Shooting Bullets with a Spawner

This tutorial will show you how to set up a spawner to shoot bullets that can be turned on and off from code. Normally if you attach a spawner to an object, you can only turn it off using orxObject_Enable. But that will make the parent object invisible as well. We use a child object in the case.

Assets

You can use the following assets in this tutorial.



Config

In this config, we create a CannonObject. We give it an empty child object called: CannonSwitchingObject. The spawner CannonSpawner is attached to CannonSwitchingObject.

CannonSwitchingObject is the one we will turn on or off to stop the spawner from shooting bullets.

```
[CannonObject]
Graphic = CannonGraphic
Position = (100, 100, 0)
Scale
         = 5
ChildList = CannonSwitchingObject
[CannonGraphic]
Texture = spawner-gun.png
[CannonSwitchingObject]
Spawner = CannonSpawner
[CannonSpawner]
               = BulletObject
Object
WaveSize
               = 1
WaveDelay
               = 0.2
ActiveObject
               = 10
Position
                = (10, -1, 0)
```

Next, the bullet object to be fired by the CannonSpawner.

```
[BulletObject]
Graphic = BulletGraphic
Speed = (300, -15, 0) ~ (300, 15, 0)
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```
LifeTime = 2.0
[BulletGraphic]
Texture = spawner-bullet.png
```

Code

Then in the code, use the cannonObject to get the switchObject by calling orxObject GetChild on the cannonObject.

Finally, use orxObject Enable(switchObject, orxFALSE) to stop the spawner shooting bullets, or use orxTRUE to switch it back on.

```
orx0BJECT *cannonObject;
orxOBJECT *switchObject;
cannonObject = orxObject CreateFromConfig("CannonObject");
switchObject = (orxOBJECT*)orxObject GetChild(cannonObject );
orxObject Enable(switchObject, orxFALSE); //turn off the firing
orxObject_Enable(switchObject, orxFALSE); //turn on the firing
```

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