

Turbo Switch PRO

Time is money



Documentation

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Thank you for buying our asset “Turbo Switch PRO”!

If you have questions about this asset, send us an email at tps@crosstales.com. Please don't forget to rate it or write a little review – it's very much appreciated.

1. Overview

1.1. Why use Turbo Switch?

When working on a multi-platform project in Unity, you often have to switch between platforms to test compatibility, see if things work as intended, and tweak things on each and every platform.

The larger your project gets, the longer the switch time becomes. It can become a serious setback in your development process.

Turbo Switch (TPS) aims at reducing the time taken switching platforms by caching all data that has already been imported and does not need to be re-imported. In an ideal scenario where your platforms are cached and you haven't changed anything, you can see an improvement of up to **100x** faster platform switching time.

Turbo Switch does not modify or interfere with the asset import pipeline. Therefore, it doesn't have any effect on the time it takes to import new or modified assets. It does, however, cache assets that have already been imported so you don't have to re-import them if you haven't modified them. Concretely, the first time you switch to a new platform, you won't see any benefit. Only subsequent switches will use cache.

1.2. How does this differ from Unity Cache Server?

Unity Cache Server is mostly intended for teams because it shares cache to a central location so that multiple developers can benefit from the same central cache.

In other words, Turbo Switch is primarily aimed at smaller developers who have big projects in terms of assets but do not want to or cannot acquire and set up the whole cache/asset server environment. If you're a big-time developer working in a team, you can also benefit from Turbo Switch in your “local-only” prototypes and personal projects, where you don't want to use your company's cache server resources.

If you're already using Unity Cache Server in your projects, please refrain from using Turbo Switch as it will likely interfere with Unity caching as well as slow down your switch time as you'll cache twice.

2. Features

2.1. Fast & efficient

- Up to **hundred times (100x)** faster than the default Unity platform switch!
- Support for various VCS like **Unity Collaborate, git, svn & Mercurial!**
- Select your custom **cache** target external **HDD/SSD** or **NAS!**
- Control TPS with **CLI** and integrate it seamlessly in your **build pipeline**
- **Manage** the cache **per platform**
- See the total/per cache **space usage**

2.2. Documentation & control

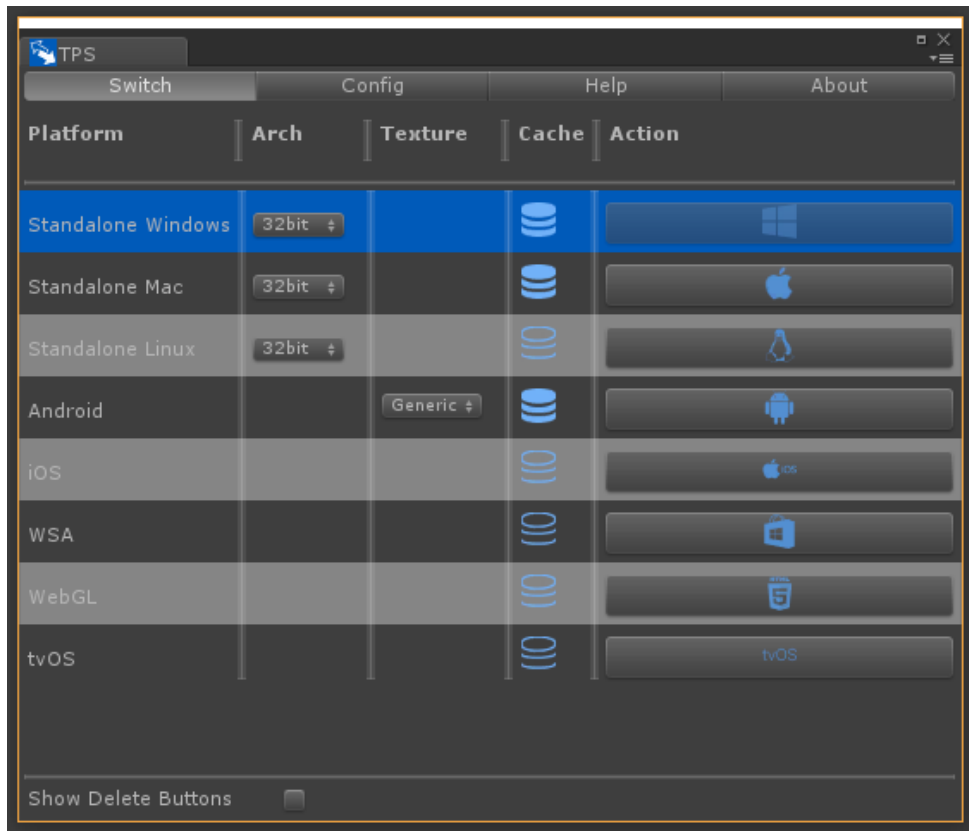
- Powerful [API](#) for **maximum control!**
- Comprehensive [documentation](#) and **support!**
- Full **C# source code**

2.3. Compatibility

- Supports **all build platforms!**
- All **Android texture formats** are supported
- Works with **Windows, Mac** and **Linux** editors!
- Compatible with **Unity 5.6 – Unity 2018**
- Works with [SVNTools](#)

3. Quick start

After importing TPS from the "Unity AssetStore", open the **Window** menu and click **Turbo Switch PRO**:



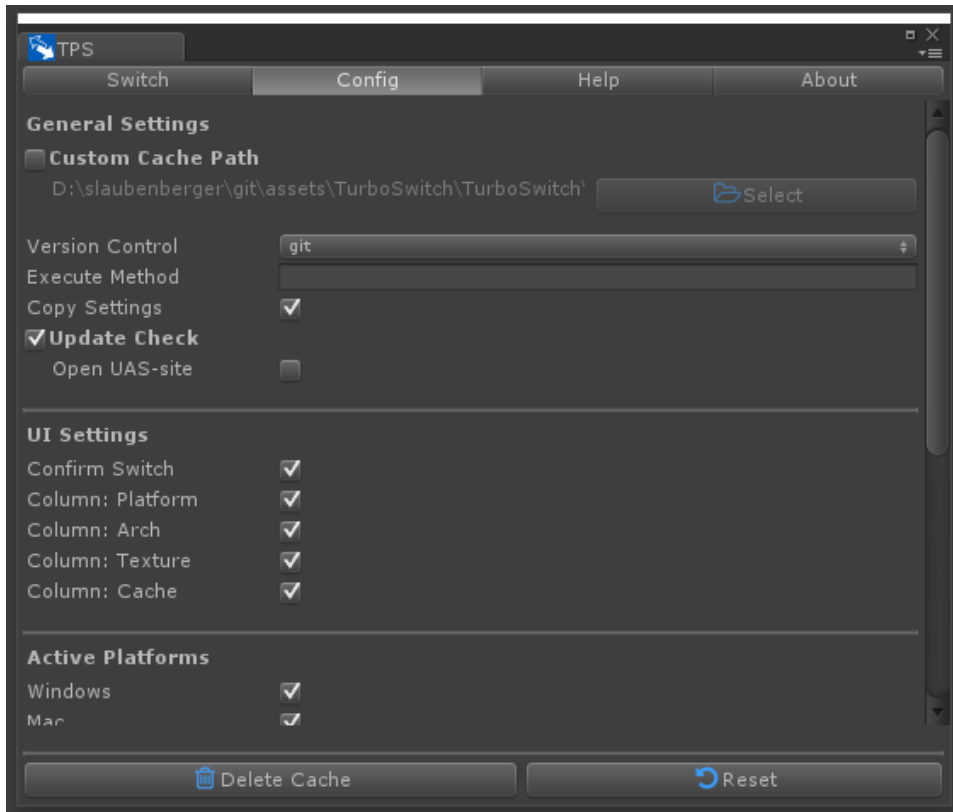
You should now switch platforms using TPS exclusively and not rely on the "Build Settings" platform list.

Pick a platform and hit the **Switch** button. That's it. The plugin will do the rest.

TPS will close Unity, save and restore the necessary files and then restart Unity.

If the platform was selected for the first time, Unity has to import the assets which will take some time.

There are many settings in the „Config“-tab, like the path to the cache and the supported platforms.



4. Control via CLI

You can control TPS via the CLI like this:

4.1. Windows

```
"<path to Unity>\Unity.exe" -batchmode -projectPath "<your project path>" -executeMethod Crosstales.TPS.Switcher.SwitchCLI -tpsBuild android
```

4.2. macOS

```
open -a "<path to Unity>\Unity" --args -batchmode -projectPath "<your project path>" -executeMethod Crosstales.TPS.Switcher.SwitchCLI -tpsBuild android
```

4.3. Linux

```
./"<path to Unity>\Unity" --args -batchmode -projectPath "<your project path>" -executeMethod Crosstales.TPS.Switcher.SwitchCLI -tpsBuild android &
```

4.4. Arguments

There are six arguments:

Argument	Value (bold is default)	Description
-tpsBuild	e.g. <i>android</i>	name of the build target
-tpsExecuteMethod	e.g. <i>Crosstales.TPS.Switcher.SayHello</i>	execute this method after the switch (optional)
-tpsBatchmode	true or false	run Unity in batch-mode (optional)
-tpsQuit	true or false	quit Unity in batch-mode (optional)
-tpsNoGraphics	true or false	Disable graphics devices in batch-mode (optional)
-tpsCopySettings	true or false	copy the project settings (optional)

5. Benchmarks

Turbo Switch can be up to **100x** faster than traditional platform switching. You'll hit that mark when switching to iOS using „hot“ cache. By hot we mean that everything is cached and nothing has changed. Switching with a „cold“ cache (equals to no cache at all) results in zero benefits except for the fact that you're initializing your cache for subsequent benefits. On average, with a „warm“ cache you should see improvement between 30-50x on platform switches which is still a considerable gain in terms of time.

We've compiled a few benchmarks below which do not hold any scientific value. They aren't meant to be exact or precise but rather to give a general trend of what to expect in terms of maximum benefits when switching platforms in various environments.

So your mileage may vary!

5.1. Viking Village

<https://www.assetstore.unity3d.com/en/#!/content/29140>

Current platform	New platform	Cache-type	Duration	Factor
Windows	iOS	none	41:52	-
Windows	iOS	Hot	1:02	41x
iOS	Windows	none	13:42	-
iOS	Windows	Hot	0:59	14x

5.2. The Courtyard

<https://www.assetstore.unity3d.com/en/#!/content/49377>

Current platform	New platform	Cache-type	Duration	Factor
Windows	iOS	none	43:33	-
Windows	iOS	Hot	1:19	33x
iOS	Windows	none	14:20	-
iOS	Windows	Hot	1:15	12x

5.3. Used test specs

Processor: Intel Core i7-4700HQ

RAM: 32GB

GPU: nVidia GeForce GTX 780M, 4GB

HDD: Hitachi HTS72757

6. API

Please read the [TurboSwitch-api.pdf](#) for more details.

7. Verify installation

Check if TPS is installed:

```
#if CT_TPS
    Debug.Log("TPS installed: " + Util.Constants.ASSET_VERSION);
#else
    Debug.LogWarning("TPS NOT installed!");
#endif
```

8. Upgrade to new version

Follow this steps to upgrade your version of "Turbo Platform Switch PRO":

1. Update " Turbo Platform Switch PRO" to the latest version from the "Unity AssetStore"
2. Delete the "Assets/Plugins/crosstales/TurboSwitch" folder from the Project-view¹
3. Import the latest version downloaded from the "Unity AssetStore"

9. Important notes

- Please be patient - TPS is working as fast as your machine can but if you have large projects, it will need some time! After you hit the "Switch"-button, Unity closes and TPS does all the work and restarts Unity. Wait until it's finished or you risk a corrupt project.
- Because TPS caches data for each platform at switch time, it takes up valuable disk space which can become quite large depending on your project size. If you run on low disk space, please delete some caches from unused platforms.
- TPS isn't meant to replace Unity's Cache Server. It's a personal caching utility for individuals and small teams. If you're already using Unity's Cache Server you should not use TPS, because you would be caching your data twice and would probably lose time and disk space.
- Always backup your project. TPS was carefully designed and extensively tested. Nevertheless, it works on your filesystem and something could go wrong. If your project is corrupted, close Unity and delete the "Library"- and "TPS_cache"-folders in your project. Unity will then re-import all assets for your current platform.
- Please don't save the cache on local cloud-storage-folders like Google Drive, Dropbox etc. - use "Custom Cache Path" in the "Config" and select a local folder.

¹ Before 1.8.3: Assets/Plugins/crosstales/TPS

10. Problems, improvements etc.

If you encounter problems with this asset, just [send us an email](#) with a problem description and the invoice number and we will try to solve it.

11. Release notes

See "VERSIONS.txt" under "Assets/Plugins/crosstales/TurboSwitch/Documentation".

12. Credits

The icons are based on [Font Awesome](#).

13. Contact and further information

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AssetStore: <https://goo.gl/qwtXyb>

Forum: <https://goo.gl/d7SjL2>

Documentation: <https://www.crosstales.com/media/data/assets/tps/TPS-doc.pdf>

API: <https://goo.gl/NDTja0>

14. Our other assets

 <p>Bad Word Filter</p>	<p>The "Bad Word Filter" (aka profanity or obscenity filter) is exactly what the title suggests: a tool to filter swearwords and other "bad sentences".</p>
 <p>DJ</p>	<p>DJ is a player for external music-files. It allows a user to play his own sound inside any Unity-app. It can also read ID3-tags.</p>
 <p>File Browser</p>	<p>File Browser is a simple, free wrapper for native file dialogs on Windows and macOS.</p>
 <p>Online Check</p>	<p>You need a reliable solution to check for Internet availability? Here it is!</p>
 <p>Radio</p>	<p>Radio allows implementing free music from Internet radio stations into your project.</p>
 <p>RSockpol</p>	<p>Reliable Socket Policy Server which acts as replacement for Unitys own „sockpol.exe“.</p>
 <p>RTVoice</p>	<p>RT-Voice uses the computer's (already implemented) TTS (text-to-speech) voices to turn the written lines into speech and dialogue at run-time! Therefore, all text in your game/app can be spoken out loud to the player.</p>
 <p>True Random</p>	<p>True Random can generate "true random" numbers for you and your application. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs.</p>
 <p>Turbo Backup</p>	<p>Turbo Backup is the fastest and safest way to backup your Unity project. It only stores the difference between the last backup, this makes it incredible fast.</p>

