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Creating particle effects; Animating textures; Adding ribbon trails to an object; Creating a flashlight effect; Making objects reflect the scene; Adding a custom shader generator; Applying a custom Cg shader; Chapter 5: Post-Processing & Screen Space Effects; Introduction; Adding built-in post-processing effects; Building custom effects; Adding a scanline and vignette effect; Adding a color grading effect; Adding a depth of field effect; Building a deferred rendering pipeline; Chapter 6: 2D Elements and User Interfaces; Introduction; Rendering text to the screen
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Sommario/riassunto

This is a cookbook with over 80 recipes offering solutions to common game development problems with Panda3D with explained sample code and screenshots added in. If you are a developer with experience in Python, Panda3D, and optionally C++ and shading languages and you are looking for quick and easy to integrate solutions to common game development problems with Panda3D, this book is for you.
