

# Creating Maps in ScrollEd

ScrollEd is a map/level editor that can be used with [Scroll](#).

## Compiling ScrollEd with Scroll

ScrollEd is included in the Scroll header files, so you don't have to make any changes to your Scroll project to use it. However, you do have to make sure it is being compiled.

If you have the following defined in a source or header file, comment or remove it. Otherwise, ScrollEd will not be compiled when Scroll is compiled.

```
#define __NO_SCROLLLED__
```

## Running ScrollEd

Running your game's executable will start the game by default. If you want to start ScrollEd, you need to run the executable with the

```
-editor
```

command line switch.

You must also specify a map file to edit using the

```
--map
```

switch.

If you don't want to specify a map file on the command line every time, you can specify a default map file in Orx config as follows:

```
[Param]
map = ../data/map/Level1.map; <= Setting a default map if none is specified
on the command line
```

Orx objects to be used in ScrollEd need a new config property. The "ScrollEdSet" property is used to define "object sets" used in ScrollEd.

```
[0-Boy]
Graphic = G-Boy
ScrollEdSet = Players
```

```
[0-EnemyBug]
Graphic = G-EnemyBug
ScrollEdSet = Enemies
```

After you've defined the ScrollEdSet for each of your Orx objects in config, run ScrollEd again. You will be able to use the mouse wheel to scroll through the object sets. The previous config would create two sets, Players and Enemies, and allow you to switch between them.

The following keyboard and mouse commands are available in ScrollEd. You can find them in data/ScrollEd.ini

```
[Input]
SetList = ScrollEdInput # ScrollInput

[ScrollEdInput]
MOUSE_LEFT = Action
MOUSE_RIGHT = Pan # Zoom
MOUSE_MIDDLE = Copy # HideSet

MOUSE_WHEEL_UP = NextSet # NextLayer
MOUSE_WHEEL_DOWN = PreviousSet # PreviousLayer

KEY_SPACE = ClearSelection # HideSet

KEY_LALT = SoftClearSelection
KEY_RALT = SoftClearSelection

KEY_F12 = Screenshot

KEY_LCTRL = Zoom # PreviousLayer # NextLayer

KEY_DELETE = Delete
KEY_BACKSPACE = Delete

KEY_F6 = Save
KEY_F9 = Reload

KEY_Z = ToggleMove
KEY_X = ToggleScale
KEY_C = ToggleRotate
KEY_S = ToggleSnap

KEY_G = ToggleGrid

KEY_D = ToggleDifferential

KEY_A = Antialiasing
KEY_T = Tiling

KEY_R = EditAlpha
KEY_Q = EditRed
KEY_W = EditGreen
KEY_E = EditBlue

KEY_TAB = ResetZoom
```

```
KEY_F3          = ToggleFullScreen
KEY_HOME        = ReloadHistory

KEY_ESCAPE      = Quit

KEY_F5          = StartGame

CombineList     = @ScrollEdInput.KEY_LCTR
```

Place your objects as you like them and then press F6 to save your map!

## Loading ScrollEd maps in Scroll

When you want to load a new map, you need to tell Scroll to load the new map. You probably also want to pause the game while this is happening. Your game's Update function might be a good place to check and implement this.

Use the following routine to accomplish the map load:

```
// Sets map name
SetMapName( "MyMap.map" );

// Pauses game
PauseGame( orxTRUE );

// Stops game
StopGame( );

// Loads map
LoadMap( );

// Unpauses game
PauseGame( orxFALSE );

// Starts game
StartGame( );
```

SetMapName, StopGame, LoadMap, PauseGame, and StartGame are all defined in the Scroll classes.

Scroll also includes an OnMapLoad virtual function callback. You can override this if you want to wait until the map is loaded to execute code.

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