Exporting 3D Objects from Blender to Unreal Engine and Creating a Blueprint

Part 1: Exporting .FBX Files from Blender

Step 1: Prepare Your 3D Object in Blender

- 1. Open **Blender** and select the object(s) you want to export.
- 2. Ensure that your object is properly scaled, positioned, and textured before exporting.
- 3. Apply all transformations by pressing Ctrl + A and selecting Apply All Transforms.

Step 2: Open the Export Menu

- 1. Click File > Export > FBX (.fbx).
- 2. Choose a destination folder where you want to save the exported file.

Step 3: Adjust FBX Export Settings

Refer to the image to the right and use these exact settings:

Main Settings

- Path Mode: Copy
- Batch Mode: Off

Include

- Vector Limit to Selected Objects
- X Leave Visible Objects and Active Collection unchecked

Object Types

- V Select All
- **X** Leave **Custom Properties** unchecked

Transform



- Scale: 1.00
- Apply Scalings: All Local
- Forward: -Z Forward
- <u>Up:</u> Y Up
- **Apply** Unit
- **V** Use Space Transform
- X Leave Apply Transform unchecked

Geometry

- Smoothing: Face
- **V** Apply Modifiers (only this, leave others unchecked)
- Vertex Colors: sRGB
- X Leave Prioritize Active Colors unchecked

Armature (If exporting an animated object)

- Primary Bone Axis: Y Axis
- Secondary Bone Axis: X Axis
- Armature FBX Node Type: Null
- **Only Deform Bones**
- X Leave Add Leaf Bones unchecked

Animation (If applicable)

- 🗹 Bake Animation
- Check all boxes under Bake Animation
- Sampling Rate: 1.00
- **Simplify:** 1.00

Step 4: Save the Export Preset

VERY IMPORTANT: Click the + button next to the presets menu at the bottom of the export panel to save these settings for future exports.

Step 5: Export the File

• Click **Export FBX** and ensure the file is saved to your desired location.

Part 2: Importing .FBX Files into Unreal Engine

Step 1: Open Unreal Engine & Set Up Your Project

- 1. Open **Unreal Engine** and load your game level or open the ThirdPersonBP Template if you haven't created your own level yet.
- 2. Open the **Content Browser** and create a new folder to store your imported 3D models.

Step 2: Import the FBX File

- 1. Drag and drop the newly exported **.fbx** file into your designated Unreal folder.
- 2. In the **FBX Import Options**, use the **default settings** (Refer to the image below for settings).
- 3. Click Import All.

Part 3: Creating a Blueprint Actor Class and Adding Your Mesh

Step 1: Create a New Blueprint Actor

- 1. In the **Content Browser**, right-click and select **Blueprint Class**.
- 2. Choose Actor as the parent class.
- 3. Name your new Blueprint: **BP_(objectname)** (e.g., BP_Table, BP_Chair).

Step 2: Add Static Meshes to the Blueprint

- 1. Open the newly created Blueprint.
- 2. Drag and drop all relevant meshes into the **Viewport**.
- 3. Arrange and scale them as needed.
- 4. Click **Compile**, then **Save**.

Step 3: Place Your Blueprint Actor in the Level

- 1. Drag the newly created Blueprint from the **Content Browser** into your level.
- 2. Adjust its placement and scale as needed.

Congratulations! You have successfully imported and placed a 3D object into Unreal Engine.

Next Steps: Experimenting Further

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Now that your object is in the game, you can:

- Duplicate and move objects around the level.
- Adjust scale, rotation, and position.
- Apply materials and textures to give your object a unique look.
 Modify Blueprint settings to add interactions and physics.

Happy game developing! 🚀