

2. Basics of 3D Modeling: II. Edit Mode

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Outline

I. Object mode

II.Edit mode

- III. Modifiers
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- VI. Meta objects
- VII. Background image
- VIII. Procedural Description and physical simulation
- IX. Photogrammetry and Image based Modeling
- X. High and low polygon modeling





It allows to manipulate the underlying structure of an object
 It allows managing the basic elements of a mesh object





- Basic elements of a mesh object:
 - Vertices: are the connecting points that hold everything together.
 - Edges: connect two vertices, forming the side of a face and determining the layout of a mesh.
 - Faces: are composed of three or more edges. Faces in general are referred to as polygons; they act as the surface of a mesh.



- Vertex, Edge, and Face Select Mode: Blender gives the ability to select individual mesh elements
 - Vertex Select Mode permits to select individual vertices, or a series of vertices for whole edges and/or faces.
 - Edge Select Mode enables to select whole edges at a time. It also lets select adjacent edges without selecting the respective face.
 - Face Select Mode allows to select entire faces.



Ctrl + Tab : switch the selection method Shift + LMB to activate any combination

Limit Selection to Visible function: allows to see only the front surface and to select only vertices on the front.



With 'Limit Selection to Visible' On only vertices or faces that you can see are able to be selected.





- Tool Shelf (1):
 - When entering Edit mode, several mesh tools become available.
 - Open/close the Mesh Tools panel using T Key.
- Properties Shelf (2):
 - Open/close the Properties Shelf using N Key.
 - Contains many useful panels directly related to mesh editing (Transform panel, Mesh display...)

Specials menu (W), Edge menu (Ctrl E) , Face menu (Ctrl F).



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Activity

> Activity 2.6: Manipulate vertices (15 min)

- Using a plane mesh, apply the following vertices transformations:
 - Subdivide the plane mesh into 7 by 7 square
 - Select and merge some vertices at the center
 - Select and separate some vertices with rip
 - Select and separate some vertices with rip fill
- Make edges/faces using some isolated vertices
- Make faces using some isolated edges
- Make faces using mixed edges and vertices



Solution

Merging vertices







Separating vertices with rip using V key

Make a hole by making copies of selected vertices and moving them. Rip with edges and vertices





Separating vertices with rip fill using Alt V Key Making copies of selected vertices/edges without making a hole





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Edges menu:

Contains numerous edge options and is obtained by pressing Ctrl+E Key. The most useful options are :

- Edge Slide: This allows the selected edgeloop to be moved from side to side.
- Edge Loop: If one edge is selected, this option will continue the line to select the rest of the edgeloop.
- Edge Ring: If one edge is selected, this option allows selecting a parallel ring running perpendicular to the selected edge.





> Activity 2.7: Manipulate vertices (15 min)

- Using primitive meshes, give some example of use of the following operations:
 - Add edge loop

Activity

- Delete edge loop
- Bridge edge loop
- Split edges









Solution

Delete Edge Loop









Bridge Edge Loops







Edge split Y







- Duplicating and Deleting operations:
 - Duplicate: To duplicate a vertex, edge, or face, click Duplicate from the Object Tools panel or press Shift+D key.
 - **Delete:** to delete a vertex, edge or face, click Delete from the Object Tools panel or press X key.





- Other Duplicating tools:
 - Inset: takes the currently selected faces and creates an inset of them, with adjustable thickness and depth.



- Spin: does a sort of circular extrusion of your selected elements, centered on the 3D cursor, and around the axis perpendicular to the working view. (draw profile- top view- spin)
- Screw: combines a repetitive Spin with a translation, to generate a screw-like, or spiral-shaped, object.





Activity 2.8	Title: Model a Bottle / chess piece		
Туре:	Individual activity- Lab exercise		
Goal:	Use the spin tool to model meshes ILO P1 + using background Image		
Outline:	Model a bottle that looks something like the attached image using the Spin tool: Image: tool:		
Timeline	15 min		
Assessment	Assess the student's solution		
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Screw









Wood Screw tip done with the Screw tool.



Spring done with the Screw tool.



> Translating, Rotating, and Scaling operations

- **Translate:** To translate (move) a vertex, edge, or face, click Translate from the Object Tools panel or press G key.
- Rotate: To rotate a vertex, edge, or face click Rotate from the Object Tools panel or press R key.
- Scale: To scale a vertex, edge, or face, click Scale from the Object Tools panel or press S key.









> Activity 2.9 (20 min):

- Arrange a number of scaled/modified torus objects in a configuration that looks something like this image.
- Variation Add and angle to each of the torus objects.





• Extrude: It allows creating parallelepipeds from rectangles and cylinders from circles, as well as easily create such things as tree limbs.













> Activity 2.10: Model a goblet (15 min)

 Using only extrude and scale options, model a goblet which looks like the following figure







Fill operation: creates a new face from selected vertices, using F key





- Subdivision Tools:
 - Subdivide: allows increasing the total number of polygons in the mesh, it is available via the toolbar or by choosing W key > subdivide





- Subdivision Tools:
 - Loop subdivide: splits a loop of faces by inserting a new edge loop intersecting the chosen edge (Ctrl+R key).



Mech before inserting edge loop



Interactive placement of edge loop between adjacent loops





- Subdivision Tools:
 - Knife tool: allows to split edges differently than the subdivide command. It subdivides interactively edges and faces intersected by a user-drawn "knife" line. (K key).



Mech before knife cut

Knife cut active

After confirming knife cut



> Separating Meshes:

- you need to be in Edit mode
- select the vertices you wish to separate from the rest of the mesh
- type the P key and select your option



Selected Vertices



Seperation : P key + By selection



Proportional Vertex Editing:

- Create a flow in the shape when editing vertices
- Creating Ground
- Random, Linear, sharp, Constant, Smooth, etc.





Thank you for your attention!

