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learn concepts central to visual special effects using the free black magic design fusion 8 0 software package this book also provides foundational background information regarding concepts central to digital image compositing digital video editing digital illustration digital painting 3d and digital audio in the first six chapters on new media theory concepts and terminology this book builds on the foundational concepts of digital image compositing digital audio digital video digital

illustration and digital painting vfx fundamentals introduces more advanced vfx concepts and pipelines as the chapters progress covering topics such as flow node compositing timeline animation animated polyline masking bluescreen and greenscreen matte pulling generation using primatte and fusion 8 ultra keyer motion tracking 3d rendering and compositing auxiliary channels and particle systems and particle physics dynamics among other topics br what you ll learn see the new media components raster vector audio video rendering needed for vfx discover the concepts behind the vfx content production workflow install and utilize black magic design fusion 8 and its visual programming language master the concepts behind resolution aspect ratio bit rate color depth layers alpha and masking work with 2d vfx concepts such as animated masking matte pulling primatte v and motion tracking harness 3d vfx concepts such as 3d geometry materials lighting animation and auxiliary channels use advanced vfx concepts such as particle systems animation using real world physics forces who this book is fordiv sfx artists vfx artists video editors website developers filmmakers 2d and 3d animators digital signage producers e learning content creators game developers multimedia producers

put the essential concepts and techniques of digital compositing to work for you without the need of a single mathematical equation compositing visual effects is lavishly illustrated with hundreds of film shots figures illustrations and diagrams to help the visual reader gain a valuable vocabulary and understanding of the full range of visual effects in which digital compositing plays a key role beginning with an inspirational tour of the scope and magnitude of digital compositing you get a solid overview of the kinds of digital effects routinely executed today see how cgi is composited with live action how set extensions are done and what a match move shot is following that you learn each of the key applications of digital compositing which include bluescreen compositing bullet time shots motion tracking and rotoscoping the subsequent chapters dig down into each of the major digital compositing applications introducing the fundamental concepts and processes behind them learn what is easy and hard possible and impossible and what to expect when working on a job that entails digital compositing new to this edition are 4 new chapters on 3d compositing with lessons on what camera tracking is how it is used to put cgi into a live action plate as well as live action into a 3d scene stereo compositing with descriptions of key stereoscopic terms and concepts lessons on compositing shots that were filmed in stereo both bluescreen and cgi as well as the stereo conversion process when a flat 2d movie is converted to a stereo 3d

movie red and digital capture with log images including log image formats this is a very hot topic these days colleges hang around video because it is cheaper film is still big in the real world of production tracking an entire project from start to finish this is in addition to robust updates on topics such as planar tracking z compositing working with anamorphic hd formats mocap and more this edition also includes a companion website with images from the book for you to work with in your own compositing exercises an accessible introduction to a complex subject for novice and aspiring compositors from experienced author and compositing whose compositing credits include night at the museum 2 shutter island solaris traffic and more full color presentation illustrating the art and techniques of the practice provides inspiration along with instruction new to this edition is a companion website new chapters on 3d compositing stereo compositing red and digital capture with log images and more will have you understanding the latest in compositing technology in no time

be inspired by the masters this visually stunning book showcases the work and creative process of several of today s leading vfx studios over 1000 vibrant four color images provide great visual insight as to how the studios start with a concept then arrive at their finished vfx shot also included are case studies that delve further into the techniques applied insight into the production process and listings of the tools used to create each effect among the studios featured are ilm pixar weta digital sony pictures and more

visual effects vfx are one of the most complicated components of feature film and television creation with advancements in such technologies as ray tracing and virtual reality the visual quality of the real time rendering engine is now rivaling feature film real time rendering requires years of programming experience with advanced understanding in math and physics as the power of the real time rendering engine improves so too do the interfaces for vfx creation with limited technical understanding artists can create vfx with the push of a button and tug of a slider as powerful as the interfaces are they can only expose a portion of the true potential of the rendering engine artists are limited by their understanding of the engine interface real time visual effects for the technical artist is written for digital artists to explain the core concepts of vfx common in all engines to free them from interface bounds features introduces the reader to the technical aspects of real time vfx built upon a career of more than 20 years in the feature film vfx and the real time video game

industries and tested on graduate and undergraduate students explores all real time vfx in four categories in camera effects in material effects simulations and particles this book is written to complement undergraduate or graduate level courses focused on the fundamentals of modern real time vfx chris roda is a technical art instructor at the florida interactive entertainment academy fiea a graduate degree program in interactive real time application development at the university of central florida early in his career chris was a visual effects artist in the film and television industries where he contributed visual effects for films such as spider man titanic and the fifth element before coming to fiea chris was a cg supervisor at electronic arts where he worked on video game titles such as ncaa football and madden nfl football in addition to teaching chris works on generating tools and pipelines for the creation of immersive experiences the amalgamation of the narrative of films the interactivity of video games and the immersion of theme parks

the filmmaker s guide to visual effects offers a practical detailed guide to visual effects for non vfx specialists working in film and television in contemporary filmmaking and television production visual effects are used extensively in a wide variety of genres and formats to contribute to visual storytelling help deal with production limitations and reduce budget costs yet for many directors producers editors and cinematographers visual effects remain an often misunderstood aspect of media production in this book award winning vfx supervisor and instructor eran dinur introduces readers to visual effects from the filmmaker s perspective providing a comprehensive guide to conceiving designing budgeting planning shooting and reviewing vfx from pre production through post production the book will help readers learn what it takes for editors cinematographers directors producers gaffers and other filmmakers to work more effectively with the visual effects team during pre production on the set and in post use visual effects as a narrative aid reduce production costs and solve problems on location achieve a deeper understanding of 3d 2d and 2 5d workflows the various vfx crafts from matchmove to compositing and essential concepts like photorealism parallax roto and extraction become familiar with traditional vfx workflows as well as virtual production and learn how to plan effectively for the cost and complexity of vfx shots see visual effects concepts brought to life in practical highly illustrated examples drawn from the real world experiences of industry professionals and discover how to better integrate visual effects into your own projects

this book provides independent filmmakers and vfx artists with tools to work collaboratively and effectively on their low budget films experts shaina holmes and laurie powers going define common vfx needs and demystify the process of incorporating vfx into all stages of production the book covers every step of the process including when to consider using vfx basics of 2d and 3d methodology budgeting virtual production on set supervision and more it provides tips and tricks to common vfx questions such as color management and file types along with practical solutions for the production team while on set working with vfx scenes the incorporation of testimonials from indie filmmakers and vfx post production professionals brings a voice to both sides of the table and provides real world scenarios for the techniques described the book offers realistic lower budget alternative solutions to achieving big budget vision this book is ideal for students on a micro budget and independent filmmakers on low to mid budgets working with visual effects for photorealistic film tv and short form projects

the classic reference with over 25 000 copies in print has been massively expanded and thoroughly updated to include state of the art methods and 400 all new full color images at ilm compositing is one of the most important tools we use if you want to learn more this excellent 2nd edition is detailed with hundreds of secrets that will help make your comps seamless for beginners or experts ron walks you through the processes of analysis and workflows linear thinking which will help you become deft and successfully tackle any shot dennis muren asc senior visual effects supervisor industrial light magic ron brinkman s book is the definitive work on digital compositing and we have depended on this book as a critical part of our in house training program at imageworks since the 1999 edition we use this book as a daily textbook and reference for our lighters compositors and anyone working with digital imagery it is wonderful to see a new edition being released and it will certainly be required reading for all our digital artists here at imageworks sande scoredos executive director of training artist development sony pictures imageworks the art and science of digital compositing is the only complete overview of the technical and artistic nature of digital compositing it covers a wide range of topics from basic image creation representation and manipulation to a look at the visual cues that are necessary to create a believable composite designed as an introduction to the field as well as an authoritative technical reference this book provides essential information for novices and professionals alike 17 new case studies provide in depth looks at the compositing work done on films such as chronicles of narnia the lion the witch

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matchmoving has become a standard visual effects procedure for almost every situation where live action materials and cg get combined it allows virtual and real scenes that have been composited together to seamlessly appear as though they are from the same perspective this authoritative step by step guide from one of the best matchmovers in the business allows you to master this technique that has been called the foundation upon which all vfx work stands author erica hornung sr matchmover for lord of the rings the two towers matrix revolutions and more imparts her techniques tips and wisdom from the trenches that will have you matchmoving like a true professional in no time lessons in the most popular matchmoving software maya boujou and others are included as well as tips and techniques for surveying on set dolly moves and operating nodal cameras individual chapters dedicated to object and character matchmoves show you how to matchmove for shadow casting adding weapons and other objects focusing on center of gravity as well as complete cg character support the companion dvd includes quicktime examples of techniques shown in the book as well as project files that allow you to master these techniques yourself by working alongside the lessons featured in the text

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first published in 2010 go behind the scene of the behind the scenes to learn how the business of producing the dazzling visual effects we see in movies and on tv works with decades of combined vfx production and supervisory experience in hollywood the authors share their experience with you illuminating standard industry practices and tips on preproduction planning scheduling budgeting evaluating vendors and the bidding process effective data management working on set off set or overseas dealing with changes in post production legal issues contracts insurance business ethics and more also included are interviews with established successful hollywood vfx producers about their career paths and how they got to where they are now from pre production to final delivery this is your complete guide to visual effects production providing insight on vfx budgeting and scheduling with actual forms for your own use and common production techniques such as motion control miniatures and pre visualization

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this book offers a comprehensive and detailed guide to accomplishing and perfecting a photorealistic look in digital content across visual effects architectural and product visualization and games emmy award winning vfx supervisor eran dinur offers readers a deeper understanding of the complex interplay of light surfaces atmospherics and optical effects and then discusses techniques to achieve this complexity in the digital realm covering both 3d and 2d methodologies in addition the book features artwork case studies and interviews with leading artists in the fields of vfx visualization and games exploring color integration light and surface behaviour atmospherics shading texturing physically based rendering procedural modelling compositing matte painting lens camera effects and much more dinur offers a compelling elegant guide to achieving photorealism

in digital media and creating imagery that is seamless from real footage its broad perspective makes this detailed guide suitable for vfx visualization and game artists and students as well as directors architects designers and anyone who strives to achieve convincing believable visuals in digital media

in advanced visual effects compositing techniques for working with problematic footage learn to tackle difficult visual effect composites in layer based and node based compositing programs in this book industry veteran and compositing expert lee lanier offers tips tricks techniques and workflows for difficult visual effects shots including poorly shot green screen moving shots with no visible motion tracking marks shots requiring three dimensional 3d elements that lack 3d renders poor quality stock footage and incorrectly lit shots lanier details the common problems of visual effects shots and offers practical solutions using examples from adobe after effects and blackmagic design fusion an accompanying eresource routledge com 9781138668348 features video image sequences 3d renders and other tutorial materials allowing you to practice the discussed techniques the visual effects challenges covered in this book include chroma keying motion tracking relighting in the composite repairing plates replicating damage adding depth with 2 5d working with stock footage

computer generated visual effects are now used extensively in feature films commercials music videos and multimedia the backbone of this process the final and most important step is known as digital compositing the art and science of digital compositing is a comprehensive reference that provides a complete overview of the technical and the artistic nature of this process this book covers a wide range of topics from basic image creation representation and manipulation to a look at the visual cues that are necessary to create a believable composite designed as both an introduction to the field as well as a valuable technical reference this book should be of interest to both novices and professionals alike written by a working professional in the visual effects industry the book provides over 250 different images and illustrations including a 40 page color insert as well as a complete glossary of compositing and visual effects terminology also included are in depth case studies from well known films such as speed independence day and titanic balances fundamental hard science topics with the more qualitative artistic challenges which face anyone involved in a digital composition projectprovides examples and illustrations from motion picture

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from the city of singapore to working on over twenty hollywood blockbuster films and tv series such as the walking dead guardians of the galaxy aquaman and war for the planet of the apes comes one of the first books of its kind in the visual effects vfx industry with a unique blend of self help career strategy and memoir like elements vicki lau speaks to the core of what it is like to work behind the scenes on some of your favorite hollywood titles covering strategies employed in order to maneuver her way into the upper echelons of the industry you will learn detailed breakdowns of day to day studio activities how industries and events impact your life and career prospects as a vfx artist key strategies and insights on dealing with hollywood politics precise predictions on vfx job displacements and new high growth skills self clarity on your ambitions in life and what the vfx

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this book supplies readers with a practical way to learn how to use blender s tools in the most common scenarios in video film production including setting up cameras on a stage lighting and other production processes using blender the book not only explains how to use the most common tools used in the film and video industry such as tracking rendering and compositing but also explains how to deal with software limitations and how to sort out common problems

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