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This script by Damien Picard allows one to simulate an ants colony. It uses the basic [[particle\_system\_template|Particle System Template]] script and a custom solver including boid-like behaviour (avoidance), turbulence (randomness), and curve guide for path following, as well as a basic behaviour system to account for ants'

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attention\_deficit\_hyperactivity\_disorder|ADD]]. ====== Usage ===== \* Draw the ants' path using the grease pencil \* Convert the grease pencil to path (3D view Toolbox, Grease Pencil tab, Convert..., Polygon Curve) \* Convert the path to mesh (Alt + C, Mesh From Curve) \* Execute fourmis.py script in a Text window \* From the toolbox, change Ant Generator settings, and press the Ant Generator button ====== Settings ===== \* The \*\*Number Of Ants\*\* is, well, the number of agents \* The \*\*Start\*\* and \*\*End Frame\*\* settings define the frame range \* The \*\*Ground Object\*\* is any object on which the ants will walk on \* The \*\*Colony Scale\*\* defines the general behaviour of the ants. Try various settings until you find the right one for you. \* If you want to use more than one object, combine them using Ctrl + J \* The \*\*Guide Object\*\* is the curve previously created \* The \*\*Instance Object\*\* is your ant-shaped object ====== External Links ===== [[https://github.com/LesFeesSpeciales/tools/blob/master/various\_scripts/fourmis.py|Script on GitHub]]

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