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Reel 2005BreakDown

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Parts	Description
Part 1: Capitan Barrios	Scripted character rig, based on small and specific mels for standard features as FKIK in extremities and spine, squash & stretch, foot and fingers. As well a "wave" squash system to change the volume through a joint hierarchy. All the scripts are connected with string attributes or script nodes, to get and set information from other parts of the body for a straight rig creation way, like structure, name conventions, rig options, and so.
Part 2: Facial Rig (Maya)	Rig based on joint controls sliding through the character skull to keep the volume. The wrinkles are done with a corrective shape system based on position/distance. Each control it has at least 4 correctives (up, down, left, right) to set the wrinkles, of just fix the joint deformations. The corrective shape setup is done only with Maya utility nodes. The rig has a basic lip snapping using the same joints as deformers, with a squash and stretch control for the jaw.
Part 3: Pose Manager (Maya Scripting)	Scripted pose manager, to save, apply, edit, export and import poses to a character body or face. Also you can make a snapshot or render from the current viewport directly from the GUI, and view them in different sizes.
Part 4: RagDoll Character (Maya Dynamics)	The test is done with 2 rigs and 2 animations, one is a traditional key-frame rig and the other one is a dynamic rig, where you can blend both and release the dynamic one for a ragdoll simulation. The dynamic setup is developed with Maya rigid bodies, using different techniques and utilities to create a dynamic constraint with limits.
Part 5: Elastic Character	Rig capable to stretch and bend the extremities and spine for a cartoon/stretchy effect. The bend can be animated translating the main control of each extremity; also you can tweak the curve doing it more soft or straight just with an attribute.

Part 6: Muscle Rigs





Based on non-procedural muscles behavior. Deforming muscles with blend shapes and applying them to the skin as an influence to produce an under laying effect. Based on fusiform muscles with 2 or 3 pivot/control points, done with joints for a faster behavior.

This system has a per muscle jiggle and behavior, to set a different hardness depending the muscle type. Extracting the movement information of each muscle with particles, and applying it to a muscle offset.

Part 7: Maya Tetris



Fully playable game inside the Maya viewport, with score and different level difficulty. Done with Maya expressions.

Part 8: Robot AI (Maya Dynamics)

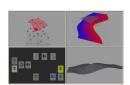


Procedural robot, with raycasting to "see" walls and obstacles. The demo reel version (a early system) was done with particles, utility nodes and expressions.

Since the robot is able to see the walls it can skip them and trying to find the better way.

Later, I did a new system with a self-developed raycasting/intersection plug-in done with Maya API, for a faster interaction.

Part 8: HerdSystem (Maya Dynamics)



Early crowd system developed in Maya, done with rigid bodies. Each agent has its range of vision, velocity, avoid, seek, flocking parameters.

The agents are able to skip obstacles, "walk" on poly or nurbs surfaces, or going through a path using the UV or color.

For more information about the system, take a look to herd system 1.0 reel in my webpage: http://davidcorral.com/reels/herd.htm

Currently I am working on a better/faster system done with Maya API plug-in for Maya particles. This new system (2.0) is capable to move up 1 million agents. (Still in development)