

INTRODUCTION TO 3D GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION USING MAYA CHARLES RIVER MEDIA GRAPHICS READ ONLY

Introduction to 3D Graphics and Animation Using Maya

Written for aspiring designers, modelers, animators, texture artist, and those new to 3D graphics, Introduction to 3D Graphics and Animation Using Maya explores the fundamentals of 3D. Using a variety of practical tutorials, you'll learn everything you need to know about the techniques and theory behind modeling, rendering, UV editing and layout, texturing, lighting, animation, and character animation. And you'll learn how to use Maya to put your new 3D knowledge into practice. To be a successful modeler, texture artists, or animator, you need to know when and why you should use certain tools and techniques. To help you achieve this, each chapter starts with a bit of theory, and the tutorials have frequent interludes that help explain the "why" behind what you have just done. These "whys" include some important tips on how to use a tool and explain why you used that particular tool. By using these sections, you'll be able to move beyond just following a 3D recipe, to being able to create your own masterpieces. And at the end of each chapter there are additional practice exercises to challenge you even further. If you want to learn the fundamentals of 3D graphics and find out how to put them into practice using Maya, this is the book for you!

Digital Effects Animation Using Maya

Written for designers and students just beginning in animation, "3D Animation: From Models to Movies" provides concise coverage of the fundamentals of 3D to ensure that learning animation is a smooth and enjoyable journey.

3D Animation

Covers general overview of 3D creature design as well as specific programs and it is recommended that the user have at least one of the following: LightWave, 3D Studio Max (version 2.0 or higher); Hash Animation: Master 2000; Pixels: 3D (v3.6x or later); Amapi 3D; Organica; Lifeforms; Photoshop; DarkTree Textures; Vue d'Esprit (v.3.x); World Construction Set (v. 4 or 5); Bryce (3D or v4).

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Within the world of video games, characters become almost living entities. Through the use of logic and artificial intelligence, the video-game character is able to act and react to each situation. As the designer, you hold the character's creative expression in your control. Game Character Animation All in One is a comprehensive guide to the techniques of developing and animating amazing characters for your games. It covers not only introductory-level character-design techniques, but also advanced character-creation and animation topics. With an 8-page color insert showcasing game-character design, this book is a detailed guide to creating exciting, believable, engaging characters for your games.

3D Creature Workshop

Helps readers to develop their own professional quality computer graphics. Hands-on examples developed in

OpenGL illustrate key concepts.

Game Character Animation All in One

Cinema 4D 9.5: Real-World 3D Animation Production teaches how to produce commercial-quality 3D animation using Maxon's, powerful and affordable, Cinema 4D. Written for 3D animation professionals, hobbyists, and students, this practical, hands-on book uses real-world projects to teach the entire production process. Beginning with a review of how to model photorealistic objects, the book progresses through creating custom materials, cloth simulation, and character animation, to video game and simulation techniques. The book takes a software-integrated approach to 3D animation production with a focus on Cinema 4D and how to use it in concert with several other applications. This Cinema 4D-centric approach shows how real-world 3D animation production challenges can be met, not only with a great tool, but with a great tool box. Throughout the book, you'll learn a highly efficient workflow for creating 3D character animation with C4D. You'll learn various ways of producing motion graphics by integrating Adobe? Photoshop, and After Effects?, with C4D. You'll explore projects that use BodyPaint to extend your ability to create fantasy and control the realism of how image maps relate to their objects. And you'll use Right Hemisphere Deep Creator 2 and Code Gardener's XPort 1.3 to explore methods for animating video games and simulations. Some experience with 3D animation is assumed, but all levels of users will be challenged to expand their skills.

Principles of Computer Graphics

Explains how to use the computer graphics program to create, animate, render, and finish an animation project, discussing topics including characters, environments, visual effects, and plug-ins.

Real-World 3D Animation Production

CD-ROM contains: Maya project files, movies and images.

3ds Max Animation and Visual Effects Techniques

Learn to write 2D and 3D games without any programming experience by harnessing the advanced 2D/3D graphics features of DarkBasic Professional. This easy-to-use language handles the entire game engine for you, so you are free to focus on designing and playing your own games. Written for beginners with no programming experience, DarkBASIC Pro Game Programming, Second Edition is a welcome change of pace from traditional game programming books. You won't need to spend time figuring out how the game engine works, but only what the game is supposed to do. You will be able to create self-contained executable games with the graphics and sound files stored inside the exe file. No DarkBasic runtime library is needed: compiled programs are self-contained and require only that DirectX is installed. Finally, a book for complete beginners who want to learn to write games!

Maya Character Modeling and Animation

Each chapter of 3D Animation for the Raw Beginner Using Maya introduces critical aspects of the 3D animation process and presents clear and concise tutorials that link key concepts to practical Autodesk Maya techniques. Providing a principles-based, yet pragmatic, approach to 3D animation, this first-of-its-kind book: Describes the process for creat

DarkBasic Pro Game Programming

Wavefront's Maya is the premier tool for 3D modeling, animation, and rendering, used by top studios to

create everything from ads to movies to computer games. This book is an official, heavily illustrated, full-color guide to Maya essentials, straight from the creators of the program.

3D Animation for the Raw Beginner Using Maya

A game is only as intriguing as the characters that inhabit its world. *Game Character Design Complete* demonstrates each step of modeling, texturing, animating, and exporting compelling characters for your games. You'll learn how to model in 3ds Max from sketch references, texture in Adobe Photoshop, rig bones, and animate a character back in 3ds Max. *Game Character Design Complete* covers all aspects of character creation-from the technical to the artistic. Don't worry if your artistic ability isn't awe-inspiring. You'll cover every aspect of the design process in easy-to-follow steps, including texturing and animating your character. If you have a working knowledge of 2D and 3D graphics, then you have all of the skills you need to begin creating cool characters for your games.

The Art of Maya

The Art of Maya 3rd edition is an introduction to 3D computer graphics unlike any other. Join the thousands of users who've garnered the knowledge they needed to enter the 3rd dimension with this full color visual exploration of the theory of Maya. Rich with diagrams and illustrations that demonstrate the critical concepts of 3D time and space, this book will help you understand the concepts critical to conveying your artistic vision through the medium of 3D. If you are an artist looking to incorporate 3D into your toolkit, this is the resource you need. Understand: * 3D Computer Graphics * Time and Space * Animation * Setting Keys * Non-linear Animation * Rigid Body Dynamics * Modeling * NURBS * Polygons * Subdivision Surfaces * Deformations * Deforming Objects * Lattices and Clusters * Character Animation * Materials and Textures * Shading Networks * Texture Maps * Bumps and Displacements * Digital Cinematography * Shadows * Lighting * Cameras * Rendering * Effects * Particle Effects * Paint Effects * Maya Fluid Effects * Maya Cloth * Maya Long Hair * Interactive 3D * Game Creation * Building Levels The Art of Maya includes Maya Personal Learning Edition to allow you to start practicing right away. The book closes with a series of Production Notes detailing how skilled Maya artists have worked with the software to create production quality films, games, visualizations and animations. Get an inside look at the use of Maya by: * The Canadian Broadcast Corporation * Turner Studios * Digital Domain for the making of I-Robot * Weta Digital in the making of The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King * The AOES Medialab * BioDigital * The Mill * Oddworld Inhabitants in the making of Oddworld Stranger's Wrath

Game Character Design Complete

Examines 3D lighting techniques in relation to computer graphics, photography and cinematography.

The Art of Maya

Collects forty tutorials written by experienced designers, covering such applications as Maya, Illustrator, Photoshop, 3D Studio Max, Cinema 4D XL LightWave, Animation:Master, ElectricImage, Canoma, Bryce, Studio Pro, Poser, and Rhino.

3D Lighting

This unique, full-color visual exploration of the theory of Maya is rich with diagrams and illustrations that demonstrate the critical concepts of 3D time and space, and helps explain the principles of 3D modeling, animation, dynamics and rendering. The book also includes a series of production notes detailing how skilled Maya artists have worked with the software to create production quality films, games, visualizations, and animations. The accompanying CD-ROM includes Maya Personal Learning Edition.

3D Graphics Tutorial Collection

In just 24 sessions of one hour or less, Sams Teach Yourself Maya® in 24 Hours will help you master Autodesk Maya 2014 and use it to create outstanding 3D graphics and animations. Using this book's straightforward, step-by-step approach, you'll master powerful Maya 2014 tools for modeling, texturing, rigging, animating, lighting, rendering, and more. Every lesson builds on what you've already learned, giving you a rock-solid foundation for real-world success! Step-by-step instructions carefully walk you through the most common Maya tasks. Quizzes and exercises test your knowledge of key Maya 2014 tools at the end of each hour. Notes present interesting information related to the discussion. Tips offer advice or show you easier ways to perform tasks. Learn how to... Get comfortable with Autodesk Maya 2014's complex interface Quickly access the Maya 2014 tools you need for any task Efficiently manage your assets and files Model with polygonal geometry and NURBS curves/surfaces Unfold UVs and apply textures Create node networks in the hypershade Model highly realistic characters Utilize relationships and make nodes work together Rig your objects and characters for animation Add animated movement to your scenes Create and adjust cameras Build diverse shapes with BlendShapes Animate using dynamics and simulations Script and automate common tasks Improve realism with particles, hair/cloth effects, and more Correctly light your scenes Render your final imagery Work effectively with film Manage your projects and scene workflows more efficiently On the DVD: The accompanying DVD contains how-to videos for dozens of key Maya 2014 tasks, extensive sample art and models, and additional bonus content.

The Art of Maya

Carrara Studio 3.0 is a powerful 3D program providing high-end 3D features, including bones for character animation, physics, global illumination, caustics, and subdivision surfaces -- all for under \$1000. The Carrara Studio 3.0 Handbook is the first book to cover this latest version and provides users with a practical, hands-on guide. Using a building-block approach, users learn the process for planning and creating 3D illustration and animation projects with Carrara from start to finish. Each chapter includes step-by-step tutorials that build upon earlier examples and lessons, so by the end of the book users have practical knowledge of all of Carrara's tools. Everything in the 3D workflow from modeling and texturing to animation is covered in a logical sequence, helping users to develop a strong understanding of the 3D workflow as well as the many features of Carrara. This is the one Carrara guide needed to master this powerful and affordable 3D modeling and animation program.

Maya in 24 Hours, Sams Teach Yourself

3D Computer Graphics Autodesk (MAYA 3D) Level 1: Step-by-step Training Manual

The Carrara Studio 3 Handbook

Provides an overview of important features of the program and how to use them; explains the basics of modeling, bones, and action; and explores character, set, and environmental modeling.

3D Computer Graphics Autodesk (MAYA 3D) Level 1

Many animators and designers would like to supplement their Maya learning with a less-technical, more helpful book. This self-study manual is both a general guide for understanding 3-D computer graphics and a specific guide for learning the fundamentals of Maya: workspace, modeling, animation, shading, lighting, and rendering. Understanding 3-D Animation Using Maya covers these fundamentals in each chapter so that readers gain increasingly detailed knowledge. After an initial 'concepts' section launches each chapter, hands-on tutorials are provided, as well as a chapter project that progressively adds newly learned material and culminates in the final animated short. This is the first book on Maya that teaches the subject using a

sensible, proven methodology for both novices and intermediate users. Topics and features: - Proven method that emphasizes preliminaries to every chapter - Integrates the \"why\" concepts of 3-D simultaneously with the \"how-to\" techniques - Skills reinforced with tutorials and chapter projects - Real-world experience distilled into helpful hints and step-by-step guides for common tasks

Animation:Master 2002

Creating realistic characters and seamless animation are must-have skills for today's film and game developers, and this tutorial teaches these skills through the creation of a character-filled, action-packed game trailer. The book's companion DVD provides all of the tutorial files, models, images, figures, textures, texture maps, dialog, sound effects, and finished animations from the book.

American Book Publishing Record

The booming computer games and animated movie industries continue to drive the graphics community's seemingly insatiable search for increased realism, believability, and speed. To achieve the quality expected by audiences of today's games and movies, programmers need to understand and implement physics-based animation. To provide this understanding, this book is written to teach students and practitioners and theory behind the mathematical models and techniques required for physics-based animation. It does not teach the basic principles of animation, but rather how to transform theoretical techniques into practical skills. It details how the mathematical models are derived from physical and mathematical principles, and explains how these mathematical models are solved in an efficient, robust, and stable manner with a computer. This impressive and comprehensive volume covers all the issues involved in physics-based animation, including collision detection, geometry, mechanics, differential equations, matrices, quaternions, and more. There is excellent coverage of collision detection algorithms and a detailed overview of a physics system. In addition, numerous examples are provided along with detailed pseudo code for most of the algorithms. This book is ideal for students of animation, researchers in the field, and professionals working in the games and movie industries. Topics Covered: * The Kinematics: Articulated Figures, Forward and Inverse Kinematics, Motion Interpolation * Multibody Animation: Particle Systems, Continuum Models with Finite Differences, the Finite Element Method, Computational Fluid Dynamics * Collision Detection: Broad and Narrow Phase Collision Detection, Contact Determination, Bounding Volume Hierarchies, Feature- and Volume-Based Algorithms

Understanding 3D Animation Using Maya

TrueSpace is a 3D animation and rendering program used to create a variety of 3D graphics and animations. It is also used for creating special effects. Anyone involved in graphics needs to know how to create interesting, powerful effects, and they can do this with a variety of programs including TrueSpace. This book reveals the secrets for harnessing the special effects capabilities of TrueSpace. All aspects of F/X creation from photorealistic animated water to full 3D fire and explosions are explained. It also covers the numerous plugins available for creating these effects.

3ds Max 7 Photorealistic Character Animation

3D Animation for the Raw Beginner Using Autodesk Maya is a hands-on academic textbook as well as a do-it-yourself training manual for the individual animator. This second edition has been completely rewritten to take into account updates to Autodesk Maya, including Autodesk's renderer, Arnold. It contains entirely new examples and tutorial lessons. All 612 images are in full color. The book directs the reader to the parts of Maya that must be mastered in order to create complete 3D projects, and thus it simplifies the process of taking on Maya's vast and intricate interface, while giving the reader a firm foundation on which to build future knowledge of Maya. It also presents brief examples of other popular 3D applications and rendering engines. This principles-based, yet pragmatic book: Introduces the basic steps of the 3D modeling, materials,

animation, lighting, and rendering processes. Presents clear and concise tutorials that link key concepts to practical techniques. Includes access to a webpage for the book: <https://buzzking.com/AnimationTextbook/AnimationTextbook.html>. On this webpage are videos that cover many of the lessons in the book, as well as video tutorials that present bonus material not included in the book. Frees instructors from the painstaking task of developing step-by-step examples to present Maya's complex interface and basic capabilities. Boasts an easy-to-follow, tutorial-based learning style ideal for individual study by aspiring animators and do-it yourselfers. Roger \"Buzz\" King is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he teaches 3D Animation for the Computer Science Department and the Alliance for Technology, Learning, and Society (ATLAS), an institute dedicated to the application of technology to the arts. Buzz is an independent 3D animator who serves on the board of directors of a 3D animation startup. Buzz has a B.A. in Mathematics from Occidental College, an M.S. and Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Southern California, and an M.Div. from the Iliff School of Theology. Key Features Introduces critical aspects of the 3D animation process Presents clear and concise tutorials that link key concepts to practical techniques Includes access to a dedicated Web site, <http://3dbybuzz.com>, featuring useful videos, lessons, and updates Frees instructors from developing step-by-step examples to present Maya's complex interface and basic Boasts an easy-to-follow, hands-on learning style ideal for individual study by aspiring animators and do-ityourselfers

Physics-based Animation

Cinema 4D XL v.6 (Windows and Macintosh) is a Jack-Of-All-Trades 3D graphics program that provides excellent image quality, fast workflow and rendering, and it's completely customizable. Users can create broadcast logos (as seen in popular television shows such as Will & Grace), special effects, (seen in Gladiator and Inspector Gadget), medical and architectural illustrations, multimedia graphics, and more. This program is used throughout the world and is the primary application in a number of computer graphics programs at universities and training facilities.

The Art of Maya

A comprehensive reference guide to using Bryce 3D, the latest version of MetaCreations' powerful program. The book covers all the new features with an emphasis on the new animation capabilities. A quick review of the standard function shows how they work with the new features. The book and CD are filled with illustrations, tutorials, and ready-to-use animations.

TrueSpace F/X Creations

The premiere book on getting started with Maya 2014 Whether you're just beginning, or migrating from another 3D application, this step-by-step guide is what you need to get a good working knowledge of Autodesk Maya 2014. Beautifully illustrated with full-color examples and screenshots, Autodesk Maya 2014 Essentials explains the basics of Maya as well as modeling, texturing, animating, setting a scene, and creating visual effects. You'll absorb important concepts and techniques, and learn how to confidently use Maya tools the way professionals do. Each chapter includes fun and challenging hands-on projects, which you can do as you go using the downloadable files from the book's website. They include starting and ending files, so you can compare your results to how professionals do the projects. This information-packed Autodesk Official Press book also helps you prepare for the Autodesk Maya 2014 certification exams. Helps beginners and those migrating from other 3D animation and effects programs get up and running on Autodesk Maya 2014 Features step-by-step tutorials, hands-on exercises with downloadable files, and four-color examples and screenshots Covers modeling, texturing, animating, visual effects, lighting, compositing, setting a scene, and more Written by an Autodesk Authorized Author and is an Autodesk Official Press Autodesk Maya is the industry-leading 3D animation and effects software used in movies, games, cartoons, short films, commercials, and other animation Get firsthand experience with Maya 2014, as well as an initial start on preparing for the Autodesk Maya 2014 Certified Professional exam, with Autodesk Maya 2014 Essentials.

3D Animation for the Raw Beginner Using Autodesk Maya 2e

Animation:Master is an affordable, powerful 3D program easy enough to be used by students, new 3D artists, and hobbyists, yet powerful enough for professional animators. Learning how to use A:M is made easier with the completely updated Animation:Master: A Complete Guide. This is the only book dedicated to A:M and it is the best resource for all levels of users. For those new to 3D graphics or A:M, you'll learn the skills and fundamentals of 3D and discover how to master this incredibly powerful, low-cost program. If you're an experienced user, you'll find insightful tips and explore the newest features. Using the wide variety of hands-on tutorials throughout the book, you'll put 3D concepts into action while learning the ins-and-outs of A:M. Beginning with a review of the interface, you'll progress through modeling basics, character modeling and rigging, to expressions, animation, lighting, and surfacing. From there you'll move into the more advanced topics of special effects, including hair, cloth, and flocks, and finish up with rendering and compositing. So whether you're a new user or an experienced power user, this is the one resource you'll need to go beyond the basics with Animation:Master!

The Cinema 4D XL Handbook

Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called Junior libraries, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

The Bryce 3D Handbook

Add Another Dimension to Your Portfolio—And Move to the Top of Your Craft Professional artists who strive to bring a new look to their illustrations are using Alias' premier 3D software in tandem with Adobe's prominent digital imaging program to create cutting-edge graphics. Now, with Maya 6, this remarkable combo is even better integrated than before. Creating Striking Graphics with Maya and Photoshop—brought to you from Maya Press, a publishing partnership between Sybex and Alias—is a dazzling introduction to the vibrant world of 3D and Maya. Graphics wiz Daniel Gray, with help from an elite group of pros, will inspire you to incorporate 3D into your graphics and think more artistically when approaching your creations. And if you're already familiar with Maya, you'll learn how Maya 6 makes it even easier to work between both applications. First you'll get the essential Photoshop user's introduction to Maya and learn how to make the leap from 2D to 3D. Then, you'll discover how high-profile artists use Maya and Photoshop together in real-world scenarios where 2D and 3D collide in a burst of creativity. Through a series of interviews that address a variety of 3D applications, you'll discover how: Maya Master Meats Meier depicts Mother Nature with otherworldly success Michael Elins combines photography and classical painting with the 3D world Damon Riesberg cranks out a daily comic strip by posing and rendering his cast of characters guru studios crafts beautiful 3D cartoons with a cool retro feel for TELETOON Meteor Studios brings ultra-realistic prehistoric creatures to life for the Discovery Channel's Dinosaur Planet IBM painstakingly re-creates ancient artifacts, such as the Sphinx, for the Egyptian Museum in Cairo Meshwerks digitizes automobiles for use in movies, advertising, and video games and creates the ultra-cool chopped and channeled Honda EleMENTAL Woodie! Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Autodesk Maya 2014 Essentials

If you're just beginning to dive into the world of 3D, this is the book for you.\" ?Animation Magazine The Academy Award® winning Maya® 3D animation and effects software is the first choice of film and video artists, game developers, and 3D design professionals. Discover how to build, render, and animate your own digital models and scenes, and begin to develop professional-level Maya skills with the latest edition of this popular bestseller. Starting with the basics, the book builds from the ground up, combining straightforward text with practical examples that make it fun and easy to learn Maya's core features while introducing new Maya 8 elements such as improved polygon tools and enhanced rendering with mental ray. Clear-cut,

engaging lessons let you experiment using the wealth of files provided on the CD-ROM. You'll also find an abundance of instructional and inspirational Maya creations in the full-color insert. The accompanying CD-ROMs images, movies, and scene files let you view material from the book right on your own computer. Tackle all-new rendering and dynamics tutorials and much more. The CD includes Maya Personal Learning Edition software.

Animation:master

The Key to Fully Understanding the Basics of a 3D World Prominently used in games, movies, and on television, 3D graphics are tools of creation used to enhance how material and light come together to manipulate objects in 3D space. A game-changer written for the non-technical mind, *Essential Skills for 3D Modeling, Rendering, and Animation* examines the complexities of 3D computer-generated art, and outlines the basics of how things work and are used in 3D. This text describes the three cornerstones of 3D—modeling, rendering, and animation; focuses on common elements; and provides a full understanding of the foundational concepts involved. Detailing the skills and knowledge needed to become an accomplished 3D artist, it includes step-by-step instruction with ample examples, and allows absolute beginners to move at their own pace. *Master Anything You Are Tasked to Model* The author incorporates historical information—presenting a contextual understanding of the various techniques and methodologies in their historical place. Each chapter builds on the fundamentals of 3D computer graphics and augments skills based on the concepts, enabling the student to learn both theory and application simultaneously. The book highlights two basic geometry types, polygons and NURBS surfaces, showing the student basic modeling techniques with both. While more techniques are available, an artist can cover any model by grasping these basic techniques. Supplies examples that are specifically taken from Autodesk Maya Contains exercises that are meant to be used in conjunction with the training videos on the website Includes a documented history of computer graphics *Essential Skills for 3D Modeling, Rendering, and Animation* offers a fundamental understanding of the mechanics of 3D graphics to modelers, animators, texture artists, render artists, game developers, and production artists, as well as educators teaching an undergrad or tech course in 3D animation.

Library Journal

Alias Wavefront's Maya is the premier tool for 3D modeling, animation, and rendering. It is used by such film houses as Industrial, Light & Magic, Pixar, and Disney for creating 3D animation and special effects. This Maya Press title—a cooperative publication between Sybex and Alias Wavefront—is the perfect introduction to 3D and Maya. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Creating Striking Graphics with Maya and Photoshop

Deliver professional-level 3D content in no time with this comprehensive guide to 3D animation with Maya. With over 12 years of training experience, plus several award winning students under his belt, author Adam Watkins is the ideal mentor to get you up to speed with 3D in Maya. Using a structured and pragmatic approach *Getting Started in 3D with Maya* begins with basic theory of fundamental techniques, then builds on this knowledge using practical examples and projects to put your new skills to the test. Prepared so that you can learn in an organic fashion, each chapter builds on the knowledge gained in the previous chapter, showing you all the essentials of 3D in Maya, from modeling and UV layout, to texture creation, rigging animating and rendering. As you go from project to project you'll develop a strong arsenal of skills that combined will form a complete end to end process to creating complete projects in Maya. The accompanying website provides all the tools you need to develop your skills. Project files to accompany the practical examples used throughout the text, so you can work along with the examples. Additional textures and models will give you all the resources you need to start making your own projects in no time at all.

Introducing Maya 8

Recommended text for those preparing for the Maya Associate exam Maya, the industry-leading 3D animation and effects software used in movies, games, cartoons, and commercials, is challenging to learn. This full-color guide features approachable, hands-on exercises and additional task-based tutorials that allow new users to quickly become productive with the program and familiar with its workflow in a professional environment. You'll learn the basics of modeling, texturing, animating, and lighting; explore different parts of the production pipeline; and practice on some real-world projects. Maya is the 3D animation and effects software used in the film, game, and advertising industries; it's a complex program and this book gives beginners essential training in Maya basics This book is an Autodesk Official Training Guide, recommended for students planning to take the Maya Associate exam Provides task-based tutorials and hands-on exercises to get you up to speed and introduce you to production workflows Teaches the basics of modeling, texturing, animating, and lighting Helps you create simple animations, model with polygons, and add detail with blend shapes and surfaces Starting and ending files for the exercises and additional learning tutorials are available online Autodesk Maya Essentials provides beginners with a solid foundation in Maya 3D software.

Essential Skills for 3D Modeling, Rendering, and Animation

Introducing Maya 5

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