Camera Control

• Now that we have a great story written for our characters it would be nice to be able to change camera views.
• This can simplify the story and sometimes add dramatic effect

Camera Control

• Lets make the Camera Zoom in on our first character when she talks and then look at the horse while our second character gets on.

Camera Control

• Click on “camera” in your object tree.
• It should have a regular set of methods
• Insert code into your first method to have the camera face your character while they talk
Camera Control

- When your second character gets on the horse, you can have the camera face him.
- Finally, have the camera face the horse and press the “N” key to have your horse say “neigh”.
- Play your world to test it

Dummy Cameras

- You can use the purple arrows on the bottom of your world to move around the camera.
- You can drop a dummy camera wherever you find a view that needs a snapshot.

Dummy Cameras

- Dummy cameras are used to hold a specific view of your world in place while you move the regular camera around.
- Click the add objects button on your screen.
- Look to the right for a button labeled “more controls”. Click it.

Dummy Camera

- We did this earlier in part one but will now review it in more detail.
- Use the purple arrows to move the screen to a new position on your camera.
- We will call this “Horse Position”
Dummy Cameras

- Now click on “drop dummy at camera”.
- This will literally drop a virtual camera where your camera currently is.

Dummy Camera

- Now, what if we want to go back to our original position?
- Go over to your object tree
- There should be a folder called “Dummy Objects”.
- Underneath it will be a list of each dummy you have dropped, in the order that they are dropped

- Note that the first Dummy Camera is named “Original Position”. This was from earlier.

Dummy Camera

- Unfortunately all of your dummy cameras are labeled “dummy”.
- You can fix this by right clicking on “dummy” and selecting “rename”.
- You can rename your dummy whatever you would like.
- In this case it is named “Horse Position”.

Dummy Camera

- You can move the camera wherever you would like.
- Now right click on “camera” in your object tree and select methods.
- Click “set point of view to “Dummy Objects/Horse Position”.

- You can move the camera wherever you would like.
Dummy Camera

- Once you select “Horse Position” your screen should return to the position that it was at when you first dropped the Dummy Camera, for horse close up.
- You can use a Dummy Camera anywhere in the world that you would like.

Dummy Cameras

- Changing the Camera View between Dummy Cameras, by right clicking and choosing “Methods” is useful for positioning things in your world, before it starts.
- If you want the camera view to change during your animation you can drag it into your code, from camera methods.

Practicing with Dummy Camera

- Now try to drop a Dummy Camera in another spot and rename it.
- You can incorporate it into your world later.
- Try swapping between views.

Is Showing/Opacity

- Is showing and opacity both change your objects to make them more or less visible.
- Is showing has two settings. Your object is either visible, or its invisible.
- Opacity works by percentages. You can make something 10% visible, 20% visible, all the way up to 100% visible.
Is Showing

• Select the character that you would like to make invisible.
• Under the properties tab there should be a button called “Is showing”.
• If you select “false” your character should become invisible.

Opacity

• Opacity works in a very similar way to “Is showing”, except you can set an object to an in between stage.
• Try clicking on Opacity and selecting 40%
• Note that your character is now see through
• This works really well for ghost worlds!

Finishing up

• Now you know the basics of creating a world
• The concepts learned in this world are simple, but you can use them in any world you decide to create

Problems

• Now its your turn, try completing these things in your world
  – Make an event so that one of your characters becomes invisible.
  – Make an event so that the Horse’s opacity turns to 40%.
  – Drop a Dummy Camera behind your characters and swap between that and Horse Position.