attr)
```

`mgear.core.node.createClampNode (input, in_min, in_max)`

Create and connect a clamp node

Parameters

- **input** (*attr, float or list*) – The input value to clamp
- **in_min** (*float*) – The minimum value to clamp
- **in_max** (*float*) – The maximum value to clamp

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

```
>>> clamp_node = nod.createClampNode(
    [self.roll_att, self.bank_att, self.bank_att],
    [0, -180, 0],
    [180, 0, 180])
```

`mgear.core.node.createClampNodeMulti` (*name*, *inputs*=[], *in_min*=[], *in_max*=[])

Create and connect multiple clamp nodes

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name for the new node.
- **inputs** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes
- **in_min** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes
- **in_max** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes

Returns The output attributes list.

Return type list

`mgear.core.node.createConditionNode` (*firstTerm*=False, *secondTerm*=False, *operator*=0, *ifTrue*=False, *ifFalse*=False)

Create and connect a condition node.

operator	index
==	0
!=	1
>	2
>=	3
<	4
<=	5

Parameters

- **firstTerm** (*attr*) – The attribute string name for the first conditions.
- **secondTerm** (*attr*) – The attribute string for the second conditions.
- **operator** (*int*) – The operator to make the condition.
- **ifTrue** (*bool or attr*) – If an attribute is provided will connect ifTrue output.
- **ifFalse** (*bool or attr*) – If an attribute is provided will connect ifFalse output.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

```
>>> cond1_node = nod.createConditionNode(self.soft_attr,
                                         0,
                                         2,
                                         subtract3_node+".output1D",
                                         plusTotalLength_node+".output1D")
```

`mgear.core.node.createCurveInfoNode` (*crv*)

Create and connect a curveInfo node.

Parameters `crv` (*dagNode*) – The curve.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type `pyNode`

```
>>> crv_node = nod.createCurveInfoNode(self.slv_crv)
```

`mgear.core.node.createDecomposeMatrixNode` (*m*)

Create and connect a decomposeMatrix node.

Parameters `m` (*str* or *attr*) – The matrix attribute name.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type `pyNode`

```
>>> dm_node = nod.createDecomposeMatrixNode(mulmat_node+".output")
```

`mgear.core.node.createDistNode` (*objA*, *objB*, *output=None*)

Create and connect a distance node.

Parameters

- `objA` (*dagNode*) – The dagNode A.
- `objB` (*dagNode*) – The dagNode B.
- `output` (*attr*) – Output attribute.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type `pyNode`

```
>>> distA_node = nod.createDistNode(self.tws0_loc, self.tws1_loc)
```

`mgear.core.node.createDivNode` (*inputA*, *inputB*, *output=None*)

Create and connect a Divide node.

Parameters

- `inputA` (*attr*, *float* or *list of float*) – The attribute input A
- `inputB` (*attr*, *float* or *list of float*) – The attribute input B
- `output` (*attr* or *list of attr*) – The attribute to connect the output.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type `pyNode`

Example

```
# Classic Maya style creation and connection = 4 lines
div1_node = pm.createNode("multiplyDivide")
div1_node.setAttr("operation", 2)
div1_node.setAttr("input1X", 1)
pm.connectAttr(self.rig.global_ctl+".sx",
               div1_node+".input2X")

# mGear style = 1 line
div1_node = nod.createDivNode(1.0,
                              self.rig.global_ctl+".sx")
```

`mgear.core.node.createDivNodeMulti (name, inputs1=[], inputs2=[])`

Create and connect multiple divide nodes

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name for the new node.
- **inputs1** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes
- **inputs2** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes

Returns The output attributes list.

Return type list

`mgear.core.node.createMulDivNode (inputA, inputB, operation=1, output=None)`

Create and connect a Multiply or Divide node.

Parameters

- **inputA** (*attr, float or list of float*) – The attribute input A
- **inputB** (*attr, float or list of float*) – The attribute input B
- **output** (*attr or list of attr*) – The attribute to connect the output.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.node.createMulNode (inputA, inputB, output=None)`

Create and connect a Multiply node.

Parameters

- **inputA** (*attr, float or list of float*) – The attribute input A
- **inputB** (*attr, float or list of float*) – The attribute input B
- **output** (*attr or list of attr*) – The attribute to connect the output.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.node.createMulNodeMulti (name, inputs=[])`

Create and connect multiple multiply nodes

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name for the new node.
- **inputs** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes to multiply

Returns The output attributes list.

Return type list

`mgear.core.node.createMultMatrixNode (mA, mB, target=False, transform='srt')`

Create Maya multiply Matrix node.

Note: This node have same functionality as the default Maya matrix multiplication.

Parameters

- **mA** (*matrix*) – input matrix A.

- **mB** (*matrix*) – input matrix B.
- **target** (*dagNode*) – object target to apply the transformation
- **transform** (*str*) – if target is True. out transform to SRT valid value s r t

Returns Newly created mGear_multMatrix node

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.node.createNegateNodeMulti` (*name*, *inputs=[]*)
Create and connect multiple negate nodes

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name for the new node.
- **inputs** (*list of attr*) – The list of attributes to negate

Returns The output attributes list.

Return type list

`mgear.core.node.createPairBlend` (*inputA=None*, *inputB=None*, *blender=0.5*, *rotInterpolation=0*,
output=None, *trans=True*, *rot=True*)
Create and connect a PairBlend node.

Parameters

- **inputA** (*dagNode*) – The transform input 1
- **inputB** (*dagNode*) – The transform input 2
- **blender** (*float or attr*) – Float in 0 to 1 range or attribute string name.
- **rotInterpolation** (*int*) – Rotation interpolation option. 0=Euler. 1=Quaternion.
- **output** (*dagNode*) – The output node with the blend transform applied.
- **trans** (*bool*) – If true connects translation.
- **rot** (*bool*) – If true connects rotation.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

Example

```
blend_node = nod.createPairBlend(self.legBonesFK[i],
                                self.legBonesIK[i],
                                self.blend_att,
                                1)
pm.connectAttr(blend_node + ".outRotate", x+".rotate")
pm.connectAttr(blend_node + ".outTranslate", x+".translate")
```

`mgear.core.node.createPlusMinusAverage1D` (*input*, *operation=1*, *output=None*)

Create a multiple average node 1D. :param input: The input values. :type input: attr, float or list :param operation: Node operation. 0=None, 1=sum, 2=subtract,

3=average

Parameters **output** (*attr*) – The attribute to connect the result.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.node.createPowNode (inputA, inputB, output=None)`

Create and connect a power node.

Parameters

- **inputA** (*attr, float or list of float*) – The attribute input A
- **inputB** (*attr, float or list of float*) – The attribute input B
- **output** (*attr or list of attr*) – The attribute to connect the output.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.node.createReverseNode (input, output=None)`

Create and connect a reverse node.

Parameters

- **input** (*attr or list of 3 attr*) – The attribute input.
- **output** (*attr or list of 3 attr*) – The attribute to connect the output.

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

```
>>> fkvis_node = nod.createReverseNode(self.blend_attr)
```

`mgear.core.node.createSetRangeNode (input, oldMin, oldMax, newMin=0, newMax=1, output=None, name='setRange')`

Create Set Range Node

`mgear.core.node.createSubNode (inputA, inputB)`

Create and connect a subtraction node.

Parameters

- **inputA** (*attr or float*) – The attribute input A
- **inputB** (*attr or float*) – The attribute input B

Returns the newly created node.

Return type pyNode

```
>>> sub_nod = nod.createSubNode(self.roll_attr, angle_outputs[i-1])
```

`mgear.core.node.createVertexPositionNode (inShape, vId=0, output=None, name='mgear_vertexPosition')`

Creates a mgear_vertexPosition node

mgear.core.pickWalk module

Custom Pick walk

`mgear.core.pickWalk.cleanOrphaneControllerTags (tag)`

Security check, delete tags without controlObject plug

Parameters **tag** (*controllers tag list*) – The tags to check

Returns The valid tags with controller object plugged

Return type list

`mgear.core.pickWalk.controllerWalkDown (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Walk down in the hierarchy using the controller tag

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – Node with controller tag
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If true add to selection

`mgear.core.pickWalk.controllerWalkLeft (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Pick walks the next sibling to the left using controller tag

Parameters

- **node** (*TYPE*) – Description
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If true add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

`mgear.core.pickWalk.controllerWalkRight (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Pick walks the next sibling to the right using controller tag

Parameters

- **node** (*TYPE*) – Description
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If true add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

`mgear.core.pickWalk.controllerWalkUp (node, add=False)`

Walk up in the hierarchy using the controller tag

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – Node with controller tag
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If true add to selection

`mgear.core.pickWalk.getMirror (node)`

Get the mirrored node using `_L` and `_R` replacement

Parameters **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNodes*) – The dagNode to look for a mirror

Returns

The dagNode counterpart on the other side `_L` or `_R`

Return type dagNode or list of dagNodes

`mgear.core.pickWalk.getWalkTag (node)`

Get Controller tag

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – Controller object with tag

Returns Controller tag

Return type tag

`mgear.core.pickWalk.get_all_tag_children (node)`

Gets all child tag controls from the given tag node

Parameters **node** (*str*) – Name of controller object with tag

Returns List of child controls (Maya transform nodes)

Return type list

`mgear.core.pickWalk.reorderControllerChildrenTags (tag)`

Clean the order on the children connection.

This is important for the Left and right pick walk. Becasue is using the index of the connection.

Parameters `tag` (*controller tag*) – The tag to clean the children order

`mgear.core.pickWalk.transformWalkDown (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Walks to the child transform dagNode on the hierarchy

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – dagNode to walk
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – if True, will add to the selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – if True will select all the childrens

`mgear.core.pickWalk.transformWalkLeft (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Pick walks to the left the next sibling transform on the hierarchy

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – dagNode transform to navigate the hierarchy
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If true add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

`mgear.core.pickWalk.transformWalkRight (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Pick walks to the right the next sibling transform on the hierarchy

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – dagNode transform to navigate the hierarchy
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If true add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

`mgear.core.pickWalk.transformWalkUp (node, add=False)`

Walks to the parent transform dagNode on the hierarchy

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – dagNode to walk
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – if True, will add to the selection

`mgear.core.pickWalk.walkDown (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Walk Down

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – the starting object for the pickwalk
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If True add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

`mgear.core.pickWalk.walkLeft (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Walk left

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – the starting object for the pickwalk
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If True add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

`mgear.core.pickWalk.walkMirror (node, add=False)`

Select the mirror dagNode

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – The dagNode to look for a mirror
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If true add to selection

`mgear.core.pickWalk.walkRight (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Walk right

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – the starting object for the pickwalk
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If True add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

`mgear.core.pickWalk.walkUp (node, add=False, multi=False)`

Walk up

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode or list of dagNode*) – the starting object for the pickwalk
- **add** (*bool, optional*) – If True add to selection
- **multi** (*bool, optional*) – If true, selects all the siblings

mgear.core.primitive module

Functions to create primitives (Non geometry)

`mgear.core.primitive.add2DChain (parent, name, positions, normal, negate=False, vis=True)`

Create a 2D joint chain. Like Softimage 2D chain.

Warning: This function will create un expected results if all the positions are not in the same 2D plane.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the chain.
- **name** (*str*) – The node name.
- **positions** (*list of vectors*) – the positons to define the chain.
- **normal** (*vector*) – The normal vector to define the direction of the chain.
- **negate** (*bool*) – If True will negate the direction of the chain

Returns; list of dagNodes: The list containg all the joints of the chain

```
>>> self.rollRef = pri.add2DChain(
    self.root,
    self.getName("rollChain"),
    self.guide.apos[:2],
    self.normal,
    self.negate)
```

`mgear.core.primitive.add2DChain2` (*parent, name, positions, normal, negate=False, vis=True*)

Experimental 2D Chain creation function.

Create a 2D joint chain. Like Softimage 2D chain.

Warning: This function is WIP and not ready for production.

Warning: This function will create unexpected results if all the positions are not in the same 2D plane.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the chain.
- **name** (*str*) – The node name.
- **positions** (*list of vectors*) – the positions to define the chain.
- **normal** (*vector*) – The normal vector to define the direction of the chain.
- **negate** (*bool*) – If True will negate the direction of the chain

Returns; list of dagNodes: The list containing all the joints of the chain

```
>>> self.chain3bones = pri.add2DChain2(
    self.setup,
    self.getName("chain3bones%s_jnt"),
    self.guide.apos[0:4],
    self.normal,
    False)
```

`mgear.core.primitive.addIkHandle` (*parent, name, chn, solver='ikRPsolver', poleV=None*)

Creates and connect an IKhandle to a joints chain.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the IKhandle.
- **name** (*str*) – The node name.
- **chn** (*list*) – List of joints.
- **solver** (*str*) – the solver to be use for the ikHandle. Default value is “ikRPsolver”
- **poleV** (*dagNode*) – Pole vector for the IKHandle

Returns The IKHandle

Return type dagNode

```
>>> self.ikHandleUpvRef = pri.addIkHandle(
    self.root,
    self.getName("ikHandleLegChainUpvRef"),
    self.legChainUpvRef,
    "ikSCsolver")
```

`mgear.core.primitive.addJoint` (*parent*, *name*, *m*=<*sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object*>, *vis*=*True*)

Create a joint dagNode.

Note: I'm not using the `joint()` comand because this is parenting the newly created joint to current selection which might not be desired

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the node.
- **name** (*str*) – The node name.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The matrix for the node transformation (optional).
- **vis** (*bool*) – Set the visibility of the new joint.

Returns The newly created node.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.primitive.addJointFromPos` (*parent*, *name*, *pos*=<*sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object*>)

Create a joint dagNode.

Note: I'm not using the `joint()` comand because this is parenting the newly created joint to current selection which might not be desired

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the node.
- **name** (*str*) – The node name.
- **pos** (*vector*) – The vector for the node position (optional).
- **vis** (*bool*) – Set the visibility of the new joint.

Returns The newly created node.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.primitive.addLocator` (*parent*, *name*, *m*=<*sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object*>, *size*=*1*)

Create a space locator dagNode.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the node.
- **name** (*str*) – The Node name.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The matrix for the node transformation (optional).

- **size** (*float*) – The space locator shape size (optional).

Returns The newly created node.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.primitive.addLocatorFromPos` (*parent, name, pos=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>, size=1*)

Create a space locator `dagNode`.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the node.
- **name** (*str*) – The Node name.
- **pos** (*vector*) – The vector for the node position (optional).
- **size** (*float*) – The space locator shape size (optional).

Returns The newly created node.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.primitive.addTransform` (*parent, name, m=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>*)

Create a transform `dagNode`.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the node.
- **name** (*str*) – The Node name.
- **m** (*matrix*) – The matrix for the node transformation (optional).

Returns The newly created node.

Return type `dagNode`

`mgear.core.primitive.addTransformFromPos` (*parent, name, pos=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>*)

Create a transform `dagNode`.

Parameters

- **parent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the node.
- **name** (*str*) – The Node name.
- **pos** (*vector*) – The vector for the node position (optional).

Returns The newly created node.

Return type `dagNode`

mgear.core.pyFBX module

`mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXClose` (**args, **kwargs*)

`mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExport` (**args, **kwargs*)

`mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportAnimationOnly` (**args, **kwargs*)

`mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportApplyConstantKeyReducer` (**args, **kwargs*)

`mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportAudio` (**args, **kwargs*)

```
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportAxisConversionMethod (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportBakeComplexAnimation (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportBakeComplexEnd (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportBakeComplexStart (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportBakeComplexStep (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportBakeResampleAnimation (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportCacheFile (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportCameras (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportColladaFrameRate (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportColladaSingleMatrix (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportColladaTriangulate (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportConstraints (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportConvert2Tif (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportConvertUnitString (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportDeleteOriginalTakeOnSplitAnimation (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportEmbeddedTextures (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportFileVersion (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportFinestSubdivLevel (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportGenerateLog (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportHardEdges (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportInAscii (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportIncludeChildren (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportInputConnections (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportInstances (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportLights (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportQuaternion (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportQuickSelectSetAsCache (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportReferencedAssetsContent (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportReferencedContainersContent (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportScaleFactor (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportShapeAttributeValues (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportShapeAttributes (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportShapes (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportShowUI (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportSkeletonDefinitions (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportSkins (*args, **kwargs)
```



```
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportSmoothMesh (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportSmoothingGroups (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportSplitAnimationIntoTakes (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportTangents (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportTriangulate (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportUpAxis (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportUseSceneName (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXExportUseTmpFilePeripheral (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXGetTakeComment (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXGetTakeCount (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXGetTakeIndex (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXGetTakeLocalTimeSpan (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXGetTakeName (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXGetTakeReferenceTimeSpan (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImport (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportAudio (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportAutoAxisEnable (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportAxisConversionEnable (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportCacheFile (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportCameras (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportConstraints (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportConvertDeformingNullsToJoint (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportConvertUnitString (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportFillTimeline (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportForcedFileAxis (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportGenerateLog (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportHardEdges (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportLights (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportMergeAnimationLayers (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportMergeBackNullPivots (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportMode (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportOCMerge (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportProtectDrivenKeys (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportQuaternion (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportResamplingRateSource (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportScaleFactor (*args, **kwargs)
```

```
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportSetLockedAttribute (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportSetMayaFrameRate (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportSetTake (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportShapes (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportShowUI (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportSkeletonDefinitionsAs (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportSkins (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportUnlockNormals (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXImportUpAxis (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXLoadExportPresetFile (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXLoadImportPresetFile (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXLoadMBExportPresetFile (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXLoadMBImportPresetFile (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXPopSettings (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXProperties (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXProperty (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXPushSettings (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXRead (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXResamplingRate (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXResetExport (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXResetImport (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXUICallback (*args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.pyFBX.FBXUIShowOptions (*args, **kwargs)
class mgear.core.pyFBX.FBX_Class (filename)
    Bases: object
    FBX Scene Object

    close ()
        You need to run this to close the FBX scene safely

    get_class_nodes (class_id)
        Get nodes in the scene with the given classid

        geometry_nodes = fbx_file.get_class_nodes( fbx.FbxGeometry.ClassId )

    get_node_by_name (name)
        Get the fbx node by name

    get_property (node, property_string)
        Gets a property from an Fbx node

        export_property = fbx_file.get_property(node, 'no_export')
```

get_property_value (*node, property_string*)
 Gets the property value from an Fbx node
`property_value = fbx_file.get_property_value(node, 'no_export')`

get_scene_nodes ()
 Get all nodes in the fbx scene

get_type_nodes (*type*)
 Get nodes from the scene with the given type
`display_layer_nodes = fbx_file.get_type_nodes(u'DisplayLayer')`

remove_namespace ()
 Remove all namespaces from all nodes
 This is not an ideal method but

remove_node_property (*node, property_string*)
 Remove a property from an Fbx node
`remove_property = fbx_file.remove_property(node, 'UDP3DSMAX')`

remove_nodes_by_names (*names*)
 Remove nodes from the fbx file from a list of names
`names = ['object1','shape2','joint3'] remove_nodes = fbx_file.remove_nodes_by_names(names)`

save (*filename=None*)
 Save the current fbx scene as the incoming filename .fbx

`mgear.core.pyFBX.get_fbx_versions` ()
 Get available FBX version list

Returns String names of the available fbx versions

Return type list

mgear.core.pyflow_widgets module

mgear.core.pyqt module

mgear.core.six module

Utilities for writing code that runs on Python 2 and 3

```
class mgear.core.six.Module_six_moves_urllib
    Bases: module

    Create a six.moves.urllib namespace that resembles the Python 3 namespace

    error = <module 'mgear.core.six.moves.urllib.error'>
    parse = <module 'mgear.core.six.moves.urllib_parse'>
    request = <module 'mgear.core.six.moves.urllib.request'>
    response = <module 'mgear.core.six.moves.urllib.response'>
    robotparser = <module 'mgear.core.six.moves.urllib.robotparser'>
```

```
class mgear.core.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_error (name)
    Bases: mgear.core.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_error

    ContentTooShortError
    HTTPError
    URLError

class mgear.core.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_parse (name)
    Bases: mgear.core.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_parse

    ParseResult
    SplitResult
    parse_qs
    parse_qsl
    quote
    quote_plus
    splitquery
    splittag
    splituser
    splitvalue
    unquote
    unquote_plus
    unquote_to_bytes
    urldefrag
    urlencode
    urljoin
    urlparse
    urlsplit
    urlunparse
    urlunsplit
    uses_fragment
    uses_netloc
    uses_params
    uses_query
    uses_relative

class mgear.core.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_request (name)
    Bases: mgear.core.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_request
```

AbstractBasicAuthHandler
AbstractDigestAuthHandler
BaseHandler
CacheFTPHandler
FTPHandler
FancyURLopener
FileHandler
HTTPBasicAuthHandler
HTTPCookieProcessor
HTTPDefaultErrorHandler
HTTPDigestAuthHandler
HTTPErrorProcessor
HTTPHandler
HTTPPasswordMgr
HTTPPasswordMgrWithDefaultRealm
HTTPRedirectHandler
HTTPSHandler
OpenerDirector
ProxyBasicAuthHandler
ProxyDigestAuthHandler
ProxyHandler
Request
URLopener
UnknownHandler
build_opener
getproxies
install_opener
parse_http_list
parse_keqv_list
pathname2url
proxy_bypass
url2pathname
urlcleanup
urlopen
urlretrieve

```
class mgear.core.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_response (name)
    Bases: mgear.core.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_response

    addbase
    addclosehook
    addinfo
    addinfurl

class mgear.core.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_robotparser (name)
    Bases: mgear.core.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_robotparser

    RobotFileParser

class mgear.core.six.MovedAttribute (name, old_mod, new_mod, old_attr=None,
                                   new_attr=None)
    Bases: mgear.core.six._LazyDescr

class mgear.core.six.MovedModule (name, old, new=None)
    Bases: mgear.core.six._LazyDescr

mgear.core.six.add_metaclass (metaclass)
    Class decorator for creating a class with a metaclass.

mgear.core.six.add_move (move)
    Add an item to six.moves.

mgear.core.six.assertCountEqual (self, *args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.six.assertNotRegex (self, *args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.six.assertRaisesRegex (self, *args, **kwargs)
mgear.core.six.assertRegex (self, *args, **kwargs)

mgear.core.six.b (s)
    Byte literal

mgear.core.six.create_unbound_method (func, cls)

mgear.core.six.ensure_binary (s, encoding='utf-8', errors='strict')
    Coerce s to six.binary_type.

For Python 2:

    • unicode -> encoded to str

    • str -> str

For Python 3:

    • str -> encoded to bytes

    • bytes -> bytes

mgear.core.six.ensure_str (s, encoding='utf-8', errors='strict')
    Coerce s to str.

For Python 2:

    • unicode -> encoded to str

    • str -> str
```

For Python 3:

- *str* -> *str*
- *bytes* -> decoded to *str*

`mgear.core.six.ensure_text(s, encoding='utf-8', errors='strict')`
Coerce *s* to `six.text_type`.

For Python 2:

- *unicode* -> *unicode*
- *str* -> *unicode*

For Python 3:

- *str* -> *str*
- *bytes* -> decoded to *str*

`mgear.core.six.get_unbound_function(unbound)`
Get the function out of a possibly unbound function

`mgear.core.six.int2byte()`
`S.pack(v1, v2, ...)` -> bytes

Return a bytes object containing values *v1*, *v2*, ... packed according to the format string `S.format`. See `help(struct)` for more on format strings.

`mgear.core.six.iteritems(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the (key, value) pairs of a dictionary.

`mgear.core.six.iterkeys(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the keys of a dictionary.

`mgear.core.six.iterlists(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the (key, [values]) pairs of a dictionary.

`mgear.core.six.itervalues(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the values of a dictionary.

`mgear.core.six.python_2_unicode_compatible(klass)`
A class decorator that defines `__unicode__` and `__str__` methods under Python 2. Under Python 3 it does nothing.

To support Python 2 and 3 with a single code base, define a `__str__` method returning text and apply this decorator to the class.

`mgear.core.six.raise_from(value, from_value)`

`mgear.core.six.remove_move(name)`
Remove item from `six.moves`.

`mgear.core.six.reraise(tp, value, tb=None)`
Reraise an exception.

`mgear.core.six.u(s)`
Text literal

`mgear.core.six.with_metaclass(meta, *bases)`
Create a base class with a metaclass.

mgear.core.skin module

Functions to work with skinCluster data.

This module is derivated from Chad Vernon's Skin IO.

• Chad Vernon's github

`<https://github.com/chadmv/cmt/tree/master/scripts/cmt/deform>'_`

`mgear.core.skin.collectBlendWeights (skinCls, dagPath, components, dataDic)`

`mgear.core.skin.collectData (skinCls, dataDic)`

`mgear.core.skin.collectInfluenceWeights (skinCls, dagPath, components, dataDic)`

`mgear.core.skin.exportJsonSkinPack (packPath=None, objs=None, *args)`

`mgear.core.skin.exportSkin (filePath=None, objs=None, *args)`

`mgear.core.skin.exportSkinPack (packPath=None, objs=None, use_json=False, *args)`

`mgear.core.skin.getCurrentWeights (skinCls, dagPath, components)`

Get the skincluster weights

Parameters

- **skinCls** (*PyNode*) – The skincluster node
- **dagPath** (*MDagPath*) – The skincluster dagpath
- **components** (*MObject*) – The skincluster components

Returns The skincluster weights

Return type MDoubleArray

`mgear.core.skin.getGeometryComponents (skinCls)`

Get the geometry components from skincluster

Parameters **skinCls** (*PyNode*) – The skincluster node

Returns The dagpath for the components componets: The skincluster componets

Return type dagPath

`mgear.core.skin.getObjsFromSkinFile (filePath=None, *args)`

`mgear.core.skin.getSkinCluster (obj)`

Get the skincluster of a given object

Parameters **obj** (*dagNode*) – The object to get skincluster

Returns The skin cluster pynode object

Return type pyNode

`mgear.core.skin.get_mesh_components_from_tag_expression (skinCls, tag='')`

Get the mesh components from the component tag expression

Thanks to Roy Nieterau a.k.a BigRoyNL from colorBleed for the snippet

Parameters

- **skinCls** (*PyNode*) – Skin cluster node
- **tag** (*str*, *optional*) – Component tag expression

Returns The dagpath tho the shpe and the MObject components

Return type dagPath, MObject

```
mgear.core.skin.importSkin (filePath=None, *args)
mgear.core.skin.importSkinPack (filePath=None, *args)
mgear.core.skin.selectDeformers (*args)
mgear.core.skin.setBlendWeights (skinCls, dagPath, components, dataDic, compressed)
mgear.core.skin.setData (skinCls, dataDic, compressed)
mgear.core.skin.setInfluenceWeights (skinCls, dagPath, components, dataDic, compressed)
mgear.core.skin.skinCopy (sourceMesh=None, targetMesh=None, *args)
```

mgear.core.string module

string management methods

```
mgear.core.string.convertRLName (name)
```

Convert a string with underscore

i.e: “_L”, “_L0_”, “L_”, “_L” to “R”. And vice and versa.

Parameters **name** (*string*) – string to convert

Returns Tuple of Integer

```
mgear.core.string.normalize (string)
```

Replace all invalid characters with “_”

Parameters **string** (*string*) – A string to normalize.

Return string Normalized string

```
mgear.core.string.normalize2 (string)
```

Replace all invalid characters with “_”. including “-” This ensure that the name is compatible with Maya naming rules

Parameters **string** (*string*) – A string to normalize.

Return string Normalized string

```
mgear.core.string.normalize_path (string)
```

Ensure that string path use always forward slash

Parameters **string** (*TYPE*) – Description

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

```
mgear.core.string.normalize_with_padding (string)
```

Replace all invalid characters with “_”. including “-” This ensure that the name is compatible with Maya naming rules

Also list of # symbol with properly padded index.

ie. count_### > count_001

Parameters **string** (*string*) – A string to normalize.

Return string Normalized string

`mgear.core.string.removeInvalidCharacter(string)`

Remove all invalid character.

Parameters `string(string)` – A string to normalize.

Return string Normalized string.

`mgear.core.string.removeInvalidCharacter2(string)`

Remove all invalid character. Included “_” and “.” as valid character.

Parameters `string(string)` – A string to normalize.

Return string Normalized string.

`mgear.core.string.replaceSharpWithPadding(string, index)`

Replace a list of # symbol with properly padded index.

ie. `count_### > count_001`

Parameters

- **string(string)** – A string to set. Should include ‘#’
- **index(integer)** – Index to replace.

Return string Normalized string.

mgear.core.transform module

Functions to work with matrix and transformations

`mgear.core.transform.convert2TransformMatrix(tm)`

Convert a transformation Matrix

Convert a transformation Matrix or a matrix to a transformation matrix in world space.

Parameters `tm(matrix)` – The input matrix.

Returns The transformation matrix in worldSpace

Return type matrix

`mgear.core.transform.getChainTransform(positions, normal, negate=False)`

Get a tranformation list from a positions list and normal.

Parameters

- **positions(list of vector)** – List with the chain positions.
- **normal(vector)** – Normal direction.
- **negate(bool)** – If true invert the chain orientation.

Returns

The list containing the transformation matrix for the chain.

Return type list of matrix

```
>>> tra.getChainTransform(self.guide.apos, self.normal, self.negate)
```

`mgear.core.transform.getChainTransform2(positions, normal, negate=False)`

Get a tranformation list from a positions list and normal.

Note: `getChainTransform2` is using the latest position on the chain

Parameters

- **positions** (*list of vector*) – List with the chain positions.
- **normal** (*vector*) – Normal direction.
- **negate** (*bool*) – If true invert the chain orientation.

Returns

The list containing the transformation matrix for the chain.

Return type list of matrix

```
>>> tra.getChainTransform2(self.guide.apos,
                           self.normal,
                           self.negate)
```

`mgear.core.transform.getClosestPolygonFromTransform(geo, loc)`

Get closest polygon from transform

Parameters

- **geo** (*dagNode*) – Mesh object
- **loc** (*matrix*) – location transform

Returns Closest Polygon

`mgear.core.transform.getDistance2(obj0, obj1)`

Get the distance between 2 objects.

Parameters

- **obj0** (*dagNode*) – Object A
- **obj1** (*dagNode*) – Object B

Returns Distance length

Return type float

`mgear.core.transform.getFilteredTransform(m, translation=True, rotation=True, scaling=True)`

Retrieve a transformation filtered.

Parameters

- **m** (*matrix*) – the reference matrix
- **translation** (*bool*) – If true the return matrix will match the translation.
- **rotation** (*bool*) – If true the return matrix will match the rotation.
- **scaling** (*bool*) – If true the return matrix will match the scaling.

Returns The filtered matrix

Return type matrix

`mgear.core.transform.getInterpolateTransformMatrix(t1, t2, blend=0.5)`

Interpolate 2 matrix.

Parameters

- **t1** (*matrix*) – Input matrix 1.
- **t2** (*matrix*) – Input matrix 2.
- **blend** (*float*) – The blending value. Default 0.5

Returns The newly interpolated transformation matrix.

Return type matrix

```
>>> t = tra.getInterpolateTransformMatrix(self.fk_ctl[0],
                                         self.tws1A_npo,
                                         .3333)
```

`mgear.core.transform.getOffsetPosition (node, offset=[0, 0, 0])`

Get an offset position from dagNode

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The dagNode with the original position.
- **offset** (*list of float*) – Offset values for xyz. exp : [1.2, 4.6, 32.78]

Returns the new offset position.

Return type list of float

Example

```
self.root = self.addRoot()
vTemp = tra.getOffsetPosition( self.root, [0,-3,0.1])
self.knee = self.addLoc("knee", self.root, vTemp)
```

`mgear.core.transform.getPositionFromMatrix (in_m)`

Get the position values from matrix

Parameters **in_m** (*matrix*) – The input Matrix.

Returns The position values for xyz.

Return type list of float

`mgear.core.transform.getRotationFromAxis (in_a, in_b, axis='xy', negate=False)`

Get the matrix rotation from a given axis.

Parameters

- **in_a** (*vector*) – Axis A
- **in_b** (*vector*) – Axis B
- **axis** (*str*) – The axis to use for the orientation. Default: “xy”
- **negate** (*bool*) – negates the axis orientation.

Returns The newly created matrix.

Return type matrix

Example

```
x = datatypes.Vector(0,-1,0)
x = x * tra.getTransform(self.eff_loc)
z = datatypes.Vector(self.normal.x,
                     self.normal.y,
                     self.normal.z)
z = z * tra.getTransform(self.eff_loc)
m = tra.getRotationFromAxis(x, z, "xz", self.negate)
```

`mgear.core.transform.getSymmetricalTransform(t, axis='yz', fNegScale=False)`

Get the symmetrical tranformation

Get the symmetrical transformation matrix from a define 2 axis mirror plane. exp:"yz".

Parameters

- **t** (*matrix*) – The transformation matrix to mirror.
- **axis** (*str*) – The mirror plane.
- **fNegScale** (*bool*) – This function is not yet implemented.

Returns The symmetrical transformation matrix.

Return type matrix

`mgear.core.transform.getTransform(node)`

Return the transformation matrix of the dagNode in worldSpace.

Parameters **node** (*dagNode*) – The dagNode to get the translation

Returns The transformation matrix

Return type matrix

`mgear.core.transform.getTransformFromPos(pos)`

Create a transformation Matrix from a given position.

Parameters **pos** (*vector*) – Position for the transformation matrix

Returns The newly created transformation matrix

Return type matrix

```
>>> t = tra.getTransformFromPos(self.guide.pos["root"])
```

`mgear.core.transform.getTransformLookingAt(pos, lookat, normal, axis='xy', negate=False)`

Return a transformation mstrix using vector positions.

Return the transformation matrix of the dagNode oriented looking to an specific point.

Parameters

- **pos** (*vector*) – The position for the transformation
- **lookat** (*vector*) – The aiming position to stablish the orientation
- **normal** (*vector*) – The normal control the transformation roll.
- **axis** (*str*) – The 2 axis used for lookat and normal. Default “xy”
- **negate** (*bool*) – If true, invert the aiming direction.

Returns The transformation matrix

Return type matrix

```
>>> t = tra.getTransformLookingAt(self.guide.pos["heel"],
                                self.guide.apos[-4],
                                self.normal,
                                "xz",
                                self.negate)
```

`mgear.core.transform.getTranslation(node)`

Return the position of the dagNode in worldSpace.

Parameters *node* (*dagNode*) – The dagNode to get the translation

Returns The transformation matrix

Return type matrix

`mgear.core.transform.get_closes_transform(target_transform, source_transforms)`

Summary

Parameters

- **target_transform** (*dagNode*) – target transform
- **source_transforms** (*[dagNode]*) – objects to check distance

Returns ordered transform list

Return type list

`mgear.core.transform.get_orientation_from_polygon(face)`

Summary

Parameters

- **face** (*TYPE*) – Description
- **loc** (*TYPE*) – Description

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

`mgear.core.transform.get_raycast_translation_from_mouse_click(mesh, mpx, mpy)`

get the raycasted translation of the mouse position

Parameters

- **mesh** (*str*) – mesh name
- **mpx** (*int*) – mouse position x
- **mpy** (*int*) – mouse position x

Returns XYZ position

Return type list

`mgear.core.transform.interpolate_rotation(obj, targets, blends)`

`mgear.core.transform.interpolate_scale(obj, targets, blends)`

`mgear.core.transform.matchWorldTransform(source, target)`

Match 2 dagNode transformations in world space.

Parameters

- **source** (*dagNode*) – The source dagNode

- **target** (*dagNode*) – The target dagNode

Returns None

`mgear.core.transform.quaternionDotProd(q1, q2)`

Get the dot product of 2 quaternion.

Parameters

- **q1** (*quaternion*) – Input quaternion 1.
- **q2** (*quaternion*) – Input quaternion 2.

Returns The dot proct quaternion.

Return type quaternion

`mgear.core.transform.quaternionSlerp(q1, q2, blend)`

Get an interpolate quaternion based in slerp function.

Parameters

- **q1** (*quaternion*) – Input quaternion 1.
- **q2** (*quaternion*) – Input quaternion 2.
- **blend** (*float*) – Blending value.

Returns The interpolated quaternion.

Return type quaternion

Example

```
q = quaternionSlerp(datatypes.Quaternion(
    t1.getRotationQuaternion()),
    datatypes.Quaternion(
    t2.getRotationQuaternion()), blend)
```

`mgear.core.transform.resetTransform(node, t=True, r=True, s=True)`

Reset the scale, rotation and translation for a given dagNode.

Parameters

- **node** (*dagNode*) – The object to reset the transforms.
- **t** (*bool*) – If true translation will be reseted.
- **r** (*bool*) – If true rotation will be reseted.
- **s** (*bool*) – If true scale will be reseted.

Returns None

`mgear.core.transform.setMatrixPosition(in_m, pos)`

Set the position for a given matrix

Parameters

- **in_m** (*matrix*) – The input Matrix.
- **pos** (*list of float*) – The position values for xyz

Returns The matrix with the new position

Return type matrix

```
>>> tnpo = tra.setMatrixPosition(tOld, tra.getPositionFromMatrix(t))
```

```
>>> t = tra.setMatrixPosition(t, self.guide.apos[-1])
```

`mgear.core.transform.setMatrixRotation(m, rot)`

Set the rotation for a given matrix

Parameters

- **in_m** (*matrix*) – The input Matrix.
- **rot** (*list of float*) – The rotation values for xyz

Returns The matrix with the new rotation

Return type matrix

`mgear.core.transform.setMatrixScale(m, scl=[1, 1, 1])`

Set the scale for a given matrix

Parameters

- **in_m** (*matrix*) – The input Matrix.
- **scl** (*list of float*) – The scale values for xyz

Returns The matrix with the new scale

Return type matrix

mgear.core.utils module

Utilitie functions

`mgear.core.utils.as_pynode(obj)`

Check and convert a given string to Pynode

If the object is not str or unicode or PyNode will raise type error

Parameters **obj** (*str, unicode, PyNode*) – Object to check and/or convert to PyNode

Returns the pynode object

Return type PyNode

`mgear.core.utils.filter_nurbs_curve_selection(func)`

`mgear.core.utils.gatherCustomModuleDirectories(envvarkey, defaultModulePath, component=False)`

returns component directory

Parameters

- **envvarkey** – The environment variable key name, that is searched
- **defaultModulePath** – The default module path for search in.

Returns []string}

Return type Dict{string

`mgear.core.utils.getModuleBasePath(directories, moduleName)`

search component path

`mgear.core.utils.importFromStandardOrCustomDirectories` (*directories*, *defaultFormatter*, *customFormatter*, *moduleName*)

Return imported module

Parameters

- **directories** – the directories for search in. this is got by `gatherCustomModuleDirectories`
- **defaultFormatter** – this represents module structure for default module. for example “mgear.core.shifter.component.{ }”
- **customFormatter** – this represents module structure for custom module. for example “{0}.{1}”

Returns imported module

Return type module

`mgear.core.utils.is_odd` (*num*)

Check if the number is odd.

Arguments: *num* (int): the number

Returns True or False

Return type bool

`mgear.core.utils.one_undo` (*func*)

Decorator - guarantee close chunk.

type: (function) -> function

`mgear.core.utils.timeFunc` (*func*)

Use as a property to time any desired function

`mgear.core.utils.viewport_off` (*func*)

Decorator - Turn off Maya display while func is running.

if func will fail, the error will be raised after.

type: (function) -> function

mgear.core.vector module

Functions to work with vectors

class `mgear.core.vector.Blade` (*t=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>*)

Bases: `object`

The Blade object for shifter guides

`mgear.core.vector.calculatePoleVector` (*p1*, *p2*, *p3*, *poleDistance=1*, *time=1*)

This function takes 3 PyMEL PyNodes as inputs. Creates a pole vector position at a “nice” distance away from a triangle of positions. Normalizes the bone lengths relative to the knee to calculate straight ahead without shifting up and down if the bone lengths are different. Returns a `pymel.core.datatypes.Vector`

Parameters

- **p1** (*dagNode*) – Object A
- **p2** (*dagNode*) – Object B
- **p3** (*dagNode*) – Object C

- **poleDistance** (*float*) – distance of the pole vector from the mid point

Returns The transposed vector.

Return type vector

`mgear.core.vector.getDistance (v0, v1)`

Get the distance between 2 vectors

Parameters

- **v0** (*vector*) – vector A.
- **v1** (*vector*) – vector B.

Returns Distance length.

Return type float

`mgear.core.vector.getDistance2 (obj0, obj1)`

Get the distance between 2 objects.

Parameters

- **obj0** (*dagNode*) – Object A
- **obj1** (*dagNode*) – Object B

Returns Distance length

Return type float

`mgear.core.vector.getPlaneBiNormal (v0, v1, v2)`

Get the binormal vector of a plane (Defined by 3 positions).

Parameters

- **v0** (*vector*) – First position on the plane.
- **v1** (*vector*) – Second position on the plane.
- **v2** (*vector*) – Third position on the plane.

Returns The binormal.

Return type vector

`mgear.core.vector.getPlaneNormal (v0, v1, v2)`

Get the normal vector of a plane (Defined by 3 positions).

Parameters

- **v0** (*vector*) – First position on the plane.
- **v1** (*vector*) – Second position on the plane.
- **v2** (*vector*) – Third position on the plane.

Returns The normal.

Return type vector

`mgear.core.vector.getTransposedVector (v, position0, position1, inverse=False)`

Get the transposed vector.

Parameters

- **v** (*vector*) – Input Vector.
- **position0** (*vector*) – Position A.

- **position1** (*vector*) – Position B.
- **inverse** (*bool*) – Invert the rotation.

Returns The transposed vector.

Return type vector

```
>>> normal = vec.getTransposedVector(self.normal,
                                     [self.guide.apos[0],
                                      self.guide.apos[1]],
                                     [self.guide.apos[-2],
                                      self.guide.apos[-1]])
```

`mgear.core.vector.linearlyInterpolate(v0, v1, blend=0.5)`

Get the vector interpolated between 2 vectors.

Parameters

- **v0** (*vector*) – vector A.
- **v1** (*vector*) – vector B.
- **blend** (*float*) – Blending value.

Returns The interpolated vector.

Return type vector

`mgear.core.vector.rotateAlongAxis(v, axis, a)`

Rotate a vector around a given axis defined by other vector.

Parameters

- **v** (*vector*) – The vector to rotate.
- **axis** (*vector*) – The axis to rotate around.
- **a** (*float*) – The rotation angle in radians.

mgear.core.version module

mgear.core.widgets module

mgear.core.wmap module

`mgear.core.wmap.export_weights(deformer, filePath)`

Export the wmap to a json file

Parameters

- **deformer** (*PyNode* or *str*) – Name or pynode of a deformer with weight map
- **filePath** (*str*) – Path to save the file

`mgear.core.wmap.export_weights_selected(filePath=None, *args)`

Export the wmap to a json file from selected objet

Parameters **filePath** (*str*) – Path to save the file. If None wil pop up file browser

`mgear.core.wmap.file_browser(mode=1)`

open file browser

Parameters `mode` (*int*, *optional*) – 0 save mode, 1 load mode

Returns file path

Return type `str`

`mgear.core.wmap.get_weights(deformer)`

Get the weight map from a given deformer

It supports multiple objects/weight maps for one single deformer

Parameters `deformer` (*PyNode* or *str*) – Name or pynode of a deformer with weight map

Returns The weights dictionary

Return type `dict`

`mgear.core.wmap.import_weights(deformer, filePath)`

Import the wmap from a json file

Parameters

- **deformer** (*PyNode* or *str*) – Name or pynode of a deformer to assign the wmap
- **filePath** (*str*) – Path to load the file

`mgear.core.wmap.import_weights_selected(filePath=None, *args)`

Import the wmap to from json file from selected object

Parameters `filePath` (*str*) – Path to load the file. If None will pop up file browser

`mgear.core.wmap.set_weights(deformer, dataWeights)`

Set the weight map from a given deformer

It supports multiple objects/weight maps for one single deformer

Parameters `deformer` (*PyNode* or *str*) – Name or pynode of a deformer with weight map

Module contents

`mgear.core.aboutMgear(*args)`

About mGear

`mgear.core.getMayaVer()`

Get Maya version

Returns Maya version

mgear.crank package

Submodules

mgear.crank.crank_tool module

mgear.crank.crank_ui module

class `mgear.crank.crank_ui.Ui_Form`

Bases: `object`

retranslateUi (*Form*)

setupUi (*Form*)

mgear.crank.menu module

mgear.crank.menu.install ()
Install Crank submenu

mgear.crank.version module

Module contents

mgear.flex package

Submodules

mgear.flex.analyze module

flex.analyze

flex.analyze module contains functions which allows you analyze the shapes you want to update with Flex

module **flex.analyze**

mgear.flex.analyze_widget module

flex.analyze_widget

Contains the Flex Analyze interface

module **flex.analyze_widget**

class **mgear.flex.analyze_widget.FlexAnalyzeDialog** (*parent=None*)
Bases: `sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject`

The Flex analyze widgets

Flex analyze is a side by side list widget style that will allow you to check which shapes matches.

Creates all the user interface widgets

Parameters **parent** (*PySide2.QtWidgets*) – the parent widget for the Flex dialog widget

add_item (*source, target, match, count, bbox*)
Handles adding items to the table widget

Parameters

- **source** (*string*) – the source shape element
- **target** (*string*) – the target corresponding shape element matching source
- **match** (*bool*) – whether the type matches

mgear.flex.attributes module

flex.attributes

A simple module listing all attributes classifications inside Maya or a simplified version of long attributes in maya

module flex.attributes

mgear.flex.colors module

flex.colors

Simple collection of QtColors

module flex.colors

mgear.flex.decorators module

flex.decorators

flex.decorators module contains utility functions that you can use as functions decorators.

module flex.decorators

`mgear.flex.decorators.finished_running` (*function*)

Displays a end of process viewport message

Parameters `function` (*function*) – your decorated function

Returns your decorated function

Return type function

`mgear.flex.decorators.hold_selection` (*function*)

Holds the current Maya selection after running the function

Parameters `function` (*function*) – your decorated function

Returns your decorated function

Return type function

`mgear.flex.decorators.isolate_view` (*function*)

Isolates the view panels while function is running

Parameters `function` (*function*) – your decorated function

Returns your decorated function

Return type function

`mgear.flex.decorators.set_focus` (*function*)

Set focus on Flex window

Sets focus on Flex UI.

Parameters `function` (*function*) – your decorated function

Returns your decorated function

Return type function

`mgear.flex.decorators.show_view` (*function*)

Shows the isolated views panels after function runs

Parameters `function` (*function*) – your decorated function

Returns your decorated function

Return type function

`mgear.flex.decorators.timer` (*function*)

Function timer

Simple timer function decorator that you can use on Flex to time your code execution

Parameters `function` (*function*) – your decorated function

Returns your decorated function

Return type function

mgear.flex.flex module

mgear.flex.flex_widget module

`flex.ui`

Contains the Flex user interface

module `flex.ui`

class `mgear.flex.flex_widget.FlexDialog` (*parent=None*)

Bases: `sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject`

The Flex UI widgets

Flex UI contains several options you can tweak to customise your rig update

Creates all the user interface widgets

Parameters `parent` (*PySide2.QtWidgets*) – the parent widget for the Flex dialog widget

deformed_widgets ()

Creates the deformed options widgets

layout_widgets ()

Creates the general UI layouts

models_groups_widgets ()

Creates the source and target widgets area

options_widgets ()

Create the options widget area

run_widgets ()

Creates the run widgets area

transformed_widgets ()

Creates the transformed options widgets

mgear.flex.menu module

`flex.menu`

Flex menu handles adding the Flex menu item inside the Maya mGear menu.

module `flex.menu`

`mgear.flex.menu.install()`
Installs Flex sub-menu

mgear.flex.query module

`flex.query`

`flex.query` module contains a collection of functions useful for the analyze and update functions of Flex

module `flex.query`

`mgear.flex.query.get_clean_matching_shapes(source, target)`
Returns the prefix-less found shapes under the given groups

Parameters

- **source** (*string*) – source group containing shapes in Maya
- **target** (*string*) – target group containing shapes in Maya

Returns The matching target shapes names without prefix

Return type dict, dict

`mgear.flex.query.get_deformers(shape)`
Returns a dict with each deformer found on the given shape

Parameters **shape** (*str*) – the shape node name

Returns the deformers found on shape sorted by type

Return type dict

`mgear.flex.query.get_dependency_node(element)`
Returns a Maya MFnDependencyNode from the given element

Parameters **element** (*string*) – Maya node to return a dependency node class object

Returns the element in a Maya MFnDependencyNode object

Return type MFnDependencyNode

`mgear.flex.query.get_matching_shapes(source_shapes, target_shapes)`
Returns the matching shapes

This Function will return a dict that contains the target matching shape name from the source.

Parameters

- **source_shapes** (*dict*) – sources dictionary containing prefix-less shapes
- **target** (*dict*) – targets dictionary containing prefix-less shapes

Returns The matching target shapes names

Return type dict

Note: This function is the core idea of how Flex finds matching shapes from a source group to the target. Because Flex is not part of a specific studio pipeline this matching is **shapes name based**. Because some studios might bring the source scene into the rig scene as a reference or as an import we cover those two cases.

Using this dict is the fastest way (so far found) to deal with a huge amount of names. Finding the matching names on a scene with more than 2000 shapes takes 0.0009... seconds.

`mgear.flex.query.get_matching_shapes_from_group(source, target)`

Returns the matching shapes on the given groups

Parameters

- **source** (*string*) – source group containing shapes in Maya
- **target** (*string*) – target group containing shapes in Maya

Returns The matching target shapes names

Return type dict

`mgear.flex.query.get_missing_shapes(source_shapes, target_shapes)`

Returns the missing shapes

This Function will return a dict that contains the missing shape found on the target.

Parameters

- **source_shapes** (*dict*) – sources dictionary containing prefix-less shapes
- **target** (*dict*) – targets dictionary containing prefix-less shapes

Returns The missing target shapes names

Return type dict

`mgear.flex.query.get_missing_shapes_from_group(source, target)`

Returns the missing shapes from the given source and target group

Parameters

- **source** (*string*) – source group containing shapes in Maya
- **target** (*string*) – source group containing shapes in Maya

Returns The missing target shapes names

Return type dict

`mgear.flex.query.get_parent(element)`

Returns the first parent found for the given element

Parameters **element** (*string*) – A Maya dag node

`mgear.flex.query.get_prefix_less_dict(elements)`

Returns a dict containing each element with a stripped prefix

This Function will return a dict that contains each element resulting on the element without the found prefix

Parameters **elements** (*list*) – List of all your shapes

Returns The matching prefix-less elements

Return type dict

Note: Because Flex is not part of a specific studio pipeline we cover two different ways to bring the source shapes inside your rig. You can either import the source group with the meshes or use a Maya reference. This function will strip the prefix whether your object is part of a namespace or a double name getting a full path naming.

`mgear.flex.query.get_prefix_less_name(element)`

Returns a prefix-less name

Parameters **elements** (*str*) – element top use on the search

Returns The prefix-less name

Return type str

`mgear.flex.query.get_resources_path()`

Gets the directory path to the resources files

`mgear.flex.query.get_shape_orig(shape)`

Finds the orig (intermediate shape) on the given shape

Parameters `shape` (str) – maya shape node

Returns the found orig shape

Return type str

Note: There are several ways of searching for the orig shape in Maya. Here we query it by first getting the given shape history on the component type attribute (inMesh, create..) then filtering on the result the same shape type. There might be more optimised and stable ways of doing this.

`mgear.flex.query.get_shape_type_attributes(shape)`

Returns a dict with the attributes names depending on the shape type

This function returns the points, output, input and axes attributes for the corresponding shape type. Mesh type of nodes will be set as default but nurbs surfaces and nurbs curves are supported too.

on mesh nodes: `points = pnts` `output = outMesh` `input = inMesh` `p_axes = (pntx, pnty, pntz)`

on nurbs nodes: `points = controlPoints` `output = local` `input = create` `p_axes = (xValue, yValue, zValue)`

Parameters `shape` (str) – maya shape node

Returns corresponding attributes names

Return type dict

`mgear.flex.query.get_shapes_from_group(group)`

Gets all object shapes existing inside the given group

Parameters `group` (str) – maya transform node

Returns list of shapes objects

Return type list str

`mgear.flex.query.get_temp_folder()`

Returns the user temporary folder in a Maya friendly matter

Returns temp folder path

Return type str

`mgear.flex.query.get_transform_selection()`

Gets the current dag object selection

Returns the first selected dag object on a current selection that is a transform node

Returns the first element of the current maya selection

Return type str

`mgear.flex.query.get_vertice_count(shape)`

Returns the number of vertices for the given shape

Parameters **shape** (*string*) – The maya shape node

Returns The number of vertices found on shape

Return type int

`mgear.flex.query.is_lock_attribute` (*element*, *attribute*)

Returns if the given attribute on the element is locked

Parameters

- **element** (*string*) – Maya node name
- **attribute** (*string*) – Maya attribute name. Must exist

Returns if attribute is locked

Return type bool

`mgear.flex.query.is_matching_bouding_box` (*source*, *target*, *tolerance*=0.05)

Checks if the source and target shape have the same bounding box

Parameters

- **source** (*string*) – source shape node
- **target** (*string*) – target shape node
- **tolerance** (*float*) – difference tolerance allowed. Default 0.001

Returns If source and target matches their bounding box

Return type bool

`mgear.flex.query.is_matching_count` (*source*, *target*)

Checks if the source and target shape have the same amount of vertices

Parameters

- **source** (*string*) – source shape node
- **target** (*string*) – target shape node

Returns If source and target matches vertices count or not

Return type bool

`mgear.flex.query.is_matching_type` (*source*, *target*)

Checks if the source and target shape type matches

Parameters

- **source** (*string*) – source shape node
- **target** (*string*) – target shape node

Returns If source and target matches or not

Return type bool

`mgear.flex.query.is_maya_batch` ()

Returns if the current session is a Maya batch session or not

Returns if Maya is on batch mode or not

Return type bool

`mgear.flex.query.is_valid_group(group)`

Checks if group is valid

Simply checks if the given group exists in the current Maya session and if it is a valid transform group.

Parameters `group` (*str*) – a maya transform node

Returns If the group is valid

Return type bool

`mgear.flex.query.lock_unlock_attribute(element, attribute, state)`

Unlocks the given attribute on the given element

Parameters

- **element** (*string*) – Maya node name
- **attribute** (*string*) – Maya attribute name. Must exist
- **state** (*bool*) – If we should lock or unlock

Returns If the setting was successful or not

Return type bool

mgear.flex.update module

`flex.update`

`flex.update` module handles the updating rig process

module `flex.update`

`mgear.flex.update.update_attribute(source, target, attribute_name)`

Updates the given attribute value

..note:: This is a generic method to setAttr all type of attributes inside Maya. Using the `getSetAttrCmds` from the `MPLug` class allows avoiding to create one method for each type of attribute inside Maya as the `setAttr` command will differ depending on the attribute type and data.

This method is faster than using PyMel attribute set property.

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – the maya source node
- **target** (*str*) – the maya target node
- **attribute_name** (*str*) – the attribute name to set in the given target

`mgear.flex.update.update_blendshapes_nodes(source_nodes, target_nodes)`

Update all target shapes with the given source shapes

Parameters

- **source_nodes** (*list(str)*) – source blendshape nodes
- **target_nodes** (*list(str)*) – target blendshape nodes

`mgear.flex.update.update_clusters_nodes(shape, weight_files)`

Updates the given shape cluster weights using the given files

Parameters

- **shape** (*str*) – the shape node name containing the cluster deformer

- **weight_files** (*list (str)*) – weight files names for each cluster deformer

`mgear.flex.update.update_deformed_shape (source, target, mismatching_topology=True)`

Updates the target shape with the given source shape content

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **mismatching_topology** (*bool*) – ignore or not mismatching topologies

`mgear.flex.update.update_maya_attributes (source, target, attributes)`

Updates all maya attributes from the given source to the target

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **attributes** (*list*) – list of Maya attributes to be updated

`mgear.flex.update.update_plugin_attributes (source, target)`

Updates all maya plugin defined attributes

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node

`mgear.flex.update.update_skincluster_node (source_skin, target_skin)`

Updates the skin weights on the given target skin from the source skin

Parameters

- **source_skin** (*str*) – the source skin cluster node name
- **target_skin** (*str*) – the target skin cluster node name

`mgear.flex.update.update_transform (source, target)`

Updates the transform node on target

This method creates a duplicate of the transform node on source and uses it as the new parent transform for the target shape

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node

`mgear.flex.update.update_transformed_shape (source, target, hold_transform)`

Updates the target shape with the given source shape content

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **hold_transform** (*bool*) – keeps the transform node position values

`mgear.flex.update.update_user_attributes (source, target)`

Updates the target shape attributes with the given source shape content

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node

Note: This method loops twice on the use attributes. One time to add the missing attributes and the second to set their value. This allows avoiding issues when dealing with child attributes.

`mgear.flex.update.update_uvs_sets` (*shape*)
Forces a given mesh shape uvs to update

mgear.flex.update_utils module

`flex.update_utils`

`flex.update_utils` module contains some simple methods that work as utilities for the flex update process

module `flex.update_utils`

`mgear.flex.update_utils.add_attribute` (*source, target, attribute_name*)
Adds the given attribute to the given object

Note: This is a generic method to **addAttr** all type of attributes inside Maya. Using the `getAddAttrCmd` from the `MFnAttribute` class allows avoiding to create one method for each type of attribute inside Maya as the `addAttr` command will differ depending on the attribute type and data.

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – the maya source node
- **target** (*str*) – the maya target node
- **attribute_name** (*str*) – the attribute name to add in the given element

`mgear.flex.update_utils.clean_uvs_sets` (*shape*)
Deletes all uv sets besides `map1`

This is used to be able to update target shapes with whatever the source shape has. This is only relevant for mesh shape types.

Parameters **shape** (*string*) – The Maya shape node

`mgear.flex.update_utils.copy_blendshape_node` (*node, target*)
Copies the given blendshape node into the given target shape

Parameters

- **node** (*str*) – blendshape node
- **target** (*str*) – target shape node

Returns copied blenshape node

Return type `str`

`mgear.flex.update_utils.copy_map1_name` (*source, target*)
Copies the name of the uvSet at index zero (`map1`) to match it

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node

`mgear.flex.update_utils.create_clusters_backup` (*shape, nodes*)

Generates weight files for the given cluster nodes in the given shape

Parameters

- **shape** (*str*) – the shape node name containing the cluster deformer nodes
- **nodes** (*list*) – the cluster nodes

Returns cluster weight files names

Return type dict

`mgear.flex.update_utils.create_deformers_backups` (*source, target, shape_orig, deformer-
ers*)

Handles creating the correct backup shapes for the given deformers

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – the shape containing the new shape
- **target** (*str*) – the shape containing the deformers
- **shape_orig** (*str*) – the intermediate shape from the target shape
- **deformers** (*dict*) – deformers used on target

Returns deformers backups nodes created

Return type list, list

`mgear.flex.update_utils.create_duplicate` (*shape, duplicate_name*)

Creates a shape node duplicate

Parameters

- **shape** (*str*) – the shape node to duplicate
- **name** (*str*) – the name for the duplicate

Returns the duplicated shape node

Return type str

`mgear.flex.update_utils.create_wrap` (*source, target, intermediate=None*)

Creates a wrap deformer on the target by using source as driver

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – the maya source node
- **target** (*str*) – the maya target node
- **intermediate** (*str*) – the intermediate shape to use on the warp node

Returns wrap node

Return type str

`mgear.flex.update_utils.delete_transform_from_nodes` (*nodes*)

Deletes the dag object transform node found from the given nodes

Parameters **shape** (*list*) – nodes names

`mgear.flex.update_utils.filter_shape_orig(shape, intermediate)`

Filters whether the intermediate shape provided should be used or not

if an intermediate isn't provided then

Parameters

- **shape** (*str*) – the shape node name
- **intermediate** (*str*) – the intermediate shape name

Returns the valid intermediate shape

Return type `str`

`mgear.flex.update_utils.set_deformer_off(deformer)`

Set envelope attribute to **0** on the given deformer

Parameters **deformer** (*str*) – deformer node

`mgear.flex.update_utils.set_deformer_on(deformer)`

Set envelope attribute to **1** on the given deformer

Parameters **deformer** (*str*) – deformer node

`mgear.flex.update_utils.set_deformer_state(deformers, enable)`

Set envelope attribute to one on the given deformers dictionary

Parameters

- **deformers** (*type*) – dict containing the deformers set by type
- **enable** (*bool*) – on or off state for the given deformers

`mgear.flex.update_utils.update_shape(source, target)`

Connect the shape output from source to the input shape on target

Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – maya shape node
- **target** (*str*) – maya shape node

mgear.flex.version module

Module contents

FLEX

Flex is the mGear models (geometry) update tool inside rigs.

`module flex.__init__`

mgear.rigbits package

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`mgear.rigbits.facial_rigger2.lib` module

Module contents

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager` package

Submodules

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.SDK_manager_ui` module

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.SDK_transfer_ui` module

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core` module

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.ctl_from_list` (*in_list*, *SDK=False*, *animTweak=False*)

Returns either the SDK's or animTweaks from the *in_list*. If given a SDK, it will find the animTweak pair and vise versa. To qualify as SDK ctl must have "is_SDK" attr, or "is_tweak" attr for animTweak

Parameters

- **in_list** (*list* [*PyNode*]) – List of PyNodes to sort through
- **SDK** (*bool*) – If you want SDK ctls
- **animTweak** (*bool*) – If you want animTweak ctls

Returns list [List of either SDK ctls or animTweaks]

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.delete_current_value_keys` (*current_driver_val, node, sourceDriverFilter*)

Parameters

- **()** (*sourceDriverFilter*) –
- **()** –

Returns n/a

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.driver_ctl_from_joint` (*joint*)

Will try find the Driver control given the joint by searching through the mGear nodes.

Parameters **joint** (*PyNode*) – joint to search connections on

Returns Control

Return type *PyNode*

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.get_current_SDKs` ()

If SDK ctls are selected, will return only the SDK nodes Attached to those in the selection. If nothing is selected, will get all the SDK nodes in the scene and return them.

Returns **SDKs_to_set** (list) - list of SDKs as Pynodes

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.get_driven_from_attr` (*driverAttr, is_SDK=False*)

Returns a list of driven controls given the driver attr

Parameters

- **driverAttr** (*PyNode*) – the driver attr to search
- **is_SDK** (*bool*) – if True, will check if the is_SDK attr is present before
- **to_driven_ctls_list** (*adding*) –

Returns list [List of unicode names]

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.get_driver_from_driven` (*drivenCtl*)

Finds the Driver controls for a given driven ctl

Parameters **drivenCtl** (*PyNode*) – A Driven Node to query.

Returns list [All found Driver Nodes]

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.get_driver_keys` (*driverAttr, firstKey=None, prevKey=None, nextKey=None, lastKey=None*)

Returns a list of Driver key values for the given driverAttr.

If all optional arguments are None, will return list of all values

Parameters

- **driverAttr** (*PyNode.Attribute*) – Driver Ctl.attr
- **firstKey** (*bool*) –
- **prevKey** (*bool*) –
- **nextKey** (*bool*) –
- **lastKey** (*bool*) –

Returns List (If all optional None) - List of driver key values float (If one specified) - The float value for the driver on that key.

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.get_info (node)`

Given either the SDK box, or Anim ctl, will find other and return it

Parameters `node` (*PyNode*) – either the SDK box or Anim ctl

Returns list [PyNode(SDK box), PyNode(anim ctl)]

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.joint_from_driver_ctl (node)`

Will try find the joint given the Driver control by searching through the mGear nodes.

TO DO: Expand this to be more robust. Check all channels / not rely on translate connections only.

Parameters `node` (*PyNode*) – node to search connections on

Returns joint

Return type PyNode

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.key_at_current_values (drivenCtrls, keyChannels, driver, driverAtt, inTanType='linear', outTanType='linear', zeroKey=False)`

Helper function to set SDK's at Driven nodes current values :param drivenCtrls: List of String names of the Driven Ctls. :type drivenCtrls: list :param keyChannels: List of Channels to Key :type keyChannels: list :param driver: Driver Node :type driver: PyNode :param driverAtt: Driver Attr given as a string :type driverAtt: str :param inTanType: Tangent type, by default is linear. :type inTanType: str / optional :param outTanType: Tangent type, by default is linear. :type outTanType: str / optional :param zeroKey: if True, will set a zero key before

setting the key at current value.

Returns n/a

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.mirror_SDK (driverCtl)`

Takes in a driver control and extrapolates out all the other information needed to mirror it's connected SDK's.

Parameters `driverCtl` (*PyNode*) –

Returns None

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.next_biggest (target, in_list)`

Returns the next highest number in the in_list. If target is greater the the last number in in_list, will return the last item in the list.

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.next_smallest (target, in_list)`

Returns the next Lowest number in the in_list. If target is smaller the the last number in in_list, will return the first item in the list.

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.prune_DK_nodes (white_list=[])`

Finds all the driven key nodes that have no input or output connected and removes them. Nodes with the word profile in are excluded so that no guide components are broken.

Parameters `white_list` (*list / optional*) – List of nodes to ignore

Returns list (All the names of the deleted nodes)

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.reset_to_default (mode, clear_sel=False)`

Reset All the Rig Driver Ctls or Anim Ctls to Default

Parameters `mode` (*str*) – All Ctl Curves - drv : Driver Ctls - anim : Anim Ctls

Returns None

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.select_all(mode)`

Select all the Driver Ctls, Anim Ctls Joints or SDK Nodes in the scene.

Parameters `mode` (*str*) – Driver Ctls - anim : Anim Ctls - jnts : Joints - nodes : SDK Nodes

Returns None

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.set_driven_key(driverAttr, drivenAttr, driverVal, drivenVal, preInfinity=0, postInfinity=0, inTanType='linear', outTanType='linear')`

Convenience function to aid in setting driven keys.

Parameters

- **driverAttr** (*PyNode.attribute*) – Driver.attr to drive the SDK
- **drivenAttr** (*PyNode.attribute*) – Driven.attr to be driven by the SDK
- **driverVal** (*float*) – Value to use for driver
- **drivenVal** (*float*) – Value to use for driven
- **preInfinity** (*int*) – IndexKey - constant[0], linear[1], cycle[2], cycleOffset[3], Oscillate[4]
- **postInfinity** (*int*) – IndexKey - constant[0], linear[1], cycle[2], cycleOffset[3], Oscillate[4]
- **inTanType** (*str*) – spline, linear, fast, slow, flat, stepped, step next, fixed, clamped and plateau
- **outTanType** (*str*) – spline, linear, fast, slow, flat, stepped, step next, fixed, clamped and plateau

Returns new Anim UU node or the Edited one.

TO DO: fix the return.

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.set_limits_from_current(axis, controls=None, upperLimit=False, lowerLimit=False)`

Sets either the upper or lower limits on the provided control and axis

> get current limits > update either the lower or the upper > set limits to Enabled.

There is a lot of duplicate code but its a bit unavoidable with how transformLimits flags are set up.

Aruments: `axis` (*str*): x,y,z axis to use. `controls` (*list*): List of PyNodes to iterate over `upperLimit` (*bool*): If True will set the upper Limit `lowerLimit` (*bool*): If True will set the lower Limit

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.set_zero_key(drivenCtls, keyChannels, driver, driverAttr, inTanType='linear', outTanType='linear')`

Takes a Current “state”, Sets a ZERO SDK then resets to the “state”.

Parameters

- **drivenCtls** (*list*) – List of String names of the Driven Ctls.
- **keyChannels** (*list*) – List of Channels to Key
- **driver** (*PyNode*) – Driver Node
- **driverAttr** (*str*) – Driver Attr given as a string
- **inTanType** (*str / optional*) – Tangent type, by default is linear.

- **outTanType** (*str / optional*) – Tangent type, by default is linear.

Returns n/a

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_manager.core.toggle_limits` (*axis, controls=None*)

Toggles the controller translate Limits On or Off from their current values, both upper and lower.

Aruments: *axis* (str): x,y,z axis to use. *controls* (list / optional): List of PyNodes to iterate over

If None, use Selection

Module contents

Submodules

mgear.rigbits.blendShapes module

Rigbits blendshapes utilities and tools

`mgear.rigbits.blendShapes.blendshape_foc` (*deformed_obj*)

Move existing blendshape node to the front of chain

Parameters *deformed_obj* (*PyNode*) – object with deformation history including a blendshape node

`mgear.rigbits.blendShapes.connectWithBlendshape` (*mesh, bst, wgt=1.0, ffoc=False*)

Connect 2 geometries using blendshape node

Parameters

- **mesh** (*PyNode*) – The Object to apply the blendshape target
- **bst** (*PyNode*) – The Blendshape target
- **wgt** (*float, optional*) – Description
- **ffoc** (*bool, optional*) – Force Front of Chain. will move the blendshape node after creation

Returns The blendshape node

Return type *PyNode*

`mgear.rigbits.blendShapes.getBlendShape` (*obj*)

Get the blendshape node of an object.

Parameters *obj* (*PyNode*) – The object with the blendshape node

Returns The blendshape node

Return type *PyNode*

mgear.rigbits.channelWrangler module

mgear.rigbits.channelWranglerUI module

mgear.rigbits.cycleTweaks module

Cycle Tweaks module

This module content the tools and procedures to rig tweaks with a benigne cycle

```
mgear.rigbits.cycleTweaks.cycleTweak(name, edgePair, mirrorAxis, baseMesh, rotMesh,
                                     transMesh, setupParent, ctlParent, jntOrg=None,
                                     grp=None, iconType='square', size=0.025, color=13,
                                     ro=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>)
```

The command to create a cycle tweak.

A cycle tweak is a tweak that cycles to the parent position but doesn't create a cycle of dependency. This type of tweaks are very useful to create facial tweakers.

Parameters

- **name** (*string*) – Name for the cycle tweak
- **edgePair** (*list*) – List of edge pair to attach the cycle tweak
- **mirrorAxis** (*bool*) – If true, will mirror the x axis behaviour.
- **baseMesh** (*Mesh*) – The base mesh for the cycle tweak.
- **rotMesh** (*Mesh*) – The mesh that will support the rotation transformations for the cycle tweak
- **transMesh** (*Mesh*) – The mesh that will support the translation and scale transformations for the cycle tweak
- **setupParent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the setup objects
- **ctlParent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the control objects
- **jntOrg** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the joints
- **grp** (*None or set, optional*) – The set to add the controls
- **iconType** (*str, optional*) – The controls shape
- **size** (*float, optional*) – The control size
- **color** (*int, optional*) – The control color
- **ro** (*TYPE, optional*) – The control shape rotation offset

Returns the tweak control and the list of related joints.

Return type multi

```
mgear.rigbits.cycleTweaks.initCycleTweakBase(outMesh, baseMesh, rotMesh, transMesh,
                                             staticJnt=None)
```

Initialice the cycle tweak setup structure

Parameters

- **outMesh** (*Mesh*) – The output mesh after the tweak deformation
- **baseMesh** (*Mesh*) – The base mesh for the cycle tweak.
- **rotMesh** (*Mesh*) – The mesh that will support the rotation transformations for the cycle tweak
- **transMesh** (*Mesh*) – The mesh that will support the translation and scale transformations for the cycle tweak
- **staticJnt** (*None or joint, optional*) – The static joint for the static vertex.

```
mgear.rigbits.cycleTweaks.inverseTranslateParent(obj)
```

Invert the parent transformation

Parameters `obj` (*dagNode*) – The source dagNode to inver parent transformation.

mgear.rigbits.ghost module

Rigbits Ghost module

Helper tools to create layered controls rigs

`mgear.rigbits.ghost.createDoritoGhostCtl` (*ctl*, *parent=None*)

Create a duplicated Ghost control for doritos Create a duplicate of the dorito/tweak and rename the original with `_ghost`. Later connect the local transforms and the Channels. This is useful to connect local rig controls with the final rig control.

Parameters

- **ctl** (*dagNode*) – Original Control to duplicate
- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent for the new created control

`mgear.rigbits.ghost.createGhostCtl` (*ctl*, *parent=None*, *connect=True*)

Create a duplicated Ghost control

Create a duplicate of the control and rename the original with `_ghost`. Later connect the local transforms and the Channels. This is useful to connect local rig controls with the final rig control.

Parameters

- **ctl** (*dagNode*) – Original Control to duplicate
- **parent** (*dagNode*) – Parent for the new created control

Returns The new created control

Return type `pyNode`

`mgear.rigbits.ghost.ghostSlider` (*ghostControls*, *surface*, *sliderParent*)

Modify the ghost control behaviour to slide on top of a surface

Parameters

- **ghostControls** (*dagNode*) – The ghost control
- **surface** (*Surface*) – The NURBS surface
- **sliderParent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the slider.

mgear.rigbits.menu module

`mgear.rigbits.menu.cCtl_sub` (*parent_menu_id*)

Create control as child of selected elements

Parameters `parent_menu_id` (*stro*) – Parent menu. i.e: “MayaWindow|menuItem355”

`mgear.rigbits.menu.connect_submenu` (*parent_menu_id*)

Create the connect local Scale, rotation and translation submenu

Parameters `parent_menu_id` (*str*) – Parent menu. i.e: “MayaWindow|menuItem355”

`mgear.rigbits.menu.gimmick_submenu` (*parent_menu_id*)

Create the gimmick joint submenu

Parameters `parent_menu_id` (*str*) – Parent menu. i.e: “MayaWindow|menuItem355”

`mgear.rigbits.menu.install()`

Install Rigbits submenu

`mgear.rigbits.menu.install_utils_menu(m)`

Install rightbit utils submenu

`mgear.rigbits.menu.pCtl_sub(parent_menu_id)`

Create control as parent of selected elements

Parameters `parent_menu_id` (*stro*) – Parent menu. i.e: “MayaWindow\mGear\menuItem355”

mgear.rigbits.mirror_controls module

mgear.rigbits.postSpring module

Post Spring tool

creates a spring dynamic rig on top of a pre-existing FK chain rig.

`mgear.rigbits.postSpring.bake_spring(*args)`

Shortcut fro the Maya’s Bake Simulation Options

`mgear.rigbits.postSpring.build_spring(*args)`

`mgear.rigbits.postSpring.postSpring(dist=5, hostUI=False, hostUI2=False, invertX=False)`

Create the dynamic spring rig.

This spring system use the `mgear_spring` node And transfer the position spring to rotation spring using an aim constraint.

Note: The selected chain of object should be align with the X axis.

Parameters

- **dist** (*float*) – The distance of the position spring.
- **hostUI** (*dagNode*) – The spring active and intensity channel host.
- **hostUI2** (*dagNode*) – The daping and stiffness channel host for each object in the chain.
- **invertX** (*bool*) – reverse the direction of the x axis.

`mgear.rigbits.postSpring.spring_UI(*args)`

Creates the post tool UI

mgear.rigbits.proxySlicer module

Rigbits proxy mesh slicer

`mgear.rigbits.proxySlicer.slice(parent=False, oSel=False, *args)`

Create a proxy geometry from a skinned object

mgear.rigbits.rbf_io module**mgear.rigbits.rbf_manager_ui module****mgear.rigbits.rbf_node module****mgear.rigbits.rivet module**

Rigbits rivet creator

```
class mgear.rigbits.rivet.rivet
    Bases: object

    Create a rivet

    Thanks to http://jinglezzz.tumblr.com for the tutorial :)

    create (mesh, edge1, edge2, parent, name=None)

    createConnections (*args)

    createNodes (*args)

    setAttributes ()
```

mgear.rigbits.rope module

Rigbits Rope rig creator

```
mgear.rigbits.rope.build_rope (*args)

mgear.rigbits.rope.rope (DEF_nb=10, ropeName='rope', keepRatio=False, lvlType='transform',
                        oSel=None)
    Create rope rig based in 2 parallel curves.
```

Parameters

- **DEF_nb** (*int*) – Number of deformer joints.
- **ropeName** (*str*) – Name for the rope rig.
- **keepRatio** (*bool*) – If True, the deformers will keep the length position when the curve is stretched.

```
mgear.rigbits.rope.rope_UI (*args)
    Rope tool UI
```

mgear.rigbits.sdk_io module

Rigbits, SDK i/o

```
exportSDKs(["drivenNodeA",          "drivenNodeB"],          "path/to/desired/output.json")    importS-
DKs(path/to/desired/output.json)

# MIRRORING ——— # copy from source, say left, to target, right copySDKsToNode("jacketFlap_L1_fk0_sdk",
    "neck_C0_0_jnt", "jacketFlap_R1_fk0_sdk")

# invert/mirror the attributes necessary for the other side, # in this case it is the following attributes mirrorSD-
Kkeys("jacketFlap_R1_fk0_sdk",
```

```
attributes=["rotateZ"], invertDriver=True, invertDriven=False)
```

```
mirrorSDKkeys("jacketFlap_R1_fk0_sdk", attributes=["translateX", "translateY"], invertDriver=True, invert-  
Driven=True)
```

```
# in this other instance, it was the same copySDKsToNode("jacketFlap_L0_fk0_sdk",
```

```
    "neck_C0_0_jnt", "jacketFlap_R0_fk0_sdk")
```

```
mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.SDK_ANIMCURVES_TYPE
```

```
    sdk anim curves to support
```

Type list

```
mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.copySDKsToNode (sourceDriven, targetDriver, targetDriven, sourceAt-  
                                     tributes=[], sourceDriverFilter=None)
```

Duplicates sdk nodes from the source drive, to any designated target driver/driven

Parameters

- **sourceDriven** (*pynode*) – source to copy from
- **targetDriver** (*pynode*) – to drive the new sdk node
- **targetDriven** (*pynode*) – node to be driven
- **sourceAttributes** (*list*, *optional*) – of attrs to copy, if none provided
- **all** (*assume*) –
- **sourceDriverFilter** (*list*, *pynode*) – Driver transforms to filter by,
- **the connected SDK is not driven by this node it will not be returned.** (*if*) –

Returns n/a

Return type TYPE

```
mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.createSDKFromDict (sdkInfo_dict)
```

Create a sdk node from the provided info dict

Parameters **sdkInfo_dict** (*dict*) – dict of node information to create

Returns created sdk node

Return type PyNode

```
mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.exportSDKs (nodes, filePath)
```

exports the sdk information based on the provided nodes to a json file

Parameters

- **nodes** (*list*) – of nodes to export
- **filePath** (*string*) – full filepath to export jsons to

```
mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.getAllSDKInfoFromNode (node)
```

returns a dict for all of the connected sdk/animCurve on the provided node

Parameters **node** (*pynode*) – name of node to be searched

Returns of all of the sdk nodes

Return type dict

```
mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.getBlendNodes (attrPlug)
```

Check the attrPlug (node.attr) provided for any existing connections if blendWeighted exists, return the appropriate input[#], if sdk, create a blendweighted and connect sdk, return input[#]

Parameters `attrPlug(string)` – node.attr

Returns node.attr of the blendweighted node that was just created or existing

Return type string

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.getConnectedSDKs(driven, curvesOfType=[], sourceDriverFilter=None)`
get all the sdk, animcurve, nodes/plugs connected to the provided node.

Parameters

- **node**(*str*, *pynode*) – name of node, or pynode
- **curvesOfType**(*list*, *optional*) – animCurve nodes of type if none provided
- **fall back on module defined supported set.**(*will*) –
- **sourceDriverFilter**(*list*, *pynode*) – Driver transforms to filter by,
- **the connected SDK is not driven by this node it will not be returned.**(*if*) –

Returns of sdk nodes, paired with the node/attr they effect

Return type list

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.getMultiDriverSDKs(driven, sourceDriverFilter=None)`
get the sdk nodes that are added through a blendweighted node

Parameters

- **driven**(*string*) – name of the driven node
- **sourceDriverFilter**(*list*, *pynode*) – Driver transforms to filter by,
- **the connected SDK is not driven by this node it will not be returned.**(*if*) –

Returns of sdk nodes

Return type list

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.getPynodes(nodes)`
Convenience function to allow uses to pass in strings, but convert to pynodes if not already.

Parameters **nodes**(*list*) – string names

Returns of pynodes

Return type list

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.getSDKDestination(animNodeOutputPlug)`
Get the final destination of the sdk node, skips blendweighted and conversion node to get the transform node.
TODO: Open this up to provided type destination

Parameters **animNodeOutputPlug**(*string*) – animationNode.output

Returns name of the node, and attr

Return type list

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.getSDKInfo(animNode)`
get all the information from an sdk/animCurve in a dictioanry for exporting.

Parameters **animNode**(*pynode*) – name of node, pynode

Returns dictionary of all the attrs to be exported

Return type dict

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.importSDKs (filePath)`

create sdk nodes from json file, connected to drivers and driven

Parameters `filePath (string)` – path to json file

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.invertKeyValues (newKeyNode, invertDriver=True, invertDriven=True)`

Mirror keyframe node procedure, in case you need to flip your SDK's.

Parameters

- **newKeyNode** (*PyNode*) – sdk node to invert values on
- **invertDriver** (*bool, optional*) – should the drivers values be inverted
- **invertDriven** (*bool, optional*) – should the drivens values be inverted

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.mirrorSDKkeys (node, attributes=[], invertDriver=True, invert-
Driven=True)`

mirror/invert the values on the specified node and attrs, get the sdks and invert those values

Parameters

- **node** (*pynode*) – node being driven to have its sdk values inverted
- **attributes** (*list, optional*) – attrs to be inverted
- **invertDriver** (*bool, optional*) – should the driver, “time” values
- **inverted** (*be*) –
- **invertDriven** (*bool, optional*) – should the driven, “value” values
- **inverted** –

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.removeSDKs (node, attributes=[], sourceDriverFilter=None)`

Convenience function to remove, delete, all sdk nodes associated with the provided node

Parameters

- **node** (*pynode*) – name of the node
- **attributes** (*list, optional*) – list of attributes to remove sdks from
- **none provided, assume all** (*if*) –
- **sourceDriverFilter** (*list, pynode*) – Driver transforms to filter by,
- **the connected SDK is not driven by this node it will not be returned.** (*if*) –

`mgear.rigbits.sdk_io.stripKeys (animNode)`

remove animation keys from the provided sdk node

Parameters `animNode (pynode)` – sdk/anim node

mgear.rigbits.six module

Utilities for writing code that runs on Python 2 and 3

class `mgear.rigbits.six.Module_six_moves_urllib`

Bases: module

Create a six.moves.urllib namespace that resembles the Python 3 namespace

error = <module 'mgear.rigbits.six.moves.urllib.error'>

parse = <module 'mgear.rigbits.six.moves.urllib_parse'>

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request = <module 'mgear.rigbits.six.moves.urllib.request'>
response = <module 'mgear.rigbits.six.moves.urllib.response'>
robotparser = <module 'mgear.rigbits.six.moves.urllib.robotparser'>
class mgear.rigbits.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_error(name)
    Bases: mgear.rigbits.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_error
    ContentTooShortError
    HTTPError
    URLError
class mgear.rigbits.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_parse(name)
    Bases: mgear.rigbits.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_parse
    ParseResult
    SplitResult
    parse_qs
    parse_qsl
    quote
    quote_plus
    splitquery
    splittag
    splituser
    splitvalue
    unquote
    unquote_plus
    unquote_to_bytes
    urldefrag
    urlencode
    urljoin
    urlparse
    urlsplit
    urlunparse
    urlunsplit
    uses_fragment
    uses_netloc
    uses_params
    uses_query
    uses_relative
```

```
class mgear.rigbits.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_request (name)
    Bases: mgear.rigbits.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_request

    AbstractBasicAuthHandler
    AbstractDigestAuthHandler
    BaseHandler
    CacheFTPHandler
    FTPHandler
    FancyURLopener
    FileHandler
    HTTPBasicAuthHandler
    HTTPCookieProcessor
    HTTPDefaultErrorHandler
    HTTPDigestAuthHandler
    HTTPErrorProcessor
    HTTPHandler
    HTTPPasswordMgr
    HTTPPasswordMgrWithDefaultRealm
    HTTPRedirectHandler
    HTTPSHandler
    OpenerDirector
    ProxyBasicAuthHandler
    ProxyDigestAuthHandler
    ProxyHandler
    Request
    URLopener
    UnknownHandler
    build_opener
    getproxies
    install_opener
    parse_http_list
    parse_keqv_list
    pathname2url
    proxy_bypass
    url2pathname
    urlcleanup
```

```

urlopen
urlretrieve
class mgear.rigbits.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_response(name)
    Bases: mgear.rigbits.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_response
    addbase
    addclosehook
    addinfo
    addinfurl
class mgear.rigbits.six.Module_six_moves_urllib_robotparser(name)
    Bases: mgear.rigbits.six._LazyModule
    Lazy loading of moved objects in six.moves.urllib_robotparser
    RobotFileParser
class mgear.rigbits.six.MovedAttribute(name, old_mod, new_mod, old_attr=None,
    new_attr=None)
    Bases: mgear.rigbits.six._LazyDescr
class mgear.rigbits.six.MovedModule(name, old, new=None)
    Bases: mgear.rigbits.six._LazyDescr
mgear.rigbits.six.add_metaclass(metaclass)
    Class decorator for creating a class with a metaclass.
mgear.rigbits.six.add_move(move)
    Add an item to six.moves.
mgear.rigbits.six.assertCountEqual(self, *args, **kwargs)
mgear.rigbits.six.assertNotRegex(self, *args, **kwargs)
mgear.rigbits.six.assertRaisesRegex(self, *args, **kwargs)
mgear.rigbits.six.assertRegex(self, *args, **kwargs)
mgear.rigbits.six.b(s)
    Byte literal
mgear.rigbits.six.create_unbound_method(func, cls)
mgear.rigbits.six.ensure_binary(s, encoding='utf-8', errors='strict')
    Coerce s to six.binary_type.

For Python 2:
    • unicode -> encoded to str
    • str -> str

For Python 3:
    • str -> encoded to bytes
    • bytes -> bytes
mgear.rigbits.six.ensure_str(s, encoding='utf-8', errors='strict')
    Coerce s to str.

For Python 2:

```

- *unicode* -> encoded to *str*
- *str* -> *str*

For Python 3:

- *str* -> *str*
- *bytes* -> decoded to *str*

`mgear.rigbits.six.ensure_text(s, encoding='utf-8', errors='strict')`
Coerce *s* to `six.text_type`.

For Python 2:

- *unicode* -> *unicode*
- *str* -> *unicode*

For Python 3:

- *str* -> *str*
- *bytes* -> decoded to *str*

`mgear.rigbits.six.get_unbound_function(unbound)`
Get the function out of a possibly unbound function

`mgear.rigbits.six.int2byte()`
`S.pack(v1, v2, ...)` -> bytes

Return a bytes object containing values *v1*, *v2*, ... packed according to the format string `S.format`. See `help(struct)` for more on format strings.

`mgear.rigbits.six.iteritems(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the (key, value) pairs of a dictionary.

`mgear.rigbits.six.iterkeys(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the keys of a dictionary.

`mgear.rigbits.six.iterlists(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the (key, [values]) pairs of a dictionary.

`mgear.rigbits.six.itervalues(d, **kw)`
Return an iterator over the values of a dictionary.

`mgear.rigbits.six.python_2_unicode_compatible(klass)`
A class decorator that defines `__unicode__` and `__str__` methods under Python 2. Under Python 3 it does nothing.

To support Python 2 and 3 with a single code base, define a `__str__` method returning text and apply this decorator to the class.

`mgear.rigbits.six.raise_from(value, from_value)`

`mgear.rigbits.six.remove_move(name)`
Remove item from `six.moves`.

`mgear.rigbits.six.reraise(tp, value, tb=None)`
Reraise an exception.

`mgear.rigbits.six.u(s)`
Text literal

`mgear.rigbits.six.with_metaclass(meta, *bases)`
Create a base class with a metaclass.

mgear.rigbits.tweaks module

Rigbits tweaks rig module

`mgear.rigbits.tweaks.createJntTweak (mesh, jntParent, ctlParent)`

Create a joint tweak

Parameters

- **mesh** (*mesh*) – The object to deform with the tweak
- **jntParent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the new joint
- **ctlParent** (*dagNode*) – The parent for the control.

`mgear.rigbits.tweaks.createMirrorRivetTweak (mesh, edgePair, name, parent=None, ctlParent=None, jntParent=None, color=[0, 0, 0], size=0.04, defSet=None, ctlSet=None, side=None, gearMulMatrix=True, attach_rot=False, inputMesh=None, ctlShape='sphere')`

Create a tweak joint attached to the mesh using a rivet. The edge pair will be used to find the mirror position on the mesh

Parameters

- **mesh** (*mesh*) – The object to add the tweak
- **edgePair** (*pair list*) – The edge pair to create the rivet
- **name** (*str*) – The name for the tweak
- **parent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak
- **ctlParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak control
- **jntParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the joints
- **color** (*list, optional*) – The color for the control
- **size** (*float, optional*) – Size of the control
- **defSet** (*None or set, optional*) – Deformer set to add the joints
- **ctlSet** (*None or set, optional*) – the set to add the controls
- **side** (*None, str*) – String to set the side. Valid values are L, R or C. If the side is not set or the value is not valid, the side will be set automatically based on the world position
- **gearMulMatrix** (*bool, optional*) – If False will use Maya default multiply matrix node

Returns The tweak control

Return type PyNode

`mgear.rigbits.tweaks.createRivetTweak (mesh, edgePair, name, parent=None, ctlParent=None, jntParent=None, color=[0, 0, 0], size=0.04, defSet=None, ctlSet=None, side=None, gearMulMatrix=True, attach_rot=False, inputMesh=None, ctlShape='sphere')`

Create a tweak joint attached to the mesh using a rivet

Parameters

- **mesh** (*mesh*) – The object to add the tweak

- **edgePair** (*pair list*) – The edge pair to create the rivet
- **name** (*str*) – The name for the tweak
- **parent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak
- **jntParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the joints
- **ctlParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak control
- **color** (*list, optional*) – The color for the control
- **size** (*float, optional*) – Size of the control
- **defSet** (*None or set, optional*) – Deformer set to add the joints
- **ctlSet** (*None or set, optional*) – the set to add the controls
- **side** (*None, str*) – String to set the side. Valid values are L, R or C. If the side is not set or the value is not valid, the side will be set automatically based on the world position
- **gearMulMatrix** (*bool, optional*) – If False will use Maya default multiply matrix node

Returns The tweak control

Return type PyNode

```
mgear.rigbits.tweaks.createRivetTweakFromList (mesh, edgePairList, name, parent=None,
                                                ctlParent=None, jntParent=None,
                                                color=[0, 0, 0], size=0.04, defSet=None,
                                                ctlSet=None, side=None, mirror=False,
                                                mParent=None, mCtlParent=None,
                                                mjntParent=None, mColor=None, gear-
                                                MulMatrix=True, attach_rot=False,
                                                inputMesh=None, ctlShape='sphere')
```

Create multiple rivet tweaks from a list of edge pairs

Parameters

- **mesh** (*mesh*) – The object to add the tweak
- **edgePairList** (*list of list*) – The edge pair list of list
- **name** (*str*) – The name for the tweak
- **parent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak
- **ctlParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak control
- **jntParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the joints
- **color** (*list, optional*) – The color for the control
- **size** (*float, optional*) – Size of the control
- **defSet** (*None or set, optional*) – Deformer set to add the joints
- **ctlSet** (*None or set, optional*) – the set to add the controls
- **side** (*None, str*) – String to set the side. Valid values are L, R or C. If the side is not set or the value is not valid, the side will be set automatically based on the world position
- **mirror** (*bool, optional*) – Create the mirror tweak on X axis symmetry
- **mParent** (*None, optional*) – Mirror tweak parent, if None will use parent arg
- **mjntParent** (*None, optional*) – Mirror parent joint, if None will use jntParent arg

- **mCtlParent** (*None, optional*) – Mirror ctl parent, if None will use ctlParent arg
- **mColor** (*None, optional*) – Mirror controls color, if None will color arg
- **gearMulMatrix** (*bool, optional*) – If False will use Maya default multiply matrix node

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

```
mgear.rigbits.tweaks.createRivetTweakLayer (layerMesh, bst, edgePairList, name, parent=None, ctlParent=None, jntParent=None, color=[0, 0, 0], size=0.04, defSet=None, ctlSet=None, side=None, mirror=False, mParent=None, mCtlParent=None, mjntParent=None, mColor=None, gearMulMatrix=True, static_jnt=None, attach_rot=False, inputMesh=None, ctlShape='sphere')
```

Create a rivet tweak layer setup

Parameters

- **layerMesh** (*mesh*) – The tweak layer mesh
- **bst** (*mesh*) – The mesh blendshape target
- **edgePairList** (*list of list*) – The edge pair list of list
- **name** (*str*) – The name for the tweak
- **parent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak
- **jntParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the joints
- **ctlParent** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the tweak control
- **color** (*list, optional*) – The color for the control
- **size** (*float, optional*) – Size of the control
- **defSet** (*None or set, optional*) – Deformer set to add the joints
- **ctlSet** (*None or set, optional*) – the set to add the controls
- **side** (*None, str*) – String to set the side. Valid values are L, R or C. If the side is not set or the value is not valid, the side will be set automatically based on the world position
- **mirror** (*bool, optional*) – Create the mirror tweak on X axis symmetry
- **mParent** (*None, optional*) – Mirror tweak parent, if None will use parent arg
- **mjntParent** (*None, optional*) – Mirror parent joint, if None will use jntParent arg
- **mCtlParent** (*None, optional*) – Mirror ctl parent, if None will use ctlParent arg
- **mColor** (*None, optional*) – Mirror controls color, if None will color arg
- **gearMulMatrix** (*bool, optional*) – If False will use Maya default multiply matrix node
- **static_jnt** (*dagNode, optional*) – Static joint for the setup

```
mgear.rigbits.tweaks.edgePairList (log=True)
```

Print and return a list of edge pairs to be use with createRivetTweakLayer and createRivetTweakFromList

Returns list of edge pairs

Return type list

`mgear.rigbits.tweaks.negateTransformConnection (in_rot, out_rot, neg_axis=[-1, -1, 1])`

`mgear.rigbits.tweaks.pre_bind_matrix_connect (mesh, joint, jointBase)`

Connect the pre bind matrix of the skin cluser to the joint parent. This create the offset in the deformation to avoid double transformation

Parameters

- **mesh** (*PyNode*) – Mesh object with the tweak skin cluster
- **joint** (*PyNode*) – Tweak joint
- **jointBase** (*PyNode*) – Tweak joint parent

`mgear.rigbits.tweaks.resetJntLocalSRT (jnt)`

Reset the local SRT and jointOrient of a joint

Parameters **jnt** (*joint*) – The joint to reset the local SRT

mgear.rigbits.utils module

Rigbits utilitie tools

`mgear.rigbits.utils.createHotkeys (*args)`

Create mGear custom hotkey functions ready to be use.

This command doesn't set the hotkey binding. Only create the functions.

Parameters ***args** – Maya's dummy

`mgear.rigbits.utils.createRunTimeCommand (name, rCmd, ann="")`

Create run time commands from raw string.

This function is used to create the mGear hotkeys.

mgear.rigbits.version module

mgear.rigbits.weightNode_io module

mgear.rigbits.widgets module

Module contents

`mgear.rigbits.addBlendedJoint (oSel=None, compScale=True, blend=0.5, name=None, select=True, *args)`

Create and gimmick blended joint

Create a joint that rotate 50% of the selected joint. This operation is done using a pairBlend node.

Parameters

- **oSel** (*None or joint, optional*) – If None will use the selected joints.
- **compScale** (*bool, optional*) – Set the compScale option of the blended joint. Default is True.
- **blend** (*float, optional*) – blend rotation value
- **name** (*None, optional*) – Name for the blended o_node

- ***args** – Maya’s dummy

Returns blended joints list

Return type list

`mgear.rigbits.addJnt(obj=False, parent=False, noReplace=False, grp=None, jntName=None, *args)`

Create one joint for each selected object.

Parameters

- **obj** (*bool or dagNode, optional*) – The object to drive the new joint. If False will use the current selection.
- **parent** (*bool or dagNode, optional*) – The parent for the joint. If False will try to parent to jnt_org. If jnt_org doesn’t exist will parent the joint under the obj
- **noReplace** (*bool, optional*) – If True will add the extension “_jnt” to the new joint name
- **grp** (*pyNode or None, optional*) – The set to add the new joint. If none will use “rig_deformers_grp”
- ***args** – Maya’s dummy

Returns The New created joint.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.rigbits.addNPO(objs=None, *args)`

Add a transform node as a neutral pose

Add a transform node as a parent and in the same pose of each of the selected objects. This way neutralize the local transformation values. NPO stands for “neutral position” terminology from the all mighty Softimage ;)

`mgear.rigbits.addSupportJoint(oSel=None, select=True, *args)`

Add an extra joint to the blended joint.

This is meant to be use with SDK for game style deformation.

Parameters

- **oSel** (*None or blended joint, optional*) – If None will use the current selection.
- ***args** – Mays’s dummy

Returns blended joints list

Return type list

`mgear.rigbits.alignToPointsLoop(points=None, loc=None, name=None, *args)`

Create space locator align to the plain define by at less 3 vertex

Parameters

- **points** (*None or vertex list, optional*) – The reference vertex to align the ref locator
- **loc** (*None or dagNode, optional*) – If none will create a new locator
- **name** (*None or string, optional*) – Name of the new locator
- ***args** – Description

Returns Description

Return type TYPE

`mgear.rigbits.connectInvertSRT (source, target, srt='srt', axis='xyz')`

Connect the locat transformations with inverted values.

Parameters

- **source** (*dagNode*) – The source driver dagNode
- **target** (*dagNode*) – The target driven dagNode
- **srt** (*string, optional*) – String value for the scale(s), rotate(r), translation(t). Default value is “srt”. Possible values “s”, “r”, “t” or any combination
- **axis** (*string, optional*) – String value for the axis. Default value is “xyz”. Possible values “x”, “y”, “z” or any combination

`mgear.rigbits.connectLocalTransform (objects=None, s=True, r=True, t=True, *args)`

Connect scale, rotatio and translation.

Parameters

- **objects** (*None or list of dagNode, optional*) – If None will use the current selection.
- **s** (*bool, optional*) – If True will connect the local scale
- **r** (*bool, optional*) – If True will connect the local rotation
- **t** (*bool, optional*) – If True will connect the local translation
- ***args** – Maya’s dummy

`mgear.rigbits.connectUserDefinedChannels (source, targets)`

Connects the user defined channels

Connects the user defined channels between 2 objects with the same channels. Usually a copy of the same object.

Parameters

- **source** (*dagNode*) – The dagNode with the source user defined channels
- **targets** (*list of dagNode*) – The list of dagNodes with the same user defined channels to be connected.

`mgear.rigbits.connectWorldTransform (source, target)`

Connect the source world transform of one object to another object.

Parameters

- **source** (*dagNode*) – Source dagNode.
- **target** (*dagNode*) – target dagNode.

`mgear.rigbits.createCTL (type='square', child=False, *args)`

Create a control for each selected object.

The newly create control can be parent or child of the object.

Parameters

- **type** (*str*) – The shape of the control.
- **child** (*bool*) – if True, the control will be created as a child of the object.

`mgear.rigbits.createInterpolateTransform (objects=None, blend=0.5, *args)`

Create space locator and apply gear_intmatrix_op, to interpolate the his pose between 2 selected objects.

Parameters

- **objects** (*None or list of 2 dagNode, optional*) – The 2 dagNode to interpolate the transform.
- **blend** (*float, optional*) – The interpolation blend factor.
- ***args** – Maya’s dummy

Returns The new transformation with the interpolate matrix o_node applied.

Return type pyNode

`mgear.rigbits.duplicateSym(*args)`

Duplicate one dag hierarchy to/from X/-X renaming “L” to “R”

`mgear.rigbits.matchPosfromBBox(*args)`

Match the position using bounding box of another object.

Match the position of one object, using the bounding box center of another object.

`mgear.rigbits.matchWorldXform(*args)`

Align 2 selected objects in world space

`mgear.rigbits.replaceShape(source=None, targets=None, *args)`

Replace the shape of one object by another.

Parameters

- **source** (*None, PyNode*) – Source object with the original shape.
- **targets** (*None, list of pyNode*) – Targets object to apply the source shape.
- ***args** – Maya’s dummy

Returns Return non if nothing is selected or the source and targets are none

Return type None

`mgear.rigbits.selectDeformers(*args)`

Select the deformers from the object skinCluster

`mgear.rigbits.spaceJump(ref=None, space=None, *args)`

Space Jump gimmick

This function create a local reference space from another space in the hierarchy

Parameters

- **ref** (*None, optional*) – Transform reference
- **space** (*None, optional*) – Space reference
- ***args** – Maya dummy

Returns Transform

Return type pyNode

mgear.shifter package**Subpackages****mgear.shifter.component package**

Submodules

`mgear.shifter.component.chain_guide_initializer` module

`mgear.shifter.component.chain_guide_initializer_ui` module

`mgear.shifter.component.guide` module

`mgear.shifter.component.joint_names_ui` module

`mgear.shifter.component.main_settings_ui` module

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`mgear.shifter.afg_tools` module

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`mgear.shifter.custom_step` module

`mgear.shifter.custom_step_ui` module

`mgear.shifter.game_tools_disconnect` module

`mgear.shifter.game_tools_disconnect_ui` module

`mgear.shifter.game_tools_fbx` module

`mgear.shifter.game_tools_fbx_utils` module

`mgear.shifter.game_tools_fbx_widgets` module

`mgear.shifter.guide` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_diff_ui` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_manager` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_manager_component` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_manager_component_ui` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_manager_gui` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_template` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_template_explorer` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_template_explorer_ui` module

`mgear.shifter.guide_ui` module

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`mgear.shifter_classic_components` package

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`mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_02` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_02.guide` module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_02.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_03 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_03.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_03.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_04 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_04.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_04.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_freeTangents_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_freeTangents_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_2jnt_freeTangents_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_ms_2jnt_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_ms_2jnt_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.arm_ms_2jnt_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.cable_01 package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.cable_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.cable_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_02` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_02.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_02.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_variable_IK_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_variable_IK_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_FK_spline_variable_IK_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_IK_spline_variable_FK_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_IK_spline_variable_FK_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_IK_spline_variable_FK_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_IK_spline_variable_FK_stack_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_IK_spline_variable_FK_stack_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_IK_spline_variable_FK_stack_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_loc_ori_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_loc_ori_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_loc_ori_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_net_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_net_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_net_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_spring_01 package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_spring_01` guide module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_spring_lite_stack_master_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_spring_lite_stack_master_01` guide module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_stack_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_stack_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_stack_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_whip_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_whip_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.chain_whip_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.control_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.control_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.control_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.eye_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ey_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ey_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.foot_bk_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.foot_bk_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.foot_bk_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.hydraulic_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.hydraulic_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.hydraulic_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_02` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_02` guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_02.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_freeTangents_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_freeTangents_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_2jnt_freeTangents_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_3jnt_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_3jnt_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_3jnt_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_ms_2jnt_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_ms_2jnt_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.leg_ms_2jnt_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_stack_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_stack_01.guide` module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_stack_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_stack_02 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_stack_02.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.lite_chain_stack_02.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.meta_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.meta_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.meta_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.mouth_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.mouth_01.guide module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.mouth_02 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.mouth_02.guide module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.neck_ik_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.neck_ik_01.guide module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.neck_ik_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.sdk_control_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.sdk_control_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.sdk_control_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_02` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_02.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_02.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_ms_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.shoulder_ms_01.guide` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_FK_01` package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_FK_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_FK_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_S_shape_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_S_shape_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_S_shape_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_ik_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_ik_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_ik_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_ik_02 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_ik_02.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.spine_ik_02.settingsUI module

Module contents

mgear.shifter_classic_components.squash4Sides_01 package

Submodules

mgear.shifter_classic_components.squash4Sides_01.guide module

mgear.shifter_classic_components.squash4Sides_01.settingsUI module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.squash_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.squash_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.squash_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.tangent_spline_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.tangent_spline_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.tangent_spline_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ui_container_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ui_container_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ui_container_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ui_slider_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ui_slider_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_classic_components.ui_slider_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components` package

Subpackages

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_arm_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_arm_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_arm_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_chain_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_chain_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_chain_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_control_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_control_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_control_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_foot_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_foot_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_foot_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_hydraulic_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_hydraulic_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_hydraulic_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_leg_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_leg_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_leg_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_mannequin_arm_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_mannequin_arm_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_mannequin_arm_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_mannequin_leg_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_mannequin_leg_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_mannequin_leg_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_neck_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_neck_01.guide` module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_neck_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_shoulder_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_should_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_should_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_spine_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_spine_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_spine_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_spine_cartoon_01` package

Submodules

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_spine_cartoon_01` guide module

`mgear.shifter_epic_components.EPIC_spine_cartoon_01.settingsUI` module

Module contents

Module contents

`mgear.simpleRig` package

Submodules

`mgear.simpleRig.menu` module

```
mgear.simpleRig.menu.install()  
    Install Simple Rig submenu
```

`mgear.simpleRig.simpleRigTool` module

`mgear.simpleRig.simpleRigUI` module

`mgear.simpleRig.version` module

Module contents

`mgear.synoptic` package

Subpackages

`mgear.synoptic.tabs` package

Subpackages

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.baker` package

Submodules

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.baker.widget` module

Module contents

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.biped` package

Submodules

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.biped.widget` module

Module contents

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.control_list` package

Submodules

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.control_list.searchControlsWidget` module

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.control_list.widget` module

Module contents

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.quadruped` package

Submodules

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.quadruped.widget` module

Module contents

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.visibility` package

Submodules

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.visibility.toggleGeoVisibilityWidget` module

`mgear.synoptic.tabs.visibility.widget` module

Module contents

Module contents

Submodules

`mgear.synoptic.menu` module

`mgear.synoptic.utils` module

`mgear.synoptic.version` module

`mgear.synoptic.widgets` module

Module contents

`mgear.vendor` package

Submodules

`mgear.vendor.Qt` module

Minimal Python 2 & 3 shim around all Qt bindings

DOCUMENTATION Qt.py was born in the film and visual effects industry to address the growing need for the development of software capable of running with more than one flavour of the Qt bindings for Python - PySide, PySide2, PyQt4 and PyQt5.

1. Build for one, run with all
2. Explicit is better than implicit
3. Support co-existence

Default resolution order:

- PySide2
- PyQt5
- PySide
- PyQt4

Usage: `>> import sys >> from Qt import QtWidgets >> app = QtWidgets.QApplication(sys.argv) >> button = QtWidgets.QPushButton("Hello World") >> button.show() >> app.exec_()`

All members of PySide2 are mapped from other bindings, should they exist. If no equivalent member exist, it is excluded from Qt.py and inaccessible. The idea is to highlight members that exist across all supported binding, and guarantee that code that runs on one binding runs on all others.

For more details, visit <https://github.com/mottosso/Qt.py>

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mgear.vendor.qjsonmodel module

Python adaptation of <https://github.com/dridk/QJsonModel>

Supports Python 2 and 3 with PySide, PySide2, PyQt4 or PyQt5. Requires <https://github.com/mottosso/Qt.py>

Usage: Use it like you would the C++ version.

```
>>> import qjsonmodel
>>> model = qjsonmodel.QJsonModel()
>>> model.load({"key": "value"})
```

Test: Run the provided example to sanity check your Python, dependencies and Qt binding.

```
$ python qjsonmodel.py
```

Changes: This module differs from the C++ version in the following ways.

1. Setters and getters are replaced by Python properties
2. Objects are sorted by default, disabled via `load(sort=False)`
3. `load()` takes a Python dictionary as opposed to a string or file handle.

- **To load from a string, use built-in `json.loads()`**

```
>>> import json
>>> document = json.loads("{'key': 'value'}")
>>> model.load(document)
```

- **To load from a file, use `with open(fname)`**

```
>>> import json
>>> with open("file.json") as f:
...     document = json.load(f)
...     model.load(document)
```

```
class mgear.vendor.qjsonmodel.QJsonModel (parent=None)
    Bases: sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject

    clear ()

    columnCount (parent=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>)

    data (index, role)

    flags (index)

    genJson (item)

    headerData (section, orientation, role)

    index (row, column, parent=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>)
```

json (*root=None*)
Serialise model as JSON-compliant dictionary

Parameters **root** (*QJsonTreeItem, optional*) – Serialise from here defaults to the the top-level item

Returns model as dict

load (*document*)
Load from dictionary

Parameters **document** (*dict*) – JSON-compatible dictionary

parent (*index*)

rowCount (*parent=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>*)

setData (*index, value, role*)

class `mgear.vendor.qjsonmodel.QJsonTreeItem` (*parent=None*)
Bases: `object`

appendChild (*item*)

child (*row*)

childCount ()

key

classmethod **load** (*value, parent=None, sort=True*)

parent ()

row ()

type

value

Module contents

Submodules

mgear.menu module

`mgear.menu.create` (*menuId='mGear'*)
Create mGear main menu

Parameters **menuId** (*str, optional*) – Main menu name

Returns main manu name

Return type `str`

`mgear.menu.install` (*label, commands, parent='mGear', image=""*)
Installer Function for sub menus

Parameters

- **label** (*str*) – Name of the sub menu
- **commands** (*list*) – List of commands to install
- **parent** (*str, optional*) – Parent menu for the submenu

`mgear.menu.install_help_menu(menuId='mGear')`

Install help menu section

Parameters `menuId` (*str*, *optional*) – Main menu name

`mgear.menu.install_main_menu()`

Create top level mGear menu

`mgear.menu.install_utils_menu()`

Install Utilities submenu

mgear.version module

Module contents

mGear init module

exception `mgear.FakeException`

Bases: `Exception`

`mgear.getInfos(level)`

Get information from where the method has been fired. Such as module name, method, line number. . .

Parameters `level` (*int*) – Level

Returns The info

Return type `str`

`mgear.getVersion()`

Get mGear version

Returns `mgear` version

`mgear.install()`

`mgear.log(message, severity=32, infos=False)`

Log a message using severity and additional info from the file itself.

Severity has been taken from Softimage one:

- 1. Fatal
- 2. Error
- 4. Warning
- 8. Info
- 16. Verbose
- 32. Comment

Parameters

- **messages** (*str*) – The message
- **severity** (*int*) – Severity level.
- **infos** (*bool*) – Add extra infos from the module, class, method and line number.

`mgear.logInfos()`

Log version of Gear

`mgear.reloadModule (name='mgear', *args)`

Reload a module and its sub-modules from a given module name.

Parameters `name` (*str*) – Module Name. Default value is “mgear”.

`mgear.setDebug (b)`

Set the debug mode to given value.

Parameters `b` (*bool*) – boolean

Returns The previous value of the debug mode

Return type `bool`

`mgear.toggleDebug ()`

Toggle the debug mode value.

Returns; `bool`: The new debug mode value.

`mgear.toggleLog ()`

Toggle the log value.

Returns; `bool`: The new debug mode value.

4.3 Rigbits

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4.3.1 Introduction

Rigbits is a rigging common library with tools and functions to help the rigging workflow. This library is meant to be use with custom steps or other rigging tools.

4.3.2 Modules

<code>mgear.rigbits</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.blendShapes</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.channelWrangler</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.cycleTweaks</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.eye_rigger</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.ghost</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.lips_rigger</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.menu</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.postSpring</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.proxySlicer</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.rbf_io</code>	Handles the import and exporting of all supported RBF node types
<code>mgear.rigbits.rbf_manager_ui</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.rbf_node</code>	
<code>mgear.rigbits.rivet</code>	

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<code>mgear.rigbits.rope</code>
<code>mgear.rigbits.sdk_io</code>
<code>mgear.rigbits.tweaks</code>
<code>mgear.rigbits.utils</code>
<code>mgear.rigbits.weightNode_io</code>
<code>mgear.rigbits.widgets</code>

4.4 Shifter Rig Builder

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4.4.1 Introduction

Shifter is the default autorigging modular system included with mGear. This system is provided with the hope to solve the majority of your rigging necessities. From a freelancer or small boutique to a big studio.

Shifter can be use in a wide variety of projects. Animated feature films, video games, VR, VFX, TV series, etc. . . and can build rigs for any kind of asset. i.e: cartoon characters, creatures, robots, props, vehicles, etc. . .

Shifter have been build on top of mGear framework and can co-exist with other rigging systems inside mGear framework. In other words, if Shifter's paradigm doesn't fit your rigging needs, you can create another rigging system using the same mGear base modules.

4.4.2 Modules

<code>mgear.shifter</code>

4.5 Simple Rig

- *Introduction*
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4.5.1 Introduction

Simple rigging system with option to conver to Shifter rigging system.

Simple Rig 2.0 Intro

4.5.2 Modules

<code>mgear.simpleRig</code>
<code>mgear.simpleRig.menu</code>
<code>mgear.simpleRig.simpleRigTool</code>

4.6 Synoptic

Content:

- *Introduction*
- Creating a new synoptic tab
- Adding Synoptic to a Shifter rig
- Adding Synoptic to any rig
- *Modules*

4.6.1 Introduction

Synoptic view is a user interface to help the animators to interact better and faster with the rigs. Synoptic view can be use to select rig parts, save keyframes, mirror poses, switch spaces and many other functions that an animator would need.

4.6.2 Modules

`mgear.synoptic`

4.7 Modules flat List

Just a complete list of all modules.

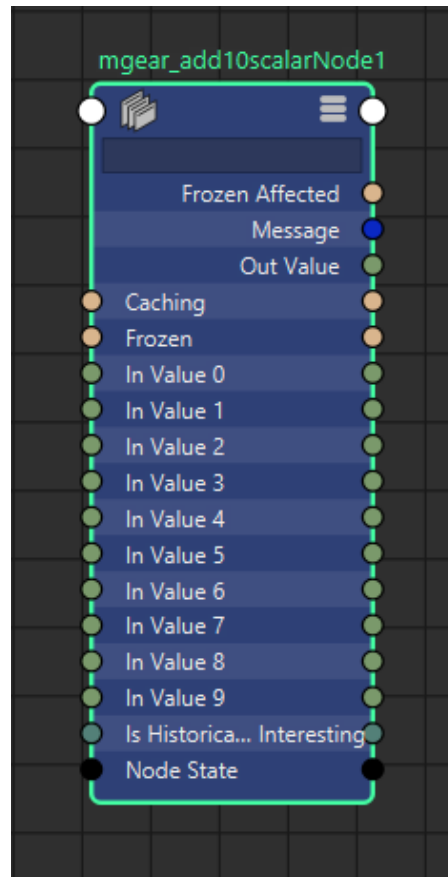
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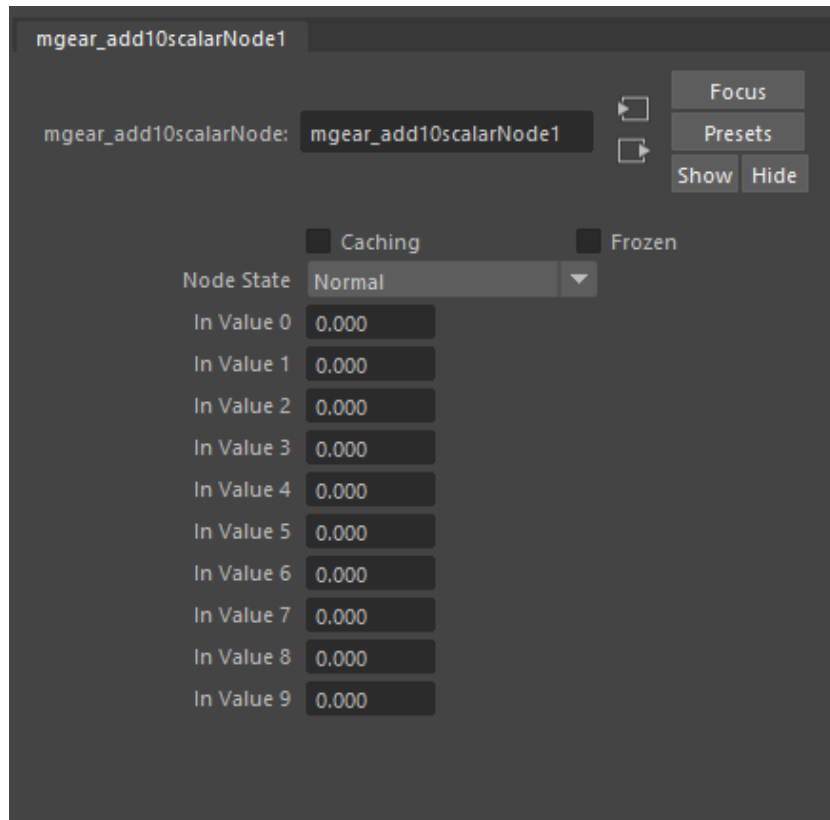
Custom Solvers/Deformers

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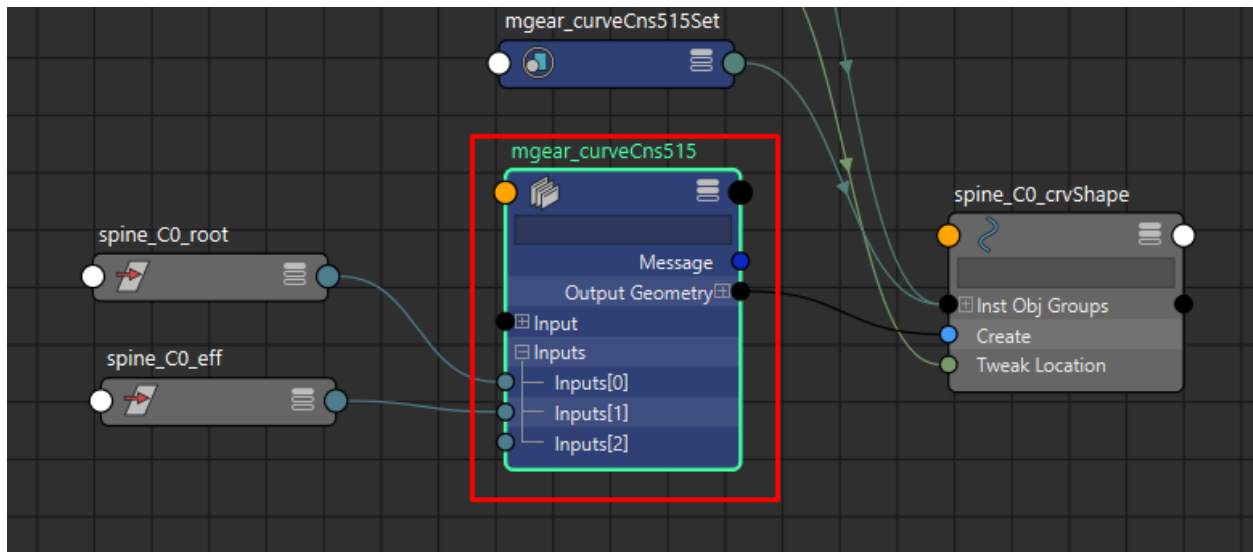
5.1 mgear_add10Scalar



Add 10 scalar values. This node is deprecated. Only kept for backwards compatibility reasons.

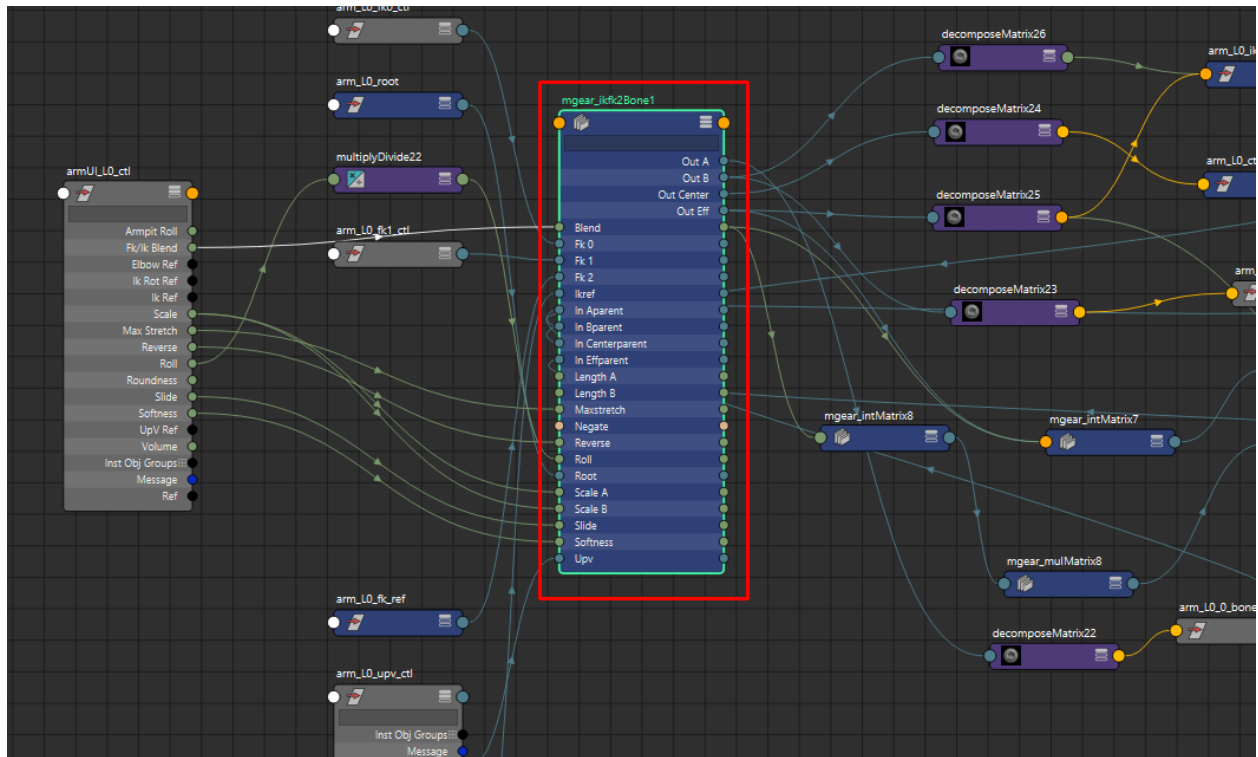


5.2 mgear_curveCns



Generate a curve based on the input positions. This is used in the Shifter guides to create the visual connections with the guide locations.

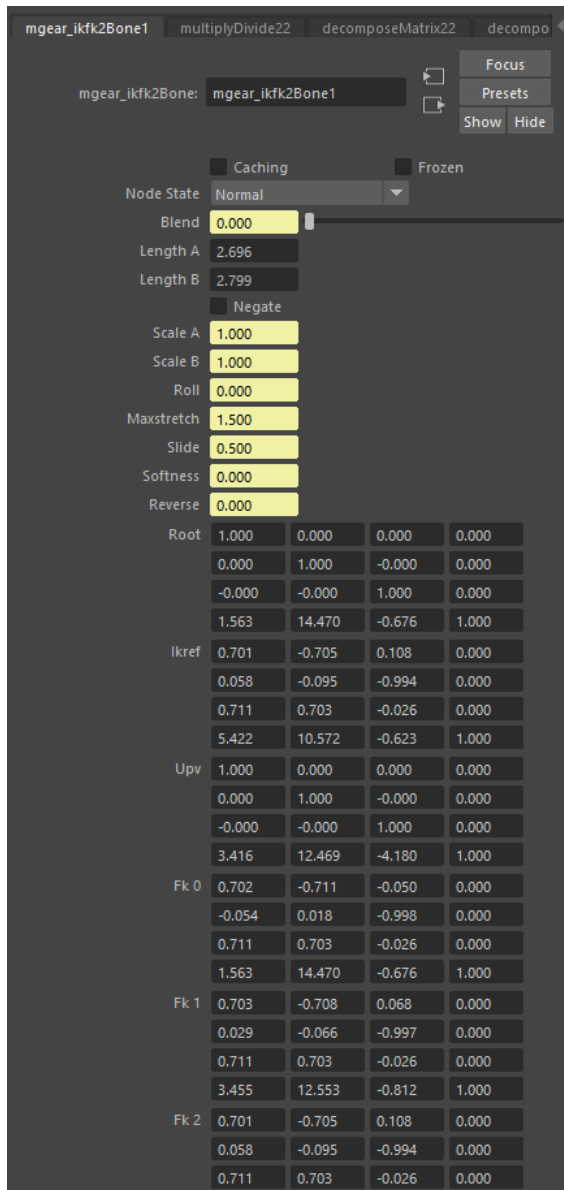
5.3 mgear_ikfk2Bone



IK FK 2 bones chain solver.

Mainly used for legs and arms. The solver encapsulate many functions that will be very complex and expensive to evaluate using vanilla Maya nodes and other techniques like expressions.

Some of the features are, soft IK, reverse IK, squash, stretch, independent bone length, slide and roll.

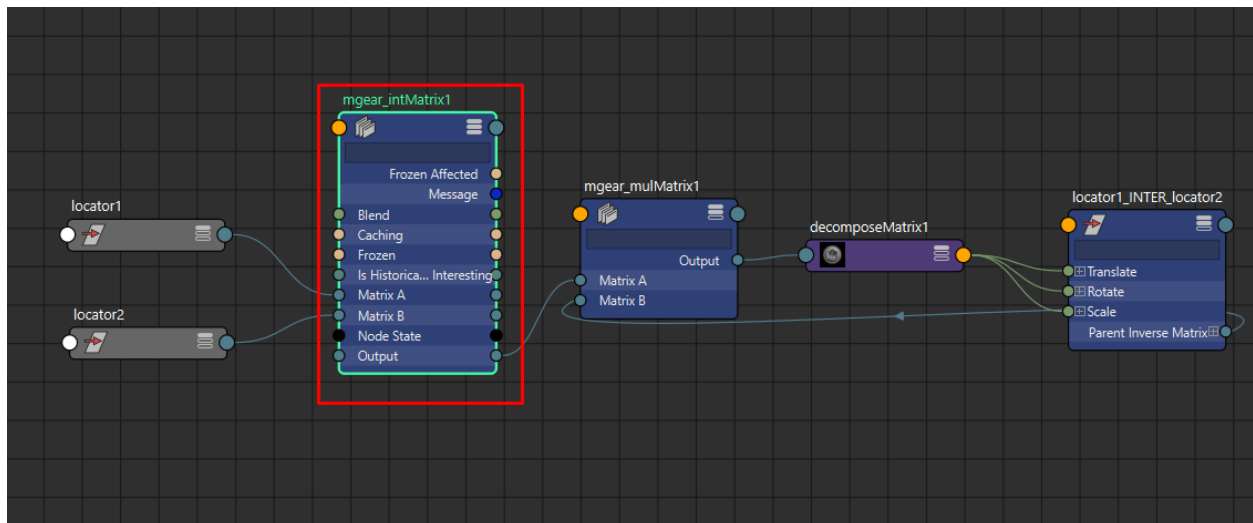


	-31.052	129.280	-3.492	1.000
Fk 2	0.711	0.701	-0.061	0.000
	0.025	0.062	0.998	0.000
	0.703	-0.711	0.026	0.000
	-50.867	109.722	-2.344	1.000
In Aparent	1.000	-0.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	1.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
	-13.516	146.612	-3.880	1.000
In Bparent	1.000	-0.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	1.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
	-13.516	146.612	-3.880	1.000
In Centerparent	1.000	-0.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	1.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
	-13.516	146.612	-3.880	1.000
In Effparent	1.000	-0.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	1.000	-0.000	0.000
	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
	-13.516	146.612	-3.880	1.000
Out A	17.537	17.332	-0.387	0.000
	-0.007	0.030	1.000	0.000
	0.703	-0.711	0.026	0.000
	-0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
Out B	19.815	19.557	-1.148	0.000
	0.011	0.048	0.999	0.000
	0.703	-0.711	0.026	0.000
	-17.537	-17.332	0.387	1.000
Out Center	0.711	0.702	-0.028	0.000
	0.002	0.039	0.999	0.000
	0.703	-0.711	0.026	0.000
	-17.537	-17.332	0.387	1.000
Out Eff	0.711	0.701	-0.061	0.000
	0.025	0.062	0.998	0.000
	0.703	-0.711	0.026	0.000
	-37.351	-36.890	1.535	1.000

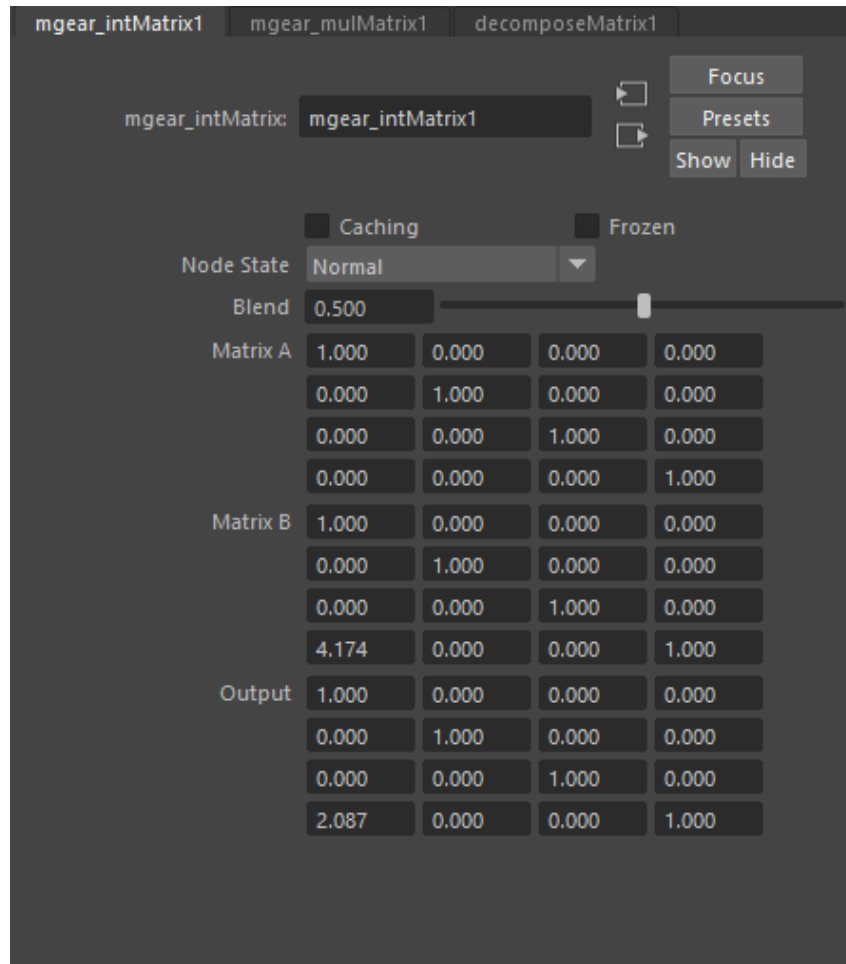
- **Blend:** IK fk blend
- **Length A:** Rest length of the bone A (Arm)
- **Length B:** Rest length of the bone B (Forearm)
- **Negate:** Negate the solver direction (i.e: the right side arm negates the direction)
- **Scale A:** Length multiplier for the arm.
- **Scale B:** Length multiplier for the forearm.
- **Roll:** Roll value. This value is complementarity to the Up Vector control.
- **Max stretch:** Maximum stretching value for the IK behavior. Value 1 will represent the original size and not scale.
- **Slide:** Slide the elbow position between the lengths of the arm and forearm. Value of .5 represents the middle point, whatever the proportions ratio is between the arm and forearm.

- **Reverse:** Reverse the IK solver direction. (i.e: human leg vs Chicken leg)
- **root:** Matrix. Root of the component world matrix
- **ikref:** Matrix. IK control world matrix
- **upv:** Matrix. Up vector control world matrix
- **FK0:** Matrix. FK arm control world matrix
- **FK1:** Matrix. FK forearm control world matrix
- **FK2:** Matrix. FK hand control world matrix
- **in A parent:** Matrix. Output bone A parent matrix (arm)
- **in B parent:** Matrix. Output bone A parent matrix (forearm)
- **in Center parent:** Matrix. Output elbow parent matrix
- **in Eff parent:** Matrix. Output effector parent matrix (hand)
- **out A:** Matrix. Output world matrix for bone A (arm)
- **out B:** Matrix. Output world matrix for bone B (forearm)
- **out Center:** Matrix. Output world matrix for elbow
- **out Eff:** Matrix. Output world matrix for effector (hand)

5.4 mgear_intMatrix

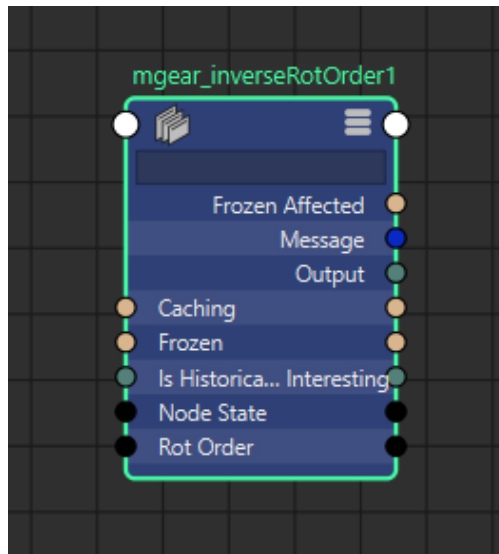


Interpolate between 2 input matrix using a blend value. The rotation is calculated in quaternion.

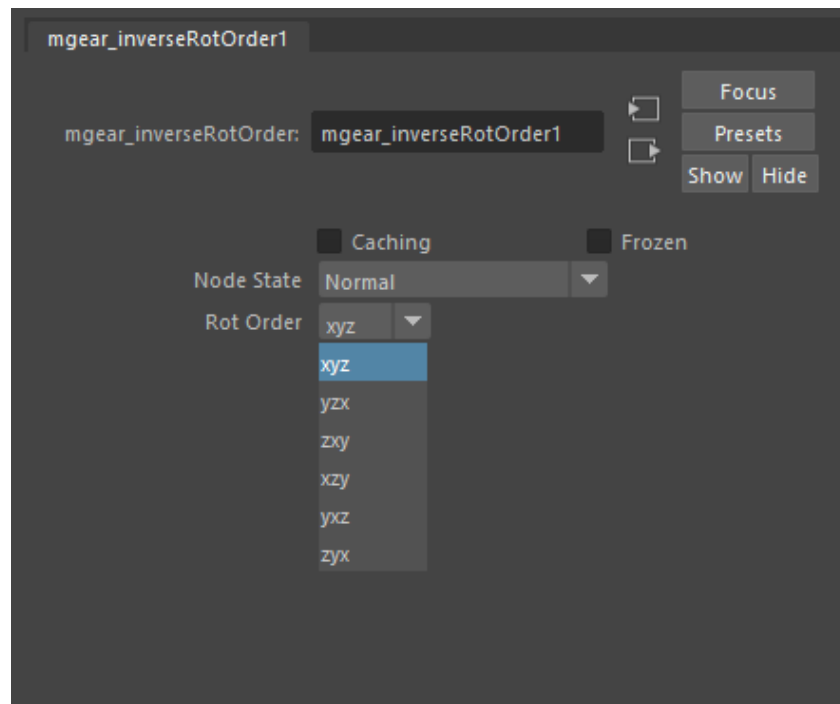


- **Blend:** Blend between the 2 input matrix
- **Matrix A:** Input Matrix
- **Matrix B:** Input Matrix
- **Output:** Output Matrix

5.5 mgear_inverseRotOrder

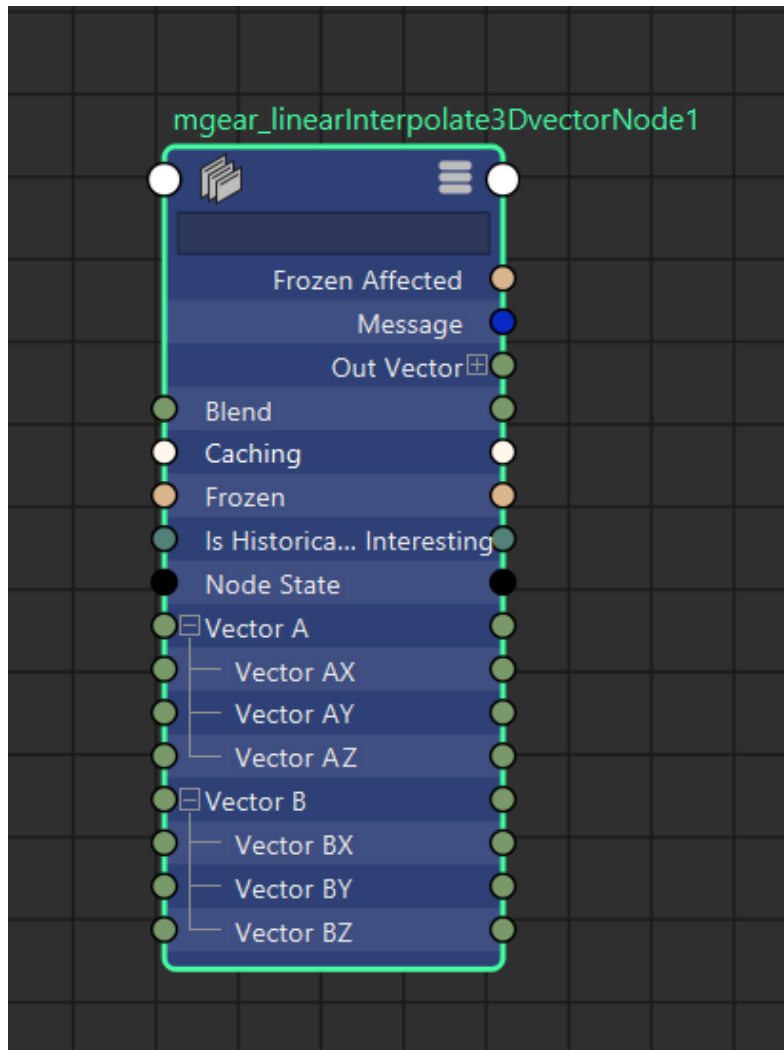


Invert the rotation order. For example and input of “XYZ” will output ZYX. This is very useful when you need to negate an animated rotation order to avoid gimbal.

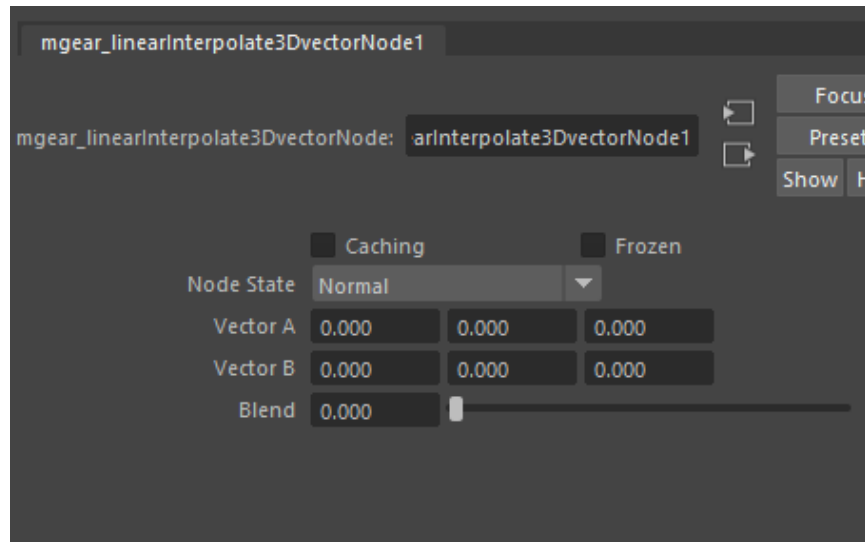


- **Rot Order:** Rotation order to invert

5.6 mgear_linearInterpolate3Dvector

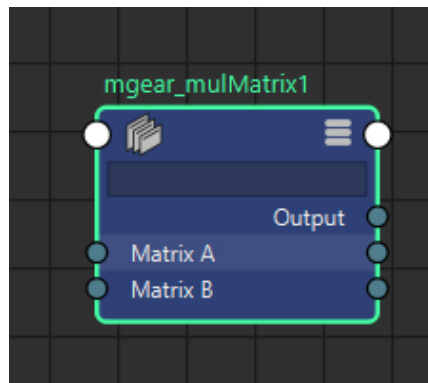


Interpolate between 2 input vector using a blend value. i.e: the XYZ position of 2 transforms.

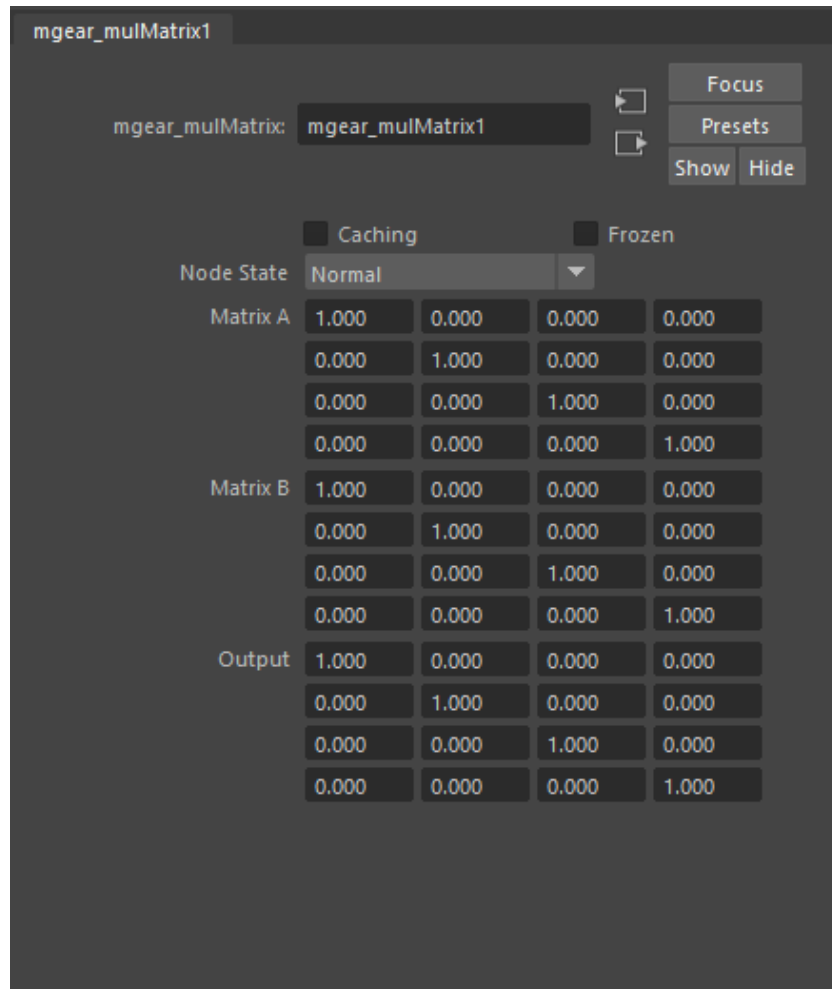


- **Blend:** Blend between the 2 input matrix
- **Vector A:** Input Vector
- **Vector B:** Input Vector
- **Out Vector:** Output Vector

5.7 mgear_mulMatrix

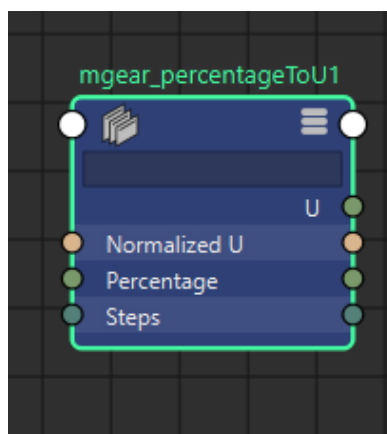


Multiply 2 input matrix. The only advantage between this node and the default one, is that with this you can visualize the values in the attribute editor. With the default Maya's multMatrix node the values are not visible, this make very difficult debugging rigs in some situations. For the rest are exactly the same and interchangeable. In terms of performance there is not noticeable difference.

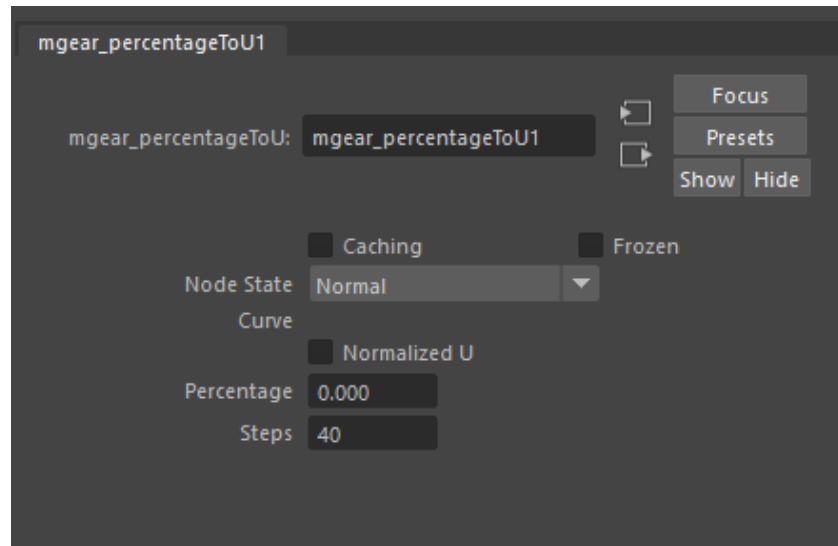


- **Matrix A:** Input Matrix
- **Matrix B:** Input Matrix
- **Output:** Output Matrix

5.8 mgear_percentageToU

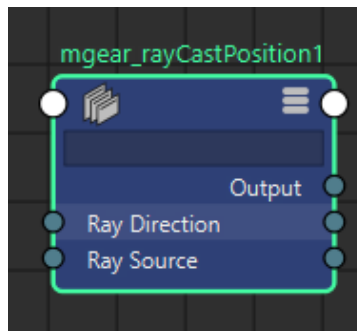


Converts a percentage values to a curve U value.

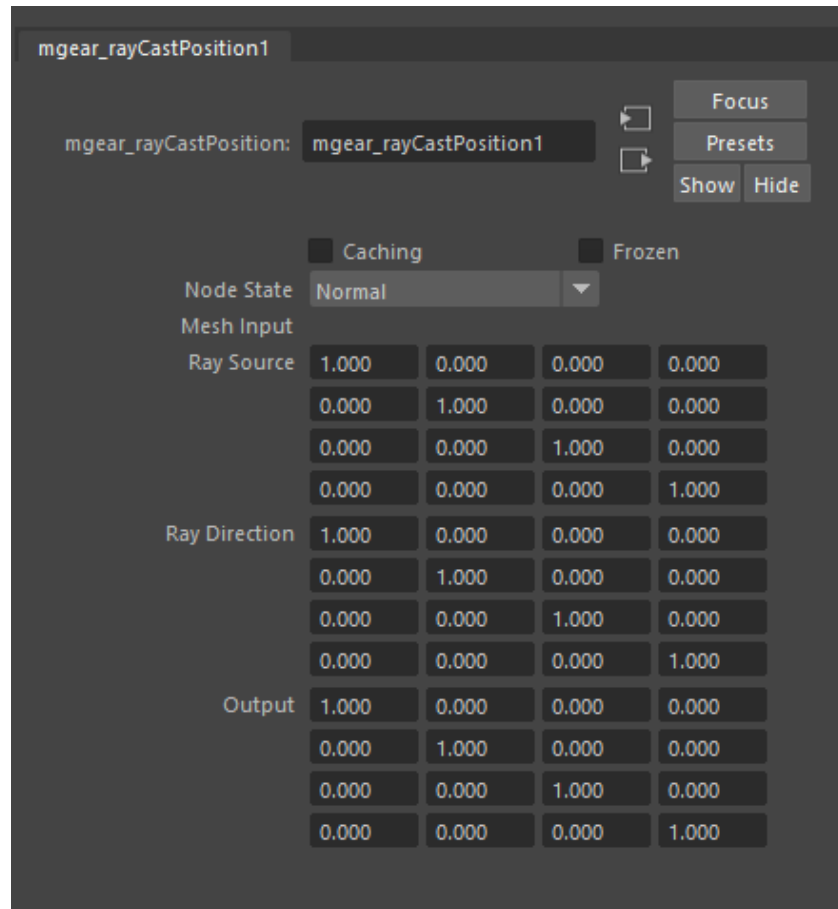


- **Curve:** Input curve.
- **Normalized U:** If active will normalize U value between 0 and 1.
- **Percentage:** Percentage value.
- **Steps:** Interpolation steps.

5.9 mgear_rayCastPosition

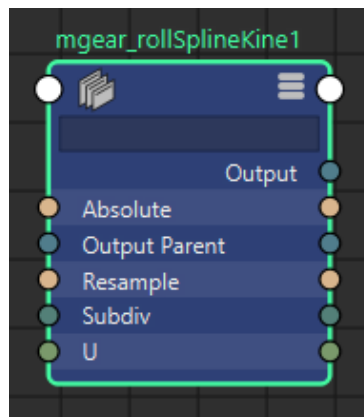


Raycast the contact position using a vector from 2 position inputs The operation is set using Matrix, but usually we will use it only to get the position.



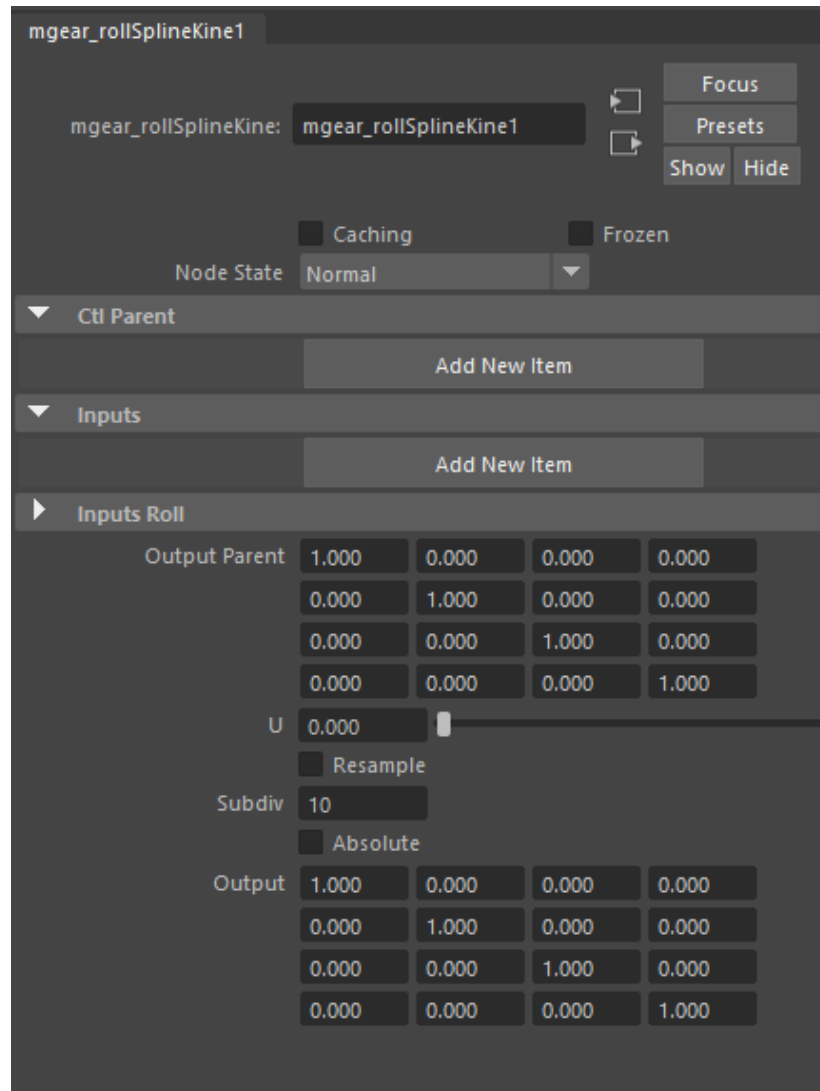
- **Mesh Input:** Contact Mesh.
- **Ray Source:** Matrix. starting position for the vector
- **Ray Direction:** Matrix. Aim position for the vector
- **Output:** Output Matrix with the position on the Contact Mesh

5.10 mgear_rollSplineKine



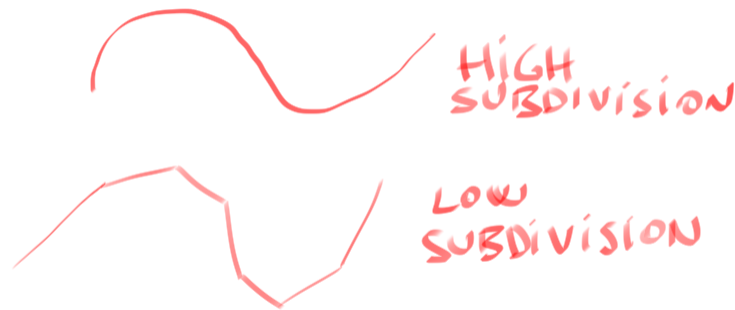
Roll Spline kinematic is a Bezier curve style with roll support. This solver is used in several Shifter components.

Mainly arms and legs. This will be the equivalent of or similar to a ribbon setup, with the advantage of been much more lightweight at evaluation time. Every input transform (world matrix plug) represents a point in the Bezier curve. And the scale in X axis of each transform represents the length of the Bezier tangents. The main limitation is that the 2 tangents are always of the same length for each point. In order to workaround this you can use 2 transforms in the same position. One representing each tangent, so the scale can be control independently. Each `mgear_rollSplineKine` node, outputs only one point in the U value of the curve.



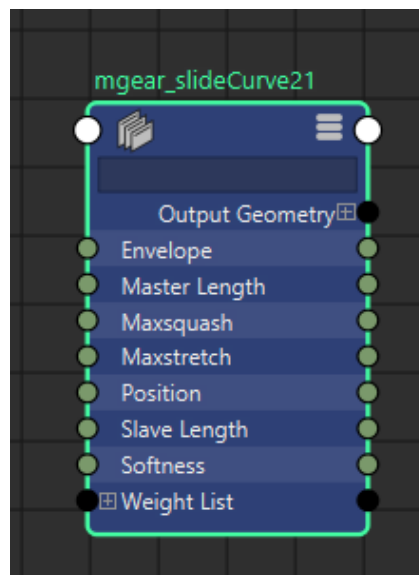
- **Ctl Input:** Array of Matrix. Input control points parent matrix.
- **inputs:** Array of Matrix. Transform controls world matrix
- **inputs Roll:** Array of Rotations. Transform controls rotation.
- **Output Parent:** Output transform parent Matrix.
- **U:** U percentage position represented from 0 to 1. NOTE: Usually the value should be always between 0.0001 and 0.999. The most extreme values are not taking in consideration the tangency for the output transform.
- **Resample:** Resample the output curve.
- **Subdiv:** Number of subdivision in the curve. Higher values will create a smoother curve but slower evaluation. Small values will create a more stepped curve, this can cause artifacts when sliding a transform on the U value.

NOTE: Also, can have a little discordance between the same component in the left and right side. Due inversion of the direction. Usually the solution is simple as increase the subdivision.

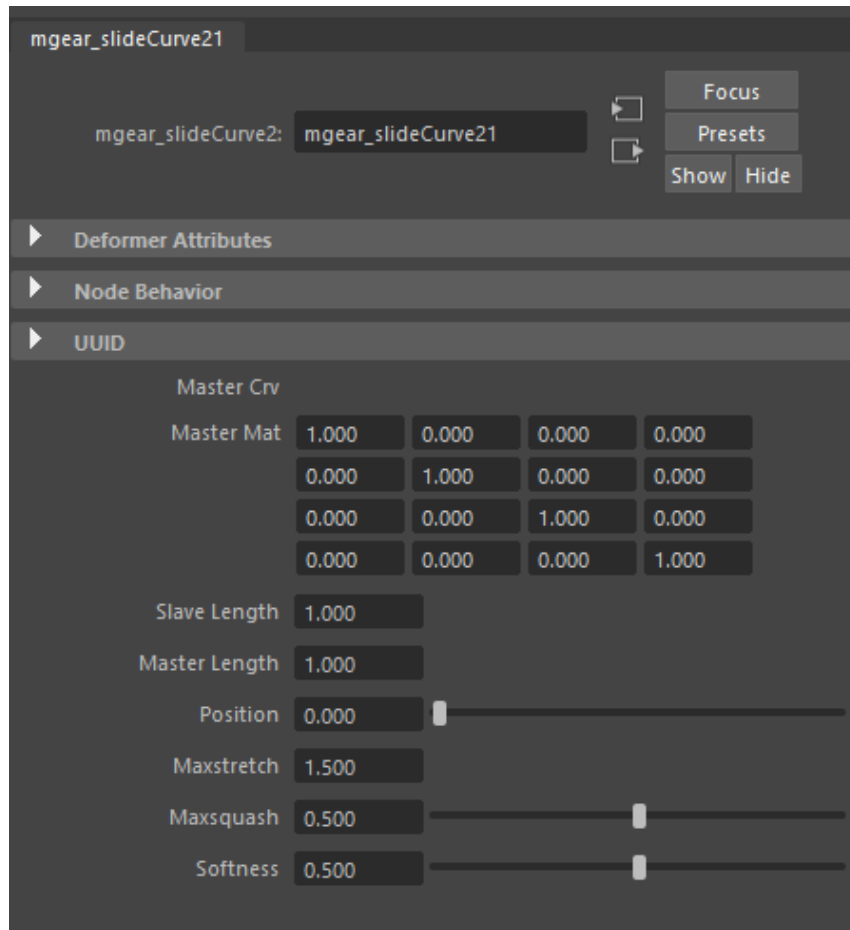


- **Absolute:** Change the way that the subdivision are distributed in the curve.
- **Output:** Output transform Matrix.

5.11 mgear_slideCurve

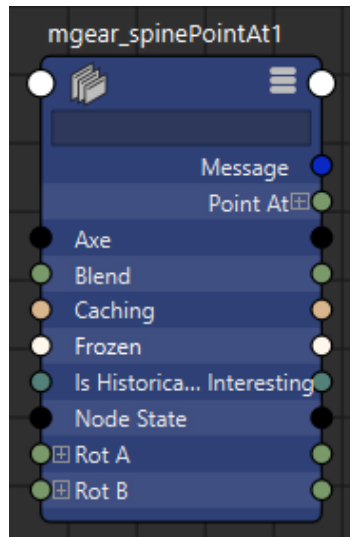


Deform a curve, sliding it on top of other. i.e: It is used in the Shifter spine component. Use this function to apply the deformer: `mgear.core.applyop.gear_curveslide2_op`

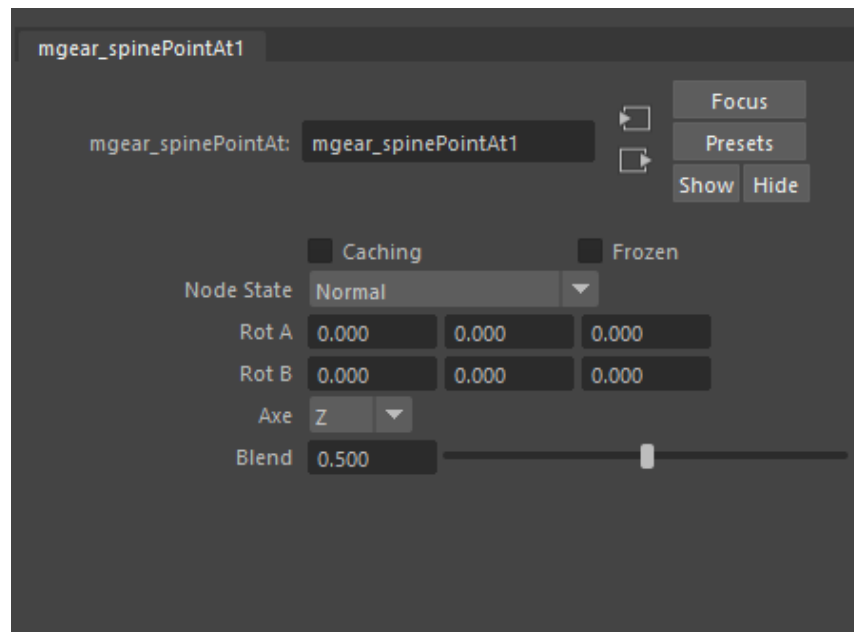


- **Master Crv:** Input Curve.
- **Master Mat:** Master curve matrix.
- **Slave Length:** Slave curve length.
- **Master Length:** Master curve length.
- **Position:** Slave curve position.
- **Max stretch:** Maximum stretch of the slave curve.
- **Max squash:** Maximum squash of the slave curve.
- **Softness:** Soft clamping for squash and stretch.

5.12 mgear_spinePointAt

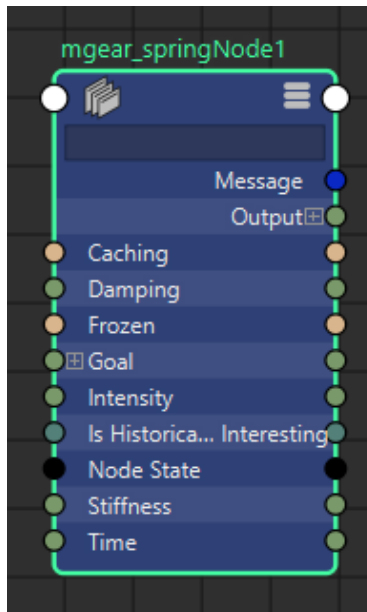


Point at an axis direction base in 2 input rotations. Note: This solver was design to handle the spine twist, but currently is not used in any component.

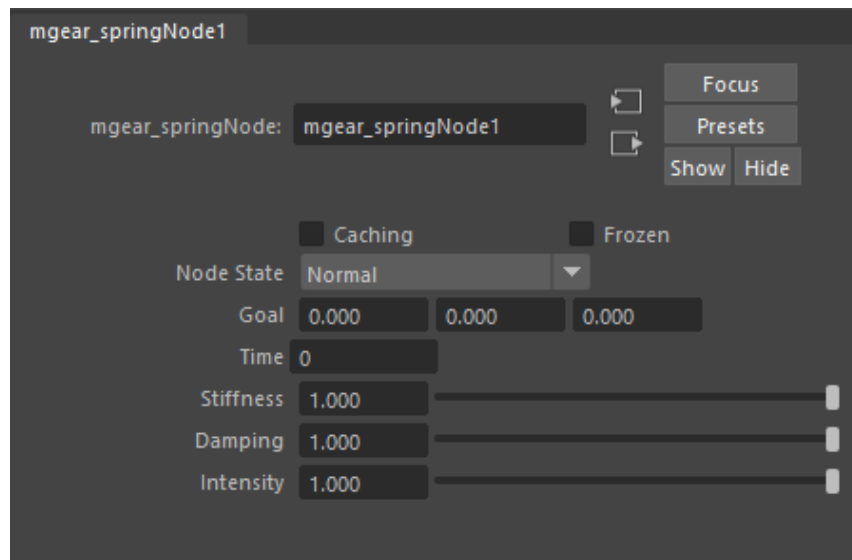


- **Rot A:** Input rotation A.
- **Rot B:** Input rotation B.
- **Axe:** Aim axis.
- **Blend:** Blend value between the 2 rotations

5.13 mgear_springNode

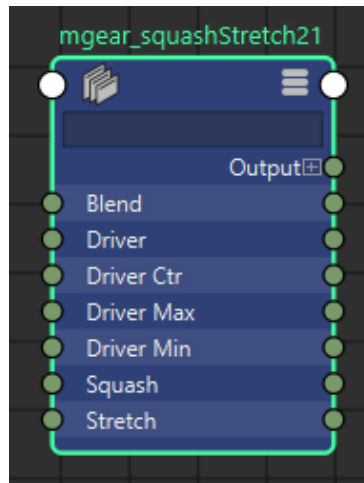


Spring dynamic solver based in goal position.

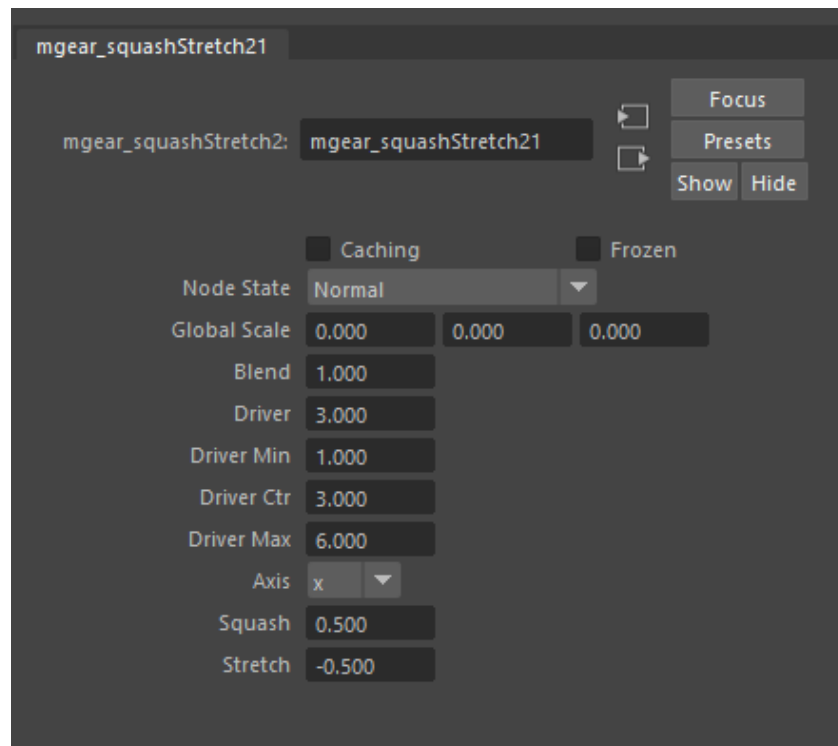


- **Goal:** Position goal.
- **Time:** Current time input.
- **Stiffness:** Stiffness value.
- **Damping:** Damping value.
- **Intensity:** Intensity value.

5.14 mgear_squashStretch_attr



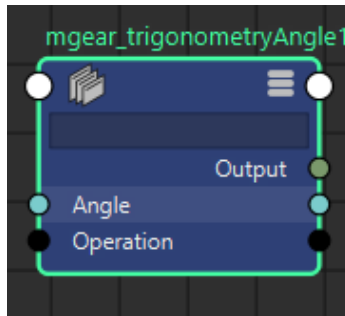
Squash and stretch solver.



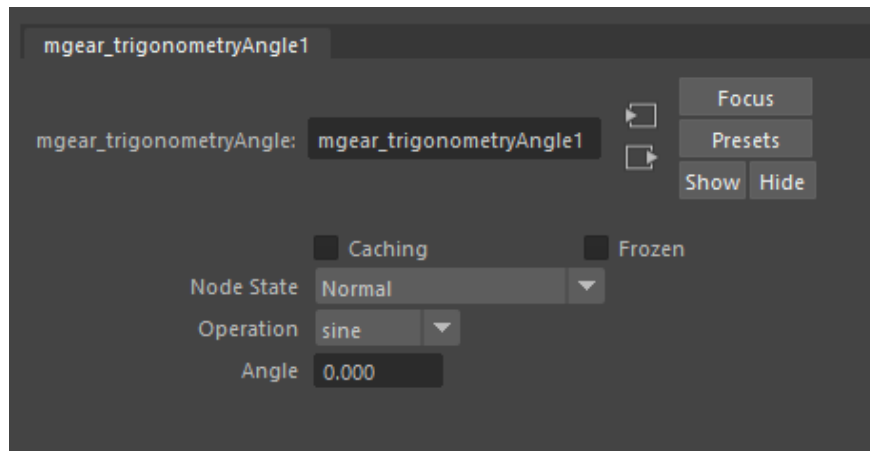
- **Global Scale:** Global scale reference.
- **Blend:** Blend to deal down the squash and stretch effect.
- **Driver:** Driver rest value.
- **Driver Min:** Driver minimum value where the squash and stretch effect will be calculated.
- **Driver ctr:** Driver control value.
- **Driver Max:** Driver maximum value where the squash and stretch effect will be calculated.
- **Axis:** Axis along the squash and stretch value will be calculated.

- **Squash:** Multiplication value for the squash direction.
- **Stretch:** Multiplication value for the stretch direction.

5.15 mgear_trigonometryAngle

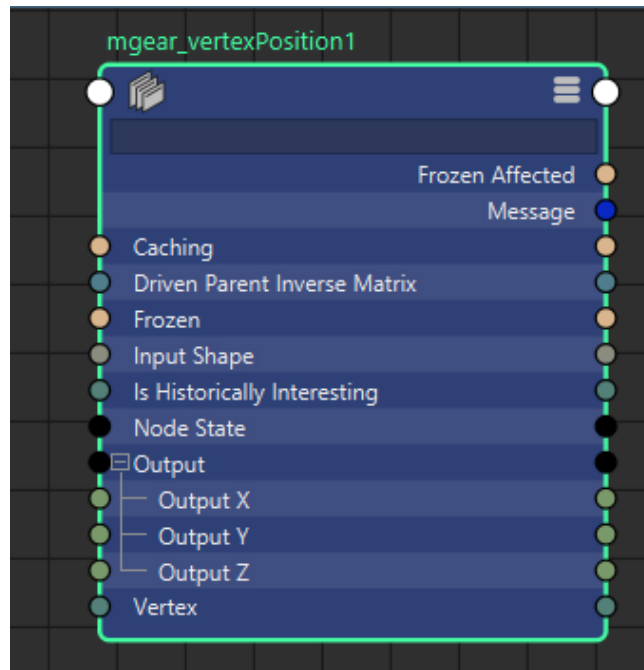


Sine and cosine trigonometry node

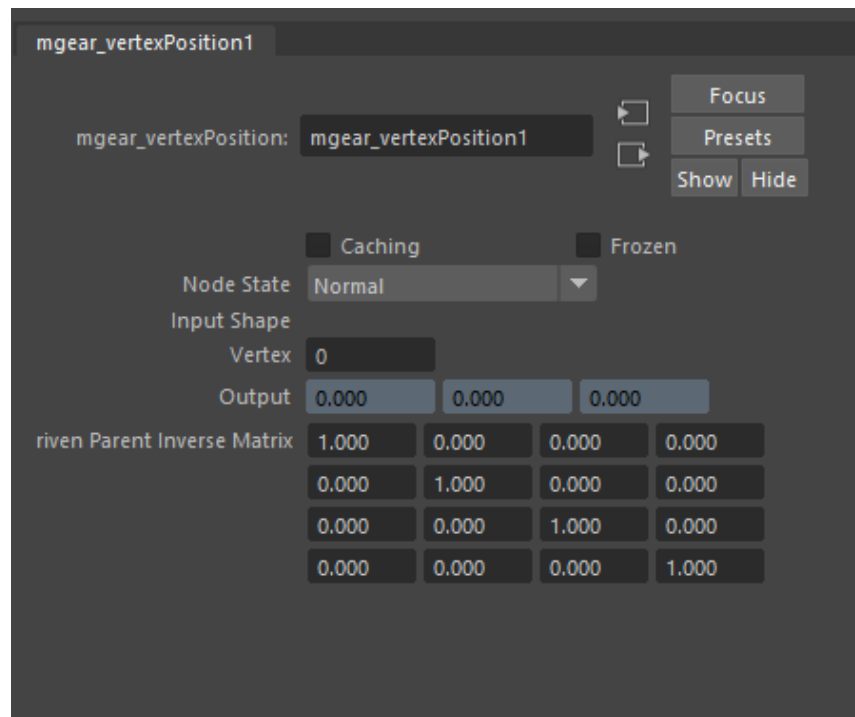


- **Operation:** Sine or Cosine.
- **Angle:** Input angle.

5.16 mgear_vertexPosition



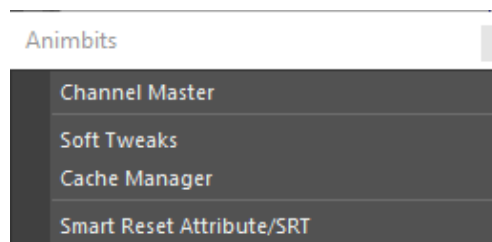
Get the world position of a given vertex



- **Input Shape:** Input mesh shape.
- **Vertex:** Vertex index number to track.
- **Output:** Output position.

- **Driven parent invert Matrix:** Driven parent invert matrix.

Tools for animators.

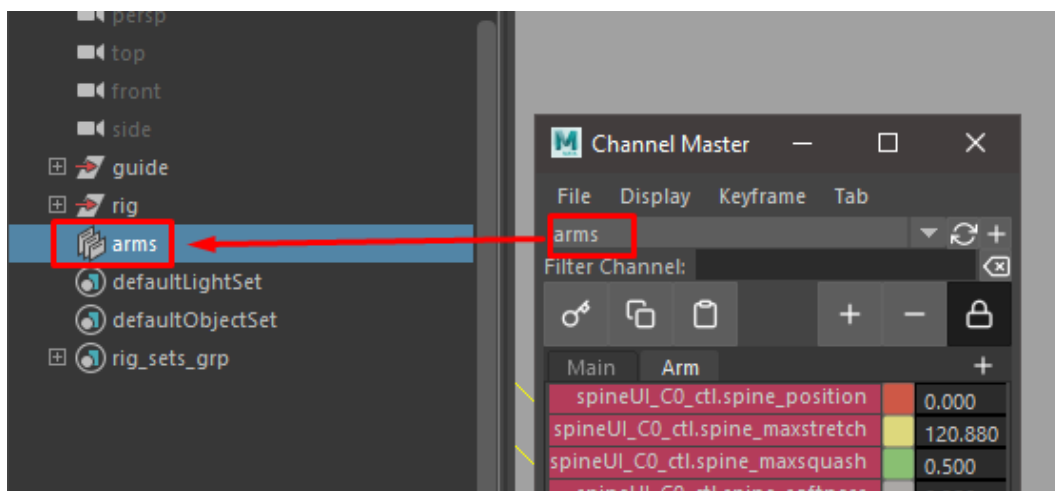


6.1 Channel Master

Channel Master is an alternative ChannelBox, but allowing the user to create custom configurations and store it.



The configuration is stored in a persistent node in the scene. The data can be exported and imported.



The channels can be a mix from different objects. The only rule is that the object that contains the channel and the channel master node should be in the same namespace.

However the internal data is not stored with name spaces, so the same configuration can be re-used in different name

spaces.

The Main tab works like the regular ChannelBox and the data is rebuild on the flight. The advantage is that is possible to lock the content using the lock icon. Also create a node is not required to use the main tab

To create custom configuration, require a custom node.

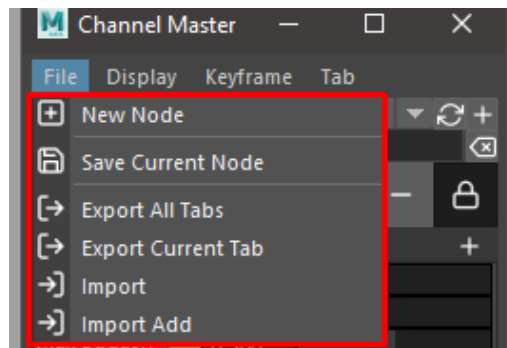
Warning: Custom configurations needs to be saved. If to be stored in the node. Missing to save the new configuration will revert the channel configuration to the previous state when the node is refresh or change node in the drop-down menu

Warning: The tool has been design to avoid bottleneck the evaluation while playback by turning off the refresh and updating on demand in some situations. When scrubbing the timeline still updating the channel values. This will take some FPS away (Only when Scrubbing, not in Playback).

If you need to do scrubbing a lot and need the performance. You can change the Channel Master to empty Main tab, by lock the tab when nothing is selected. Or Just close Channel Master

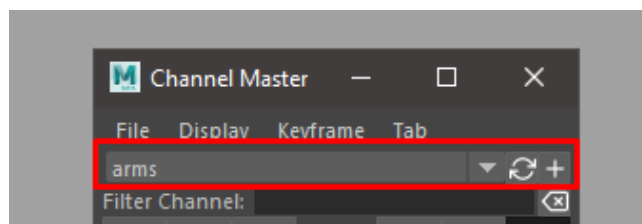
We planning to add more control over this in the future.

File Menu:



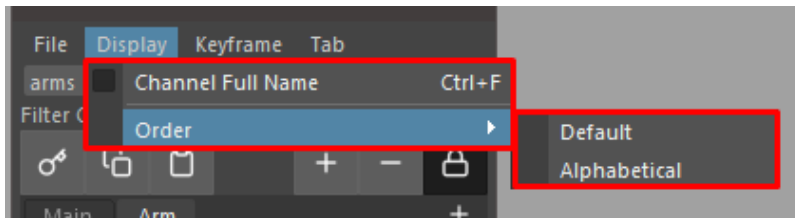
- **New Node:** Creates a new node

Also is possible to add nodes from the node bar in the UI

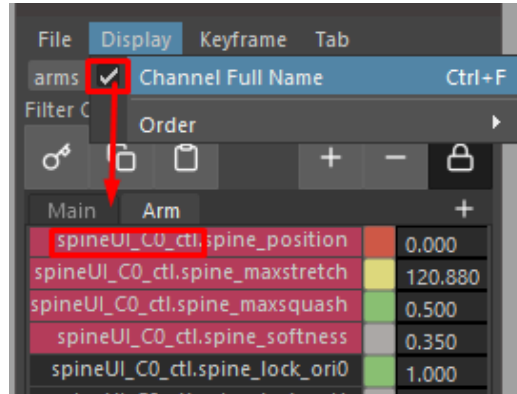


- **Save Current Node:** Save the current node configuration
- **Export All Tabs:** Export the current node configuration to a Json file
- **Export Current Tab:** Export current tab configuration to Json file
- **Import:** Import and create a new node
- **Import Add:** Import and add the configuration to an existing node

Display Menu:

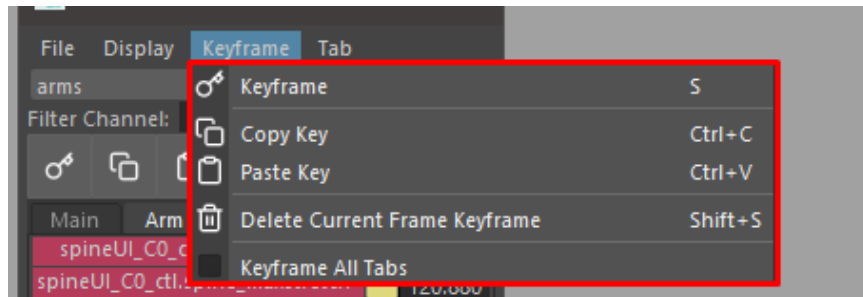


- **Channel Full Name:** Display the full name of the channel



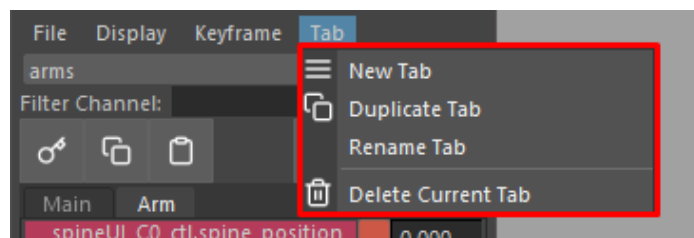
- **Order:** Arrange the channels by Alphabetic or Default order

Keyframe Menu:



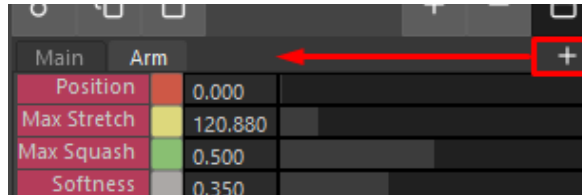
- **Keyframe:** Toggle a keyframe for all the channels in the current tab. If there is a channel that doesn't have keyframe will add keyframe. If all channels have keyframe it will remove the keyframe.
- **Copy key:** Copy current values in the buffer
- **Paste key:** Paste from buffer and set keyframe
- **Delete current keyframe:** Delete the current tab keyframe
- **Keyframe all tabs:** Keyframe command will be applied to all tabs. With this option active the toggle functionality will change to always key.

Tabs Menu:



- **New Tab:** Create new tab.
- **Duplicate Tab:** Duplicate current Tab
- **Rename Tab:** Rename current tab
- **Delete Current Tab:** Delete current Tab

Tabs can be added using the + icon in the tabs row

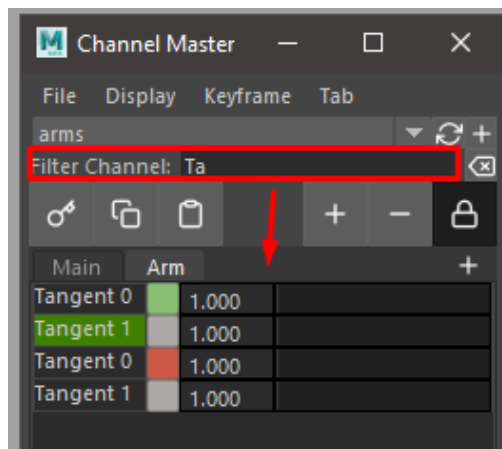


6.1.1 Channels



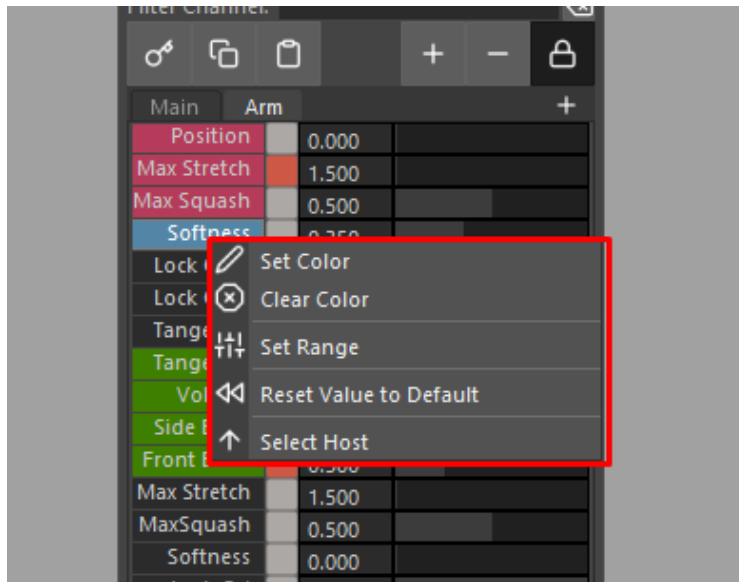
- 1) **Keyframe button:** Same command as keyframe menu
- 2) **Copy key button:** Same command as keyframe menu
- 3) **Copy paste button:** Same command as keyframe menu
- 4) **Plus Button:** Add selected channels from ChannelBox to Channel Master
- 5) **Minus Button:** Remove Selected channels
- 6) **Lock refresh:** in Main Tab

Search channel: will filter the channel list



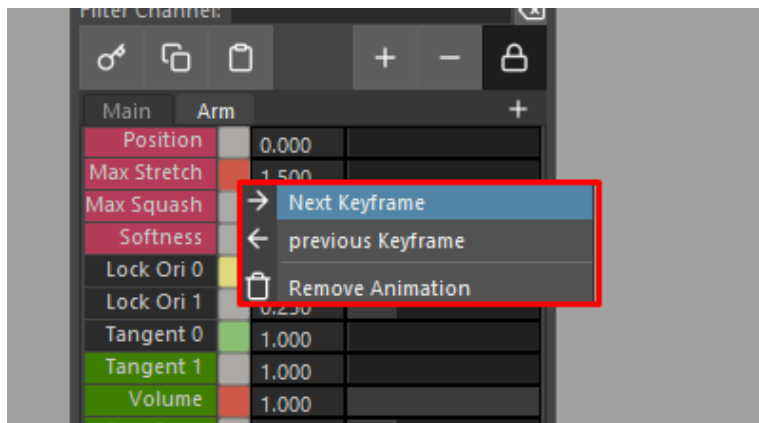
In the channels area we will find 2 context menus and a middle click slider precision widget.

Channel context menu: The actions in this menu can be apply to multiple selection



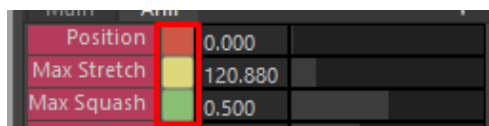
- **Set Color:** Set a custom color for easy identification.
- **Clear Color:** Clear custom color.
- **Set Range:** Set range min and max for the slider.
- **Reset Value to Default:** Reset the channel value.
- **Select Host:** Select the object that owns the channel.

Keyframe channel button context menu.:



- **Next Keyframe:** Move time to the next keyframe.
- **Previous Keyframe:** Move time to the previous keyframe.
- **Remove Animation:** Delete channel animation.

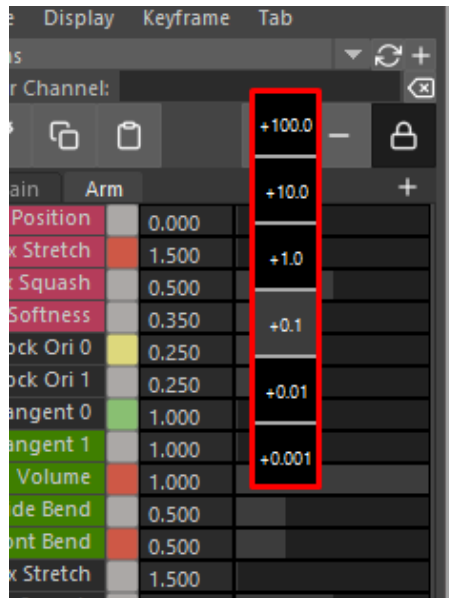
Keyframe button color coding:



- **Red:** Keyframe in the current frame.

- **Green:** Animation but not keyframe in the current frame.
- **Yellow:** Current value changed.

The slider precision widget is similar to the one from Houdini

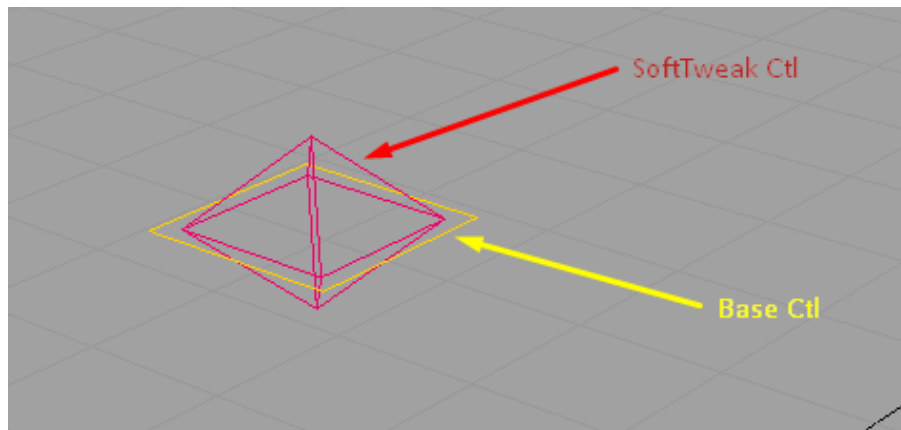


6.2 Soft Tweaks

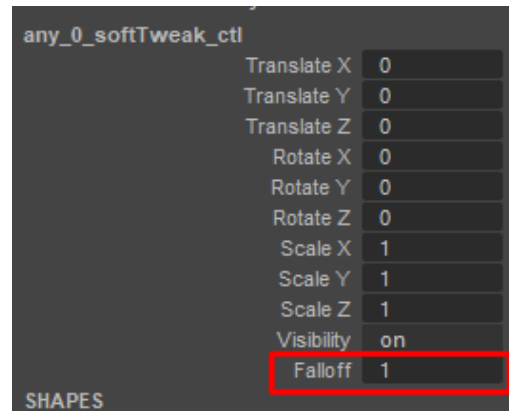
This tool create and manage SoftTweaks (ST for short) and also provide as simple API to import and export configurations, so is possible to integrate with your pipeline and animation publishing system.

SoftTweak is a dynamic position tweak using softmod deformer The credit of the idea goes to [Vasil Shotarov](#) , thanks!

The SoftTweak have 2 controls. The Base represents the bind position where the ST will not have any effect. The main control will trigger the deformation when is not in the reset position..

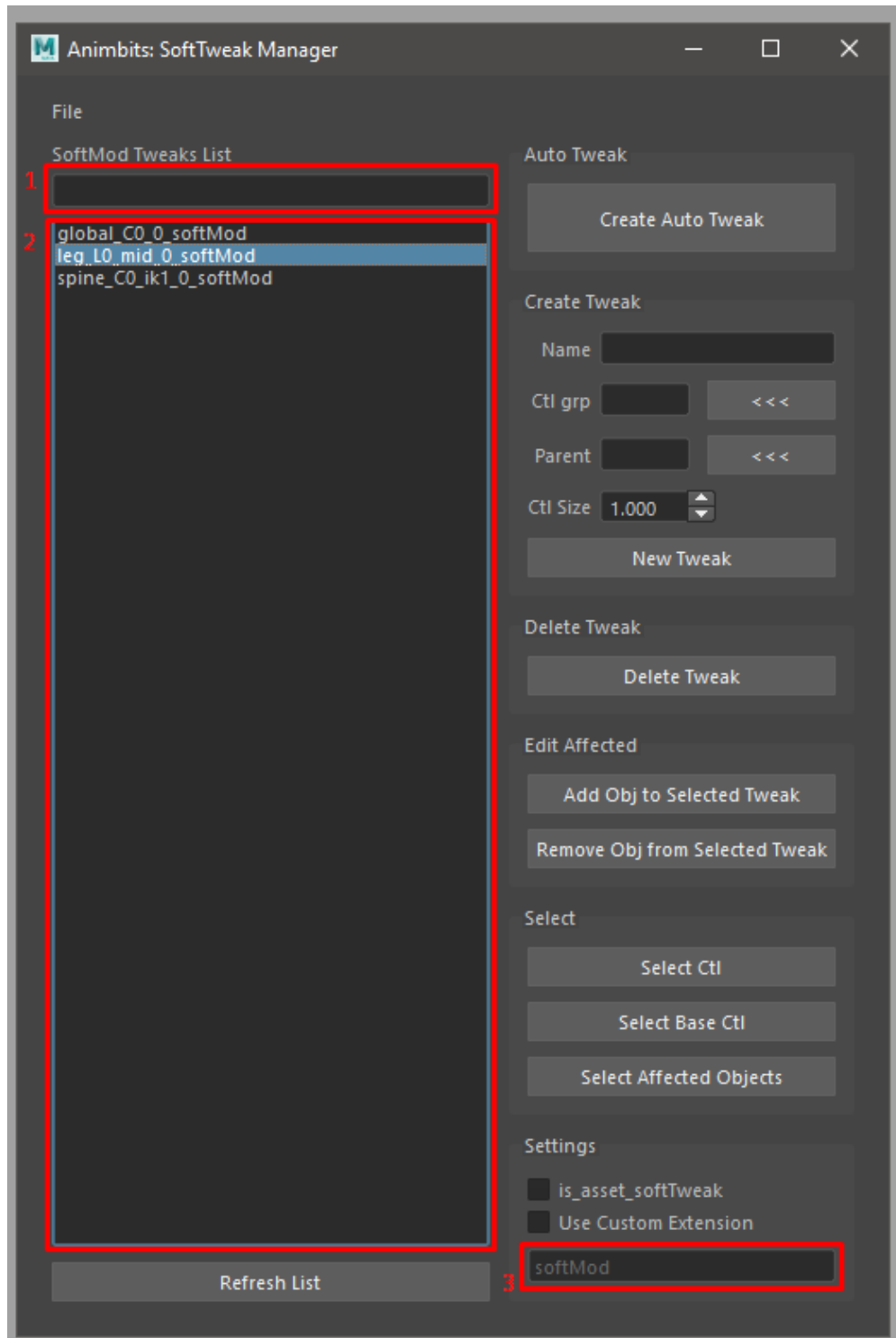


In the ST main control we can find a falloff channel to control the area of deformation



6.2.1 SoftTweak Manager GUI

By default the SoftTweak is design to be used by shot and not part of a rig. However if is needed to publish a rig with some SoftTweaks there is an option to flag (`is_asset_softTweak`) the SoftTweak as asset tweak. So the tool will make a distinction between the ones that need to be publish with the shot and the ones that are included in the asset.

**File Menu:**

- **Export Selected:** Exports selected ST from the list
- **Export All:** Exports all the ST from the list. If search filter is used, will not affect the export. But export will make a distinction between regular SoftTweak and asset SoftTweak
- **Import:** Import ST configuration from a file.

GUI:

- **Search Filter:** (1) Quick search filter of the SoftTweak list.
- **SoftTweaks List:** (2) ST selection list.
- **Create Auto Tweak:** Create a tweak based on the current selection.
 1. Select the objects to apply the ST
 2. Last element selected should be a control. This will be the parent of the ST. Also the ST will take the Name and the group(set) from the parent
 3. Click Create Auto Tweak
- **Name:** Name of the new ST.
- **Ctl grp:** Group of controls to add the new ST controls.
- **Parent:** Parent of the new ST.
- **Ctl Size:** Parent of the new ST.
- **New Tweak:** Create a new ST.
- **Delete Tweak:** Delete the tweaks selected in the ST list.
- **Add Object to Selected Tweak:** Add selected objects to the tweaks selected in the ST list.
- **Remove Object from Selected Tweak:** Remove selected objects from the tweaks selected in the ST list.
- **Select Ctl:** Select the control from the tweaks selected in the ST list.
- **Select Base Ctl:** Select the Base control from the tweaks selected in the ST list.
- **Select Affected Objects:** Select the object affected by the the tweaks selected in the ST list.
- **is_asset_softTweak:** Tag the new created ST as an asset ST. This will also change the ST selection list to show the asset ST.
- **Use Custom Extension:** The new ST will have a custom suffix.
- **Suffix Name:** (3) Suffix name for the new ST.

6.2.2 API

```
# To import a softTweak configuration from script editor or Shifter Custom Step:

from mgear.animbits import softTweaks as st
st.importConfigurationFromFile(filePath= path to the .smt configuration file)

# to export configuration
# list the softtweaks in the scene
softtweaks = st._listSoftModTweaks(is_asset=False)
# export
st.exportConfiguration(softtweaks)
```

6.3 Smart reset Attribute/SRT

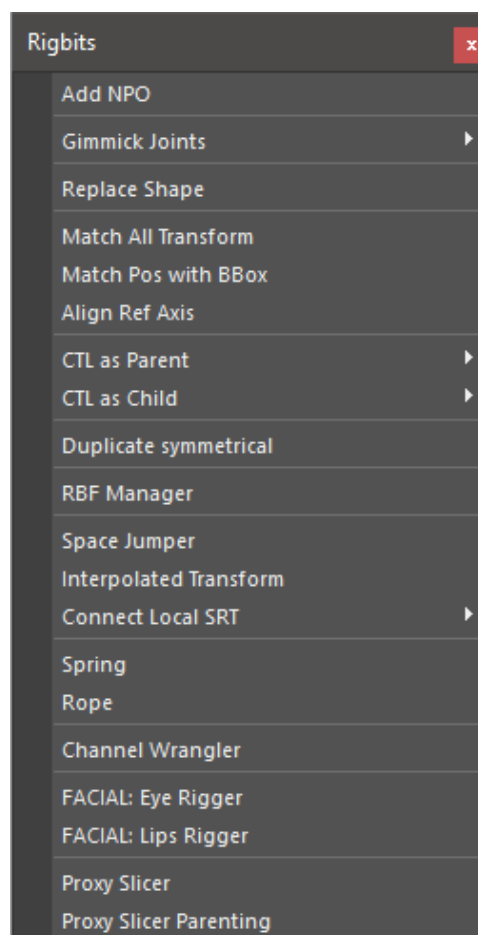
This command will reset the SRT (Scale, rotation and Translation of any selected object). If an attribute is highlighted in the Channel Box, will reset the channel instead.

TIP: Set a hotkey for this command using mGear Hotkey creator in utilities menu.



Rigbits User Documentation

Rigging tools



7.1 Add NPO

Add a transform as parent of each selected object in order to neutralize the local values to the reset position

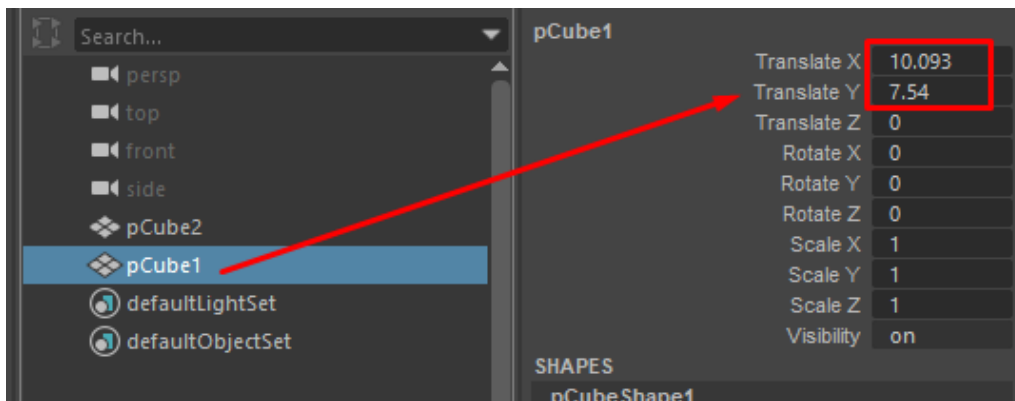


Fig. 1: The translate X and Y have some values

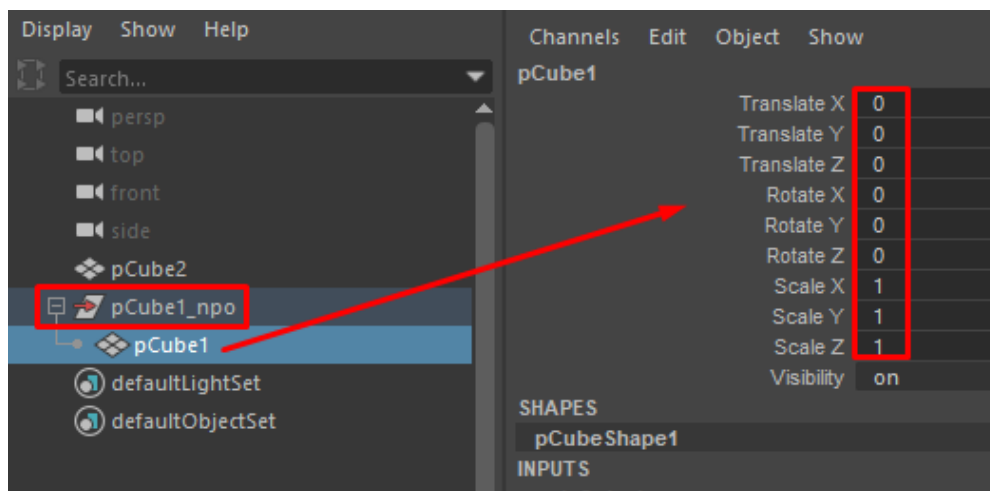


Fig. 2: All the local transform values are reset

7.2 Gimmick Joints

Joint helper tools.

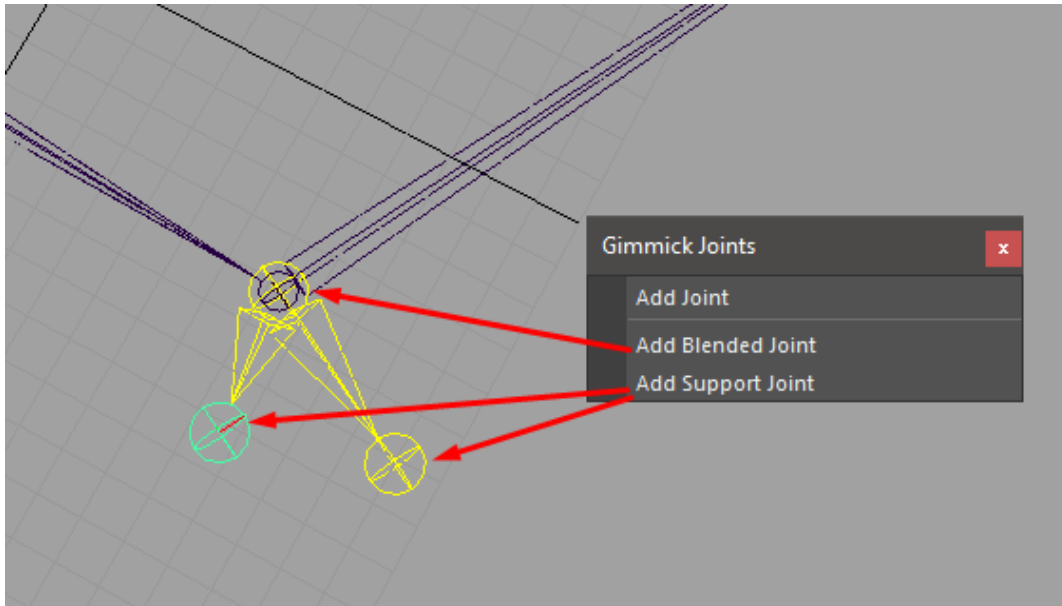
7.2.1 Add Joint

Add a deformer joint to each selected object.

This command will try to add the joint to “rig_deformers_grp” or create it if doesn’t exist. Also will parent the joint under “jnt_org” if exist. If doesn’t exist will parent the joint under the corresponding object.

7.2.2 Add Blended Joint

Add a blended joint under a chain of joints. This joint will rotat 50% between 2 joints.



7.2.3 Add Support Joint

Support joint are created under a blended joint and are design to help with deformation. Typically this kind of joints will also be driven by a SDK or similar.

7.3 Replace Shape

Replace the shape of one object shape with another

7.4 Match All Transform

Align one object to another object using the world Matrix reference.

7.5 Match Pos with BBox

Center the position of an object in the center of the bounding box of an object.

7.6 Align Ref Axis

Create a reference locator axis based on a point selection. This command needs at less 3 points.

Tip: Very useful to find rotation axis in mechanical rigs if the transformations of the mesh have been freeze.

7.7 CTL as Parent

Create a control of the selected shape as parent of each selected object.

7.8 Ctl as Child

Create a control of the selected shape as child of each selected object.

7.9 Duplicate Symmetrical

Duplicate and mirror the selected object and his children. This is done by negating some axis scaling and inverting some of the values. This will provide a mirror behavior. Also handle some renaming. i.e: from _L to _R

7.10 RBF Manager

A tool to manage a number of RBF type nodes under a user defined setup(name)

Steps - set Driver set Control for driver(optional, recommended) select attributes to driver RBF nodes Select Node to be driven in scene(Animation control, transform) Name newly created setup select attributes to be driven by the setup add any additional driven nodes position driver(via the control) position the driven node(s) select add pose

Add notes - Please ensure the driver node is NOT in the same position more than once. This will cause the RBFNode to fail while calculating. This can be fixed by deleting any two poses with the same input values.

Edit Notes - Edit a pose by selecting “pose #” in the table. (which recalls recorded pose) reposition any controls involved in the setup select “Edit Pose”

Delete notes - select desired “pose #” select “Delete Pose”

Mirror notes - setups/Controls will successfully mirror if they have had their inverseAttrs configured previously.

7.11 Space Jumper

7.12 Interpolate Transform

7.13 Connect Local SRT

7.14 Spring

7.15 Rope

7.16 Channel Wrangler

7.17 Eye Rigger

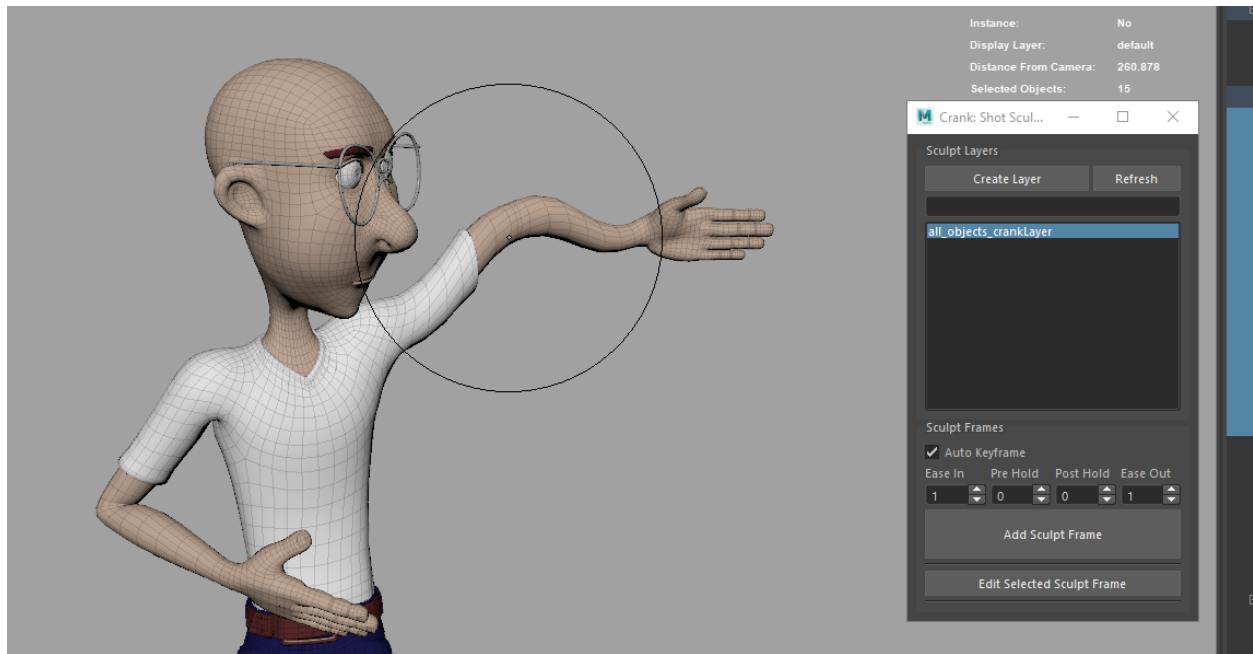
7.18 Lips Rigger

7.19 Proxy Slicer

7.20 Proxy Slicer Parenting

Crank User Documentation

Crank is a shot sculpting tool specially designed to handle several object and the same time. This tools can be used for general deformation correction, cloth simulation correction or animation exaggeration.

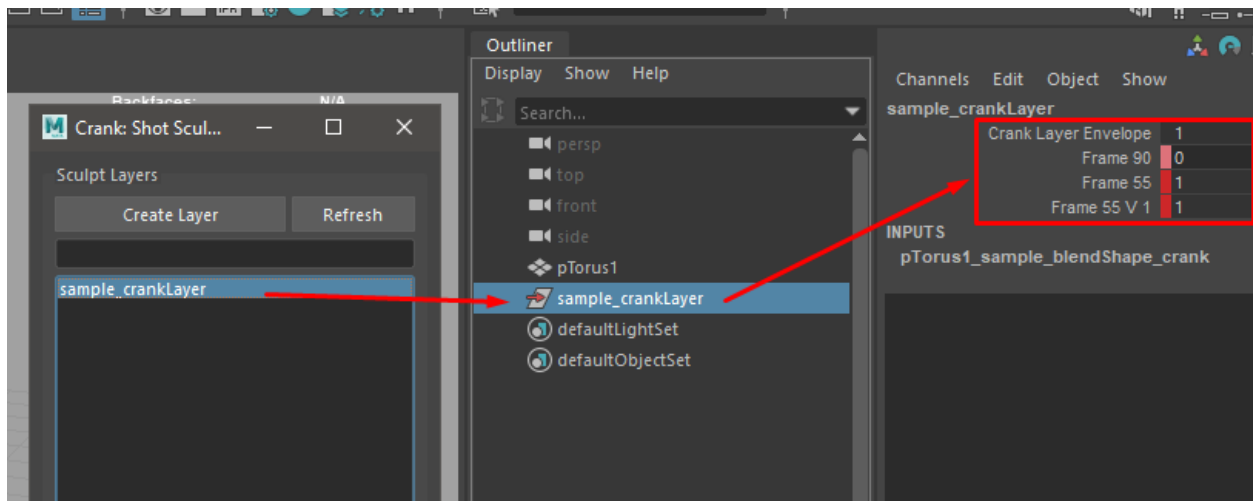


Crank uses only default Maya nodes and blendshape nodes. So not extra plugins are required to open as shot sculpted scene.

Sculpting can be apply to rigged meshes (local or referenced) or to cached animations (Alembic)

In order to deform an object. First we should create a “Crank Layer”. The layer can contain one or more objects. Also, an object can be included in more than one layer.

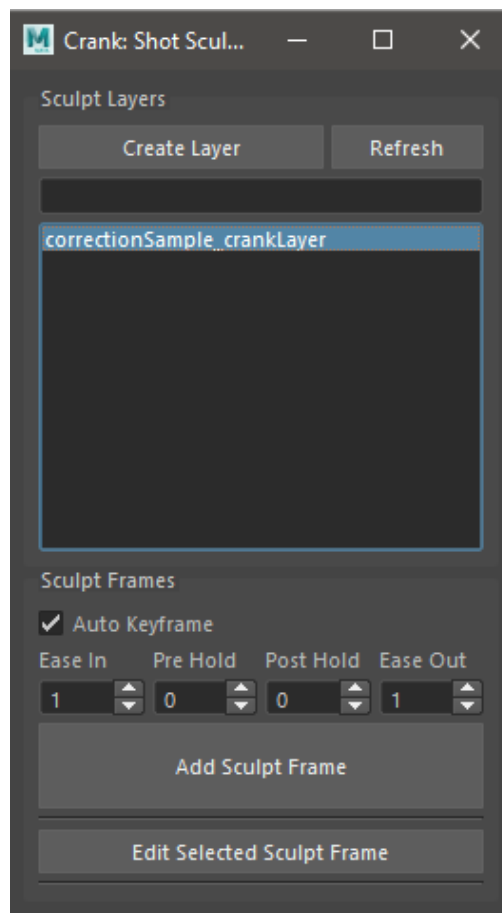
Crank Layers are represented in the scene with a regular Maya’s transform node. This node contains a series of custom attributes and connections to handle and store the shot sculpting information and animation.



Several layers can be edit at the same time. But be careful if the same object is in several of this layers.

The blendshape nodes are created at the end of the chain and the deltas are set to use tangent space.

This should give the most stable result when the same sculpt is hold in several frames. However in areas where the geometry have collapse a lot (i.e: the internal part of the elbow when the arm is flexed), can result in a unstable interpolation if the sculpt is hold more than one frame. Used in combination with Deltamush can mitigate some of the possible issues



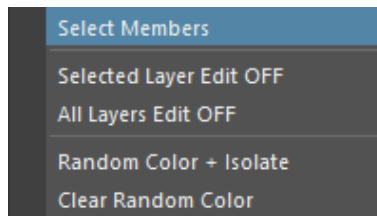
GUI:

- **Create Layer:** Create a new layer from the selected objects.
- **Refresh:** Refresh layers list.
- **Search Filter:** Quick search filter of the Crank Layer list.
- **Layers List: Crank Layers list.**
 - LMB click will select the layer.
 - RMB click show the context menu.



- **Auto Keyframe:** If checked, crank will auto keyframe a range of frames, based on the. Starting from value 0
- **Ease In:** Ease In frames.
- **Pre Hold:** Pre hold frames before current frame. This are the frames where the value of the sculpt blendshape will be 1.
- **Post Hold:** Post hold frames after the current frame. This are the frames where the value of the sculpt blendshape will be 1.
- **Ease Out:** Ease In frames.
- **Add Sculpt Frame:** Add a new sculpt frame for the selected layers. If there is more than one sculpt for each frame it will and a version index. This can be useful to tackle different areas in the same layer.
- **Add Sculpt Frame:** Edit the selected sculpt frame. In order to edit the frame should be first highlighted in the layer channel box. Only one frame can be edited at the same time.

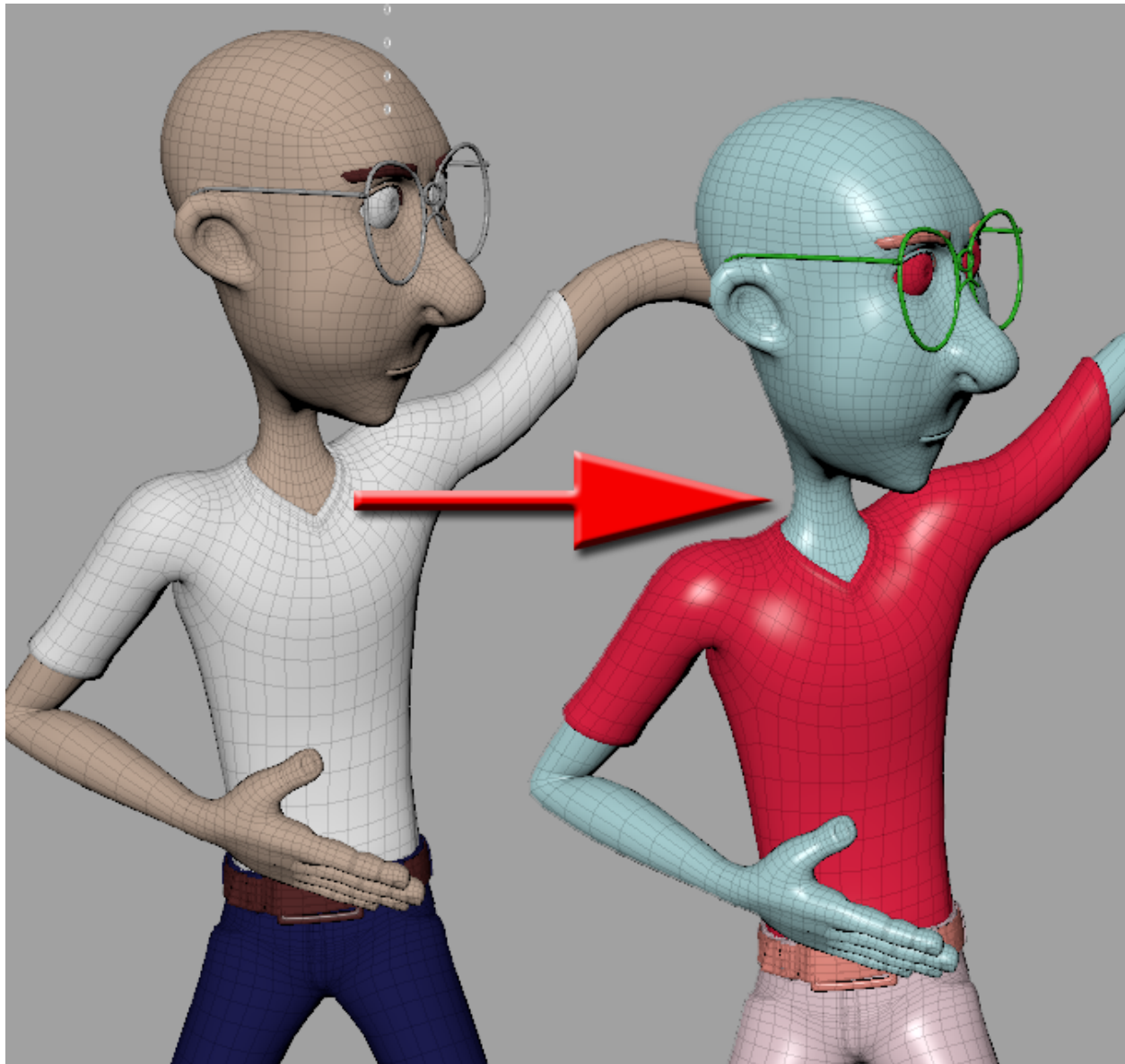
Context Menu:



- **Select Members:** Select the objects affected by the layer.
- **Selected Layer Edit OFF:** Turn off the editing status of the selected layers

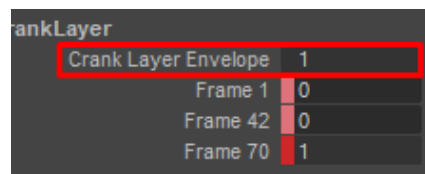
Note: When we add a new sculpt or edit a sculpt frame. The blendshape target of each affected object is set to “Edit” status. To avoid any issue if we forget to set it OFF, a callback is initialized to turn off this edit status if we move the current frame in the timeline.

- **All Layers Edit OFF:** Turn off the editing status of all layers. This can be also achieved by changing the current frame in the timeline.



- **Random Color + Isolate:** Create a render layer with random color for better visualization. This works based on shading groups, not individual objects.
- **Clear Random Color:** Delete the random color render layer.

WARNING: Currently is not possible to edit (add or remove objects) from a Crank Layer. Also any deleting option have been implemented. in order to deactivate the effect just set the Envelope value of the layer to 0.

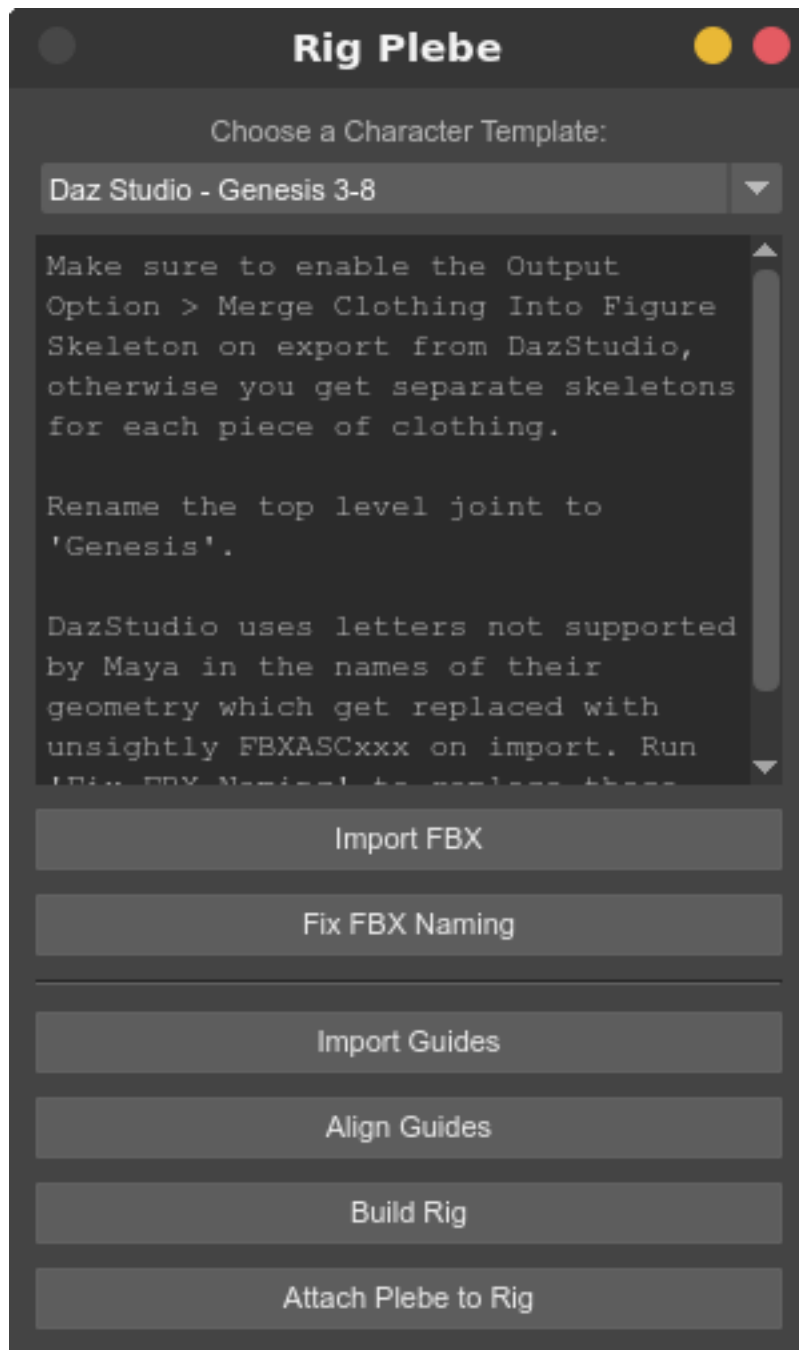


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- components
- creating new components
- guides templates and basic rig building
- stepped rig building
- scalability and reusability
- gotchas
- tips

9.1 Plebes - Instant Rigged Characters Using mGear

Plebes is a simple template based tool to quickly rig characters from various character generators, such as DazStudio, Character Creator 3, MakeHuman or Mixamo. What it does is build an mGear rig that matches the proportions of your character, and then constrains the joints of that character to the rig with just a few clicks.



9.1.1 How to Rig Plebes

- 1) Open Plebes interface from the mGear>Shifter>Plebes... menu.
- 2) Export the character from the character generator as FBX and bring it into Maya.
- 3) Select the **Character Template** that matches your character generator.
- 4) Follow the template specific instructions in the Plebes interface.
- 5) Press **Import Guides** to import the mGear biped guides.

- 6) Press **Align Guides** to align the mGear guides to your character's joints.
- 7) Look over the guides, and manually adjust any that are off (e.g. typically the heel and sides of the feet).
- 8) Press **Build Rig** to build the rig.
- 9) Press **Attach Plebe to Rig** to constrain the character to the mGear rig. This also removes any locks, keys/connections and/or limits on the translate, rotate and scale attributes on the character's original joints.

You can delete the rig, adjust the guides and rebuild it, like you can normally with mGear, by simply deleting the "rig" group and running the last two steps again.

Note: Some character generators build their characters with completely straight or misaligned elbows and knees, which makes it impossible for mGear to figure out where to aim the knee or elbow, so you may need to rotate the joints slightly before aligning the guides to them, to make sure they are pointing in the right direction.

9.1.2 Known Limitations

Plebes is meant to quickly rig generic characters, typically for use in the background or for crowd agents, so has some limitations. If you need more of a hero rig, you can use the guide placement as a starting point, but it's probably a good idea to skin the character directly to your mGear joints, rather than using **Attach Plebe to Rig**. Other known limitations include:

- Stretching and scaling of limbs may not work correctly for all templates, though it should work fine for all "normal" animation.
- Some characters come with additional joints, such as face joints, that Plebes does not add any controls to.

9.1.3 Plebe Templates

What gets aligned and constrained to what is defined by simple JSON templates. Plebes ships with templates for the several commonly used character generators, but should you want to add more or modify the existing ones, you can easily do so. You can define the location of additional templates by defining the environment variable PLEBE_TEMPLATES_DIR. You can have multiple template dirs, so you can add your custom ones from your home folder or project specific ones as needed, just make sure each template has a unique name.

The templates look like this:

```
{
  "help": "This show up when you hover over the template menu.",
  "root": "CC_Base_BoneRoot",
  "guides": [
    { "guide": "CC_Base_BoneRoot" },
    { "neck_C0_tan0": [
      "CC_Base_NeckTwist01",
      "CC_Base_NeckTwist02"
    ] }
  ],
  "settings": [
    { "arm_L0_root": [
      { "div0": 1 },
      { "div1": 1 },
      { "supportJoints": 0 }
    ] }
  ],
}
```

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"joints": [  
  {"local_C0_ctl": {  
    "joint": "CC_Base_BoneRoot",  
    "constrain": "111"}  
  },  
  {"spine_C0_0_jnt": {  
    "joint": "CC_Base_Hip",  
    "constrain": "110"}  
  }  
]  
}
```

- **help** - Documentation that shows up in the interface, detailing any specific things you need to do to work with this template.
- **root** - The top level joint/node from the character generator.
- **guides** - List of which guides to position at which joints.
 - If you match it to a list of joints, like with the neck above, it will be placed between them.
- **settings** - Settings to adjust on the guides before building the rig. Typically this is number of twist joints, but can be any attribute and value combination.
- **joints** - List of mGear joints and which of the character's joints to constrain to it.
 - **joint** - Name of the character's joint to constrain to mGear.
 - **constrain** - Three 0 or 1's. First is if to point constraint, second is orient and third is scale.

Shifter Component Reference

Shifter comes with over 40 components you can build your rig from. This section covers the functionality and settings of each one in detail.

10.1 Guide Settings

10.2 Main Settings

Settings shared by all components.

- **Name:** The base name of the component, all the parts of the component get renamed.
- **Side:** Which side the component is on; Left, Right or Center
- **Component Index:** WIP
- **Connector:** WIP

10.2.1 Joint Connection Settings

- **Use Joint Index:** WIP
- **Parent Joint Index:** WIP

10.2.2 Channel Host Settings

- **Host:** The guide that stores the extra attributes for this component, such as IK/FK blendering and more. This will generally be a control_01 component.

10.2.3 Custom Ctonrollers Group

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10.3 Shifter Components

10.3.1 arm_2jnt_01

Two bone arm setup with:

- **IK/FK blending** for switching between animating with IK or FK
- **Roll** attribute that lets you adjust the elbow direction, without moving the pole vector
- **Twist joints** for better deformations around the shoulder and wrist joints
- **Armpit roll** to manually adjust the twist joints around the shoulder joint
- **Scale** of the entire arm
- **Stretching** so the arm can elongate when the IK control is too far away to reach, including a maximum stretch limit
- **Sliding** of the elbow, which elongates the upper arm while shortening the lower arm, or vice versa
- **Softness** to prevent popping when the IK arm is stretched out straight
- **Reverse** to make the arm bend in the opposite direction when using IK
- **Roundness** for rubber hose style animation
- **Volume** preservation during stretching
- **Elbow** controller for accurately positioning the elbow, for instance when a character is resting her elbows on a table
- **Space switchers** for the IK, Up Vector and Elbow controllers that controls which space they follow

This is the default arm comoponent used by the biped template rig.

Guide Positioning

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Compoent Settings

TODO! Should this be tools tips in the interface itself.

- **IK/FK Blender:** Default

Source

[Link to Module \(how\)](#)

10.3.2 arm_2jnt_02

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10.3.3 arm_2jnt_03

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10.3.4 arm_2jnt_04

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10.3.5 arm_2jnt_freeTangents_01

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10.3.6 arm_ms_2jnt_01

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10.3.7 cable_01

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10.3.8 chain_01

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10.3.9 chain_FK_spline_01

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10.3.10 chain_FK_spline_02

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10.3.21 hydraulic_01

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10.3.22 leg_2jnt_01

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10.3.24 leg_2jnt_freeTangents_01

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10.3.26 leg_ms_2jnt_01

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10.3.33 sdk_control_01

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10.3.38 spine_S_shape_01

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10.3.39 spine_ik_01

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10.3.40 spine_ik_02

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10.3.41 squash4Sides_01

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10.3.42 squash_01

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10.3.43 tangent_spline_01

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10.3.44 ui_container_01

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CHAPTER 11

Synoptic User Documentation

WIP section: Please visit: [mGear Youtube channel](#)

- Basic operations
- Space Switcher
- Animation transfer IK/FK

CHAPTER 12

Video Tutorials

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13.1 What is mGear?

mGear is a rigging and animation framework for Autodesk Maya. mGear provides a set of convenient modules, tools and c++ solvers to streamline the development of rigging and animation tools.

13.2 Is mGear a modular rigging system?

Yes, mGear have modular rigging system called **Shifter**.

13.3 Is mGear providing animation tools?

Yes. Synoptic, Crank and softTweaks are animation tools. And we have more in the kitchen.

13.4 Will be always free and open source?

Yes!

13.5 Who can use mGear?

mGear is for everybody who needs to create a rigs or develop rigging tools. For example riggers and animators without programming knowledge can use it out of the box to generate infinite variety of rigs combinations. TDs with Python and C++ knowledge can also extend the functionality and adapt it to her/his needs/pipeline.

13.6 Why mGear's Shifter use custom solvers instead of Maya standard solvers?

The default components provides with **Shifter** are using custom solvers to simplify the rig construction encapsulating complex functionality and improve the playback performance. But you can create your own component without using the custom solvers.

13.7 Does mGear have the same functions/tools of Gear Softimage?

No, mGear doesn't have all the functions that Gear has. Some of the functions will be implemented in the future, some of them never will be implemented. It depends if the tool can be apply to Maya workflow and philosophy.

13.8 What I get out of the box?

- Shifter: Modular rigging system. (Exp: bipeds, quadrupeds, birds, creatures, robots, mechanical props, unlimited limbs, etc. . .)
- C++ Solvers: High performance rigs.
- Synoptic viewer: Animators interface and picker
- Rigbits: General purpose rigging tools.

13.9 Why should I add mGear to my pipeline?

- mGear is free and open source
- Don't have any license cost, so it is ideal for scalability.
- mGear is production proven tool since 2010 (Softimage Gear 1.0)
- Shifter modular rigging system is easy to learn and fun to use.
- Ready for game engine.

13.10 Who is currently developing mGear?

The mGear Development Team. Please check the website or github for more information.

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Enhancements

- Maya 2023 compatible. (OSX and Linux only mgear_solvers are available. WeightDriver and other C++ 3rd party plugins are not yet available)
- Rigbits: Facial Rigger 2.0 BETA (Not yet exposed in menu)
- Shifter Component: Expose Foot roll default value in the component settings
- Shifter: addParamAnim exact name argument
- Shifter: Build log options
- Shifter: Extract controls keep color
- Shifter: Shifter: Improve IK/FK matching for legs + foot
- Shifter_EPIC_components: Joint name descriptions exposes in settings new tab

Bug Fix

- Rigbits: Facial rigger had some issues with Py3
- Shifter: component: chain_IK_spline_variable_FK_01 TypeError
- Shifter: FK/FK Match on Metahuman Leg Broken
- Shifter_EPIC_components: Epic_arm mirrored mid_ctr problem
- Shifter_EPIC_components: EPIC_leg_01 (Right) is broken

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Enhancements

- Rigbits: Channel master external data support and various improvements
- mGear_Core: New env var “MGEAR_PROJECT_NAME” to set the project name in mGear menu
- Shifter: Pebles: Skin transfer and more templates
- Shifter: Data collector option to store data on joint custom attr
- mGear_Core: anim_utils: IK/FK match with keyframe only key the blend value on uiHost

Bug Fix

- Shifter_components: 3jnt_leg: joint flip issue fixed
- Shifter_EPIC_componentsMetahuman template twist flip problem fixed
- Logo missing from installer
- Shifter_EPIC_componentsMetahuman template toes offset IK/FK
- Shifter: custom step path fix for OSX
- mGear_core: Python3 reloadModule error fix

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New Features

- Project is back to mono repository on Github
- Python 3 Support and Maya 2022
- Shifter: Auto-snap for metahuman biped Template
- Shifter: connect to existing joint in the scene
- Shifter: Data collector for IO with other DCCs (Experimental Feature)
- Shifter: New components. Epic mannequin components, chain_ori_loc_01
- Shifter: New/Updated biped template
- Shifter: RGB color support for controls

Enhancements # Rigbits: Removed lagacy facial tools * Anim_picker: Edit picker shape using curves * mGear menu icons * Shifter Component: Meta_01 new option to define how joints are connected * Shifter: Added optional x-ray for controls on Maya 2022 * Shifter: Control_01 leaf joint option (Creates a joint without the ctl) * Shifter: Guides blade new shape and color. Also new attribute to change the size * Shifter: Metahuman and Mannequin templates updated and new naming on controls * Shifter: Naming rule have separated side labels for controls and joints * Shifter: Naming rule support for index padding * Shifter: Updated pole vector FK/IK match

Bug Fix

- General bug fixes in all modules, Python3 compatibility and Maya 2022. More info <https://github.com/orgs/mgear-dev/projects/20>

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Enhancements

- mgear_dist: New drag and drop installer [mgear_dist#62]
- Shifter: Extending the CustomShifterStep base class functionality. [shifter#109]

- mGear_core: Added meshNavigation.edgeLoopBetweenVertices [mgear_core#77]
- mGear_core: Added create raycast node function in applyop.py [mgear_core#90]

Bug Fix

- Shifter: Error when joint name start with number [shifter#111]
- mGear_core: Bad IKRot rol reference anim_utils.py [shifter#82]
- mGear_core: Remove compile PyQt ui menu command for Maya 2022 compatibility [shifter#81]
- mGear_core: Knots saved in json file and read if they exist [shifter#76]
- Rigbits: Fix missing import in menu.py [rigbits#68]
- Rigbits: rbf manager, import error catch and cleanup [rigbits#73]
- Rigbits: Fix eyebrow joint orientation [rigbits#72]
- Shifter_EPIC_components: Improve joint placement precision on arm, leg and spine. [shifter_epic_components#20]
- Shifter_EPIC_components: Fixed relation dict value of “knee” in EPIC_leg_01 which causes building failure in certain cases. [shifter_epic_components#19]

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New Features

- CFXbits: Xgen IGS boost: New tool to create curve based grooming with xgen interactive grooming splines [cfxbits#1]
- mGear solvers: New matrixConstraint node [mgear_solvers#5]
- mGear_core: Add support for drag n drop of mGear filetypes, .sgt [mgear_core#79]
- mGear_core: Deformer weight IO module [mgear_core#75]
- mgear_dist: Drag and Drop easy installer [mgear_dist#56]
- Shifter: Configurable naming template. [shifter#83]
- Shifter: Joint orientation options. [shifter#73]
- Shifter: Plebes (a tool for rigging character generator characters with mGear). [shifter#96]
- Shifter_EPIC_components: New set of componets specially design for Unreal engine and Games in general.

Enhancements

- mGear_core: General update to add CFXbits required functions [mgear_core#63]
- mGear_core: Skinning mismatch vertex warning should include the name of the object [mgear_core#63]
- Shifter: Add support for #_blade in chain coponents. [shifter#107]
- Shifter: Attributes naming using component short name(instance Name) not component type name. [shifter#95]
- Shifter: IO return shifter rig object for NXT tools integration. [shifter#94]
- simpleRig: Improve automatic hierarchy creation [simpleRig#8]

Bug Fix

- Anim Picker: Create picker improvements [anim_picker#21]
- Anim Picker: Duplicate behavior creates instances [anim_picker#24]
- Anim Picker: Duplicating pickers, spacing issue [anim_picker#22]
- Anim Picker: Fail gracefully when space switch controls are not found [anim_picker#33]
- Anim Picker: save overlay offset when change windows size [anim_picker#19]
- Anim Picker: UI buttons hidden in OSX [anim_picker#34]
- Animbits: Channel Master: Channel Master: Sync with Graph editor. [animbits#54]
- Animbits: Channel Master: sync selected channels in graph editor. [animbits#55]
- mGear solvers: added in the clamp values for the squash and stretch node [mgear_solvers#6]
- mGear_core: anim_utils: improve IK FK match pole vector calculation [mgear_core#65]
- mGear_core: Attribute module new functions: Make it work with control custom names [mgear_core#62]
- mGear_core: Mirror/flip pose not working with custom names [mgear_core#71]
- mGear_core: Mirror/flip pose fail [mgear_core#70]
- mGear_core: QApplication instance dont have widgetAt method on Maya 2020 [mgear_core#66]
- mGear_core: shifter_classic_components repeatedly added to sys.path [mgear_core#69]
- mGear_core: Stripe pipes from skinCluster names [mgear_core#64]
- mgear_dist: Incorrect grammar in UI [mgear_dist#26]
- mgear_dist: update menus to str command [mgear_dist#53]
- Rigbits: Add attr ctrl tweaks [rigbits#60]
- Rigbits: Add control and tweaks module controls need to create “isCtrl” control tag [rigbits#50]
- Rigbits: Facial rigger is compatible with Shifter’s game tools [rigbits#37]
- Rigbits: Mirror controls required target shape to exist [rigbits#56]
- Rigbits: RBF manager mirror with custom names [rigbits#63]
- Shifter: Game tools fix connection issue with new matrix constraint node. [shifter#108]
- Shifter: Game tools is not disconnecting all the connections between rig and model. [shifter#68]
- Shifter: Guide component scale inconsistency at creation time. [shifter#97]
- Shifter: replaces backslashes with forward slashes for Mac OS. [shifter#101]
- Shifter: Set by default Force uniform scaling to ON. [shifter#79]
- Shifter_classic_components: Change on Shifter leg_2jnt_tangent component settings UI [shifter_classic_components#81]
- Shifter_classic_components: Control_01 component space switching with mgear viewport menu [shifter_classic_components#82]
- Shifter_classic_components: Fix for issue “Menu: Ctrl+Shift results in broken shelf items” [shifter_classic_components#87]

WARNING

- mgear_dist: dropping support for Maya 2017 and older [mgear_dist#60]

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New Features

- Shifter_classic_components: chain_spring_lite_stack_master_01: New component [shifter_classic_components#79]

Enhancements

- Anim Picker: Add create picker menu items based on selection [anim_picker#18]
- Anim Picker: Make select controls display more noticeable [anim_picker#16]
- Animbits: Channel Master: Add channels from any section in ChannelBox. [animbits#50]
- Animbits: Channel Master: Auto color options. [animbits#51]
- Animbits: Channel Master: option to configure channel order. [animbits#37]
- Animbits: Channel Master: Turn off real time update on scrubbing. [animbits#51]
- Animbits: Channel Master: Use selected channels for copy/paste keyframes. [animbits#52]
- Animbits: softTweak: add surface falloff option [animbits#53]
- mGear_core: attribute module new functions: get_selected_channels_full_path + collect_attrs [mgear_core#56]
- Shifter: Add Joint Names parameter for customizing joint names in guide settings. [shifter#85]
- Shifter_classic_components: lite_chain_stack_02 component: add blend option to turn off the connection [shifter_classic_components#78]

Bug Fix

- Animbits: Channel Master: Blendshape node channels bug. [animbits#49]
- Shifter: Importing old guides with missing parameters error. [shifter#69]

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Bug Fix

- mGear_core: When copy skin, match the skinningMethod as well [mgear_core#55]
- Rigbits: RBF Manager mirror bug with Flex Add_attribute [rigbits#54]

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New Features

- Animbits: Channel Master [animbits#14]
- Shifter: Auto Fit Guide (Beta preview). [shifter#82]

Enhancements

- Anim Picker: Make select controls display more noticeable [anim_picker#16]

Bug Fix

- Anim Picker: CentOS and windows Maya 2019/2020 TypeError [anim_picker#15]

- mGear_core: dagmenu error when parent switch with keys on and rig with namespace [mgear_core#53]
- mGear_core: Fix loop crash when quering tag childrens [mgear_core#52]
- mGear_core: Fixed path handling in exportSkinPack if it is called with arguments. [mgear_core#37]
- mGear_core: getRootNode doesn't find the root correctly [mgear_core#51]
- mGear_core: Mirror function causes tag attributes to mirror their content [mgear_core#47]
- mGear_core: Parent switch dag menu not working when root node is parented under a non referenced heararchy. [mgear_core#48]

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New Features

- Anim Picker: New Animation Picker [anim_picker#2]
- mGear_core: mGear viewport menu [mgear_core#38]
- Rigbits: SDK Manager [rigbits#42]
- Shifter_classic_components: SDK manager special component [shifter_classic_components#75]

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Bug Fix

- Rigbits: Facial rigger tools QT aligment argument [rigbits#44]

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New Features

- Shifter_classic_components: Cable component [shifter_classic_components#73]
- Shifter_classic_components: UI_slider and UI_container component [shifter_classic_components#66]
- Rigbits: New eyebrow Rigger [rigbits#40]

Enhancements

- Shifter_classic_components: Control_01: Expose more space switch options [shifter_classic_components#7]

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Enhancements

- Shifter_classic_components: arm_2jnt_04: wrist align and plane normal [shifter_classic_components#58] [shifter_classic_components#59]
- Shifter_classic_components: S_Spine change the relative connections [shifter_classic_components#67]
- mGear_core: Added 2D guide root for Shifter components [mgear_core#36]

- Shifter: Build log window clears instead of reopening. [shifter#74]

Bug Fix

- Shifter: Fixed a guide renaming issue. [shifter#71]
- Shifter: Renamed Connexion to Connection in some places.. [shifter#75]
- Shifter: Renaming components will fail if the names are not unique. [shifter#70]
- Shifter_classic_components: foot_bk_01 component roll_ctrl issue [shifter_classic_components#68]
- Shifter_classic_components: Visual axis reference for control_01 and arm_2jnt_04 is not scaling correctly [shifter_classic_components#57]
- Shifter_classic_components: Fixes building of chain_01 when set to IK only [shifter_classic_components#65]
- Shifter_classic_components: spine_S_shape rename bug [shifter_classic_components#50]
- mGear_core: dag.findComponentChildren2 fails after a rig was built. [mgear_core#32] [mgear_core#35]
- mGear_core: QDragListView ignores drop event on self [mgear_core#34][mgear_core#33]

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New Features

- Animbits: Animation GPU cache manager [animbits#11]
- Rigbits: New Facial Rigger [rigbits#28][rigbits#27][rigbits#64][rigbits#33][rigbits#32]
- Shifter_classic_components: new arm and leg with elbow and knee thickness control [shifter_classic_components#55]
- Shifter_classic_components: New component arm_2jnt_03 with align wrist with guide option [shifter_classic_components#53]
- Shifter_classic_components: New component mouth_02 [shifter_classic_components#51]

Enhancements

- Rigbits: Mirror Controls Shape Tool [rigbits#25]
- Rigbits: RBF manager updated with support for non-control objects [rigbits#31]
- Shifter_classic_components: control_01, arm_2jnt_04 add orientation visual feedback [shifter_classic_components#54]

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New Features

- shifter_classic_components: New Component: chain_IK_with_variable FK and stack connection [shifter_classic_components#43]
- shifter_classic_components: New Component: chain_net_01 [shifter_classic_components#42]
- shifter_classic_components: new component: Lite chain stack [shifter_classic_components#40]

Enhancements

- mgear_core:implemented filesize compression for jSkin and gSkin (pull request #28)

- Rigbits: Update tweakers modules [rigbits#18]
- Shifter: add optional uihost argument on addAnimParam and addAnimEnumParam [shifter#60]
- Shifter: avoid negative scaling in joints [shifter#59]
- Shifter: inspect settings open tap option [shifter#62]
- Shifter: Shared custom step fix color feedback and hover information [shifter#57]
- shifter_classic_components: chain_net_01: improve pickwalk [shifter_classic_components#47]
- shifter_classic_components: Chains with stack connection should have connection offset options [shifter_classic_components#46]
- shifter_classic_components: Review channel hosts for stack connection chains [shifter_classic_components#44]
- simpleRig: handle geometry selection option when convert to shifter rig [simpleRig#6]
- Synoptic: Fix refresh needed on toggleButtons and on visibility/control tabs [synoptic#13]

Bug Fix

- mgear_core: attribute module log error wrong flags [mgear_core#29]
- shifter_classic_components: chain FK with variable IK the extreme controls should not be on 0 or 1.0 of the path [shifter_classic_components#45]

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- mGear_core: Attribute: moveChannel doesn't support float attr [mgear_core#27]
- mGear_core: Callback manager: UserTimeChangedManager change condition state to playingBackAuto [mgear_core#28]
- Rigbits: Eye rigger and Lips Rigger bad naming in rig curves [rigbits#21]
- Shifter: Export guide to template (.sgt) will break component parent references if name is not unique [shifter#58]

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Bug Fix

- Synoptic: Fix refresh needed on toggleButtons and on visibility/control tabs [synoptic#13]
- mGear_core: Node: controller_tag_connect fail if ctl parent doesn't have tag [mgear_core#24]
- Shifter_classic_components: Eye component update structure [shifter_classic_components#39]
- Shifter_classic_components: Spine FK: first joint moving with IK chest control [shifter_classic_components#38]
- Shifter: custom step template still have old name import [shifter#56]
- Rigbits: hotkey creation command has bad imports [rigbits#19]
- Shifter: serialized guide with none parent components issue [shifter#55]
- Rigbits: Ghost control creator and Tweaks should handle ctrl Tag and custom pickwalk [rigbits#20]

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New Features

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- Shifter: Build Rig from file [shifter#20]
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- Shifter: New Guide manager
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- mGear_core: Attribute: channelWrangler apply config from script fails due to attributeError [mgear_core#21]
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- Rigbits: Duplicate symmetry bad import string [Rigbits#13]
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- SimpleRig: re-import configuration dont link unselectable geometry [simpleRig#1]

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New Features

- Animbits: Crank shot sculpt [mgear#233]
- Rigbits: RBF Manager: support for non-control objects [mgear#228]

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New Features

- mGear: IO curves [mgear#76]
- Rigbits: RBF Manager [mgear#183]
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- Synoptic: Control lister Tab [mgear#99]
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- Shifter: Component Lite chain and chain FK spline mirror auto pose configuration if override negate axis direction in R [mgear#198]
- Shifter: Component Lite chain and chain FK spline mirror auto pose configuration if override negate axis direction in R [mgear#198]
- Shifter: Control_01: lock sizeRef axis [mgear#156]
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Bug Fix

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- Simple Rig: BBox computation fails with lights [mgear#212]
- Synoptic: IK/FK transfer doesn't save keyframes on blend channel [mgear#180]
- Synoptic: IK<->FK transfer strange refresh [mgear#173]

Known Issues

- Shifter: Undo Build from selection crash maya. Now flush Undo to avoid possible crash [mgear#74]

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Bug Fix

- Animbits: SoftTweak root lost relative position to parent [mgear#143]

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Bug Fix

- Shifter: Rotation inverted on joints with negative scale [mgear#142]

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New Features

- Animbits: SoftTweaks tool [mgear#133]
- LINUX: Maya 2018 solvers
- Rigbits: Eye rigger tool [mgear#127]
- Rigbits: Lips Rigger tool [mgear#128]
- Shifter: New Component: Chain FK spline Component [mgear#104]
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- Shifter: New Component: Spine_S_shape [mgear#96]

Enhancements

- Shifter: Add alias names for space references [mgear#110]
- Shifter: Add visual crv connection for the upVector controls [mgear#124]
- Shifter: arm and leg 2jnt: add optional controls x Joint [mgear#114]
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Bug Fix

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- Shifter: Component addJnt error if negative scaling [mgear#141]
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Enhancements

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- Shifter: Update guide structure in pre custom step [mgear#101]
- Simple Rig: Update functionality revision [mgear#71]
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Bug Fix

- Rigbits: createCTL function issue [mgear#59]
- Rigbits: export skin pack error with crvs [mgear#56]
- Rigbits: skin: There is a case in exportSkin function breaks the existing file [mgear#58]
- Shifter: 3 joint leg: soft Ik range min in graph editor [mgear#82]
- Shifter: arm_2jnt_freeTangents_01 no attribute 'rollRef' [mgear#63]
- Shifter: Arms auto upvector and shoulder space jump [mgear#85]
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- Shifter: Spring chain: lock control parent and bake spring bug [mgear#67]
- Shifter: Synoptic: IK/FK Match with arm_ms_2jnt_01 [mgear#80]

Known Issues

- Shifter: Undo Build from selection crash maya [mgear#74]

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Enhancements

- Shifter: Global scale and size of controllers. [mgear#50]

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Enhancements

- Shifter: Custom Steps: Added Stop Build and Try again option if step fail.[mgear#43]

Bug Fix

- Synoptic: Match IK/FK with split ctl for trans and rot [mgear#54]

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Enhancements

- Shifter: Components: Legs: Mirror axis behavior on upv and mid ctl [mgear#47]
- Shifter: Componets: Arms: IK ctl mirror behaviour [mgear#48]
- Shifter: arm roll new reference connector [mgear#53]

Bug Fix

- Shifter: component UI min division hang. Check all components [mgear#42]
- Shifter: quadruped rig not being created in 2018 [mgear#44]
- Shifter: Close settings Exception on Maya 2018: Note: This is a workaround. The issue comes from Maya 2018 [mgear#49]

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Bug Fix

- Shifter: Component: Hydraulic: Fix bad reference connector
- Docs: Text error fix
- Shifter: Text error fix

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New Features

- Maya 2018 compatible
- Simple autorig This a new rigging sytem for basic props.
- Channel Wrangler: Channel manager with export import options.

Enhancements

- Synoptic: key/select all for custom widgets
- Skin IO: IO skin for curves & nurbs
- Skin IO: Now can export with Skin Packs. Every object will be in a separated file.
- Shifter: custom Sets: Now is possible to add custom sets to shifter components
- Shifter: Now all the controls are Tag as a control (> Maya 2016.5)
- Shifter: Custom Rig controls navigation
- Shifter: Custom steps IO to JSON file.
- Shifter: Componente: Chain_01: Non uniform scaling for FK controls
- Shifter: Now the controls have unchecked historical interest from ctl shapes for cleaner channel box
- Rigbits: Now replace shape support multiple shapes
- mGear: Menu updated with about info and useful links

- mGear: Added support for RGB color on icons/Controls

Bug Fix

- Shifter: component: freetangent arm and leg: Fixed joint offset in the extremes
- General: Fixed bad parenting for PySide dialogs.

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New Features

- mGear solvers: New vertex position node. This node gets the vertex position in worldspace.
- Rigbits: New rigging common library with tools and functions to help the rigging system. This library is meant to be used with custom steps or other rigging tools.
- Shifter: Components: New Components from Miles Cheng “arm_ms_2jnt_01”, “shoulder_ms_2jnt_01” and “leg_ms_2jnt_01”
- Shifter: Components: New environment variable: MGEAR_SHIFTER_COMPONENT_PATH (only project components)
- Shifter: Custom Step: New environment variable: MGEAR_SHIFTER_CUSTOMSTEP_PATH to establish relative paths for the custom steps data.
- Shifter: New Channel naming options

Improvements

- Improved error logging for custom steps and Synoptic.
- Shifter: Clean up jnt_org empty groups after rig build.
- Shifter: Components: Updated neck with optional tangent controls.
- Shifter: Components: Arm have a new option to separate the IK controls in rotation and translation control
- Shifter: Components: Control extraction name buffer to avoid name clashing for ctl extraction on guides
- Shifter: Components: Pin elbow/knee
- Shifter: Components: Spine updated: Autobend optional control and optional mid tangent control
- Shifter: Components: Arms mid ctl and upv with optional mirror behaviour.
- Shifter: Custom step using class implementation
- Shifter: Track information (rig Asset, components used version and mGear version)
- Synoptic: General visual and structure improvement. Big Thanks to Yamahigashi-san.
- Synoptic: IK/FK animation transfer
- Shifter: Updated biped guide
- Shifter: Updated Quadruped guide

Bug Fix

- Bad layout on setting windows with HDPI displays.
- Shifter: Components: General clean up and bug fixing (Please check github commit for more info).
- Issue mgear#9 leg_3jnt: Flip offset rz double connection
- Issue mgear#13 Chain_01 IK refs not being connected

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New Features

- Custom environment variables for synoptic: MGEAR_SYNOPTIC_PATH
- cvWrap deformer included.
- Gimmick joints basic tools
- Mocap HumanIK mapping tool for standard Shifter biped
- New Component settings view.
- New Documentation
- New licensing under MIT license terms.
- Pre and Post custom Steps.
- Shifter: Modular rigging system rebranded.
- Shifter: Quadrupeds template and new leg component for 3 bones legs.
- Shifter: Single Hierarchy Joint connexion
- Shifter: Update Guides Command.
- Synoptic view Updated.

Improvements

- Component guides will snap to parent position at creation time.
- Duplicate symmetry can find partial chain names. Is not needed to duplicate from the top root of the branch.
- Groups and dag pose connected to rig base node. This will avoid lost elements if we export selection.
- Guide Blades have new attr to control the roll offset
- mGear version and other useful information in guide root.
- Newly created guide components automatic update of the side and uiHost from the parent attributes.
- Shifter components full review and functions unified.

CHAPTER 15

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