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General Overview

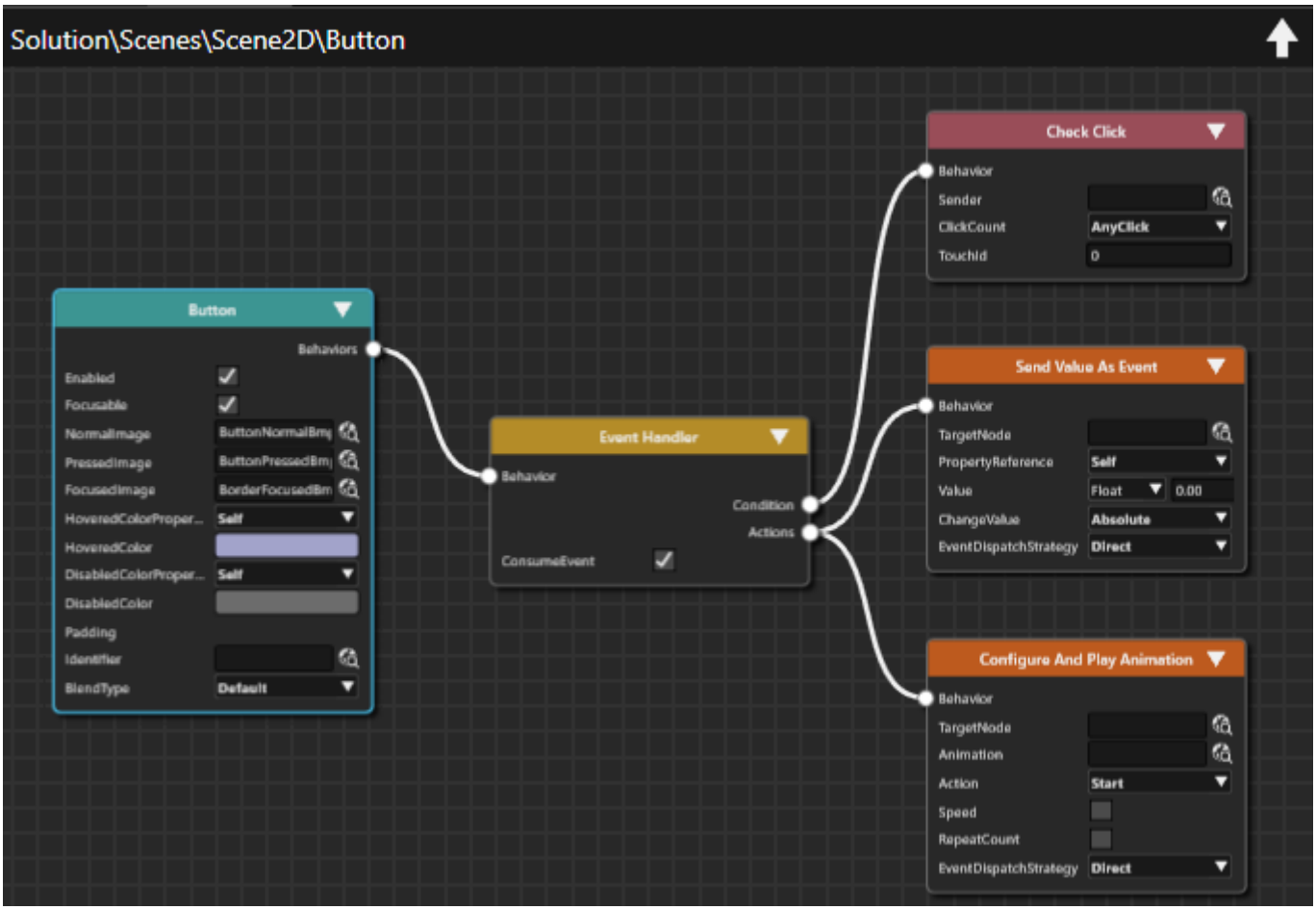
Functional Overview

Fusion is an editor that seamlessly combines the **behavior tree** and the **properties panel** in a powerful, yet intuitive interface.

- The **behavior tree** is presented as a clear, well-structured diagram for easy visualization. The behavior tree remains accessible through the extra scene tree, located on the right side of the scene tree panel.
- Node properties can be edited directly within the Fusion diagram or, alternatively, through the properties panel.

This integrated approach provides flexibility and enhances the efficiency of managing behaviors and properties in your scene.

> For more information on using behaviors, see Behaviors.



Benefits of using Fusion Editor

- **Clear Visualization**
  Fusion Nodes that compose increasingly complex HMI elements are presented in a clear, consolidated view, making it ideal for presentations and design reviews.
- **Comprehensive Information**
  All relevant details are visible in one place, significantly reducing man-hours required for reviews and analysis
- **Seamless Integration**
  Fusion diagrams can be incorporated into solution reports, supporting the creation of detailed design documents.

Main features

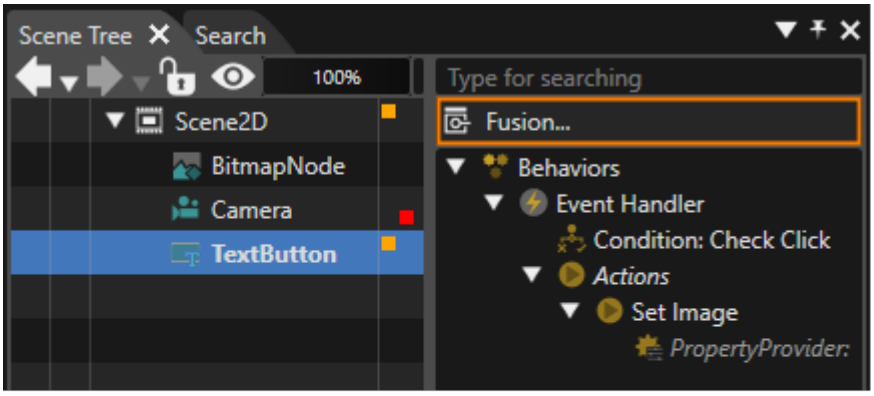
- **Visual Management**
  Provides a graphical interface for managing Fusion Nodes and their interactions within the scene
- **Editor Operations**
  Includes essential functions such as automatic alignment, magnification adjustment, zoom in/zoom out and Undo/Redo.
- **Color-Coded Display**
  Each Fusion Node is visually distinguished through color coding for improved clarity.
- **Automatic Filtering**
  Fusion displays only attachable Fusion Nodes, streamlining workflow.
- **Properties Panel Synchronization**
  Fusion ensures that Fusion Node properties remain synchronized with the properties displayed in the Properties Panel.
- **Context Menu Support**
  Offers quick access to relevant actions via a context-sensitive menu.

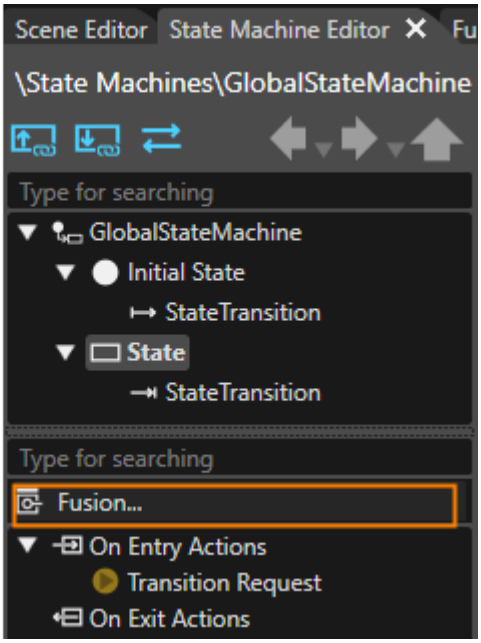
Fusion Editor UI

Opening Fusion

There are multiple ways to open Fusion.

- **Via the menu**
  Navigate to **View > Fusion > Fusion**.
- **Via the Scene Tree Panel**
  Select a Node in the **Scene Tree**, then click the [Fusion...] button in the **Extra Scene Tree** on the right.
- **Via the State Machine Panel**
  Select a State or Transition in the State Machine Editor, then click the [Fusion...] button in the **State Machine Behaviors panel** on the left lower half.





Once Fusion is open, you can switch between Fusion and other editors (e.g. the Scene Editor) by selecting the corresponding tab.

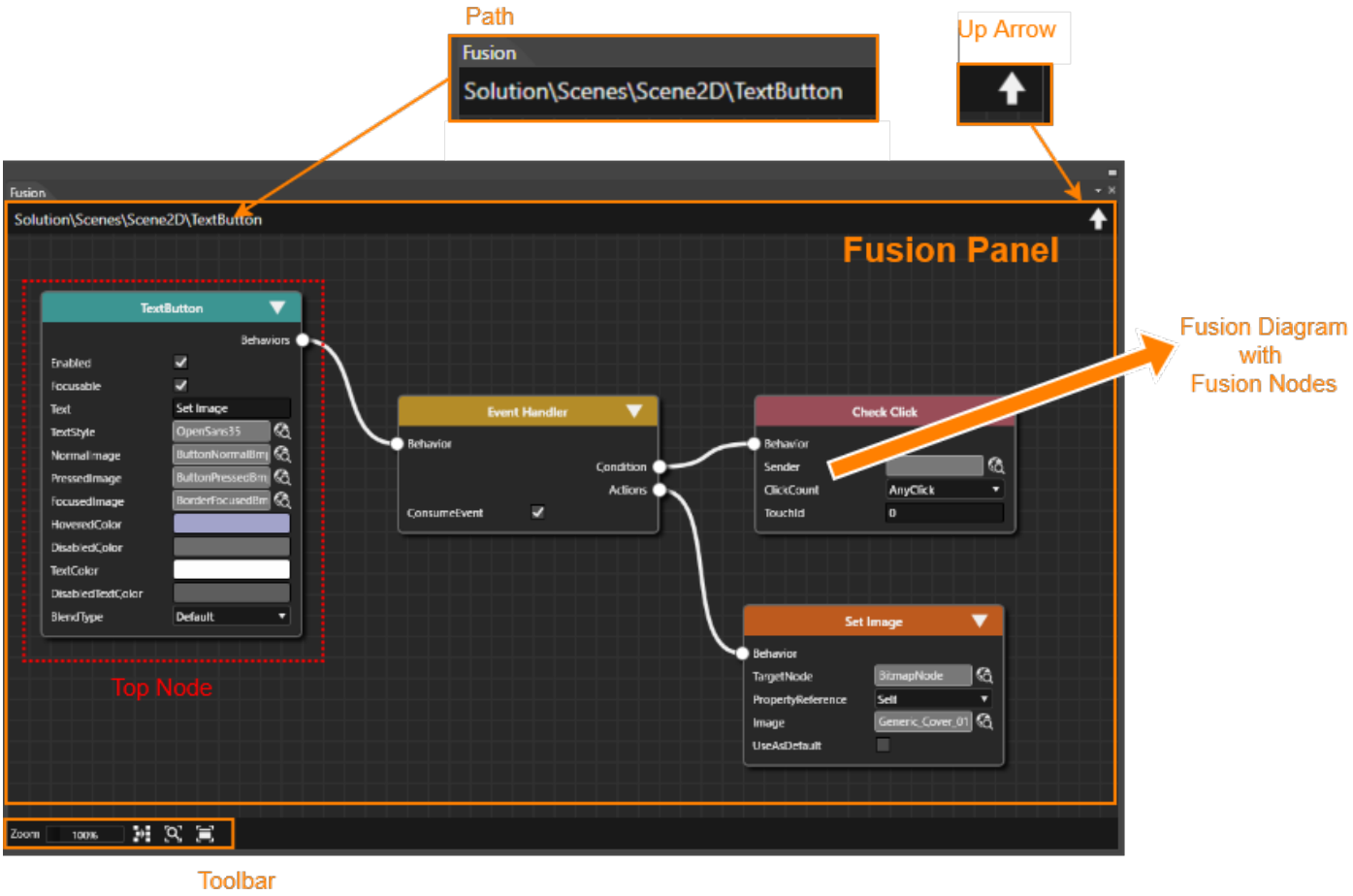
To configure display preferences for the Fusion panel, open the Preferences dialog via the menu: **File >** Preferences..., then navigate to Preferences > Environment > Fusion.

Fusion Diagram

When Fusion is opened, it always displays the Fusion diagram for the node currently selected in the Scene Tree Panel or the state/transition selected in the State Machine Editor.

A Fusion diagram consists of a Top Node, which serves as the root node, along with its attached behaviors, conditions and actions. The simplest Fusion diagram contains only the Top Node.

Fusion Nodes can be rearranged within the diagram using drag and drop. To select multiple nodes, click and drag a rectangle with your mouse to enclose the nodes you want to select.



Path

The upper-left corner of the Fusion panel displays the path of the currently shown Top Node.

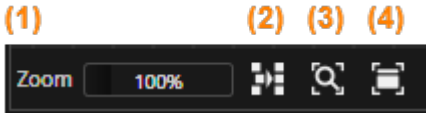
Up arrow

You can navigate to other Fusion diagrams by clicking the **Up Arrow** located in the upper-right corner of the Fusion panel.

- **When TopNode is an element that has a parent element**
  (e.g. a Group Node in Scene Tree or a state enclosed within a parent state), pressing the **Up Arrow** will display the Fusion diagram of the parent element.
- **When TopNode is a transition or a state without a parent**
  Pressing the **Up Arrow** returns you to **State Machine Editor**.
- **When TopNode is a scene**
  The **Up Arrow** is disabled

Fusion Panel Toolbar

At the bottom of the Fusion panel, a toolbar provides controls for the panel display operations.



1	Zoom	Adjusts the display magnification. You can enter a numerical value or use the mouse wheel to zoom in and out.
2	Rearrange layout	Automatically reorganizes the layout of Fusion Nodes within the diagram. This feature is particularly useful when nodes overlap or are difficult to view.
3	View whole layout	Automatically adjusts the display magnification to fit the entire diagram within the Fusion panel.
4	Switch to selected node	Centers the diagram on the selected Fusion Node. When a node is selected and this button is pressed, the display automatically positions the selected node in the center.

Basic Operations

Diagram Display Operations

Refer to Fusion Editor UI for an overview of the basic operations associated with the diagrams displayed in Fusion.

Diagram Bird's Eye

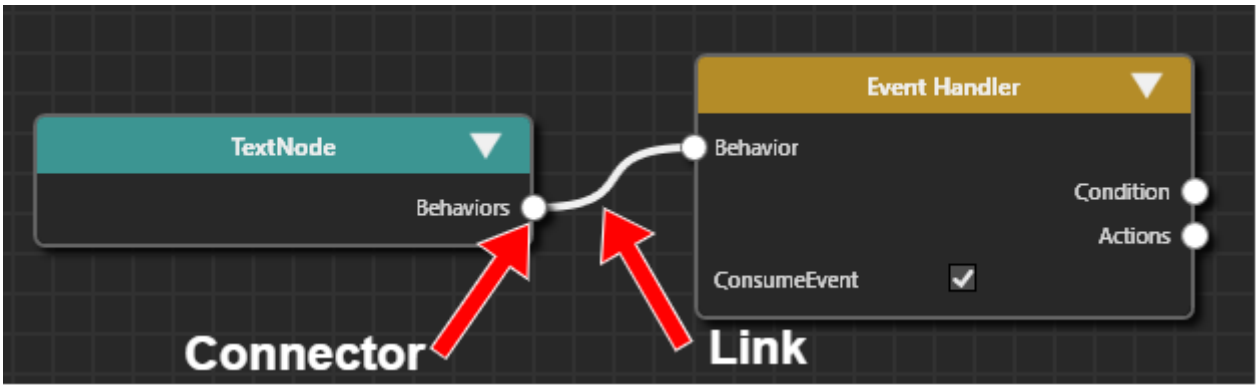
The Diagram Bird's Eye panel is a separate panel that provides a comprehensive overview of the entire Fusion diagram. It also highlights the section currently visible in Fusion panel, making it particularly useful when working with large diagrams.

To open this panel from the menu, navigate to **View > Fusion > Diagram Bird's Eye**.

A complete documentation is available in Diagram Bird's Eye.

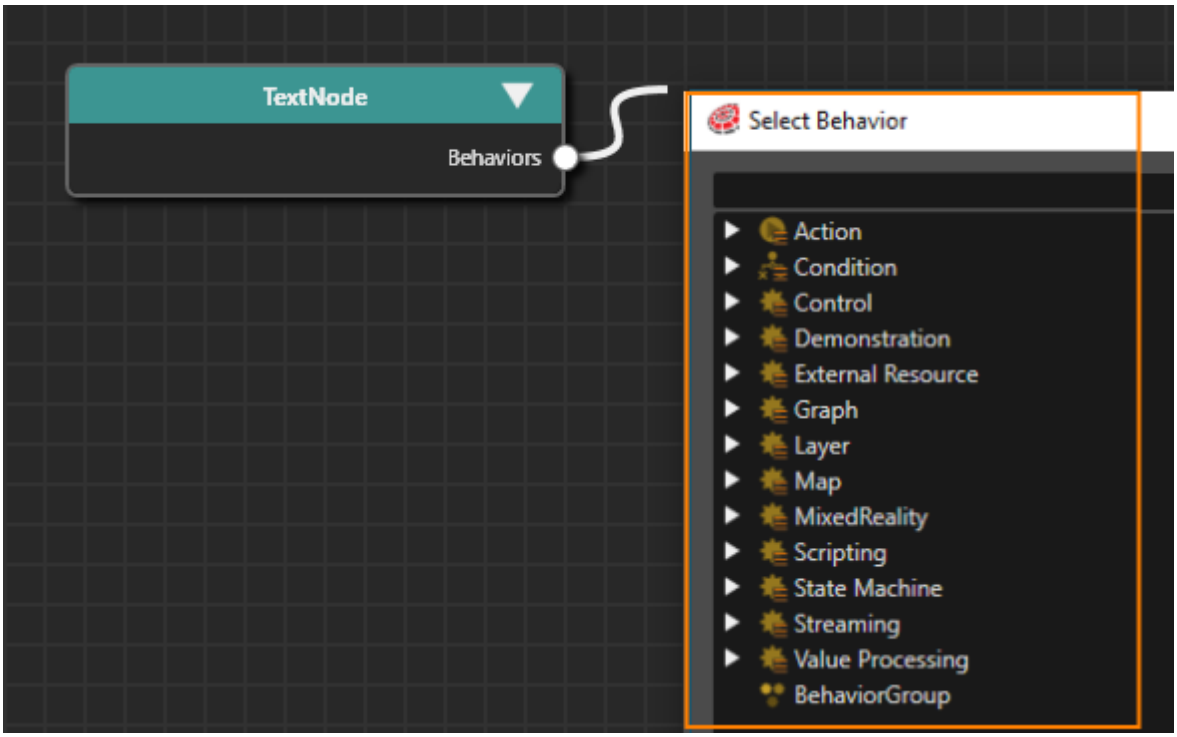
Adding a Fusion Node

New Fusion nodes can be added to any existing Fusion node that has a connector on its right side. All Fusion nodes are interconnected through links.

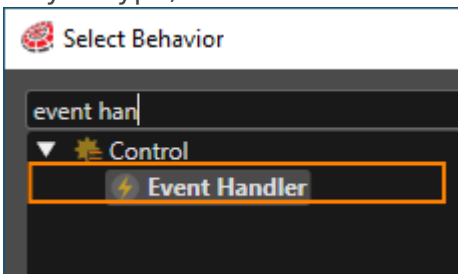


To add a new Fusion node, follow the steps below:

1. Drag the Fusion node's connector to the right and hold the mouse button
   - While dragging, a link will appear, following the mouse movement.
2. Release the mouse button at any position.
   - The Select Behavior dialog opens, displaying a list of available behaviors.



3. Click into the input field at the top of the dialog and start typing the name of the desired behavior.
   - As you type, the list will be filtered to help you locate the behavior more easily.

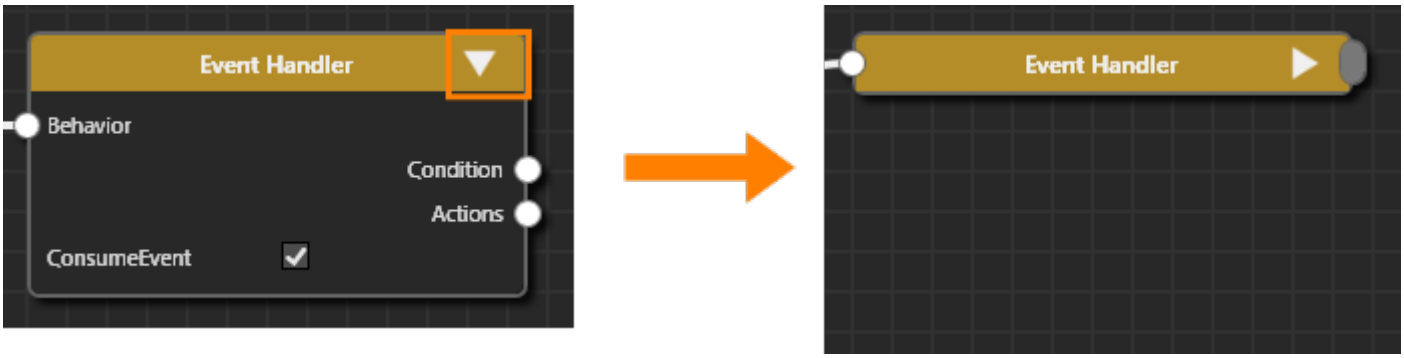


4. When you find the desired behavior double-click it to select.
   - A new Fusion node will be created and linked to the Fusion node whose connector you dragged in step 1.

> Alternatively, you can browse through the list of behaviors without using the input field. The behaviors are organized in the same way as they appear in the **toolbox**.

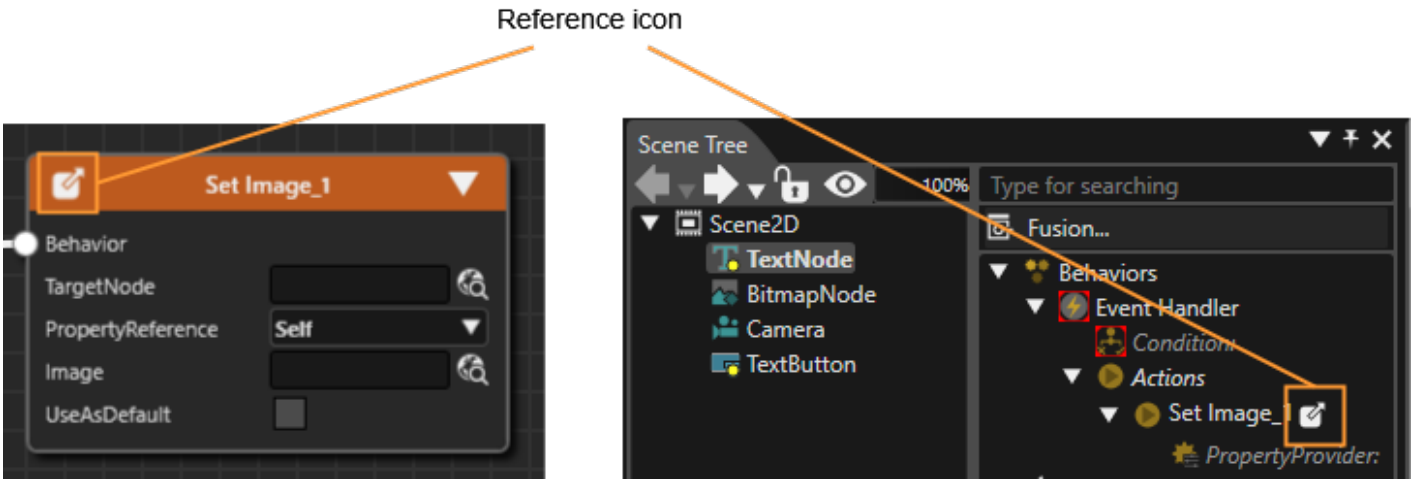
Collapsing and Expanding a Fusion Node

Each Fusion Node has an expand/collapse button located in the upper-right corner. Clicking this button toggles the node between expanded and collapsed.



Reference Fusion Node

You can create a reference to behaviors available in the solution. For more information about this operation, see Behaviors: Deep Copy/Paste Operation. A reference icon appears in the top-left corner of the Fusion node that corresponding to that reference behavior. This icon is identical to the one displayed for the behavior in the Extra Scene tree. Click the reference icon to navigate directly to the referenced Fusion node.



Fusion Group (Behavior Group)

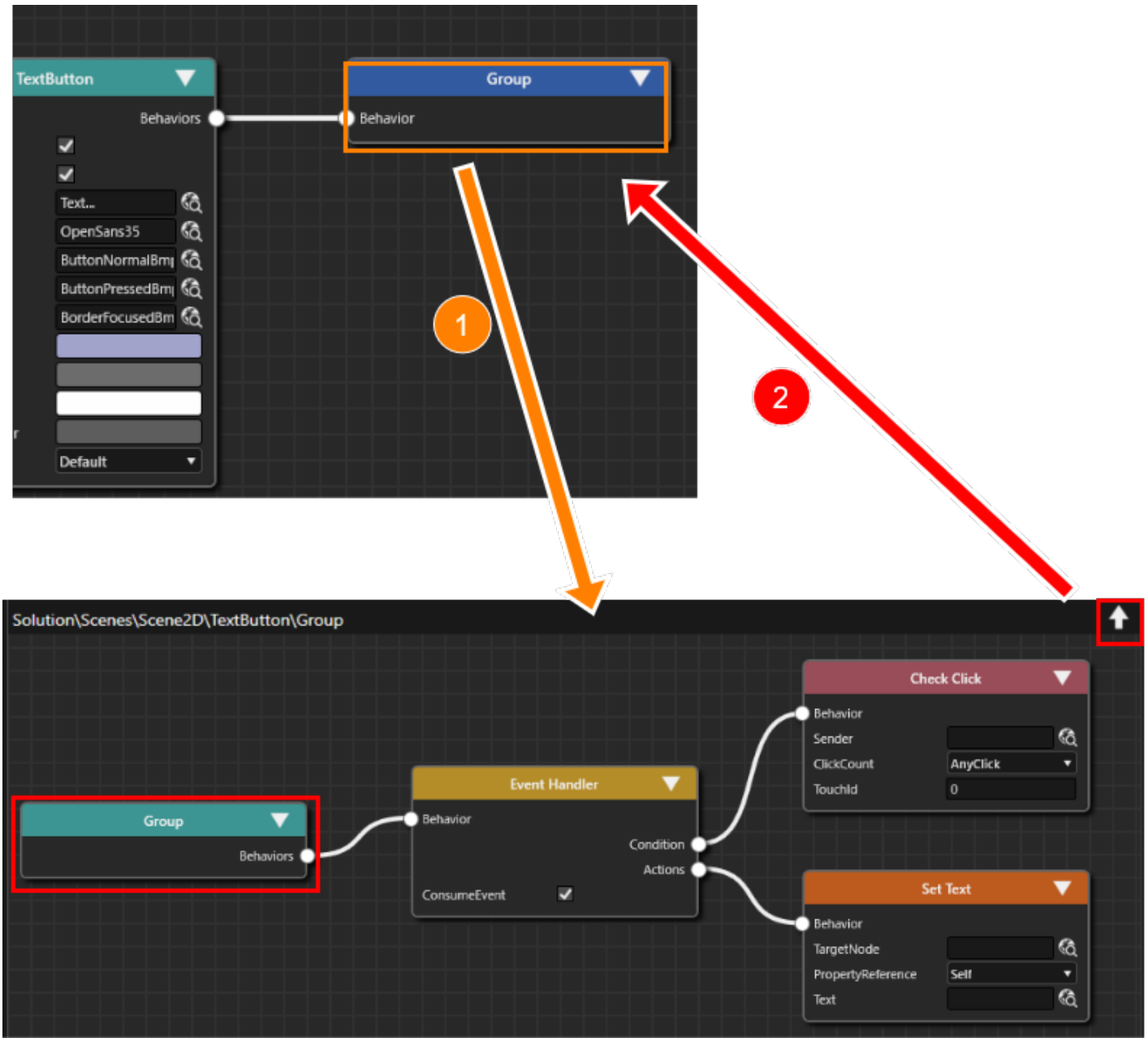
Fusion Nodes can be grouped together into a **Fusion Group,** providing an effective way to optimize and simplify the management and organization of Fusion diagrams. Groups can be renamed as desired or duplicated for reuse. Unlike a **Behavior Building Block**, creating a Fusion Group is faster and doesn't require template creation.

Creating a Fusion Group

- Select the target Fusion nodes
- Open the the context menu and choose **[Create Group]**.

Navigating Fusion Groups

- **Double-click** the created Fusion Group to display a diagram of the grouped Fusion nodes.
- To return to the previous diagram level, either
  - Click the arrow in the upper-right corner of the Fusion Group diagram or
  - **Double-click** the top node in the group



Selecting Multiple Fusion Nodes

You can select multiple nodes using either of the following methods:

- **Ctrl + Click** each Fusion node to add it to the selection
- **Rectangular Selection:** Click and hold the left mouse button, then drag to draw a rectangle around the nodes you want to select.

Moving Fusion Nodes

To move a selection of **Fusion nodes**, drag them to the desired location within the **Fusion panel**. This applies to both a single node and multiple selected nodes.

Copy and Paste a Fusion Node

To copy and paste a selection of Fusion nodes, use the following keyboard shortcuts:

- **Ctrl + C** ... Copy the selected node(s)
- **Ctrl + V** ... Paste the copied node(s)

This works for both single nodes and multiple selected nodes.

Delete a Fusion Node

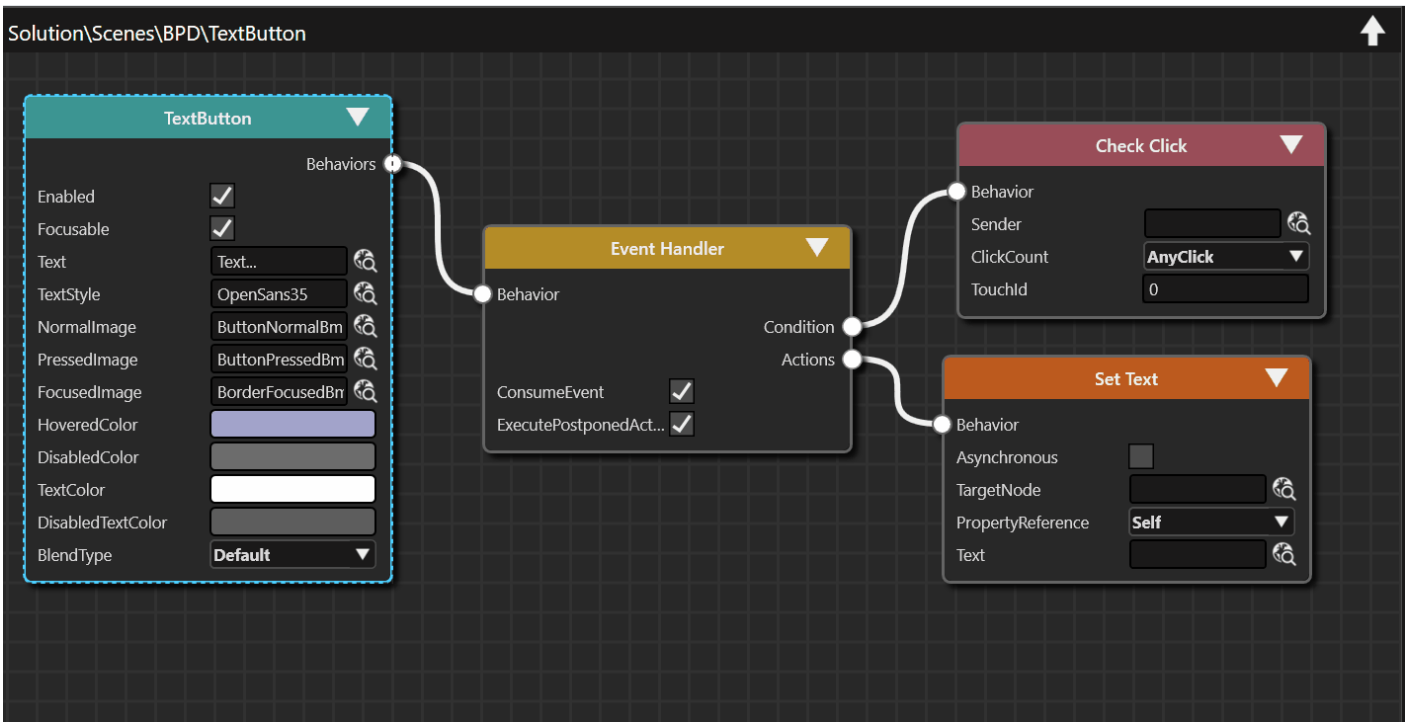
You can delete a **Fusion node** using one of the following methods:

- Select the target node and press the **Delete** key on your keyboard.
- Open the context menu and choose **Delete**.

The deletion process depends on whether the target Fusion node has references:

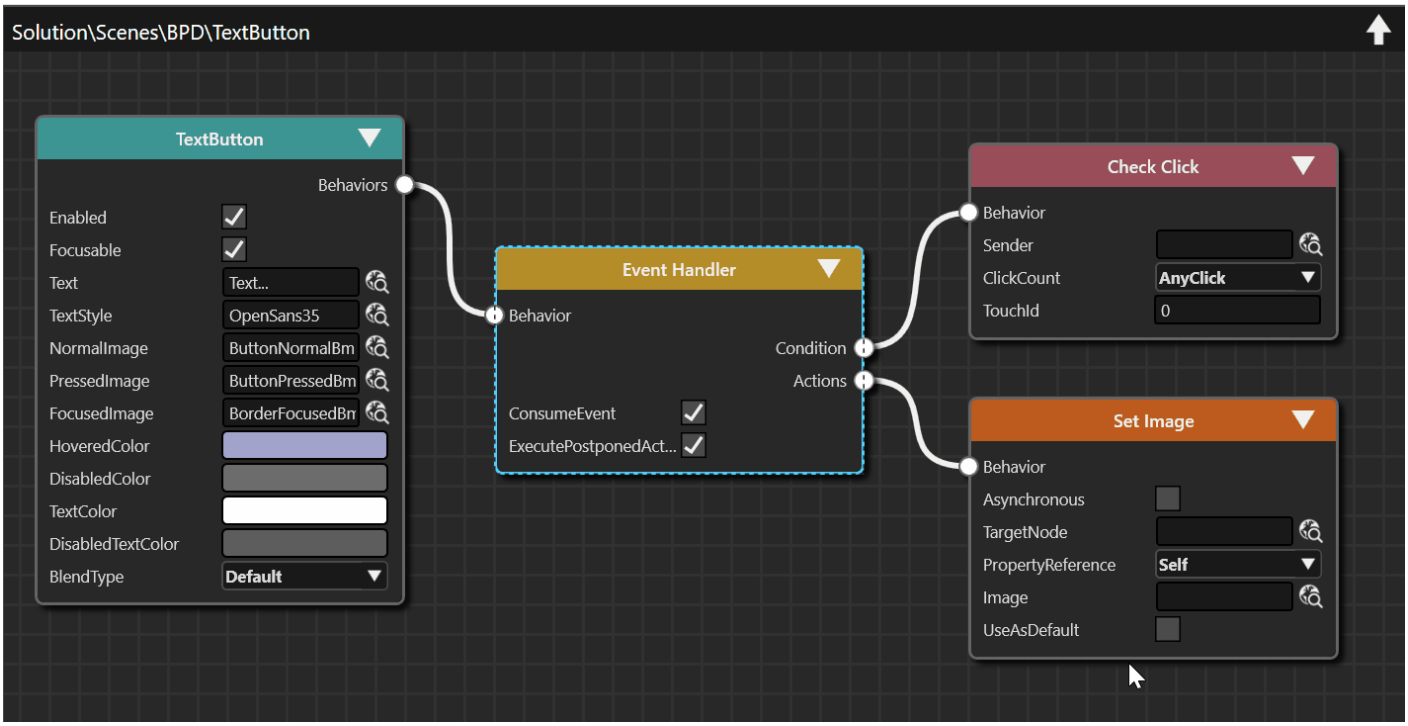
1. Target Fusion Node is a Leaf Node

- **Delete** the node using either the **Delete** key or the **context menu** option
- The **Delete Item dialog** will be opened.
- Review the contents and click **OK** to permanently delete the node.



2. Target Fusion Node has Children

- Delete the node using either the **Delete** key or the **context menu** option.
- A prompt will appear asking if you want to delete the connected behaviors as well.
  - Click **No** to delete only the node itself.
- The **Delete Items** dialog box will be opened.
- Review the contents and click **OK** to confirm deletion.
- Any child Fusion nodes connected to the target node will be automatically reconnected to the **top node.**



Re-Structuring the Nodes in a Fusion Diagram

The Top Node is the only node that can remain in a Fusion diagram without a link, provided he is the sole node in the diagram. All other Fusion nodes must be connected via a link. Deleting the link directly is not possible.

Re-Link a Connected Node to the Diagram's Top Node

Any Fusion node can be re-linked to the Fusion diagram's top node using one of the following methods:

- Right-click on the left connector of the node to link it to the top node.
- click and drag the connected link away from the left connector, then release the mouse button.
- Right-click on the right connector of the node, which your node is linked to (this allows re-linking multiple nodes with a single click)

Change the Node a Fusion Node is Linked To

To link an already connected node to another node click the right connector of the node you want to connect from and drag a link to the node that should be connected.

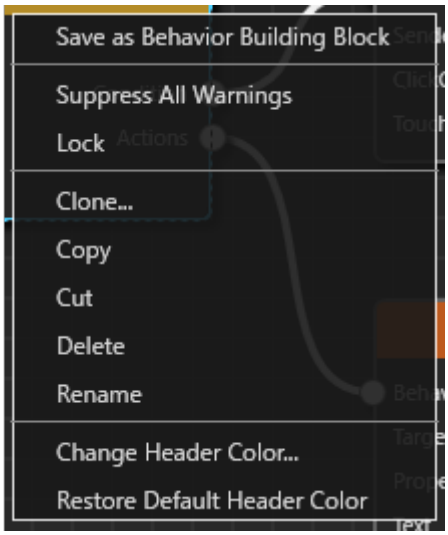
Undo/Redo operation

You can perform **Undo** and **Redo** actions in two ways:

- **Toolbar Icons:** Click the **Undo** or **Redo** icons in the toolbar.
- **Keyboard Shortcuts**:
  - **Ctrl + Z** ... Undo the last action
  - **Ctrl + Y** ... Redo the previous undone action.

Context Menu

After selecting a **Fusion node**, right-click to display the **context menu** with the following operations:



Save as Behavior Building Block	Saves the currently selected Fusion node as a Behavior Building Block.
Suppress All Warning	Hides behavior-related warnings in Problems Browser panel.
Create Group	Groups the currently selected nodes into a **Fusion Group**. This option appears when multiple **Fusion nodes** are selected.
Lock	Locks the selected Fusion nodes, preventing any modification. The connector of a locked Fusion node will be grayed out and no additional Fusion node operations can be performed. Note that locking the **top node** will lock all connected Fusion nodes.

Unlock	Unlocks the currently selected Fusion node. This option is displayed when the currently selected **Fusion node** is locked . If multiple Fusion nodes are selected, this option is displayed only when **all selected Fusion nodes are locked**.
Force Unlock	**Force** all locks to be released. This option is displayed when **Top node** is **locked** and Fusion nodes connected to it are selected.
Clone	Creates an **identical copy** of the selected node. The cloned Fusion node will have the same name as the original, with an appended numerical suffix for differentiation.
Copy	Copies the selected Fusion node. This operation is the same as the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl + C**.
Cut	Cuts the selected Fusion node. This operation is the same as the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl + V**.
Delete	Performs a delete operation on a selected Fusion node.
Paste	Pastes the copied/cut Fusion node to the specified location. This option appears after performing a **Copy** or **Cut** operation.
Rename	Renames the selected Fusion node. Enter a new name in the provided input field.
Change Header Color	Changes the header color of the Fusion node to any color. Choose a color in the Color Palette dialog that will be opened.
Restore Default Header Color	Restores the default header color specified in [Preferences > Fusion].

Double Click operation

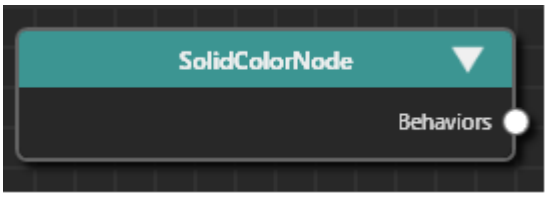
Double-clicking on a **Fusion node** changes the display as follows:

- **State Machine Element**
  -> Opens the **State Machine Editor** screen for the selected element
- **Behavior Building Block Node**
  -> Displays the **Fusion diagram** of the target Behavior BuildingBlock's template.
- **Behavior Group**
  -> Shows the **internal structure** of the group

Top Node

The Fusion node diagram in the Fusion panel always starts with the top node. The **Top Node** serves as root node in the Fusion diagram and is fixed, meaning it cannot be deleted from the Fusion Editor.

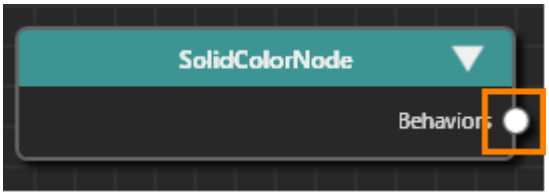
The **Top Node** corresponds to the node selected in the scene tree. If Fusion is launched from within the State Machine Editor, it represents the State Machine Element (such as a State or Transition) that was selected when starting Fusion.



Top Node Connector

The Top Node has a **single connector on its right side**, which is used to create and connect other Fusion Nodes.

For details on connecting Fusion Nodes, see Basic Operations.



Selecting a Top Node

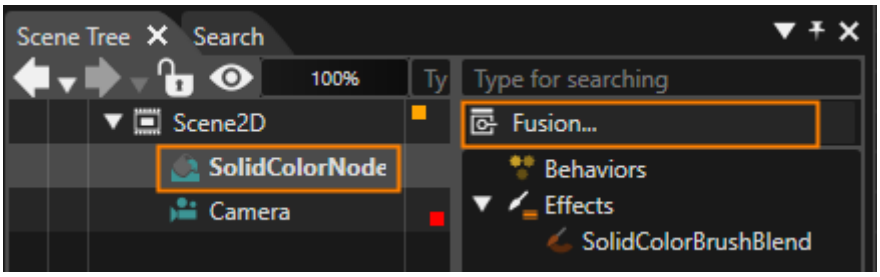
The following types of nodes can serve as the Top Node in a Fusion diagram:

- Predefined CGI Control Templates
- Custom User Controls and **Instantiated controls** with user defined properties
- Behavior Building Block Templates
- State Machine Elements (e.g. States, Transitions)
- 2D/3D Scene Nodes
- Behavior Groups

To select a Top Node:

1. In the Scene Tree, click the desired node.

2. The adjacent **Extra Scene Tree** lists the **Behaviors** and **Effects** of the node selected in the Scene Tree along with a **[Fusion...]** button.
3. Click the **[Fusion...]** button to open the Fusion Editor.
4. The Fusion Editor will display the selected node as the **Top Node** in the Fusion diagram.



If the Fusion Editor is already open, selecting any node in the Scene Tree will automatically update the Fusion Editor to display the Fusion diagram for the corresponding node.

The choice of a Top Node depends on the specific use case. For example:

- It can be a **button** in the Scene Tree from which you want to detect click events.
- It could be a **scene node** whose property value you need to monitor to trigger an action.

Essentially, the **Top Node** is the element that acts as the **source or recipient of events or values** to be processed.

Fusion Node Categories

The following type of behaviors can be connected connected to the top node in Fusion:

- Action Fusion Node
- Condition Fusion Node
- Behavior Fusion Node
- Behavior Group Fusion Node (BehaviorBuildingBlock)

In addition to these, **reference Fusion nodes** within Action, Condition, Behavior Fusion node can also be connected.

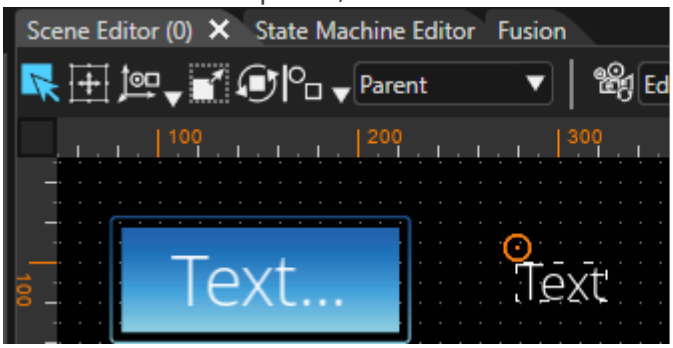
> The color of each Fusion node category - including the **Top Node** - as displayed in the Fusion Editor can be customized in Preferences.

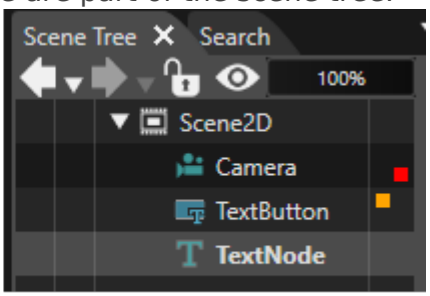
Configuration example

This page explains how to use Fusion to configure operations related to "Set Text", which is one examples of applying a behavior within a Fusion diagram.

Prepare Nodes in the Scene Editor

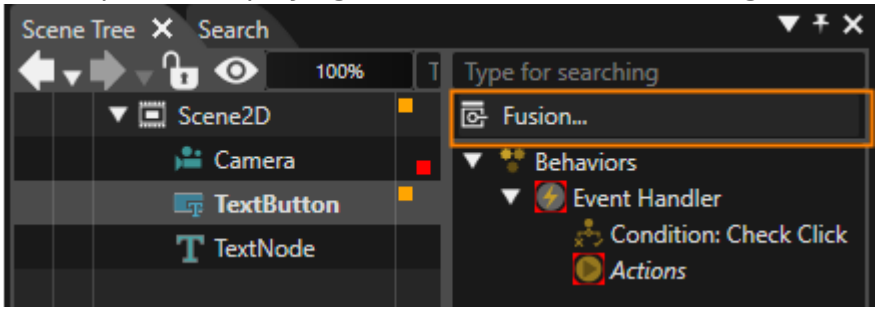
1. In the Toolbox, navigate to **Control > Touchable.**
2. Drag and drop a **TextButton** control onto the Scene Editor.
   - In the Scene Editor, a TextButton has been created.
3. In the Toolbox, navigate to **Node 2D**.
4. Drag and drop a **Text Node** onto the Scene Editor.
   - In the Scene Editor, a TextNode has been created.
5. Adjust the position of the Text Node so that it is placed next to the **TextButton** in the Scene Editor.
   - In the Scene Editor, a TextButton and a TextNode are next to each other.
   - In the Scene Tree panel, TextButton and TextNode are part of the scene tree.





Configure the TextButton in Fusion

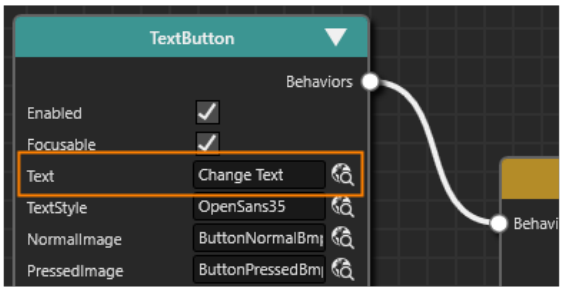
1. In the Scene Tree panel, select the TextButton and click the **[Fusion...]** button in the Extra Scene Tree.
   - Fusion will be opened, displaying the TextButton's Fusion diagram.



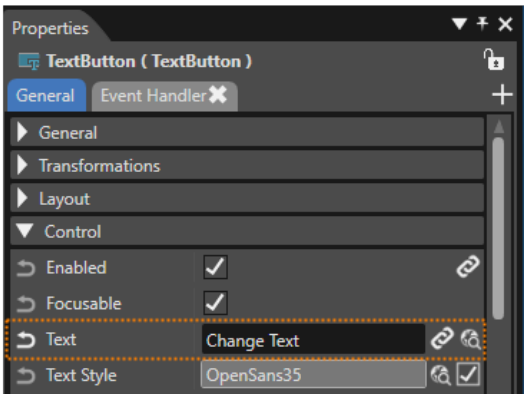
2. In Fusion, at the TextButton's Fusion Node change the Text property to "Change Text".

- This is the same as editing the TextButton's Text property in the Properties panel.

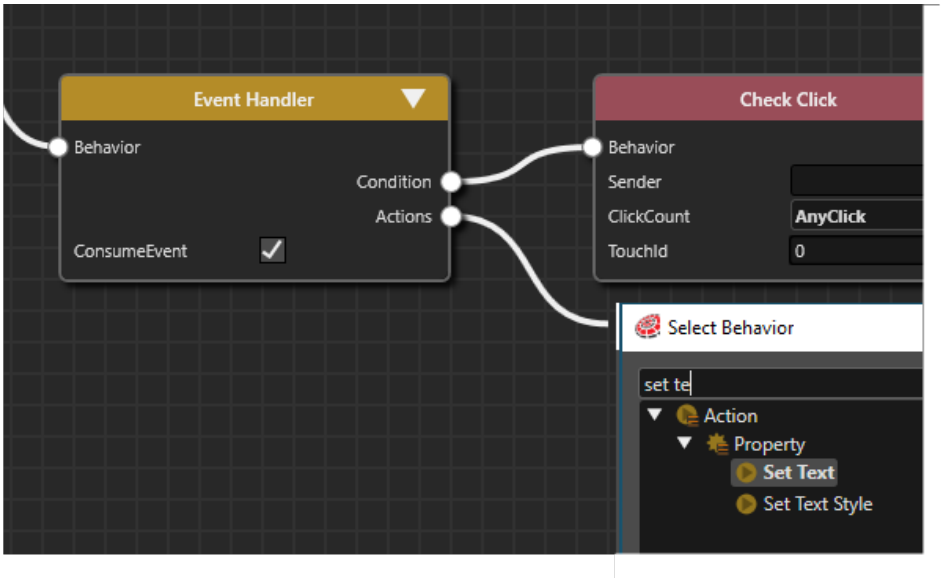
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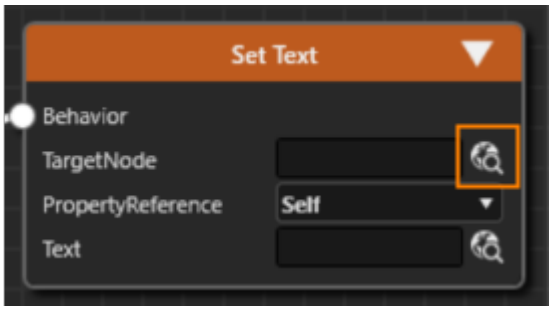
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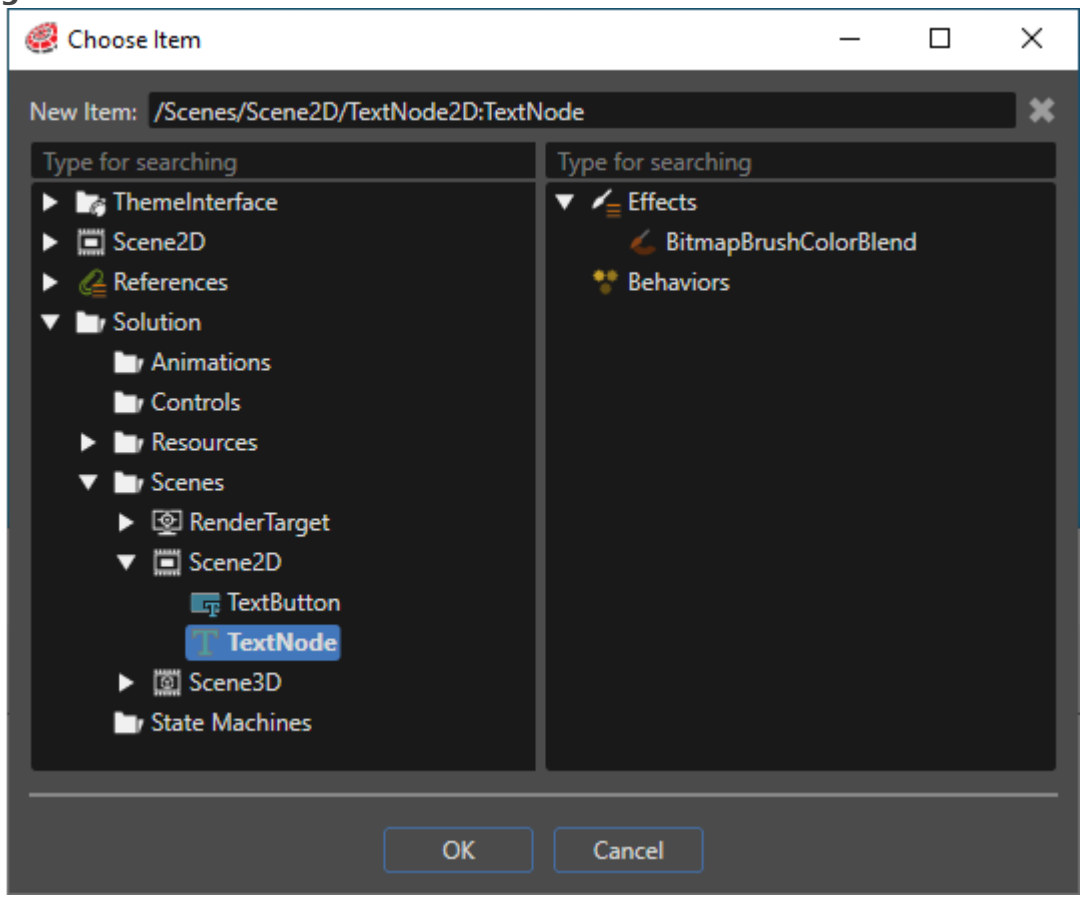
3. In Fusion, click the **Action connector** on the right side of the **Event Handler** Fusion Node.
   - The Select Behavior dialog will be opened.
4. Click into the input field in the top of the dialog and start typing **Set Text**.
   - The list of behaviors will be narrowed down while typing.
5. In the dialog, double-click the **SetText** behavior.
   - A new Fusion node **Set Text** has been created, connected to the Event Handler's Actions connector.



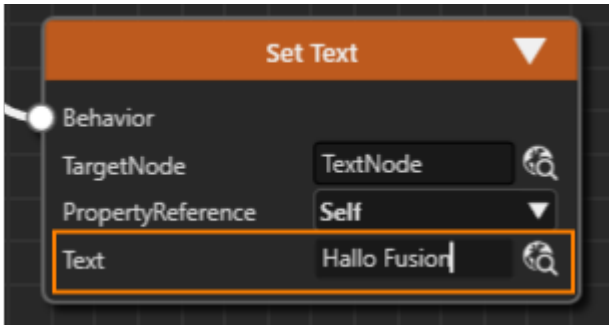
6. In Fusion, click the Select Item icon at the **TargetNode** property of the added **Set Text** Fusion node.
   - The **Choose Item** dialog will be opened.



7. In the **Choose Item** dialog, select the **TextNode** and click **[OK]**.
   - The **TargetNode** for the **Set Text** behavior is the scene's TextNode.

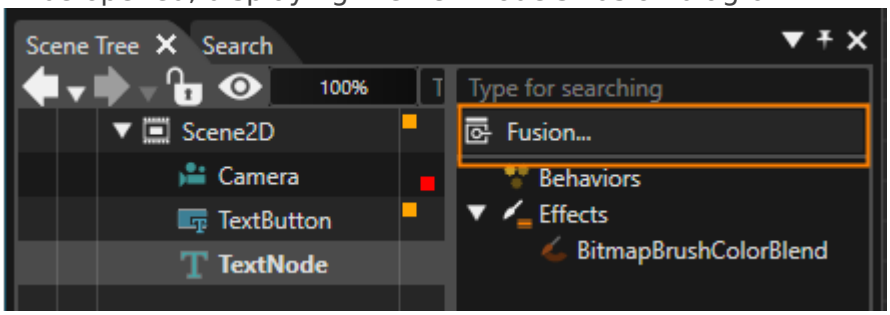


8. In Fusion, configure the **Set Text** Fusion Node's **Text** Property to "**Hallo Fusion**".
   - The Set Text behavior will set the TextNode's text to "Hallo Fusion",

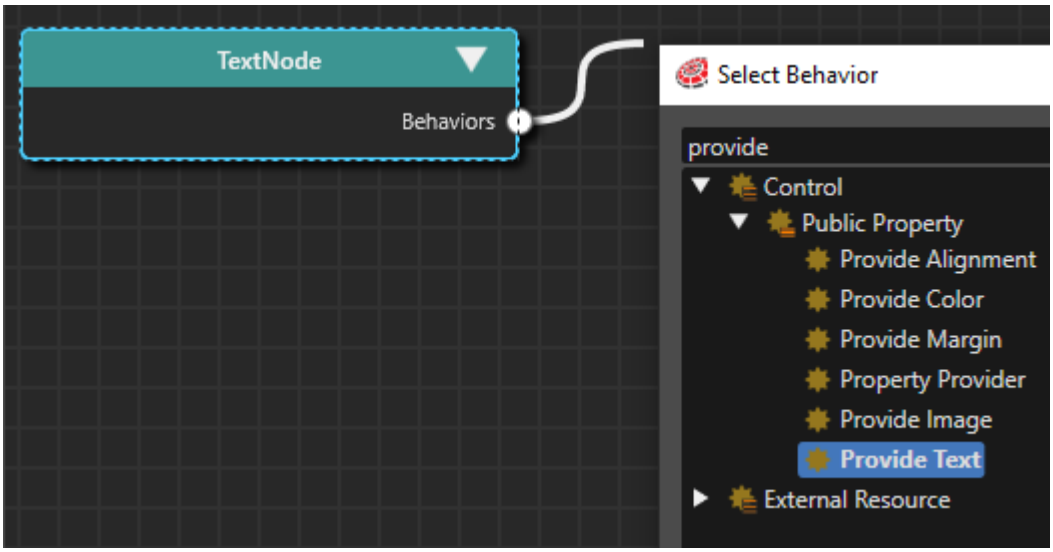


Configure the TextNode in Fusion

1. In the Scene Tree panel, select the TextNode and click the **[Fusion...]** button in the Extra Scene Tree.
   - Fusion will be opened, displaying the TextNode's Fusion diagram.



2. In Fusion, click the **Behaviors connector** on the right side of the **Text Node** Fusion Node.
   - The Select Behavior dialog will be opened.
3. Click into the input field in the top of the dialog and start typing **Provide Text**.
   - The list of behaviors will be narrowed down while typing.
4. In the dialog, double-click the **Provide Text** behavior.
   - A new Fusion node **Provide Text** has been created, connected to the **Text Node's Behaviors** connector.



Check the Scene in the Player

1. **Save** your work and **start** the **Player** to test the functionality of your configuration.
   - The Player will be opened, displaying the configured scene.
2. **Click** on the **TextButton**.
   - The **TextNode's** text will be changed to "**Hallo Fusion**".

