

Creating Electrical Sparks

This very short tutorial will show you how to make electrical sparks with a spawner and a couple of FX.

The end result will look like this:



Setting up the configuration

```
[Sparks]
Spawner = SparksSpawner
LifeTime = 1.0

[SparksSpawner]
Object = SparkObject
WaveSize = 10
WaveDelay = 0.05
ActiveObject = 40
Rotation = -25 ~ -15 ; give a slight variance in the angle of each particle spark
UseRotation = true

[SparkObject]
Graphic = SparkGraphic
LifeTime = 1.0
Speed = (-50, -50, 0) ~ (50, 50, 0) ; when first created, have each spark shoot
                                     ; in random directions
FXList = SparkFallAwayFX # SparkFadeAwayFX ; use both FX so the sparks blow away
                                     ; and burn out

[SparkGraphic]
Texture = spark.png
BlendMode = add
```

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Pivot = center

[SparkFallAwayFX] ; The simulated gravity on each spark
SlotList      = SparkFallAwayFXSlot
KeepInCache  = true
Loop         = false

[SparkFallAwayFXSlot] ; this movement FX will pull the sparks down and right
                  ; like gravity and wind.
Type          = speed
Curve         = smooth
StartTime     = 0.0
EndTime      = 1.0
StartValue    = (0,0,0)
EndValue      = (150, 250, 0) ~ (140, 300, 0)
Period       = 1.0
Absolute     = false ; make the values relative so they move away from the
                  ; parent spawner, and not a fixed location on the
screen

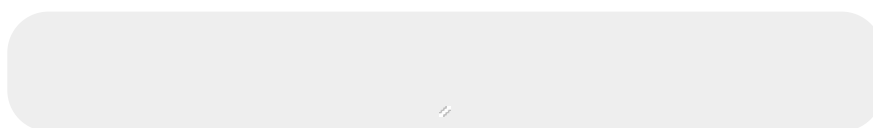
[SparkFadeAwayFX] ; Have the sparks burn out to nothing
SlotList      = SparkFadeAwayFXSlot
KeepInCache  = true
Loop         = false

[SparkFadeAwayFXSlot]
Type          = alpha
Curve         = linear
StartTime     = 0.0
EndTime      = 1.0
StartValue    = 1.0
EndValue      = 0.0
Period       = 1.0
Absolute     = true ; ensure absolute values for the alpha from 0.0 - 1.0
```

See the comments in the config above to see what part each FX plays on the particles.

A spark graphic

Any small object will do, even a dot. But you can try this little object if you wish:



Setting up Input

Just a quick mouse click handler to create a “Sparks” object on the screen. That will make the demo more fun to play with.

In your Init() method, add a handler for input so we can read the mouse to create sparks:

```
orxEvt_AddHandler(ORXEVENT_TYPE_INPUT, InputEventHandler);
```

Our event handler method will look like this:

```
orxSTATUS orxFastcall InputEventHandler(const orxEvt *_pstEvt) {  
  
    if(orxEvt_IsActive("Click") && orxEvt_HasNewStatus("Click")) {  
        orxVECTOR mousePosition = { 0,0,0 };  
        orxVECTOR sparksPosition = { 0,0,0 };  
  
        orxEvt_GetPosition(&mousePosition);  
  
        orxOBJECT *sparks = orxObject_CreateFromConfig("Sparks");  
        orxObject_GetPosition(sparks, &sparksPosition);  
  
        sparksPosition.fX = mousePosition.fX;  
        sparksPosition.fY = mousePosition.fY;  
  
        orxObject_SetPosition(sparks, &sparksPosition);  
    }  
  
    return ORXSTATUS_SUCCESS;  
}
```

Need to define “Click” as our mouse button in the config:

```
[KeysForInput]  
KEY_ESCAPE      = Quit  
MOUSE_LEFT     = Click
```

Finished

All done. Click away and cause lots of electrical shorts.

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