

Overview

The CryScriptSystem abstracts a LUA virtual machine for usage to the other systems and to the game code.

The functionality provided includes:

- Calling script functions.
- Exposing C++ based variables and functions to the scripts.
- Creating script tables stored in the virtual machine memory.

CryScriptSystem is based on Lua 5. More information on the Lua language can be found at <http://www.lua.org>.

Accessing Script Tables and Calling Script Functions from C++

A global script table can be retrieved by calling `IScriptSystem::GetGlobalValue()`. The `IScriptTable` is used to represent all script tables/variables.

Exposing C++ Functions and Values to the Scripts

In order to expose C++ functions and variable to the scripts, it's necessary to implement a new class. The easiest way to do this is by deriving the `CScriptableBase` class which provides most of the functionality.

Exposing constants to the scripts

To expose any constant values to the scripts, the `IScriptSystem::SetGlobalValue()` should be used. For example, to expose a constant named `MTL_LAYER_FROZEN` to our scripts, use the following code:

```
gEnv->pScriptSystem->SetGlobalValue( "MTL_LAYER_FROZEN", MTL_LAYER_FROZEN );
```

Exposing functions to the scripts

To expose C++ functions to the scripts, it's recommended that you write a new class which derives from the `CScriptableBase`.

```
class CScriptBind_Game :
public CScriptableBase
{
public:

    CScriptBind_Game( ISystem* pSystem );
    virtual ~CScriptBind_Game() {}

    int GameLog(IFunctionHandler* pH, char* pText);
};
```

Inside the constructor of this class, the following code should be present:

```
Init(pSystem->GetIScriptSystem(), pSystem);
SetGlobalName( "Game" );

#undef SCRIPT_REG_CLASSNAME
#define SCRIPT_REG_CLASSNAME &CScriptBind_Game::

SCRIPT_REG_TEMPLFUNC( GameLog, "text" );
```

The following example shows how this new `ScriptBind` function will be accessible to a Lua scripts.

```
Game.GameLog( "a message" );
```