

## GG Loader V 1.0 (c) 2016 PLEMSOFT, Preben Eriksen.

### PREPARE THE MEDIA:

In order to use GG Loader you must first prepare the GameGuru media for use in AGK. You only need to do this the first time you use GG Loader.

To do this you must convert ALL dds texture to png format.

you can use a program like <http://www.xnview.com/en/xnconvert/> to batch convert everything. by default xnconvert add “\_result” to the texture names so we use this, so when you convert “home\_d.dds” it should be called “home\_d\_result.png”. To use mobile friendly textures you also convert everything and call them “\_result\_mobile” in xnconvert, and remember to set xnconvert to “resize” the texture to 50%. , if you need even smaller textures for old mobiles , you could also convert everything and resize to 25%, call them “\_result\_mobile2”, if you need to use these smaller textures change this line in “ggfunc.agc” from:

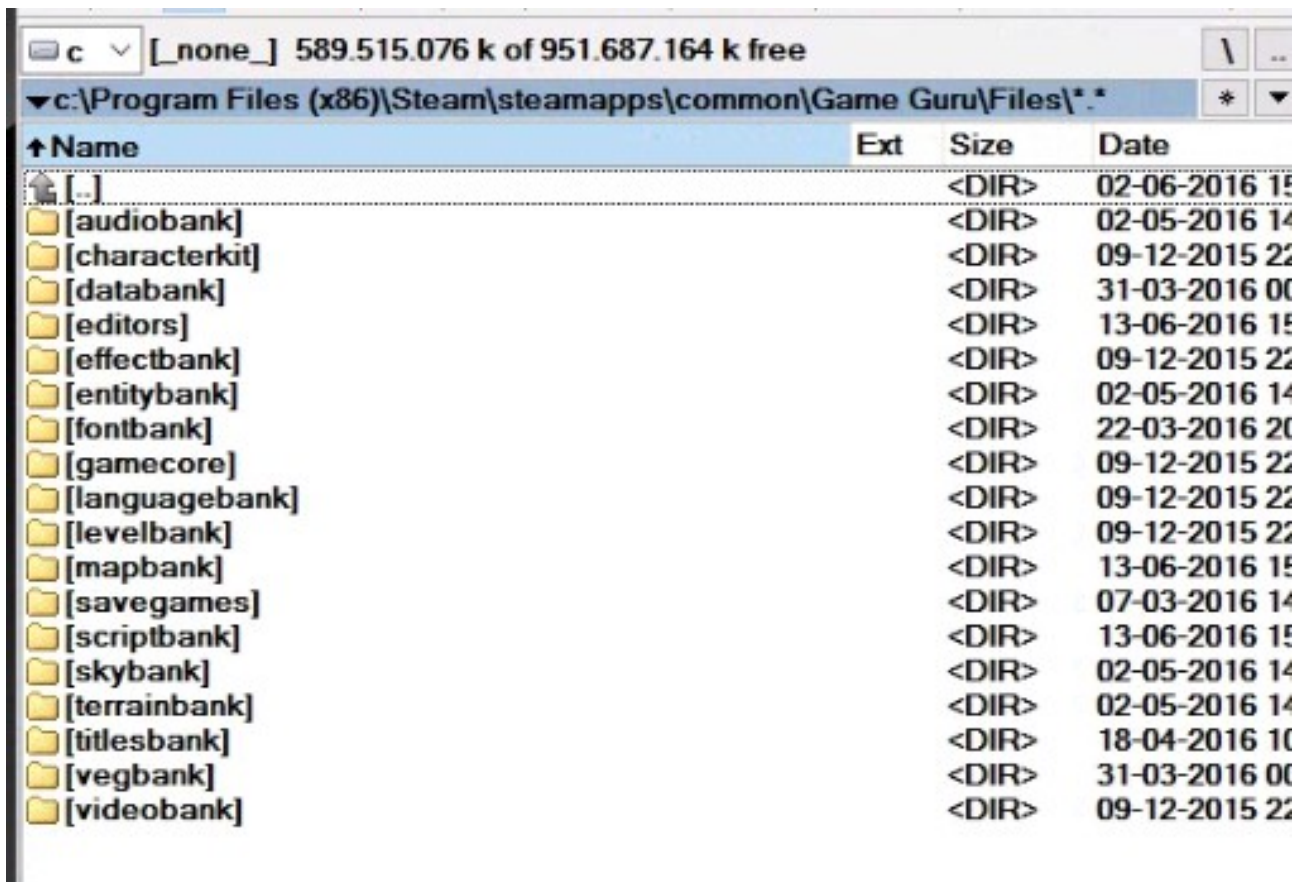
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ggmediatexturem$[ml] = ReplaceString( ggmediatexture$[ml] , "_result.png" ,  
"_result_mobile.png" , -1 )
```

to:

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ggmediatexturem$[ml] = ReplaceString( ggmediatexture$[ml] , "_result.png" ,  
"_result_mobile2.png" , -1 )
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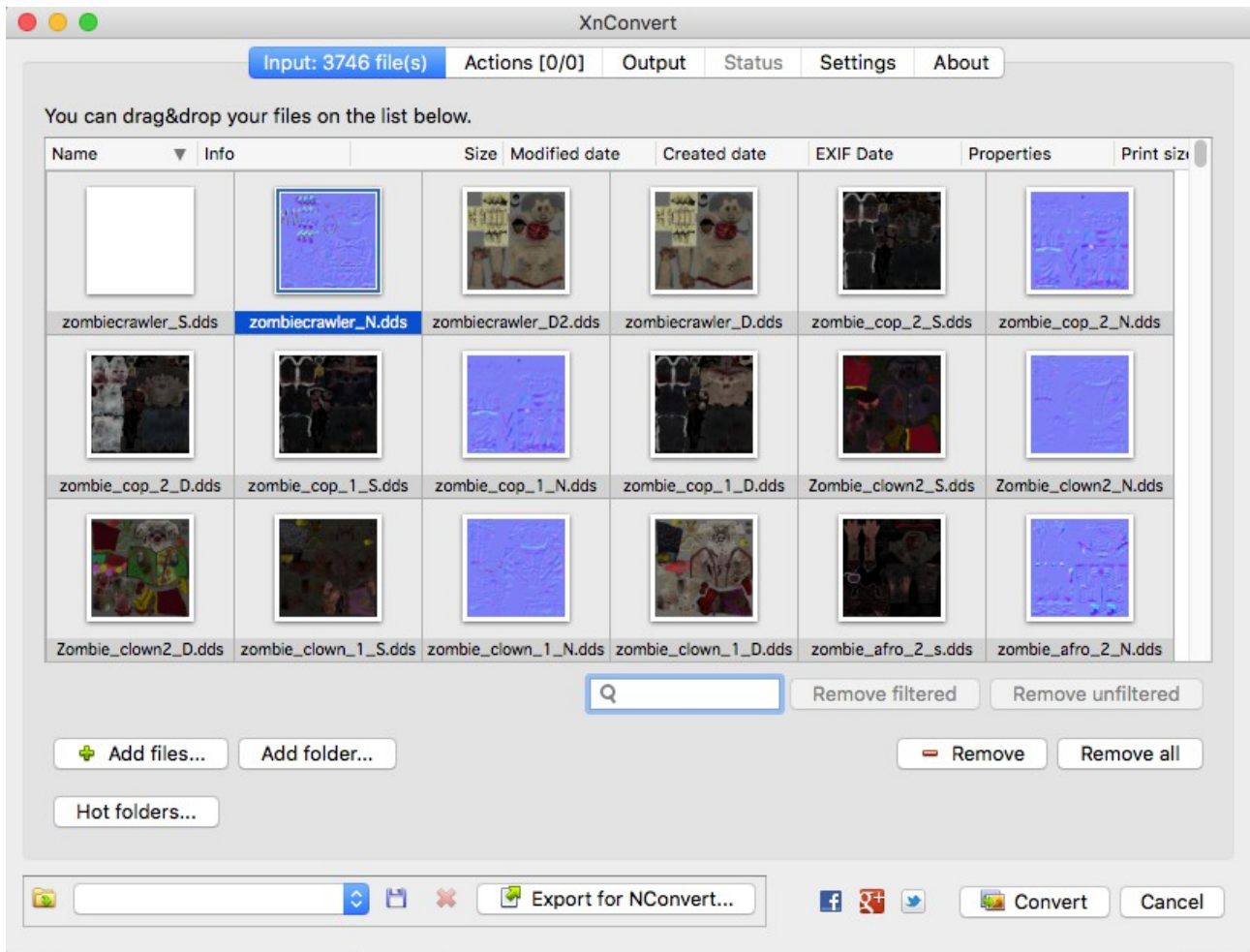
Here is some screenshots to illustrate the process:

Use “Add folder ...” , Select the GameGuru root folder / files. If you have the steam version it should be located here:



Or where you have installed steam : “\Steam\steamapps\common\Game Guru\Files\”

Depending of how many gg packs you have installed it should display around 15.000 files. In the “Quick search” field enter “.dds” and click “Remove unfiltered”, This should leave you with around 3500+ dds files:



Click the “Output” tab at the top.

Select: Output = Folder , in the “folder” field , select a new folder call it gamegurutmp.

Under “Filename” it should say: “{Filename}\_result”.

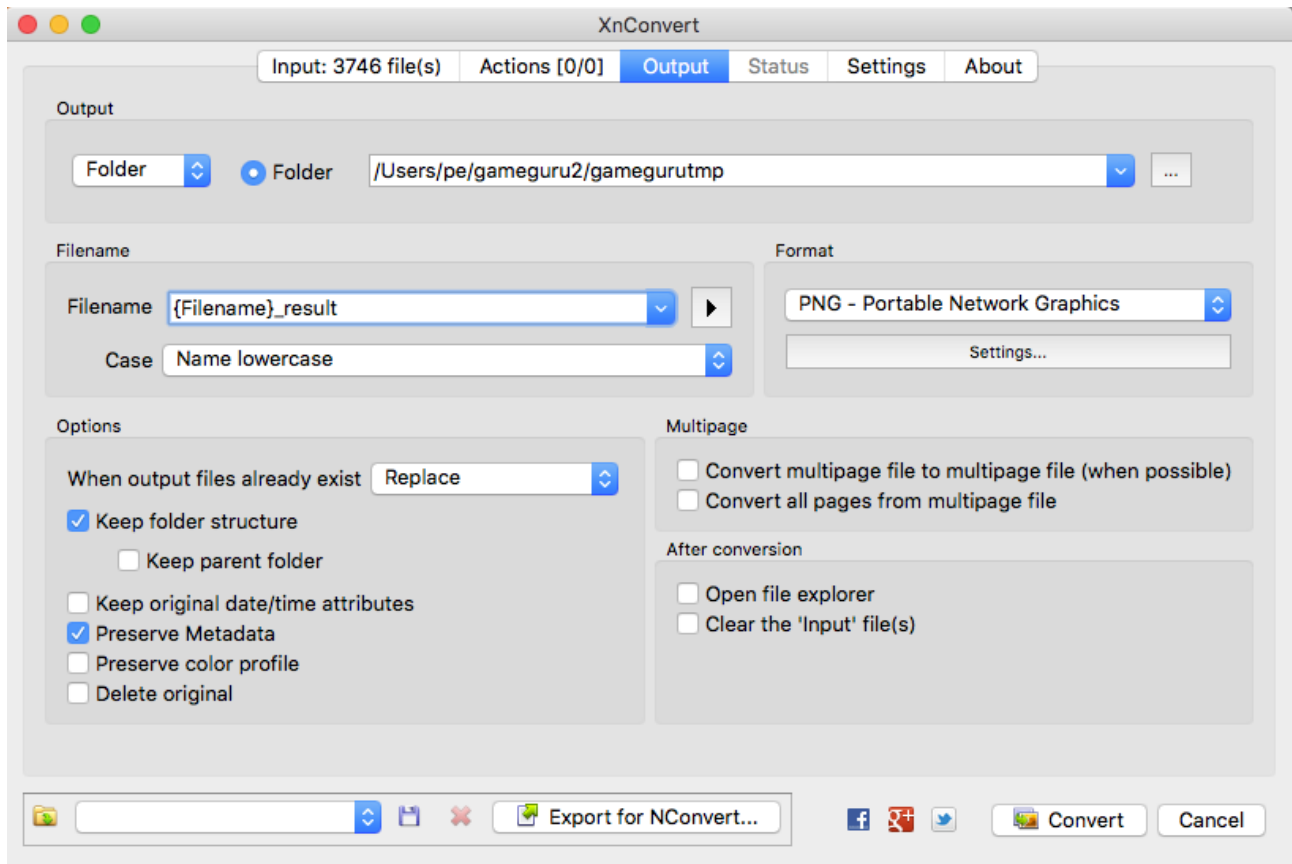
Under Case: select “Name lowercase”.

Under Format: select “PNG”

When output files already exist: select “Replace”

Make a checkmark at “Keep folder structure” and “Preserve Metadata”.

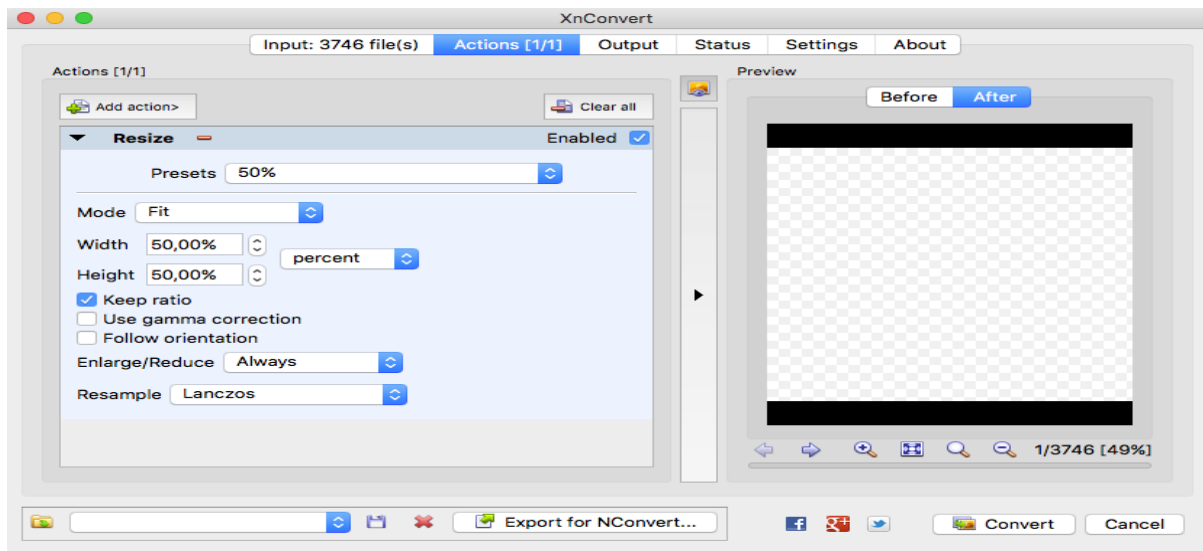
This is how it should look:



Now just press “Convert” , please be patience it will take some time to convert everything :)

When it finish DONT exit , click the “Actions (0/0)” tab at the top:

From here click “Add action”-> “Image” -> “Resize” . In the Presets select “50%” :



Now press the “Output” tab again at the top and change the filename field to “{Filename}\_result\_mobile”, click on “Convert” again and let it finish.

If you also like to generate even smaller textures, repeat the process click “Actions (1/1) set the “Presets” to “25%”, click “Output” and change the “filename” files to “{Filename}\_result\_mobile2” and click convert.

When everything is finish you should end up with a folder “gamegurutmp“ this folder contain all the dds textures in png format , and in different sizes.

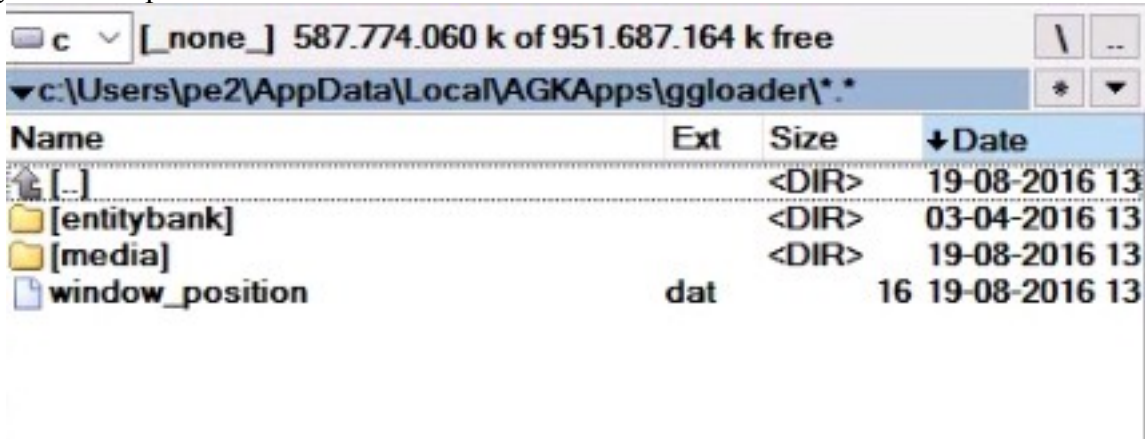
GG Loader only use the “entitybank” folder , but its still not complete, we also need ALL the objects and fpe files. So you must copy from the original GameGuru folder , EVERYTHING inside the “entitybank” folder into the new “gamegurutmp/entitybank” folder, so you end up with a “gamegurutmp/entitybank” folder that contain everything like this:

name	ext	size	date
..		DIR	02/06/16
ammobox_d_result_mobile	png	92 KB	02/04/16
ammobox_d_result	png	243 KB	02/04/16
AmmoBox_D	DDS	175 KB	02/04/16
ammobox_n_result_mobile	png	4 KB	02/04/16
ammobox_n_result	png	7 KB	02/04/16
AmmoBox_N	DDS	175 KB	02/04/16
ammobox_s_result_mobile	png	8 KB	02/04/16
ammobox_s_result	png	20 KB	02/04/16
AmmoBox_S	DDS	11 KB	02/04/16
AmmoBox	bmp	12 KB	02/04/16
AmmoBox	fpe	455 by...	02/04/16
AmmoBox	X	42 KB	02/04/16
Broken Cinderblocks (Large)	bmp	12 KB	02/04/16
Broken Cinderblocks (Large)	fpe	629 by...	02/04/16
Broken Cinderblocks (Large)	X	6 KB	02/04/16
Broken Cinderblocks (Small)	bmp	12 KB	02/04/16
Broken Cinderblocks (Small)	fpe	629 by...	02/04/16
Broken Cinderblocks (Small)	X	4 KB	02/04/16
Cardboard Box (Large)	bmp	12 KB	02/04/16

Before GG Loader can access the “entitybank” it need to be available to AGK, the default location i use for the “entitybank” folder is in the root of the AGK temporary folder , so move the new “gamegurutmp /entitybank” folder to AGK temporary folder, this is how it looks on Mac:

name	ext	size	date
..		DIR	16/08/16 11:25
entitybank		DIR	02/06/16 15:4
media		DIR	15/08/16 15:4

On windows this folder must be located inside the AGK temporary folder for the project, so in this case you should place it here:



ggloader: is the AGK project name.

GG Loader will use this folder to collect all the unique media you use in you levels.

The media is now ready to be used by GG Loader , you should keep the “gamegurutmp” folder ,as you will be able to use the Terrain textures , Skybox , Guns etc.. by copying the textures you need to the AGK project media folder , you find more info about this in the source code.

### COPY YOUR GameGuru LEVEL TO AGK “GG Loader”:

In your original GameGuru root folder you find your levels under “mapbank” , when you browse this folder you see a lot of .fpm files , locate your level and copy “yourlevel.fpm” to a temp folder, rename this file to “yourlevel.zip”. In the “GG Loader” AGK project folder under media you find a folder called “gameguru” , unzip all files from “yourlevel.zip” to this folder the zip password is “mypassword”, convert “vegmask.dds” to “vegmask\_result.png” don't resize it keep it at 2048x2048. Thats it your now ready to try your GameGuru level in AGK.

To reduce size you can remove these files from the folder:

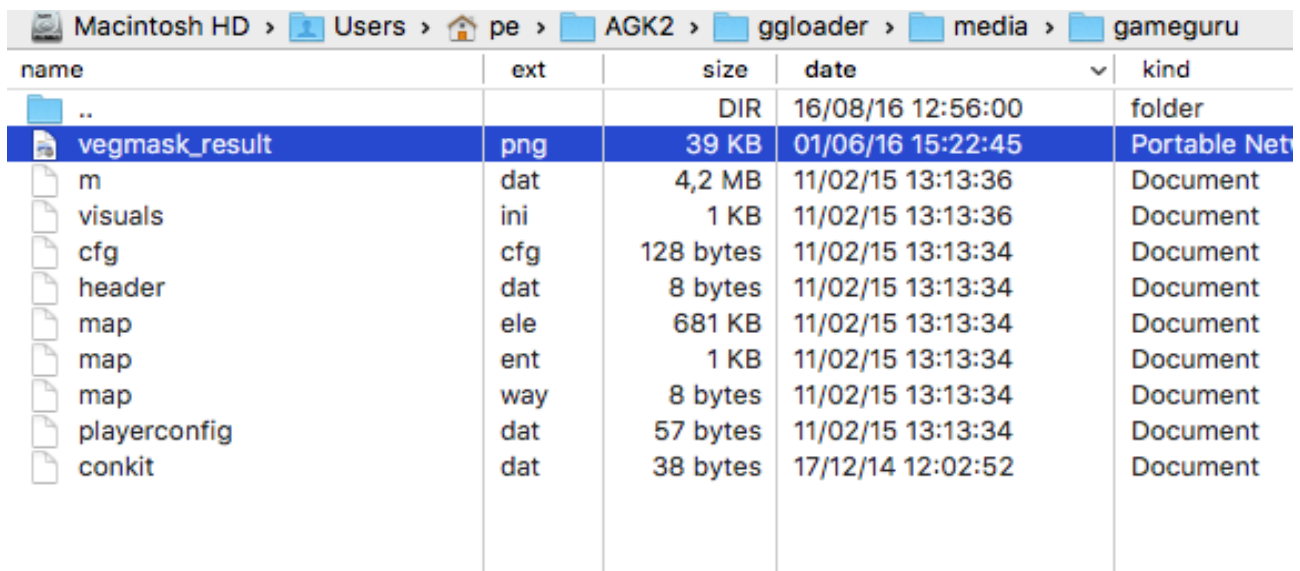
/Users/pe/AGK2/ggloader/media/gameguru/vegmaskgrass.dat

/Users/pe/AGK2/ggloader/media/gameguru/watermask.dds

/Users/pe/AGK2/ggloader/media/gameguru/vegmask.dds

They are not needed anymore.

So you end up with a folder looking something like this:



So when you make changes to your GG level this is the process you need to get it to AGK:

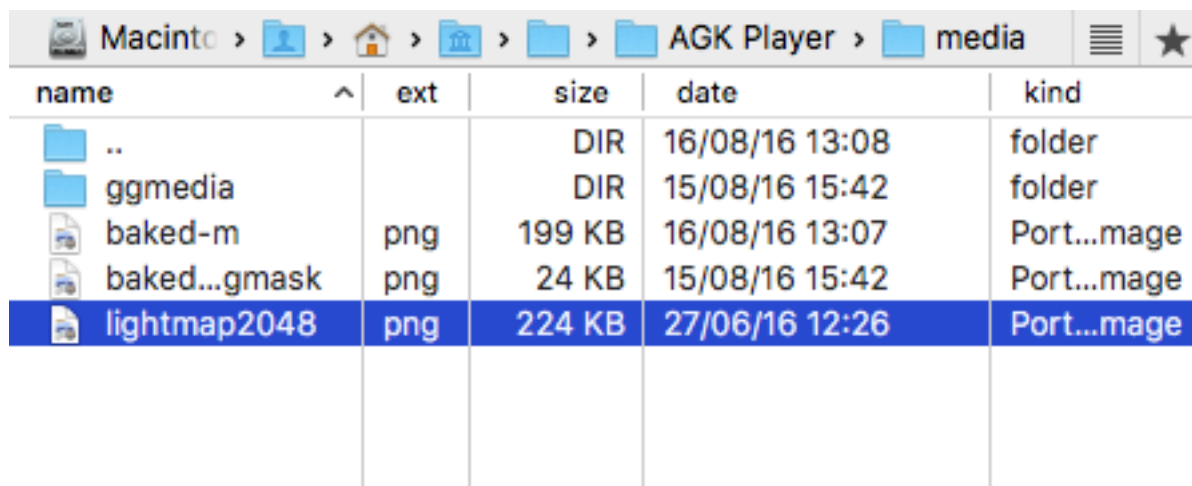
1. Rename your GG “yourlevel.fpe” file to “yourlevel.zip”
2. unzip all files from “yourlevel.zip” into the GG Loader folder “gameguru” , the zip password is “mypassword” .
3. inside the “gameguru” folder convert vegmask.dds to vegmask\_result.png ( keep it at 2048x2048 ).

### FIRST TIMES YOU RUN YOUR LEVEL IN AGK:

The first time you run you GG level in AGK , GG Loader will collect all the unique media used and generate all the billboards / shadow light maps ( This can take some minutes ) that you need to run your level. It will take more time the first time you run your level then normal.

NOTE: The billboard creation will flash your window, but this is ONLY the first time you run your level , the next time they are already generated and ready for use.

Depending of what settings you use in the GG Loader code , you will end up with some files in the AGK temporary folder under “media” , that looks something like this:



name	ext	size	date	kind
..		DIR	16/08/16 13:08	folder
ggmedia		DIR	15/08/16 15:42	folder
baked-m	png	199 KB	16/08/16 13:07	Port...mage
baked...gmask	png	24 KB	15/08/16 15:42	Port...mage
lightmap2048	png	224 KB	27/06/16 12:26	Port...mage

The folder “ggmedia” contain ALL media used in your level.

The files:

baked-m.png  
lightmap2048.png  
baked-vegmask.png

can be copied into the “/ggloader/media/gameguru/” folder to prevent GG Loader from generating these again the next time you run your level , so it will be much faster. If you are not publishing your game , you should only copy the lightmap2048.png file, as this can take up to 10 minutes to generate , but the heightmap texture , terrain splatmap texture only take a few sec. So its fine that they are generated each time you run/test your level .

## READY TO BROADCAST, PUBLISH YOUR GAME:

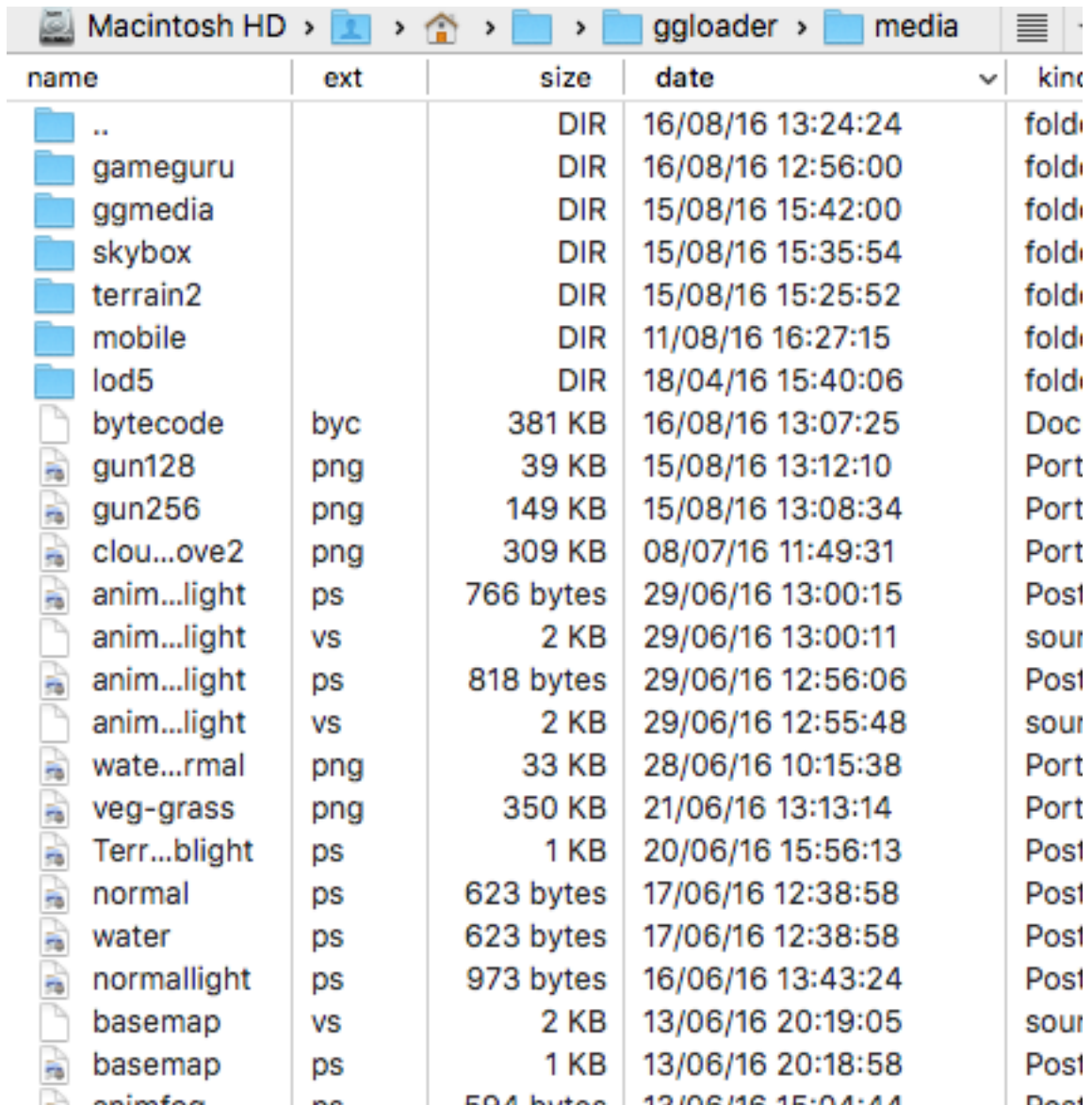
To test your level using AGK “broadcast” or before you publish anything all the media must be in your GG Loader AGK project media folder, so copy:

baked-m.png  
lightmap2048.png  
baked-vegmask.png

To:

“/ggloader/media/gameguru”

And copy the “ggmedia” folder to “/ggloader/media/ggmedia” , so you end up with:



name	ext	size	date	kind
..		DIR	16/08/16 13:24:24	foldi
gameguru		DIR	16/08/16 12:56:00	foldi
ggmedia		DIR	15/08/16 15:42:00	foldi
skybox		DIR	15/08/16 15:35:54	foldi
terrain2		DIR	15/08/16 15:25:52	foldi
mobile		DIR	11/08/16 16:27:15	foldi
lod5		DIR	18/04/16 15:40:06	foldi
bytecode	byc	381 KB	16/08/16 13:07:25	Doc
gun128	png	39 KB	15/08/16 13:12:10	Port
gun256	png	149 KB	15/08/16 13:08:34	Port
clou...ove2	png	309 KB	08/07/16 11:49:31	Port
anim...light	ps	766 bytes	29/06/16 13:00:15	Post
anim...light	vs	2 KB	29/06/16 13:00:11	sour
anim...light	ps	818 bytes	29/06/16 12:56:06	Post
anim...light	vs	2 KB	29/06/16 12:55:48	sour
wate...rmal	png	33 KB	28/06/16 10:15:38	Port
veg-grass	png	350 KB	21/06/16 13:13:14	Port
Terr...blight	ps	1 KB	20/06/16 15:56:13	Post
normal	ps	623 bytes	17/06/16 12:38:58	Post
water	ps	623 bytes	17/06/16 12:38:58	Post
normallight	ps	973 bytes	16/06/16 13:43:24	Post
basemap	vs	2 KB	13/06/16 20:19:05	sour
basemap	ps	1 KB	13/06/16 20:18:58	Post
animfo	ps	594 bytes	13/06/16 15:04:44	Post

You have now collected all the media needed, and your ready to broadcast/publish your game.

When your coding your game and just testing you don't need to do this, ONLY when you want to broadcast ( and made changes to the media ), or are ready to publish.

## CODE SETTINGS:

Here are some of the main settings your able to use ( from main.agc ):

```
global gameguruscale# = 17 // Scale everything inside gameguru level.
global useveg = 0 // 1 = include vegetation on level. not really mobile friendly takes around 20 sec
on old mobile devices to generate.
global maxveg = 10000 // max number of vegetation objects to use.
global vegtexture$ = "veg-grass.png" // texture to use for vegetation objects.
global vegspreading = 8 // 10=normal: set spreading of vegetation , lower mean more vegetation.
global mobileversion = 0 // 1=terrain textures / heightmap / skybox use lower size textures.
global usemobiletextures = 1 // 1=use mobile lower size textures on all objects.
global usebillboards = 0 // use billboards.
global usebillboardsections = 1 // use billboard sections.
global usebillboardfade = 1 // fade billboard to normal object
global usealphamask = 0 // use alpha mask on all transparent objects , workaround.
global loadcharaters = 0 // load in gameguru charaters and animate.
global maxobjects = 3000 // 3000: max gameguru objects.
global maxuniquemedias = 130 // 130: max gameguru .fpe object to prepare.
global runonmobile = 1 // collect and use media on mobile, for broadcast. MUST be 0 until all
ggmedia is collected. 1 also print load progress.
globaluselodstages = 0 // use lod stages inside gameguru objects.
global useSetObjectScreenCulling = 1
global includemovingsky = 1 // include a moving sky
global includeskybox = 1 // include a skybox
global skybox$ = "default" // default
global skySpeed# = 15.0 // how fast should the moving sky move.
global SkyboxRotateToFitSun# = -48.0 // rotate skybox so sun fit the shadows and light position
global WaterSpeed# = 0.00010 // how fast should the water move.
global distclip# = 120 // set later.
global billboarddist# = 100 // set later
global billboardfadedist# = 100 // set later
global billboardsections# = 100 // set later
global ggpathe$ = "/entitybank/" // path to gameguru media , objects and textures.
global ggpathe2$ = "/entitybank" // copy .fpe files from.
global ggmdiapath$ = "/media/ggmedia/" // media objects, textures destination folder, to collect
media for use on mobile.
global ggmdiapath2$ = "/media/ggmedia" // used for .fpe files destination folder.
global ggdefaultground$ = "default" // terrain texture combinations, HOW terrain splatmap is
combined, default should do in most cases.
global basemaponly = 0 // 1 = generate a basemap and use the basemap terrain shader, much faster
on mobiles.
global basemapsize = 1024 // texture size of basemap.
global lightmapsize = 2048 // combined light and shadow texture size.
global generatelightmap = 1 // generate and use shadow lightmaps yes=1
global excludeterrainshadows = 1 // dont include terrain in shadow mapping
global uselightmaponstatic = 0 // use lightmap on static objects. if 0 only terrain get the lightmap
global terrainshader = 1 // default terrain shader.
global includenormalmap = 1 // include normal mapping and specular mapping
global normalshaderpath$ = "mobile/" // path to mobile friendly normal, specular mapping shaders.
global terrainonlyusenormalspec = 0 // 1= only terrain gets normal and spec.
global terraindistancedetails = 1 // improve terrain distance quality.
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global disableallglass = 0 // 1=disable non alpha mask transparent objects like glass, there can be some depth problems.  
 global usebuildinshader = 0 // 1 = use agk built in shaders. ONLY on gg objects , not water,terrain.  
 global screensizeX = 1280 // use screen width  
 global screensizeY = 800 // use screen height.  
 global vegdist# = 0 // set later.  
 global fogR# = 100 // fog color R ( 103 fit gg sblue skybox )  
 global fogG# = 93 // fog color G ( 93 fit gg sblue skybox )  
 global fogB# = 101 // fog color B ( 72 fit gg sblue skybox )  
 global fogDist# = 0 // set later.  
 global fogDists# = 0 // set later.  
 fogDist# = 25000/gameguruscale# // fog distance.  
 fogDists# = fogDist# + (2560/gameguruscale#) // fog distance and add a bit so we dont hide skybox.  
 distclip# = fogDists# // disabled all objects at this distance.  
 vegdist# = 3000/gameguruscale# // when should we disable vegetation.  
 global waterlevel#  
 waterlevel# = 500.0/gameguruscale# // set where you want the water level.  
 global playerheight#  
 playerheight# = 38/gameguruscale# // Define the player height , will ALSO change collision checks on player.

They settings are self explained in the comments, there are other minor setting in the other source files.

These setting can be combined in any way you like ( well i think i have tested most combinations ) , to define how your level is going to be displayed, here is the source files used:

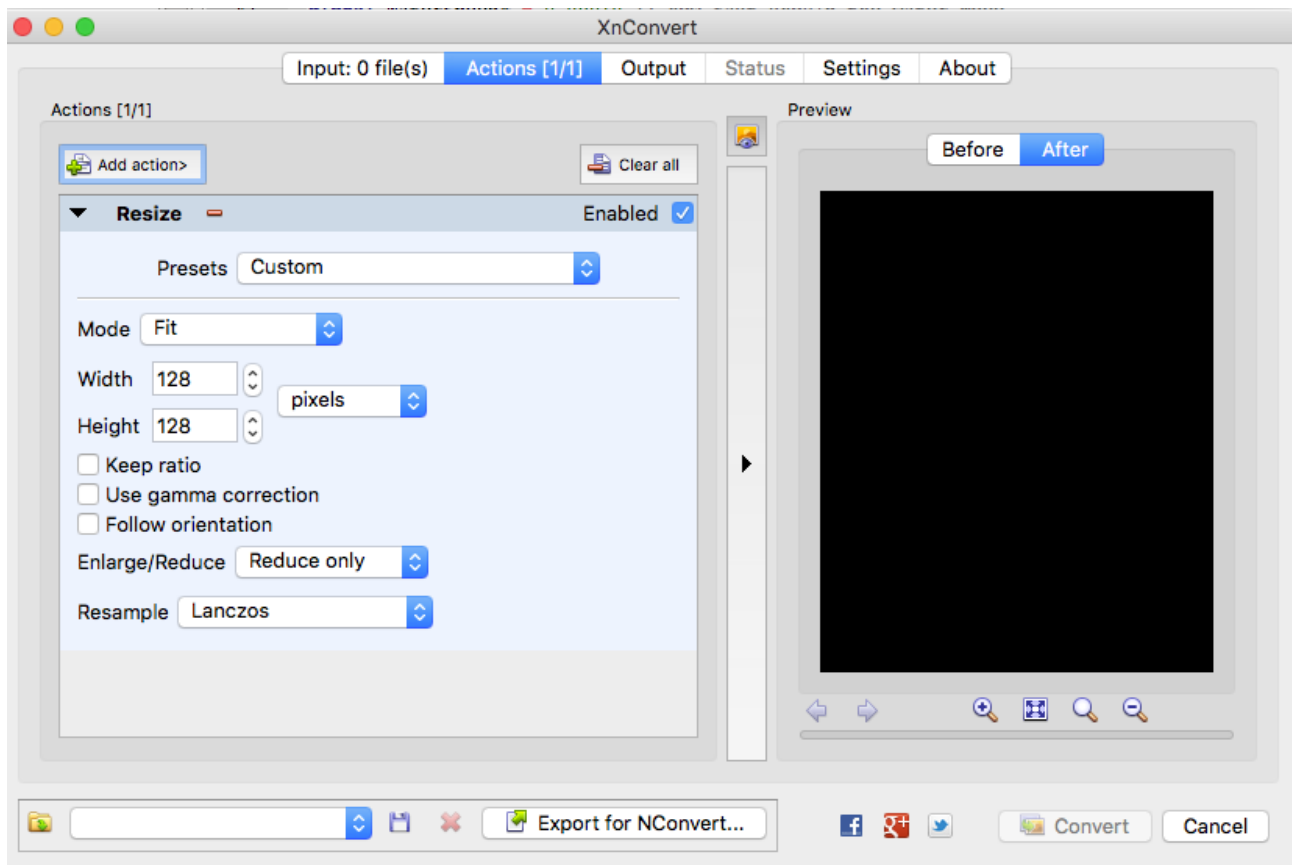
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36  global usemobiletextures = 0 // use mobile textures on all objects.
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44  global runonmobile = 0 // collect and use media on mobile, for broadcast. MUST be 0 until all ggmedia is collecte
45  global uselodstages = 0 // use lod stages inside gameguru objects.
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47  global includemovingsky = 1 // include a moving sky
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49  global skybox$ = "default" // default
50  global distclip# = 120 // set later.
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52  global billboardfadest# = 100 // set later
53  global billboardsections# = 100 // set later
54  global gppathes = "/entitybank/" // path to gameguru media , objects and textures.
55  global gspathes$ = "/entitybank/" // copy .fpe files from.
56  global ggmediapath$ = "/media/ggmedia/" // media objects, textures destination folder, to collect media for use on
57  global ggmediapath2$ = "/media/ggmedia/" // used for .fpe files destination folder.
58  global ggdefaultgrounds$ = "default" // terrain texture combinations, HOW terrain splatmap is combined, default sh
59  global basemaponly = 0 // 1 = generate a basemap and use the basemap terrain shader, mush faster on mobiles.
60  global basemapsize = 1024 // texture size of basemap.
61  global lightmapsize = 2048 // combined light and shadow texture size.
62  global generatelightmap = 1 // generate and use shadow lightmaps yes=1
63  global excludeterrainshadows = 1 // dont include terrain in shadow mapping
64  global uselightmaponstatic = 0 // use lightmap on static objects. if 0 only terrain get the lightmap
65  global terrainshader = 1 // default terrain shader.
66  global includenormalmip = 1 // include normal mapping and specular mapping
67  global normalshaderpath$ = "mobile" // path to mobile friendly normal, specular mapping shaders.
68  global terrainonlyusenormalapoc = 0 // 1 = only terrain gets normal and spec.
69  global terraindistancedetails = 1 // improve terrain distance quality.
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81  distclip# = fogDists#
82  vegdist# = 3000/gameguruscale# // when should we disable vegetation.
  
```

## TIPS Getting your GameGuru level running on mobiles:

AGK Player will just crash when it run out of memory, so if this happens on your device, you need to reduce the memory used!

You will need to resize the textures so they fit in memory on your mobile device , you can try to reduce the texture size on all the media that you collected from your GameGuru level by adding the “ggmedia” folder to xnconvert , in the “quick search” box enter “.png” and click “Remove unfiltered” this leaves you with a list of all the .png media used in your level. You can now reduce the size of all the textures by using a setup like this:



On many mobiles you get problems if your textures are not a power of 2 ( wrong Uvs ) and textures can look weird , so you need to specify a width and height of 1024x1024,512x512 , 256x256 , 128x128 ... and also remember to uncheck “Keep ratio” , some of the textures in GG have some strange resolutions , but it will have no effect in your game that you resize them without the ratio. Also make sure you set “Reduce only” so textures that are smaller don't get larger. You can keep lowering the texture size until your level is able to run on your mobile.

The default “billboard” texture size is 512x512 , so reducing the size here will give you more memory, the billboards are already in the ggmedia folder so if you use the above way to reduce the textures , they are already included.

### Settings:

After you collected all the media you can set this setting “runonmobile = 0” to 1 , this will ensure that no more media is collected and you can just delete some objects in the ggmedia folder to try to reduce memory used, This will also print the progress.

Set "mobileversion = 1" to 2 and even smaller textures will be used for skybox,terrain,heightmap.

On older mobiles you need to use "basemaponly = 1" to reduce memory and use a much faster terrain shader.

On mobiles set "useveg = 0", vegetation is way to slow for older mobiles, perhaps you are able to use it on newer mobiles.

On old mobiles set "includenormalmap = 0" to 0, normal mapping and specular is way to slow for old mobiles, will work ok on newer devices. Same goes for "terrainonlyusenormalspec = 0".

Other ways to reduce memory:

**Remap** objects that look similar to the same object. Like if you search in the source file "ggfunc.agc" for "GG Loader" you find this line:

```
if gamenametitle$ = "GG Loader" and ggobjname$ = "Iron Bed" then ggobjname$ = "Bed (Camp)"
```

and:

```
if gamenametitle$ = "GG Loader" and ggmedianfpe$[ml] = "/Furniture/Iron Bed.fpe" then  
ggmedianfpe$[ml] = "/Furniture/Bad (Camp).fpe"
```

What I do here is remap the "iron bad" object and textures to use another object/texture that are already used in the level, they look nearly the same, so I just save memory and am now able to just delete all the media used by "iron bed", the level looks nearly the same.

**GG Loader** will only load a texture once even if the texture is used by more unique objects, so if possible try to use objects that share textures, this way many objects can share the same texture in memory.